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Community News

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About That Drone

Over the years, the flying field has expanded from radio-controlled airplanes to radio-controlled cars (on track), and even into drones.

I mention this to remind residents that drones may not be flown over private property, neither may they photograph neighboring properties. In Florida, we have the "Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act." Flights over private property first requires permission of the property owner. Typically, On Top of the World Communities does not grant permission, ei-ther privately or commercially, of any drone usage over community owned properties or properties of the affiliated business entities.

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

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

Moving and Packing

During the new resident orientation process, the matter of scheduling movers is discussed. Remember that movers will not be allowed into the community on a Sunday unless prior arrangements have been made through Resident Services.

Moving entails lots of packing and unpacking, generally in cardboard boxes. So, what do you do with those boxes? One thing to not do is to use the recycle bins and do is to use the recycle bins and dumpsters at Circle Square Commons. These are reserved for the exclusive use of the commercial tenants.

There is ample cardboard recycling capacity at the 8847 SW 90th Street recycling center, as well as 9154 SW 101 Court in Avalon and also at 8480 SW 96th Lane in Friend-

Break down the boxes so they are flat before you place them into the cardboard recycling dumpsters. If you have any unwanted household items, we suggest donating to Hospice of Marion County or Habitat for Humanity. Items may not be dumped or abandoned in the waste transfer and recycling areas. License plates are video monitored. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Walking Your Dog(s)

This is a great time of year to be out in the evening. The heat of the summer is behind us, and the sunsets are becoming more spectacular as we approach winter. Candler Hills, Indigo East, Weybourne Landing, and On Top of the World are undoubtedly some of the most pet friendly places around. I've often wondered if dogs and cats out-number golf carts! Truth be told, we have some fantastic places to walk dogs. Please avoid the Longleaf Pine Trail with your four-footed friend as they may accidentally damage the habitat and wildlife.

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

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

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On Top of Holiday Golf Cart Parade D Holiday Celebration Saturday, December 3, 2022 SW 90th Ln Line up starts at 1:15 pm in the Recreation Center parking lot. Parade starts at 2:00 pm. Celebration at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons starts after parade. Judging starts at 4:00 pm. Registration is FREE of cost, but required.

Holiday Golf Cart Parade & Celebration

By Dave DeAngelis World News Writer

Celebration story from last year contained a quiz. Certainly, you've been waiting all year for the correct answers, so here they are:

- 1. C: Holiday Golf Cart Parade and Celebration! Stop the
- madness! D: Best disguised stolen cart 3. C: Armadillo toss
- 4. D: Flyover by whatever you swear you saw fly over

There was no #5 so you got this one right for sure.

Didn't attend the event? Didn't take the quiz? Well, you missed a grand show, but the good news is you can catch the extravaganza this year! On Saturday, Dec. 3, be sure to participate in, or simply enjoy our festive Holiday Golf Cart Parade and Celebration. All clubs and residents with golf carts, unique cars, bikes, and more are welcome to show their creative stuff that people will talk about perhaps for years to come! Well ...

We will again be awarding prizes for the following categories: most

My Holiday Golf Cart Parade and creative, funniest, most festive, most original, and best in show (club sponsored) decorated golf carts. The club that is awarded best in show will receive a trophy that will be displayed at Resident Services after the Holiday Celebration. Last year, the Active Singles Club earned the award. Congrats Active Singles!

The parade will also feature classic and antique cars, R/C cars, a horse and buggy carrying our 2021 our prom king and queen, Marion County Sheriff's Office, and Marion County Fire Rescue.

The Holiday Celebration at The Town Square brings us Victoria Sexton the versatile singer of genres from country to opera and holiday tunes, The Dickens Carolers who have been entertaining central Florida for 28 years, and Sugar Vibe, a band that blends their tight harmonies, smooth instrumentals, and catchy melodies to create a luscious, new age pop sound. Want selfies that your grandkids will show their grandkids? Sensational Selfies will be there to make your special photos generational. Food trucks? Ah, we got food trucks! The fun will continue through 8 p.m.

Please follow Circle Square Commons on Facebook (@csctownsquare) for more information about the Holiday Celebration.

Golf cart line up starts at 1:15 p.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot. The parade starts at 2 p.m. and will weave throughout the community with the carts arriving at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Judging starts at 4 p.m. The cart participation fee is ... holy Armadillo Toss Batman, it is free! However, registration is required. If you followed the cart driver in front of you last year and ended up in Gainesville, well, the parade map route is displayed here. As we advised last year, remember the wise suggestion from a regular golf cart parade participant – "Be sure to start out with full batteries and an empty bladder.'

Congratulations to the winners of last year's fake quiz! Only you know who you are since my dog ate the winner's list. See you on Dec. 3, to set up next year's fake quiz! Enjoy the day!

The club and individual golf cart registration deadline appeared in last month's World News. For more information, call 352-854-8707 ext. 7533 or 7498.



Holiday Fest

By Linda Meyer

start! The annual Holiday Fest will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom Wednesday, Dec 14. We start at 6 p.m. with homemade cookies provided by our generous residents. This goes along with hot chocolate and coffee. This is a free

Get your holidays off to a great fun filled event for residents! So, come and enjoy an evening of entertainment with your friends while munching homemade cookies, and drinking hot chocolate and coffee.

Our entertainment will include, the Dulcimer Group, a Hanukkah story, and The Dancing Jewels just

to mention a few. There will also be the annual favorite sing along of the "12 Days of Christmas" – Southern style!

If you would like to contribute cookies, please deliver them to the Recreation Center Ballroom from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

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

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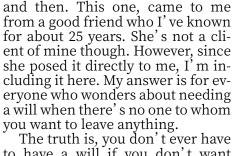
SCAM ALERT #1: There is yet another scam where you get a phone call, and your caller ID says it's from Medicare. Then you are asked, did you get your new Medicare card? Hang up. There is no new Medicare card. Also, no one from Medicare will ever call you.

SCAM ALERT #2: There's nothing wrong with leasing a car. If that's what you want to do. There is something wrong with leasing a car, when what you really want is to buy it, either with or without financing arrangements. You know the devil is in the details, which is always found in whatever contract you are asked to sign. Always read the documents. If you do that, and you still don't understand them, that's a red flag. You should not sign a document you do not understand. Period.

The sales folks we meet along our way are nice, friendly, and very sincere sounding. It is your job to stay alert. And most important, don't leave the dealership, or any place where you've signed a document, without having the original or an exact copy of the original, right smack dab in your hands. Don't ever forget to get and keep a copy of whatever it is that you signed. If you are ever told you don't need a copy, just ignore that advice and follow mine and get and keep a copy of whatever you signed. No exceptions.

Q. I'm a twice-divorced woman with no plans ever to remarry. I have no children. I have distant relatives, but I've had no contact with any of them other than Christmas cards but rarely, even those. They're checking on me to see if I've croaked and are they in my will? I certainly do not want them to get anything of mine. I do have a few dollars saved, but no one to leave it to. Charities? Yes, but then again, they take money and forget all about you, until next year, that is. So, why should I spend a lot of money for a will when I have no one to whom I wish to leave anything?

A. I get a question like this, now



The truth is, you don't ever have to have a will if you don't want one. You can just let the law of the State of Florida (or whichever state where you live), decide who gets your estate. In Florida, it'll probably be the closest of those distant relatives, even though it may take a very long time to find them. As for the personal representative (executor), that will be someone appointed by the probate court from the county where you reside.

If you have an IRA, an annuity, or a life insurance policy, and you've named a beneficiary, even if it's a former spouse or a now deceased beneficiary, or someone you've come to dislike, that spouse or his/ her/their heirs or that beneficiary you no long want to get anything, will take whatever's in those ac-

If you have those accounts, but you never did name a beneficiary, then the State of Florida, along with the entity holding the account, will most likely have a hand in deciding what happens. I once had a client tell me that the only reason, he was going to sign a will, was to make sure that not one of his relatives ever got one penny from him. Okay, that's one way to look at it. I reminded him that he needed to check his pension plan to see if there was a death benefit and if so, to whom it was payable.

Q. If a spouse is cheating on you, can you take that spouse out of your

A. You can take your spouse out of your will, but if at your passing you are still married to that person, whether you live together or not, the State of Florida will not let you just ignore your spouse as a beneficiary of your estate. It's best for you to sit down with an attorney and discuss this.

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* Deadline at noon





Honor Flight

By Phil Panzera World News Writer

Since 2012 The Villages Honor Flight program has taken over 1,500 senior veterans on a one-day whirlwind tour of our nation's top war monuments in Washington, D.C. It is a day to remember and honor the soldiers who served and fought to provide the freedom we all share today.

are our very own Elliott Wilkins and Harry Schoepf. They left home before midnight one day, mustered at The Villages American Legion Post, flew to D.C., and didn't get home until past midnight the fol-lowing day. With that schedule, what should have been a listless tiresome day was transformed into a day of awe, wonder, pride, and intense emotion.

Elliott described it as a "tremendous and amazing experience." They were treated as visiting dignitaries, with bands heralding their arrival. Each man was assigned a guardian, and Kathy Foley and Linda Schreiner took care of their every need.

Soldier exemplifies valor and honor by remembering those who gave their all by committing brave and selfless acts with no one to bear witness to them.

They had lunch at the Air Force Memorial, and then visited the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials. Both men re-Two of these seasoned veterans ceived individual handmade quilts, and then had a very moving sur-

> They were astonished to receive many handwritten cards from distant family, friends, and comrades. The Honor Flight program had for several months secretly contacted everyone they could find to write a personal note honoring these men and their service.

To cap off an overwhelming day, they had an impressive welcome home when they returned. For the ride back they received a police escort, joined by over thirty motor-cyclists from The Village Nomads, plus some two dozen Corvettes from The Villages Vettes Club.

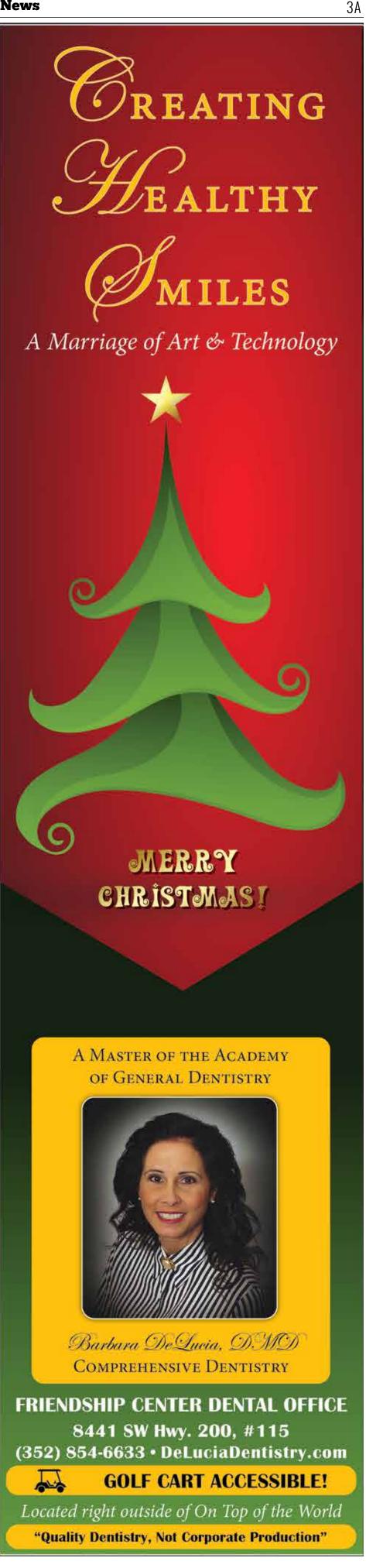
When Harry later described the They first went to Arlington Na- trip at a Veterans Club meeting, he tional Cemetery and viewed the historic Changing of the Guard. The hallowed Tomb of the Unknown reflected – with barely a dry eye – that it was, "The most emotional experience of his life."



Honorees Elliott Wilkins and Harry Schoepf.

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much as a scratch!

New Construction Update

Construction is busy within Colen Built Development properties. If it feels like there is work being done everywhere you turn, it's because there is! From small commercial driveways near SR200 to large earth-moving projects for new phases in Calesa Township, there is quite alot of dirt moving!

The Landing in Weybourne Landing is moving into final phases of completion. We anticipate having a building certificate of occupancy by mid-December. Afterwards, furniture and fitness equipment will be delivered and installed. We are looking at an official opening of the building in mid-January 2023. The

room divider partitions are delayed due to the original manufacturer going out of business (that's happened a lot on this project). We have found a compatible replacement that we anticipate will be installed sometime in March 2023. This will not delay completion or opening of The Landing.

Sales continue to be strong within Longleaf Ridge. This neighborhood is situated adjacent to the Longleaf Pine Trail and has additional access to a trailhead from the neighborhood. This neighborhood features Carriage, Premier and our popular Estate series homes. Plans for the Longleaf Ridge clubhouse amenity are entering the construction document phase. We will have renderings of this new facility available at the upcoming On Top of the World (Central) Owners annual meeting.

Ashford in Candler Hills is substantially complete. The final touches on landscape and fencing will be wrapping up toward the end of next month. As the landscapes begin to

take shape, you will also notice the trail system receiving final finishes. Watch this space for an announcement on the opening of the trails.

Directly adjacent to Ashford and just a little north of Avalon, work has begun in the first phase of Balfour in Candler Hills. Balfour will continue to feature the Estate Series homes and will have a trail system that interconnects to Ashford for multiple opportunities to wander throughout Candler Hills. As land development progresses in this new neighborhood, the plan is to develop sequentially in smaller parcels whenever feasible as opposed to mass grading of the entire parcel. Although this is a costlier method, we believe the benefit of reducing the land area exposed to the potential for wind-borne erosion outweighs the added cost.

Opportunities to meet new neighbors and to experience new amenities are on the horizon. I am also aware that this level of activity brings with it the bustle of workers,

the occasional traffic detour, and at times, what must seem like a parade of contractors eager to start their day. We endeavor to go about our work with efficiency, cleanliness, and safety in mind. As we progress through these projects and move on towards future tasks, I hope you enjoy these new additions as much as you do those that are already in operation.

Water Conservation Reminder

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

Community Emergency Response Team Andrea La Fave

Our club is always renewing it-

Some people have retired from the Community Emergency Response Team without ever being

called on to respond to an emergency. But they were ready!

New volunteers coming in are very impressed by the practical knowledge they receive from the Marion County Sheriff's Office's training, and the well-structured protocol we follow - beginning with "safety first." Every monthly meeting is a refresher of skills and responses to challenges we might encounter.

As Hurricane Ian approached central Florida, we were advised to be ready and keep checking our messages. We were eventually called down, as we were spared Ian's direct attention. But our leadership decided to activate us anyway - for practice. We were sent through the On Top of the World neighborhoods to look for and report any problems due to the storm.

At our next monthly meeting we discussed several issues that arose during the practice run.

We find ourselves well equipped

for almost anything, with our backpack of bandages, braces, tapes, gloves, tools, hardhat, radio, and much more. Many of us also find the training very beneficial for our home safety and security.

You are welcome to sit in on our monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Call Debra at 412-443-2930 for the date and place. You may decide that this volunteer activity interests you. The next training session by Marion County Sheriff's Office is slated to begin again in January 2023.

The Community Patrol and the

When walking after dark, always walk facing traffic, use a flashlight, and wear light colored clothing or

a neon-colored safety vest. Driv-

ers are once again reminded that

they must stop at stop signs and

drive within speed limits, which are

25 miles per hour throughout the

neighborhoods, and 30 miles per

hour on other streets, unless other-

We wish everyone a safe and en-

joyable holiday season. For further

information about the Community Patrol or to volunteer, contact Paul

Altman at 860-460-7632 or shel-

Marion County Sheriff's Office are always on watch but cannot be ev-

ing for "easy money."

erywhere.



It's the holiday shopping season again and getting dark earlier therefore we must urge more caution. Be alert to your surroundings while shopping. In parking lots, try to walk in lighted areas. Ladies, hold your purses/bags close and when returning to your car have your keys ready for use. Always keep your car locked and keep valuables out of

> BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR Pick up after your pet.

Community **Patrol**

Erwin Fluss



sight. There are always people look-

vesc@aol.com.

Veterans Club

wise posted.

Charles Calhoun

As we close this year, I reflect on the ever-changing weather, social and economic climate. The one thing I can always depend on is my fellow veterans. We are one; we are strong; and we always support each other.

Even with all kinds of challenges we stood together to celebrate Veterans Day and support the many charities that serve our great community. I feel so blessed to be here.

The next Veterans Club meeting is Thursday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. We plan on having a holiday potluck and celebration. Let's get together, have a good time, swap some stories, and put this year behind us.

We ask that Army veterans bring a main dish, Navy veterans bring a side dish, and Air Force veterans bring a dessert, Marines bring beverages, and Coast Guard bring con-

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- We support local organizations that help people and animals.
- We attend enlightening lectures, cultural events and just hang out.
- We especially enjoy open minded people who value a respectful exchange of ideas.

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Around the World

Mary Anne Lynum 352-236-OTOW (6869)



How quickly the months have come and gone. We are in the last month of the year and the holiday season. However, the holiday excitement continues to bring about the best in us. Our thoughts and attitudes change, we enjoy family, friends and food (so much food!). I wish everyone a joyous finish to this holiday season.

Association Meetings

The Weybourne Landing annual meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center; Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations will hold their annual meetings Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., respectively at Circle Square Cultural Center. The annual meeting for the On Top of the World (Central) Owners' Association will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. in Circle Square Cultural Center.

Food and Toys for Tots Drive

The annual food drive began Monday, Nov. 14, and will continue through Monday, Dec. 12. We are partnering with Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. These past few years have been very challenging for families in Marion County. Please help support this great need by donating much needed items in the donation boxes located throughout the community. For assistance, the "Drive by and Drop off" program is available Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Recreation Center.

For drop off locations, please refer to the November issue of the World News (page 1A).

Holiday Lighting and Decorations

As always, we are looking forward to a very festive community this holiday season. We ask that you please keep your neighbors in mind as you are decorating this season. Please remember that decorations are not allowed in the common areas without prior Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval, and may not be unsightly, offensive, or out of character for the community. Please also keep in mind that holiday decorations may prevent normal lawn maintenance activities from occurring if the decorations inhibit access to the property.

As we mentioned last month holiday lighting and decorations shall be permitted so long as the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance. Colored bulbs in lowvoltage light fixtures and buildingmounted fixtures are not allowed.

Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season. Any added lights and decorations must be removed by Jan. 16, 2023.

Resident Services

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

Closed daily a half hour from noon to 1 p.m. The time begins when the last resident assisted before closing vacates the building as soon after noon as possible.

Resident Services holiday hours are as follows:

- Friday, Dec. 23: 8 a.m. to noon
- Monday, Dec. 26: Closed Friday, Dec. 30: 8 a.m. to noon
- Monday, Jan. 2, 2023: Closed The Resident Services office is closed the third Wednesday of ev-

ery month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Dec. 21, this month. Resident Services may be reached at 352-236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 500, in Friendship Commons, Mon-

day through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit OTOW-Info.com > Maintenance Request and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting and click submit.

Guest Passes

If you need guest passes for the holidays, please visit Resident Services at your earliest convenience, to arrange for passes for any family or friends from out of town who are visiting overnight.

Telephone Directory

It's almost time for the 2023 telephone directory to be published. All changes must be in by Friday, Dec. 30. Information submitted after this date will appear in the following year's directory. If you haven't already submitted changes to your directory entry, please stop by the Resident Services office at your earliest convenience to do so.

SW 90th Street Construction Update

Work continues at the SW 90th Street postal center. There are two phases. Phase one is increasing the volume of water the dry retention areas (DRAs) can hold to meet the current local requirements for this project area. Projected completion date on this phase is early 2023.

Phase two (restrooms) will start afterwards and will focus on and around the postal center area. Projected completion is the end of Spring 2023.

Trash

There has been an increase in inappropriate items placed at the dumpsters on SW 90th Street. Recently we have found discarded paint. Please remember that for removal of bulk items such as, white goods, furniture, or other large items, please contact Waste Management at 866-684-3142. The contact for all curbside collection areas is Premier Waste Services at 352-454-9168. The Marion 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, 352-351-3541; Hospice of Marion County Thrift Store 352-237-7707; Martel Recycling Center 352-671-8465 and Goodwill of Ocala 352-629-4202.

Live Christmas trees, left by the roadside, will be picked up on the regular scheduled debris day.

Lamp Posts

A friendly reminder to all residents, please keep your lamp post clean and replace bulbs as they burn out. Make sure the light sensor is clean and not covered by debris. This is especially important since the time change for our evening walkers, and emergency services to locate homes.

Homes Under Construction

We ask that all residents please stay out of homes that are under construction. Not only is it a potential safety hazard but it is also considered trespassing. Even if a house is empty and no trades are working on site, please stay off the property. We also ask that you not enter any of the homes under construction, regardless of their state of completion.

Animals

All animal food shall be kept in proper storage containers, and stored in an interior location, so as not to attract wildlife. Any feeding, excluding approved bird feeders, intentional or otherwise, of any wildlife, including but not limited to coyotes, feral cats and migratory waterfowl is strictly prohibited. This includes feeder stations, broadcasting feed, or otherwise making readily available food (including salt licks) that would be attractive to these forms of wildlife.

Q & A of the Month

Our focus this month is on Interfaith Emergency Services (IES). In 1983, the religious pastoral community in Marion County saw a need to provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in crisis and Interfaith was born. The idea was to combine their resources and create one place to which they could refer those in need.

Q: What is the busiest time of year for Interfaith?

A: We used to have two peaks every year; August/September when families were dealing with higher electric bills and the added expense of children returning to school and November/December with the additional expenses that come with the holidays. However, in April of this year we saw a drastic increase in clients in need of grocery assistance and the number has remained consistent.

Q: Is there more need this year

A: Yes. The increased cost of gas, housing, utilities, and food has forced many people who lived on the margins to utilize our services to make ends meet. We've seen an increase in the number of first-time clients, seniors, and the number of households with five or more individuals has tripled over previous years. With approximately 50% of Marion County residents living at or below the poverty line, this has been a difficult time for many households that previously could scrape by on their limited income.

Q: What is the hierarchy of IES?

A: IES employs a CEO who answers directly to a 15-member board of directors. The CEO oversees a management team consisting of a director of ministries, director of operations and a director of finance. Collectively these directors oversee nine department

heads who manage the staff and volunteers in their respective areas: facilities, shelter, social services, homeless services, food distribution, medication and health assistance, Food-4-Kids Backpack Feeding Program, and our thrift store. IES has 40 paid employees and approximately 250 regular volunteers.

Q: Do you operate solely on dona-

A: Yes, monetary, and in-kind donations are vital to our organization. We receive a few local grants that have allowed us to expand by funding additional programs. In addition to monetary donations, the food drives, donations of clothing and home goods are used to help individuals and families in need. Donations made to our thrift store are sold to provide the funding to purchase prescription medications to those of low-income who are un-

Q: Do you offer any other services or are you just a receiving organiza-

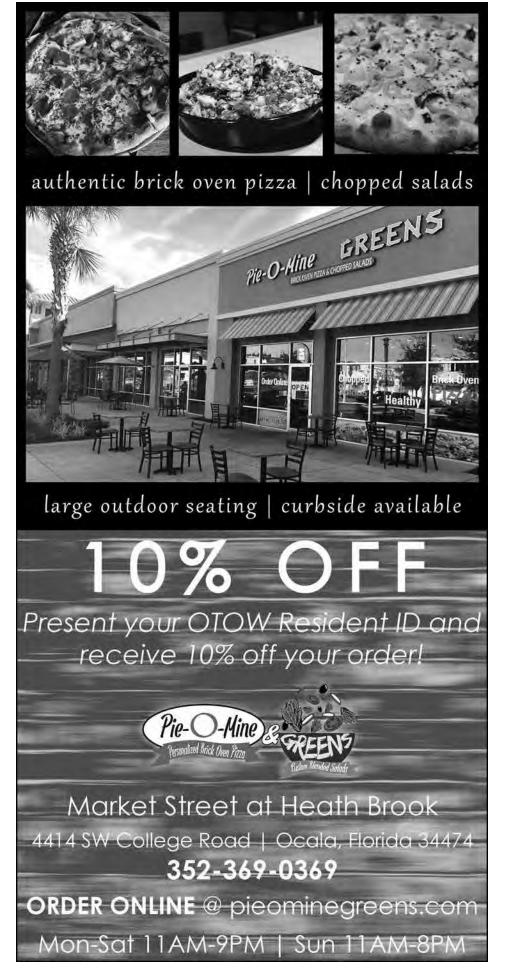
A: IES exists to serve those in our community lacking the most basic needs and we provide over 30,000 such services each year including:

- grocery assistance
- emergency shelter
- free clothing showers and hygiene items (for homeless individuals)
- permanent supportive housing (to handicapped individuals who were previously homeless)
- low-income housing
- assistance with medications and access to medical and dental services
- free mental health counsel-
- assistance with rent/utilities and home repairs (based on grant funding availability)
- assistance with government issued identification
- gas cards and bus passes
- a weekend feeding program for at-risk students (Food-4-

The thing we give away in the largest quantity is love. We do our best to serve each person with love and compassion, acknowledging that we are all the same in God's

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Celebration Time

By Elaine Morrison World News Writer

There never truly is a special purpose or time to honor and celebrate the brave men and women of our armed forces. Always is when we should be thanking them for their sacrifice and service to our country.

However, the coincidence of having 30-plus veterans living in one new neighborhood of On Top of the World proved to be too tempting for one of the neighbor veterans and a party was planned Sunday, Oct. 9, to honor the birth of the United States Navy and the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.

At a meeting in October 1775, of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, it was voted to outfit two sailing vessels armed with 10 carriage guns as well as swivel guns, with manned crews of 80, and send them on a three-month cruise to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the English army in America. Thus the Continental Navy was born.

Among the veterans attending the barbecue party were two married couples, siblings, a doctor, medal winners, and many others.

Quilts of Valor were presented to several participants and one in particular to Purple Heart recipient Gene Kowalski who was wounded in Vietnam. He attended the ceremony via video. His brother, Kip Kowalski accepted the quilt on his behalf

Some partygoers learned that General Douglas MacArthur, who was Army chief of staff at the time, was the first Purple Heart recipient, an honor given for "military merit and wounds received in action." In the words of George Washington, "Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen." And let us say amen and thank you.



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Sergeant Major (ret.) Kip Kowalski accepting the quilt on behalf his brother, Gene Kowalski.

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Veterans Day Ceremony

By Phil Panzera World News Writer

On Veterans Day we salute those who have served and sacrificed for America's freedom. Our veterans were remembered and honored in two ceremonies.

The first ceremony was a flag lowering at the Veterans Park. Each flag is lowered to half-mast for four hours. For the first time, the POW-MIA flag was proudly displayed underneath the U.S. flag, as the U.S. Space Force flag was added to the park's nine flag poles.

The primary ceremony was held at the Recreation Center. To start the ceremony, 11 bells were rung, signifying the original Armistice which ended World War I, signed on the 11th minute of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. A POW-MIA flag was also draped over an empty chair.

The audience had a special treat, as World War I veteran Bob Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob was one of the first soldiers to help free prisoners from Nazi concentration camps.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has a nationwide program which awards Quilts of Honor to distinguished veterans. These gorgeous quilts are made by the loving hands of countless volunteers who wish to honor their service and sacrifice.

Joan Lane led the presentation to five of our distinguished veterans. She also presented a special commendation to Veterans Club President Charles Calhoun for his exemplary service to the veterans community. Charlie received a well-deserved standing ovation.

Commander Roy Hofer of American Legion Post 354 presented a \$500 check to LTC Irick, who leads the West Port High School Army JROTC program. Thanks to the JROTC Color Guard, who posted and presented the colors.

and presented the colors.

Thanks to Dr. Allen Jones, who led the invocation and presented the opening remarks and to Chaplain Dr. Chuck Bonner, who led the closing prayer.

We also thank the Dancing Jewels, who performed a lovely num-



Presentation of Quilts of Honor to Anthony Maniscalco, Arnie Maki, Rick Munsell, Steve Petty and Charles Calhoun.

ber saluting each of the military branches, and the On Tap of the World tap dance crew for a lively

We were especially honored to have Kenneth D. Colen attend and

speak of his support for our veteran community.

It was a beautiful ceremony; if you can, try and attend next year. Serving in America's Armed Forces is one of the most courageous and selfless decisions citizens of this country can make. We should never cease to celebrate and honor that decision.





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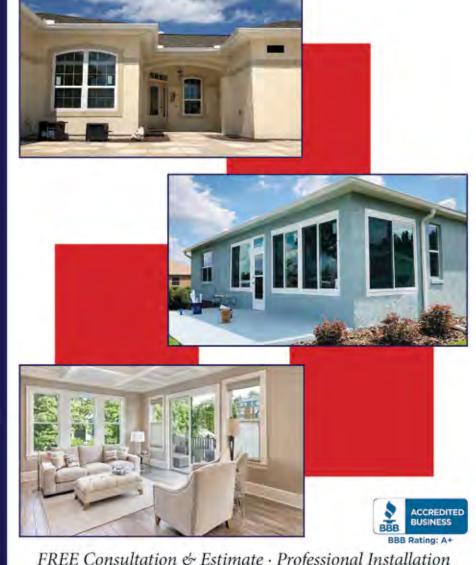
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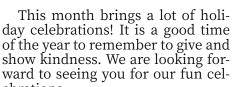


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Indigo East





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Tinsel & Tinis*

We start the month off with Tinsel & Tinis Sunday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Join us for holiday music with Ben Simmons, while enjoying two flavored martinis (your choice of eggnog, peppermint, or gingerbread). This will be paired with holiday treats consisting of cookies,

cranberry cream cheese puffs, and cheesecake bites. The cost is \$13 per resident and \$15 per guest.

Sing Along Holiday Party*

Sing along to your holiday favorite songs with Paul De Ritter Duo Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Refreshments will include hot chocolate, non-alcoholic eggnog, and various desserts. Admission is an unwrapped gift for a child. All gifts will be donated to Toys for

Trivia*

Get ready to jog your memory and win money prizes at trivia Monday, Dec. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

Karaoke

Sing your heart out at karaoke Thursday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. It is a fun time to enjoy new and old friends, sing a tune or just listen. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

Happy Hour

Dance, socialize and bring your own drinks and snacks, while enjoying live entertainment on Fridays at Happy Hour. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest

The upcoming entertainment is as follows:

- Dec. 2: Debbie Owen and Tony T.
- Dec. 9: Dave and Kenny Duo Dec. 16: Holiday Celebration
- with Automatic Dec. 23: Casey Young
- Dec. 30: No Happy Hour

New Year's Eve Celebration*

Let's be together and share a good time! You are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve with us on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Indigo Community Center. Bring your favorite dishes and drinks. Socialize with family, friends and neighbors; and dance to our live music entertainment with The BadKitty Band. The cost is \$20 per resident and \$25 per guest.

Holiday Hours

The Indigo East facilities will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; and will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Merry Christmas to each one of you. May 2023 bring you all the dreams and hopes we need to start each new day a fresh.

*To register visit the Indigo East office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

The Lodge at **Candler Hills**



As we wrap up the end of 2022, I would like to thank all residents for your support through the last few months. Please join us as we celebrate the upcoming holidays!

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. The entertainment is as

- Dec 2: The BadKitty Band Dec 9: Palomino Blond
- Dec 16: Rock Solid
- Dec 23: Rear View Mirror

Dec 30: No Happy Hour Celebrate and enjoy the holiday season with friends and family. This is free for residents but \$5 per guest. You may bring your own bev-

Effective January 2023, Happy Hour will take place the third Saturday of every month.

Girls Night Out*

Girls just want to have fun! Enjoy a night of fun Thursday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. The entertainer will be Tim Hargis. Bring your own beverage and enjoy a light appetizer (while supplies last). Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest, accompanied by a resident.

Social Night

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Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. Listen to music while socializing with friends and neighbors and enjoying light hors-d'oeuvres (while supplies last).

Sing Along Holiday Party*

Enjoy sounds of the season played on the piano by Paul De Ritter Sunday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will include light hors d'oeuvres, dessert, eggnog, and hot chocolate. Admission is an unwrapped gift for a child. All gifts will be donated to Toys for Tots.

Tinsel and Tinis*

Join us for a Tinsel and Tinis cocktail party Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. and listen to soft sounds of the holiday by Prestine Allen. You'll receive two drink tickets to choose from three flavored martinis: eggnog, peppermint, or gingerbread. Holiday hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The cost is \$13 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Join us Thursday, Dec. 22, for Kocktails & Karaoke with Charlie and Kathy in the Ballroom 5 to 8 p.m. Sing and dance with other Candler Hills residents. Bring your own beverage. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest, accompanied by a resident.

New Year's Eve*

Come and celebrate the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023 Saturday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The entertainer will be Groove 41. Proper dress is required (evening attire). A cash bar (no outside alcohol permitted), a light appetizer platter for each table, and coffee, tea and a champagne toast in a souvenir flute will be provided. Tickets are \$45 per resident and \$55 per guest. Seating is limited to eight per table. There is a maximum of eight tickets per resident.

Holiday Hours

The Lodge at Candler Hills will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon; Sunday, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 26; Saturday, Dec. 31; and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

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

Scandinavian **American Club**

David Wesenberg



What a great time the Scandinavian American Club had at our October meeting. The Danish in our midst presented music, art, and stories from Denmark along with some great themed dishes to eat.

One important portion of the program was a presentation by Paul Knoll of his trip to Denmark and meeting with family members there. Paul had a tricky quiz to see how much the club knew about Denmark. There were also displays of Danish artifacts and personal reminiscences.

We look forward to our Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Then Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, we will have a presentation by our Finnish members again at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV.

The Scandinavian American Club is a great place to enjoy fun, fellowship and unusually good Scandinavian food. Join us. We love to share the fun.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 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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Recreation Center

Theresa Fields 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 t_fields@otowfl.com

'Tis the season with twinkling lights and holiday decorations seen throughout the community. Many of us will be expecting guests and planning for that special holiday dinner. We want to help ease some of the stress by lining up several activities and entertainment during this special time of the year.

Trivia Night*

Tropic Trivia has exploded in popularity and takes place the first Thursday of every month in the Recreation Center Ballroom. To give everyone an opportunity to participate in future Tropic Trivia nights, we will be selling only two months at a time. The cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest. We are currently signing up for January/ February 2023 trivia.

Don't miss out on your team's opportunity to participate. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups, or beverages of any kind are not permitted. A water station will be provided at no cost.

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

November

1: Bold & Brassy; 2: LaTriviata; 3: OTOW Fam-

Holiday Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Celebration

We are gearing up for yet another successful and festive Holiday Golf Cart Parade Saturday, Dec. 3. Clubs and residents with golf carts, unique cars, motorcycles, bicycles, and more are encouraged to participate and help make this year's parade the biggest and best our community has ever seen!

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, funniest, most festive, most original, and best in show (club sponsored) decorated golf carts. An inscribed trophy will be awarded to the club for best in show and will be displayed at Resident Services. Last year's 2021 best in show was awarded to the Active Singles Club.

The parade will showcase decorated golf carts, marching cadets, classic/antique cars, recumbent trikes, R/C cars, a horse carriage with the 2021 prom king and queen, Marion County Sheriff's Office and marion County Fire Rescue as well as Santa himself.

The parade will start at the Recreation Center parking lot at 2 p.m. and will circulate throughout the community and end at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons.

Golf cart judging and awards will take place at The Town Square from 4 to 4:30 p.m. The Holiday Celebration will follow at The Town Square through 9 p.m.

To participate in the parade, please register your club or individual golf cart at the Recreation Center office by calling 352-854-8707 ext. 7533 or 7498.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Dec.15, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy light entertainment with The Saxman. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. Resident IDs required for entry, and guest fees apply. This event is free for residents.

Tinsel & Tinis Cocktail Party*

Join us for a Tinsel & Tinis cocktail party Thursday, Dec. 22, in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 5 p.m. Prestine Allen will provide the soft sounds of the holidays. You'll receive two drinks tickets for your choice of two flavored martinis. The martinis will pair with holiday desserts of cookies, cranberry cream cheese puffs, and cheesecake bites. The cost is \$13 per resident and \$15 per guest.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Get ready to have some fun Wednesdays, Dec. 28 and/or Jan. 25,

2023. You will enjoy 600 of the latest slot machines, bingo and a sportsbook, 27 live table games including blackjack, craps, roulette, three card poker, ultimate Texas hold 'em, Let it Ride, EZ Bad, à la carte menu, and live entertainment. Face masks are required for entry. No smoking is allowed. Government issued photo ID will be required.

The cost is \$54 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation, food voucher, port boarding fee, priority check in, \$20 in qualifying slot play, entertainment, and free drinks while gaming.

Partner Dance Night

Do you like to couple dance? Come join us on Thursday, Dec. 29, in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 5 p.m. This night is for all our ballroom and pattern dancers to enjoy a night of dancing among those who know the dancing etiquette for these beautiful dance moves. Grab your partner and come enjoy an entire night of dancing. This event is free and resident IDs will be required for entry. All guests must be accompanied by a resident with an ID. Dancing etiquette is required for this night and line dancing, or single dancing will not be permitted.

Line Dance Classes*

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

The following classes will be taught in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Monday. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month or \$30 for a three-month pass. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. December line dance class tickets went on sale Monday, Nov. 21.

Choose your class according to your ability. If you have any questions, please email Darlene Miller at darmiller222@gmail.com.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER (noon to 1 o.m.): This is an introduction to line dance class and progresses into Beginner Level I. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used in dances.

IMPROVER PLUS (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required. More intricate step combinations and rhythms are used in dances. Current popular dances are included. Improver Plus is slightly easier than intermediate.

BEGINNER LEVEL II (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Dancers will build on their basic line dance knowledge through easier dances with different rhythms. New step combinations and dance patterns will be taught as needed. Some prior dance experience is required.

BEGINNER LEVEL I (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): A complete season in Absolute Beginner is required with familiarity of basic line dance steps. Dancers have acquired some experience. Easy dances with some different step patterns are introduced.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Butch Phillips is a devoted and qualified ballroom dance instructor. We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Singles are also welcome as we rotate partners among all willing students.

Butch welcomes suggestions from residents regarding what dances should be taught. The threeweek class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The 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. On the last day of class each month, we encourage you to bring video recording equipment to record what was taught that month. The class for December will be the waltz

Tap Dance Classes*

Have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. No experience necessary. She will start with the basics, and you will 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).

Beginner Broadway Dance Classes*

Do you love musicals? "Chicago," "A Chorus Line," and "Grease" are just a few of the fun and exhilarating musical routines you will learn. All choreography will be inspired and styled after those foot-stomping favorites. This is a seven-week session (November and December) with no experience needed. The cost is \$42 per person. Classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV every Friday, at 1:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Tickets*

The New Year's Eve celebration Hills or Indigo East, you will need will take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom Saturday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Proper evening attire is required. Cash bar will be provided (no outside alcohol permitted).

The evening will consist of light appetizer shareable platters for each table. Dessert will be parfait shooters, coffee, tea, champagne toast in a souvenir flute and entertainment by 007 Band. Seating is limited to eight per table. Tickets (max of eight per person) are \$45 per resident and \$55 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Pool Pavilion Happy Hour

Happy Hour at the Recreation Center pool pavilion is from 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday. Should inclement weather be predicted the outdoor entertainment will be cancelled.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Dec. 2: Retro Express
- Dec. 9: Hwy 94 Band Dec. 16: Fred Campbell
- Dec. 23: Take 2
- Dec. 30: Tim Hargis

Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be permitted at the Recreation Center veranda, pool, or pool pavilion.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Dec. 2: Kathleen Kane
- Dec. 9: Indigo Band
- Dec. 16: One Flite Up Dec. 23: Holiday Party with
- Crossfire

Dec. 30: No Happy Hour

Have you been naughty or nice? Our special guest will be checking his list twice at our Friday, Dec. 23, Holiday Party Happy Hour. Resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour; anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

Community Pavilions

Please keep in mind that to guarantee your use of the following pavilions: Veterans Park, Recreation Center pool, softball, Weybourne Landing, The Lodge at Candler





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Holiday Hours

Please note the following holiday

- Saturday, Dec. 24: The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East Fitness Center will be open 8 a.m. to noon. The Recreation Center Fitness Center will be open 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 26: Recreation Center, Indigo East Fitness Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills will be closed.
- Saturday, Dec. 31: Recreation Center, Indigo East Fitness Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills will be closed. The Recreation Center Fitness Center will be open 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 1: Recreation Center, Indigo East Fitness Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills will be closed.

All pools will remain open during the holidays.

Stay in the Know

The January through June 2023 Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog will be included in the January 2023 edition of the World News.

Additional event/trip details are available at OTOWInfo.com > Activity Info > 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 x7533 or x7498. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only. Resident IDs must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

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| Avalon Post Office | | | | |
| Windsor East | 94th Pl. – 94th Lp | | 8:55 a.m. | |
| Windsor West | 95th St 95th Lp | | 8:58 a.m. | |
| Crescent Ridge 1 & 2 | 97th Lane – Post Offic | ce – 99th Ave. – 96th | St 9:01 a.m. | |
| Recreation Center | At Bus Stop Sign | | 9:04 a.m. | |
| Americana Village | 89th Ct. Rd Post Of | ffice – 85th Ter. Rd | 9:08 a.m. | |
| Friendship Village | Post Office – 84th Ter. | . – 93rd St | 9:12 a.m. | |
| Friendship Colony | 83rd Ter. – 90th Pl. – 8 | 87th Ave 97th St | 9:16 a.m. | |
| Friendship Park | 97th St 94th Lane | | 9:20 a.m. | |
| Friendship Village | 89th Ct. Rd 92nd S | t | 9:22 a.m. | |
| Friendship Colony | 90th St Post Office. | | 9:26 a.m. | |
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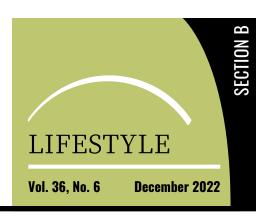


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S'Wanderful

By Elaine Morrison **World News Writer**

line is not a word. Well, you are right about that. No argument. But see what happens when we change the vowel to an o. The word becomes s' wonderful. And that is the word we are going for in this piece, which will highlight how wonderful the SWANS, a club for 17 years, are.

Spearheaded by Lois Nix, whose profile appeared on these pages several months back, the club now boasts a roster of 135 active single women members. Their motto, The club's acronym is Single "SWANS are never alone. SWANS Women Active Networking Sysare never forgotten," is the driving tem, and the networking aspect is

What's that you say? That head- inspiration for the women who participate in the many activities and events the club sponsors.

The central purpose of the club is, after all, to support and aid each other, share their life experiences and while doing so, develop new friendships while seeking interesting and exciting ways to enjoy life. Many friendships develop and are sustained over long periods of time, even lasting after active participation in the club ceases.

The club's acronym is Single

of paramount importance. Assistance is always available for driving, shopping, preparing food and any other services that might be needed by members. Recently a member needed assistance with a tag sale and the SWANS responded with helping with the set-up, sales and clean up, something she never could have accomplished on her

While canvassing for some On Top of the World business matters, several people were identified in their homes who needed urgent immediate care. SWANS volunteers were able to provide the muchneeded assistance.

New resident Betty Pane says her life here has been immeasurably brightened by the warm welcome she has received from the

SWANS. She now is an active participant in many of their events.

In addition to hosting each other with appetizer, lunch and dinner groups in their homes, SWANS also enjoy dining out at local eateries and going on trips, day trips as well as longer adventures. The semiannual trip to Daytona Beach is legendary. They also take frequent bus trips to Biloxi and will be going to Branson and Albuquerque soon. Occasional mystery trips are also quite popular, the participants do not know where they are going until they reach their destination. SWANS also enjoy playing card games and are whizzes on the shuffleboard courts.

But the most satisfaction for the club comes from their varied activities which give back to the community. Most recently, SWANS answered a call for volunteers for the new Ina A. Colen Academy. They donated two sets of books for the library and will be available to help set up the library and work with the students in their classes, particularly in reading, math, and science areas. Donations to the Interfaith Emergency Services; gift cards to the Women's Crisis Center; donations to the Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Center; providing needed baby formula, suitcases, necessary clothing items for youngsters for Helping Hands and Brothers Keepers; volunteering at the Hospice Thrift store, Meals on Wheels, Master the Possibilities and Sholom Park are among the many organizations that benefit from the gracious generosity and compassionate caring sprit of the SWANS.

Truly, not only are the SWANS never alone and never forgotten, neither are those whose lives they



A gathering of SWANS.

Annual Christmas Bird Count

By Linda Monaco

Chapman and 26 other conservathe count, let Ann know via email, tionists conducted the first Christ- text or a quick call. Her cell phone mas Bird Count (CBC) to promote number is 760-212-3543. the conservation of birds by countover 120 years the National Audubon Society has sponsored this early-winter bird census. This year the census must be completed between Dec. 14 through Jan. 5, 2023. Marion County Audubon Society has selected Saturday, Dec. 17, as our counting day. Ann Hannon is organizing our count. She will have two teams of observers traveling in golf carts around the golf courses in On Top of the World and Stone Creek. They will begin their route at 7 a.m. and the golf carts will carry signs identifying them as CBC census takers. So, don't be alarmed if you see people peering into your backyard and checking out your bird feeders.

They aren't really snooping, but they are on a mission.

How can you help? If you have lots of birds at your feeder in the days leading up to the count, please send Ann an email so one of the teams can include your home in their travels. Her email is afhannon@icloud. com. If you see lots of birds at your and include them in the count.

On Christmas Day in 1900 Frank of the World on Dec. 17, the day of

Why bother with an annual bird ing instead of hunting them. For count? CBC data are used by researchers to track patterns and answer a variety of questions including habitat locations and the effect of climate change on bird populations. In the United States bird populations have decreased by over one-third during the past 50 years. The main reasons are loss of habitat, outdoor cats, pesticides/ herbicides, and collision with glass windows.

This year, for the first time, the bird census data will be aggregated across sites using the eBird app. This app allows users to easily record the birds seen in the field and link an individual's observations with those of other users in a global, online database. The app is free in your app store, and there are plenty of YouTube videos to help you become proficient in its use. So, if you see lots of birds around your neighborhood in early to mid-December, contact Ann so she and her teams can find them on Dec. 17



Eastern bluebird.



Rhode Island Group luncheon.

Rhode Islanders Meetup

By Judy Parisi

The Rhode Island Group met for lunch at Sammy's the end of October. It was great to have such a good turnout including some new members. Discussion included summer travels, including visits back to Rhode Island to see family and friends as well as trips to other areas of the country.

Of course, you cannot get together with fellow Rhode Islanders without talking about the food and restaurants we frequented from Italian favorites on "The Hill" to the myriad of seafood restaurants across the state from those on Aquidneck Island (Newport, Portsmouth, and Middletown) through the East Bay areas of Bristol and Warren and out to the West Bay area of Warwick and down to South County including Narragansett, Charlestown, and Galilee, to name a few.

A favorite food for many is chowder ("chowda"), a soup or stew of seafood -typically clams. It's history in the Northeast dates to the 1700s. The British and French are credited with introducing clam chowder to North America. It evolved over time and its differences are ascribed to the Italian and Portuguese immigrants. There are four main types.

There is the rich, creamy New England clam chowder that has a thick dairy base that typically includes salt pork, onions, potatoes, milk, butter, and of course clams. It has been served at Boston's Ye Olde Union Oyster House since 1836, accompanied by oyster crackers.

There is the hearty, red-colored Manhattan clam chowder, which has tomatoes instead of milk or cream, and often includes more vegetables such as peppers, celery and carrots forming a tasty hearty soup.

The clear Rhode Island chowder has an absence of milk or cream. The original recipe dates to 1751, although it was at that time very plain. Later this was altered to include crushed tomatoes, an addition attributed to the Portuguese settlers. This newer recipe was originally served in the 1860s at Rocky Point Amusement Park in Warwick. The Rhode Island chowder typically uses quahogs, clams that are plentiful in the area.

And there is a "blend" – the Long Island clam chowder that is creamy, tomato-based.

There are many debates on the superiority and authenticity of New England and Manhattan clam chowders focusing on the use of tomatoes. Interestingly, a politician in Maine, Cleveland Sleeper, in 1939 drafted a bill to criminalize clam chowder with tomato. Sleeper never filed his bill, and the clam chowder controversy ended with-

out government interference. The Rhode Island Group will gather again in January. If you are not on our email list, but if you or a spouse lived, worked, or served in Rhode Island and would like to participate in our lunches, please send your contact information to judith. parisi@gmail.com.

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Genealogical Society

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December is a good time to remember this year's events, celebrate the holiday season (in whatever tradition is yours), and welcome 2023. The only meeting in this month will be the members-only holiday luncheon Monday, Dec. 12, The Club at Candler Hills at noon. Come prepared to share 2022 genealogy achievements and 2023 expectations.

What a great guest speaker we had on Monday, Nov. 21! All members are descendants of immigrants who left their countries of origin and permanently resettled in the United States. Many immigration patterns reflect a changing world that impacted both the place people left and the places they settled. Our guest speaker, genealogist Ed Mitukiewicz, demonstrated resources and techniques of how we might bring to visual reality their immigration using historical and mod-ern maps. Members found Ed's presentation and resource recommendations to be both supportive and fascinating! Members may contact the education chair to obtain a

syllabus for this presentation.

Great free map resource – David
Rumsey map collection by Cartography Associates (davidrumsey. com/). Stanford University Library is the host for this online searchable collection. It contains over 118,000 historical/original maps/ images from the 1500s to the present. These high-resolution maps/ images review North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Antarctica, the Pacific, the Arctic, and the world (in total). The collection is frequently updated with more maps and images. Check back periodically to expand your research. (Use the toolbox associated with each map. It can help in refining your search by overlaying helpful details including boundar-

On Jan. 16, 2023, the guest speakers will be representatives from the Ocala Family History Center, a service supported by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Visitors to the center can freely access genealogical resources including national and international databases that are fee-based. Volunteer staff at the center are there to help you understand and use these resources. If you are a beginner genealogist, volunteers at the center can help you. Contact the membership chair if you would like to attend this meeting (see contact information

Interested? The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings are both inperson and via Zoom on the third Monday every month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 10 a.m. to noon. During these meetings, there are open discussions, special interest group sessions, and a designated time slot reserved for a guest genealogist to review a specific area of interest.

All residents can join. New members are welcome - beginners as well as experienced genealogists. Yearly dues are \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a couple. For membership information, contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at

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Genealogical Society members attended the Family History Conference: Research Tips and DNA Basics in October.

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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour through our weekly 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.

We are continuing our discussion on email security. Sensitive data sent in an email should now be considered out of your control. For example, when your recipient unintentionally shares your data with others when forwarding your email, without deleting your private information.

Protect your computer with ei-

ther free or subscription antivirus software, and check for incremental security updates.

If you've joined several forums which interest you, and travel across a wide variety of websites, you know that they often request your email. Unfortunately, spammers have a way of collecting your email, and now comes the spam email, which often looks real. Do not hit the "unsubscribe" link in their message, which only proves that your email address is legit and more spam emails start coming

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Keep your personal email for family and friends' communication. For everyone else, like interesting websites, forums, message boards, Facebook, and other social media - those should get a different email. Your secondary email, for example, h4qz34@gmail, should not have any wording that relates to your first or last name, house

number, birth year, and other giveaways to your identity. Some people have a different fake email for each website or forum they visit to track where it came from, and then delete it easily when scammers get hold of it. Just go to any email provider like Google, Yahoo, etc. and start a new email!

When using a public or shared computer, log out of your email when you are done. Whether at the library or a friend's home, for example, this will prevent others from gaining access to your email.

The best chance for protection is to add two-factor authentication (2FA) or two-step verification (2SV) when setting up your email account, you can even do it now. This might be in the form of a PIN number, secret question, or your email provider sends a random set of numbers to your smartphone that are used only once. Since the bad

guys don't have your smartphone, they can't get through this second security level. If you do get a 2FA or 2SV alert when you know it wasn't you, change your email account password quickly!

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.

Active Singles Club

Jane Parker



Active Singles Club was created for single residents. We are single, not alone!

The holidays can be a time of great joy or be a difficult time for seniors. Friends made through Active Singles can be a lifeline! Active Singles Club is the perfect place to meet new people and establish new friendships.

The Active Singles Club has a large membership and effective management of club activities is accomplished by using electronic communications. The website contains links to upcoming events and allows members to conveniently sign up for these events.

Clubs are required to have bylaws and officers to operate in On Top of the World. Without the following members volunteering to serve, the Active Singles Club would not continue: Co-Presidents Steve Skonecke, Charlie Zappala, and George Schmidtz; members at large Robert Fruehwald, Linda Wall, and Allison Perderson; Vice President Nicole Eddy; Secretary Erika Winkler; Treasurer Sandy Dietz.

The 2023 membership renewals and new member applications will be taken at the January membership meeting.

The Wednesday, Dec. 14, holiday party begins at 6 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Only club members who present their previously purchased tickets will be able to attend. At that time a \$10 refund of the ticket price will be provided. Attendees will enjoy a buffet dinner and dancing after dinner. The evening attire is dress to impress.

Several activities are held on weekly, monthly, or on an intermittent basis.

Wallyball is held weekly at 9 a.m.

at the Recreation Center. This activity requires a Gateway of Services pass for Indigo East residents.

Nine-hole golf scramble dates and time will be scheduled and announced.

Game night is held monthly on the second Tuesday, at 6 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

Breakfast club ends this month. Bocce ball is weekly on Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p.m. except for when our meetings take place. This activity requires a Gateway of Services pass for Indigo East residents.

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Lunch or dinner out is held monthly with upcoming locations to be announced.

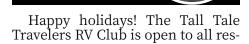
Walks and hikes are held on an intermittent basis and upcoming activities to be announced.

The next Active Singles Club meeting is Jan. 18, 2023, at the Indigo East Community Center with happy hour immediately after the meeting. There is no general membership meeting in December.

For more information, visit otowactivesinglesclub.com or email activesinglesotow@outlook.



David Cranmer



idents interested in the recreation vehicle lifestyle. Whether you drive a motor home or a tow a camper – or you'd like to know more about RVing - please join us; we always welcome new members. Membership is free. Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Jan.18, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

At our October meeting members elected the club's officers for the next year. David Cranmer for president, Kemp Howland for vice president, and Allison Cranmer for secretary. Our thanks to Wolfgang Langer for acting as vice president for this year.

The weather spoiled our planned fall trips. We'll try again next year.

Club members are now in the planning stages for our 2023 trips. Under consideration are trips to Daytona, Tampa, Brooksville, Hilton Head, and hopefully next fall in Ft. Myers Beach. Our trips are usually held at RV resorts that are less than a four-hour drive from Ocala. On these trips there are fun-filled activities at the resort as well as opportunities to enjoy local attractions. Throughout the year we also 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 Travelers).









Southern Club





We had a lot of fun at our meeting in November. Evelyn Kelly entertained us with a review of "southern talk." Not everyone in the Southern Club is from the south; but for those of us who are, it was interesting to learn where and how certain expressions that we have used all our lives originated. She also explained that most of the southern accents originated from the Scots Irish who originally settled in the area. Especially the twang that you hear in a lot of areas.

She ended her talk with a quiz on the meaning of certain words and phrases. Of course, since she was speaking to a group of people from various southern states, we excelled at the answers; and those "new" southerners in our club learned how to interpret our speech.

In December, we will get in the mood for Christmas with music from the Dulcimer Group. This group of talented musicians has entertained us before so we know it will be a lovely evening. And they are kind enough to let us sing along when they play a song we know.

As I mention each month, our meal is a large part of the reason we meet. It is so much fun to eat delicious food that I didn't have to cook. This month for our holiday

feast, the club is furnishing smoked turkey and ham from Honey Baked Ham and our members will bring the fixin's. (A fine southern word and (as I learned last month) dropping the final "g" is typical of southern speech.)

Along with our meal and entertainment, occasionally we do have business to conduct. Our treasurer, Eric Cambier resigned so Bob, our president, recruited new member Bill Lomerson to fill out the rest of Eric's term. Bill was quickly approved by the membership; so, our finances will continue smoothly. Thank you, Bill.

You don't have to be from the south to join us. Being a resident in Florida makes you an honorary southerner. Come as a visitor or

bring your resident ID and join. The dues are \$10 per club year.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. In case you don't have a calendar in front of you, that's Dec. 6. We start with dinner at 5:30 p.m., so come about 5 p.m. to have time to figure out where you will be sitting, get your drinks, and socialize. Besides a dish to share, we ask you to bring your plates and utensils. We furnish coffee, tea (sweet and unsweet), and lemonade.

We'd love for y'all to join Tuesday, Dec. 6, so mark your calendar now for 5 p.m. If you have any questions, call me at 352-615-8997.

The Jewish Club

Gail Levine



The Jewish Club is a cultural, educational, and social club that meets on the third Sunday

of the month at 12:30 p.m. Meetings are held at both the Arbor Conference Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills. Membership is open to all residents, and those with a

Gateway of Services pass. The annual dues are \$18 per person, and it is not necessary to be Jewish to join.

Our community is growing rapidly and so is the club. This fall we had many new people join the Jewish Club. Our membership is now 175 and our future looks great!

Our October meeting was very casual. With the beautiful fall weather, we decided to take advantage of the beautiful Veterans Park. We had about 40 members join in a lovely fall day picnic under and around the pavilion. Members brought their drinks and lunch and the club provided homemade potato salad made by Arlene Carlton and homemade coleslaw made by Suzie Kline. Let's not forget the varied desserts and wonderful mandel bread made by Linda Kartzinel. While our president, Carl Schneider, tried to recruit members in some games like shuffleboard and cornhole, he had no takers! Our members preferred to enjoy the lovely fall weather and schmooze with new and old friends. Sometimes, those are the best meetings!

Sunday, Dec. 11, is a meeting not to miss! Dee Collier is a master at creating authentic historical characters. She will go into total character to share the life of Annie Oakley. This meeting will take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 12:30 p.m. Presentation will be followed by light refreshments. This meeting is being held on the second Sunday of the month.

If you would like to join and/or learn more about the club, contact First Vice President Gail Levine at 954-881-4010 or gl4010@gmail.com.

Women of the World

Colleen Rocafort



Women of the World is a social and charitable club. Our mission is to entertain, inform, educate, and inspire our members through our monthly meetings and contribute to the local community by providing much needed goods to those in need in Marion County.

At our last meeting, we had a special presentation from Lanie Shirey, executive director from The Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education. There are several upcoming workshops on best practices/positive approaches to dementia care for those interested.

Also reviewed was the Extra Special Person (ESP) Memory Impaired Program which is coordinated by the Marion County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention/Victim Advocate Unit. This program is designed to help provide family and caregiver support and identify persons with Alzheimer's or dementia in times of emergency. Lanie shared how the program works when a loved one wanders off. The program is free to the public

Our next club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 15. It will be a Christmas holiday celebration with some good old fashioned caroling and fun! Our featured charity is Believe in Santa "Claus for a Cause." Santa Claus is all about peace, joy, giving, and caring for other people. The true meaning of Christmas is not about what gifts

you are going to be receiving. It is all about the gift of giving. The Believe in Santa Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization with an incredibly special mission. It provides visits any time of year from Santa Claus when a child or family needs him, through special requests from other individuals, charitable organizations, public safety agencies, or the media; bringing love, hope and joy to children in need. The organization is requesting donations for teens aged 13 to 18 such as art/craft items, board games, sports equipment (footballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, basketballs), and toiletry items (nail polish, hair care products). Please no clothing or gift cards.

Please reserve March 22, 2023 for the Women of the World annual Fashion Show and Luncheon. Dillard's will be providing the fashions. We will be asking for volunteers to model the clothing and to, help at the fashion show; there will be sign-up sheets at the meeting.

352-347-4500

Our members will have first opportunity to purchase tickets and then we will sell to all resident ladies. If anyone desires information about tickets, please call Betty Thayer.

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the a call at 352-361-1313.

month in the Recreation Center Ballroom at noon. The club is open to all women residents, and those with a Gateway of Services pass. If you are interested in joining us, please give Betty Thayer, president,



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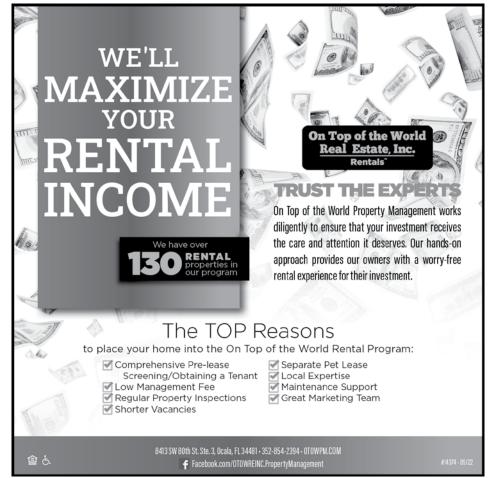




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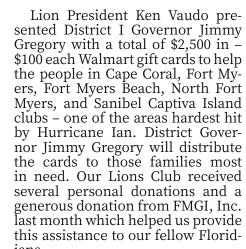
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Lions Club

Gail Morris



This month our club is busy with gathering and distributing food baskets to some of the needy students and their families at Dunnellon Elementary and to our veterans at the Ocala Řitz Veterans Village. We have community partners that help provide food items for these baskets. O'Steen's Market & Farm in Summerfield again this year is providing a variety of fresh produce and a new provider Rising Harvest Produce is participating as is Publix providing the turkey through a gift card donation to our club. We are so thankful to our community providers because they help feed those in need through our service programs. Lion Estelle is our fundraising chair and as such has been instrumental in securing our community partners in this annual event.

Lion Moses reported on the ongoing eyeglass collection throughout the community, our club has drop boxes at several locations including at Resident Services. On average our club collects 200 to 400 eyeglasses per month and hundreds of lenses as well as sunglasses. They are sorted, bagged, and taken to a central location in Ocala for transport to Indiana where they are repurposed for those in need. Our club will assist members of our community with eye test and eye-glass cost if they are unable to afford them. We have an application process, but it's not complicated so, if you are in need, please contact Estelle Michelson for the form at 352-861-7358.

Lion Barbara, our project/services chair, reminded members to continue collecting the aluminum can tabs as this will be an ongoing service project that will benefit children with cancer at the Gainesville Ronald McDonald House.

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.

Michigan Club



Already December? What a fastpaced year this has been!

The last month of 2022 is a month of recounting memories of growing up and raising our families. As we bring out holiday treasures to share with friends, we relive the joyful moments they represent.

Those of us from Michigan recall building snowmen on the lawn, dressing them with scarves and hats; and adding coal for eyes and a carrot nose.

We recall afternoons spent sledding on the neighbor's hill backing to the golf course and trudging up to the top to do it all again.

We recall shoveling snow off the ice on the lake down the street before school to make it ready for the afternoon faceoff. We laced up our skates the moment we got home and played hockey until dusk. The kitchen smelled so good when we got back. Mom had hot cocoa and fresh baked cookies waiting. What a treat!

This was the time of year we all piled into dad's old station wagon to head for the tree farm. There we scattered in several directions, all hoping to find the perfect evergreen to chop down. That night, we strung popcorn, sang Christmas carols, hung ornaments and tinsel on every branch until the tree looked perfect from all angles.

Memories, that's what December stands for. Making peanut brittle, decorating cookies, hot toddies and eggnog shared with family and friends.

Please bring your memories of your Michigan Christmas' to share with us on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. This will be our holiday meeting. Bring a wrapped pink elephant grab bag gift to share under \$5.

Also, bring your choice of beverage (alcohol permitted) and a place setting of dishes and silverware for

yourself and your guest.

For the potluck, please bring your favorite holiday dish to share. If your last name begins with A-K, bring a main dish with a protein; L-P a dessert and Q-Z a vegetable.

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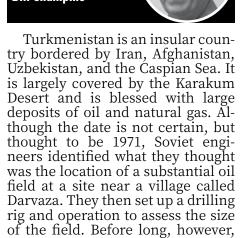
- Be 18 years of age or older
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- · Be on metformin and insulin glargine Additional criteria apply

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- Receive compensation for travel and time

World **Traveler**

Bill Shampine



the rig drilled into a very large gas pocket, and the ground beneath the drill rig and the campsite collapsed forming a large crater. The crater has a diameter of 230 feet and is 100 feet deep. The drill rig and campsite simply disappeared into the earth, fortunately with no casualties. Unbeknownst to the scientists at

the time, natural gas (methane) was seeping out in massive quantities. At first no one knew what was happening because natural gas has no odor (commercially, humans add an odor to the gas so we can tell if there is a leak). However, once camels and goats grazing near the crater began dropping dead, the scientists quickly realized they had a problem. The question then became

what to do about it? Expecting dangerous releases of poisonous gases from the cavern into nearby towns, the engineers decided to burn off the gas. It was estimated that the gas would burn itself out within a few weeks. That was in 1971. It has burned continuously for the past 53 years, with no end in sight.

Looking into the crater, particularly at night, is an impressive and ethereal sight. With its boiling mud and orange flames, it truly is an otherworldly view of what many people describe as the "door to hell" (or the gates of hell). The crater has even been featured on the National Geographic Channel series "Die Trying" in an episode called "Crater of Fire" that aired July 16, 2014.

Turkmenistan is the second-most isolated country in the world, only bested by North Korea. Although it is very difficult to get a visa for Turkmenistan, the gas crater has become the major tourist attraction for the country. In fact, only about 10,000 tourists visit per year. Even though the country can use the money provided by tourists, President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov commissioned a panel in January 2022 to try to find a way to extinguish the fire so the effects on the environment and public health can be curbed. There are two big problems that any attempt to seal the crater must address: first, the raging flames, and second, the nearly endless stream of toxic gas that is constantly escaping.



The so-called "door to hell" is a burning natural gas crater at Darvasa, Turkmenistan.

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Native Plant Group



wrote a very complete column on the purple passion vine. Thanks, loads, Janice. I've decided to write another piece on this beautiful flower.

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and this plant has great significance for Christmas and Easter.

She's called the passion flower or passion vine, Passiflora incarnata, apparently because parts of her anatomy bring to mind the Christian crucifixion. "Native Florida Plants for Shady Landscapes" by Craig N. Huegel states that the five petals and five sepals are the 10 disciples less Judas and Peter. The corona filaments are the crown of thorns. The five stamens with anthers match the five sacred wounds and the three stigmas the nails.

She's a perennial vine with underground runners. Her stems are smooth or slightly hairy, facilitating her very successful climbing habit. Her long-stalked leaves come with finely toothed edges. Simple tendrils assist her ability to climb.

Her roundish-oval berries turn yellowish when ripe. The pulp is seedy but edible.

Not all passion vines serve as larval host plants; but this species does. They are consumed by zebra and Julia heliconias as well as the gulf fritillaries.

You'll have to wait until next year, however, to enjoy her beautiful blooms.

If you would like to join with members of the Native Plant Group, just give us a call at 352-861-4560. Our calling is to encourage the propagation of plants native to this area. We look forward to your fellowship and assistance in this worthy effort.

Pennsylvania Club

Lacinda Hobbs



On Wednesday, Nov. 9, the Pennsylvania Club enjoyed a Thanks-giving potluck meal prepared by members. Stakes were high to win scratch-off lottery tickets as attendees also enjoyed playing bingo games.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio Suites III-IV. Our Christmas meeting will be celebrated with a dinner including holiday ham, as well as a "dirty Santa" gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of around \$10 in value to participate. We will also have our usual door prize and 50/50 drawings. Guests are always welcome to join us. The more, the merrier!

Happy holidays to all and safe travels to those of you heading out of town.

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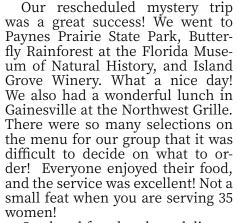


Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women in 2006. Our motto is "SWANS are never alone and never forgotten." Networking is an important part of being a SWAN.

bor Conference Room to play by 9:45 a.m. a shuffled cards are never alone and on "Networking is an

It gives you the opportunity to get out and meet other women in similar circumstances. We have many monthly events that will give you the chance to meet and socialize. We meet on Saturdays in the Ar-

We meet on Saturdays in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room to play samba. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. and bring six decks of shuffled cards. We start playing at 10 a.m. We will continue with this activity through 2023 as the room has been reserved already.



Our breakfast, lunch, and dinner outings continue. Every month we go to several different places and enjoy fellowship with other SWANS. One recent outing that stands out is the Depot on Magnolia. Most of us had never been there before and we were pleasantly surprised! It is in Downtown Ocala at the old train depot right next to Tuscawilla Park. The food was very good, the service was quick and efficient, and the decor is centered on trains. We even had a freight train go by while we were eating! It was unusual and fun! Thanks to Cel Adams, Kathy Kloos, Mary O' Connel, and Joy Geraldi for making the outings for November possible! We can always use more hostesses for these events so if you

wish to host, give Lois a call!

The Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV with set-up beginning at 11:30 a.m. Everyone will not be bringing a dish as we have done in the past. We will decide on a menu, and recruit volunteers to cook the dishes. The SWANS catering service will be at it again! Like the barbeque! Everyone will pay \$10 for lunch and bring a gift for the Chinese auction costing a minimum of \$10. Call Lois if you haven't signed up yet! See you all there!

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. Remember, SWANS are never alone and never forgotten!

Christian Women's Potluck

Sandi Kemp



We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month for a delicious potluck, fun, and fellowship with like-minded Christian women. This is a great place for ladies to meet new friends in a relaxing atmosphere. We have inspirational talks, door prizes, and sometimes entertainment! At our October meeting, we collected a donation to give to Debbie VanderHelm from the Women's Pregnancy Center of Ocala as she participated in the Walk for Life in Ocala on Saturday, Nov. 5. It was our joy and honor to support this cause.

At our November meeting, we were so blessed to hear Diane Jordan's testimony of how much her faith means to her.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, at 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. There will be a gift exchange so bring something nice (it doesn't have to be new). Of course, we want to have fun, so the gift exchange will be an interesting game. Bring your spouse and join us for a good time. This is a true potluck so bring anything you like. Drinks will be provided. No reservations are needed! Hope to see you there!

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



SWANS mystery trip.

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Around the World Vacation Club

Ina Kline



Around the World Vacation Club has almost 400 members. Our club was created with the idea of going on vacations, speaker presentations, travel trivia, travel tips, potlucks and more! There is no cost to join our club.

Our club recently returned from our trip to Savannah, Georgia. We went on a spooky Halloween tour,

daytime trolley tour of the city and a wonderful lunch on a river cruise. We played Halloween trivia on the bus. There were 50 people on this trip and they all had a blast!

On Feb. 20, 2023, many of us are going on a 11-night cruise to Panama, Costa Rica, Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Columbia, Cozumel, Mexico, and Harvest Caye, Belize. If you are interested in joining us, please text or call Ina Kline at 301-728-9541. We are hoping to get a professional speaker to tell us about the Panama Canal at a future meeting.

Cross off five bucket list items in

one trip to five epic National Parks in early June 2023. We will spend nine days in old western splendor from the peaks of Grand Tetons, bubbling mud pots on a Yellowstone National Park tour, and spires of Bryce and Zion Canyons. Cap it off with a relaxing float down the Snake River and a train ride into the heart of the Grand Canyon. Call Ina Kline to get more details.

Some members are going on our British Isles cruise. Contact Ina Kline for details.

We have been asked by members about a bus trip to Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. Great idea

for Jan. 9, 2023, to make your res-

ervation with Gail Ambrose at 954-

614-0898. You will need to specify

either March 18 or 25 when making

will have the Mount Dora shopping

and boat tour. Mount Dora has a

variety of unique shops and lunch

venues. Enjoy a two-hour narrated

eco-tour of Lake Dora and the Dora

Canal. The \$63 per person cost cov-

ers bus transportation, the boat

tour, and tips for the driver and

boat guides. Beginning Feb. 27,

2023, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-

9880 for reservations. Lunch and

shopping are on your own. Tickets

are non-refundable unless we have

we will go to the Suncoast Broad-

way Dinner Theater to see "Escape

For Mother's Day, May 14, 2023,

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, we

your reservation.

a wait list

and we are looking into it for spring of 2023. Greece/Italy is another desired location for a cruise that we are researching.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 8. Meetings are every month (unless we are traveling) on the second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Please text or call Ina Kline at 301-728-9541 for information about our trips and club.

Trips, meetings, and membership are open to residents and Gateway of Services passholders. Travel agents are not permitted to be members.

to Margaritaville." Reservations begin Feb 6, 2023. Contact Lisa Adams at 407-325-9863. The price of \$88 per person includes the show, meal with dessert, transportation, and tips for the driver and meal.

On Father's Day, June 18, 2023, a trip is scheduled aboard the Barbara Lee on the St. Johns River. The cost of \$90 per person includes lunch, transportation, and tips for the driver and meal. Allan Rickards will begin taking reservations on March 6, 023. Additional details will appear in a future column.

Trips are open only residents and those with a Gateway of Services pass. Any non-residents who participate in trips must be a guest of a resident club member.

Visit traveltopperstours.com for up-to-date information about current or new trips.

Travel **Toppers**

Janet Wiles



fundable unless we have a wait list. On Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, we will go to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater to see "The Buddy Holly Story", the musical depicting the story of his life, rise to fame, and career. The price of \$88 per person

It's a pressing situation! The

deadline for our column was due

two days before our November

meeting. However, I know we will

have had a fun time playing Fam-

ily Feud. Our Texas style version

challenges our teams to earn the

most points by getting the top answer from a "survey of 100 Texans."

Questions tackled include "What is

the most favorite lunch or dinner

food for Texans? Will it be chicken

Christmas party in the Arbor Con-

ference Center Dance Studios I-II,

at 6 p.m. Feel free to arrive any

time after 5:30 p.m. We're going to have our traditional white elephant gift exchange. This is a gift swap where amusing and sometimes impractical gifts are traded. The idea is to make it fun and funny without spending a lot of money. These can be a gag gift, something from nome, a re-gift, something you create, etc. Thrift shops are a great resource. Please bring a wrapped and unmarked gift; one per participating person of a size that can be

Sunday, Dec. 11, will be our

fried steak, barbecue or Tex-Mex?"

Texas Connection

Social Club

Kathy Cornell

includes the show, meal with dessert, transportation, and tips for the driver and meal. You can make reservations by calling Sharon Stetson at 207-838-3776.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, we will go to the Just for Laughs Dinner Theater to see "Meteor Showers" based on Steve Martin's Broadway play. The price of \$78 per person includes transportation, a buffet meal, show, and gratuities for the driver and meal. Make your reservations with Marilyn Wilson at 828-699-7587.

We will go to the Tampa Downs Racetrack Saturdays, March 18 and March 25, 2023. Tampa Bay Downs is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the west coast of Florida. The price of \$61 per person includes the bus, tip for the driver, and a buffet lunch. Mark your calendar

ary meeting because our room is unavailable. However, an alternate location was found so we are back on Jan. 8, 2023. We will meet in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room for a pizza party and game

and are looking for some Texas style fun, please contact us. We would get you on the email list for club news and notifications. Contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-

We'll be collecting dues of \$10 per person for returning members and new folks who want to join and there is a 50/50 drawing. The money is used for expenses such as paper products, game supplies, prizes, compensation for outside entertainers and club provided food for special occasions.

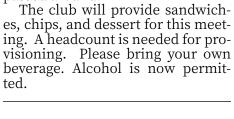
We weren't going to have a Janunight. More details to follow.

If you have a connection to Texas love to tell you about our group and 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



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Silver Rainbow Club

passed around.

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming group open to all. We are LG-BTQ+ allies providing a safe space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. Our group is just a few months old, and we continue to grow and welcome new members each month! We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Our annual club

fee is \$10 per person. We've had a couple of busy months! We played bingo, went for a lovely boat ride on the Rainbow River, played miniature golf, had a rousing game of bowling, enjoyed drinks and dinner at Cody's Roadhouse Restaurant, and played movie trivia. We also gathered for a wonderful Friendsgiving meal, yum! We had a lot of fun! Our first annual holiday party is Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.

We will not hold our regular meeting in December. We look forward to welcoming folks in the new year at our Jan. 11, 2023, meeting in the Hobby Building Event Room.

We wish you a joyous and peace-

ful holiday season.

To follow our events and find out more, visit SilverRainbowClub. com, and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

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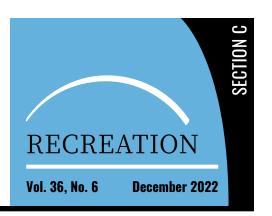
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On Top of the World NEWS

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Woodshop **Improvements**

By Susan Yenne World News Writer

Why buy a cabinet when you can make one? With \$1,200 and 200 volunteer hours, the Woodshop has a new eight-by-four-foot cabinet to house lathe tools and maintenance supplies.

The idea started about three years ago with Dave Keitz, who asked the board for money and approval to replace a 30-year-old cabinet "that had become inefficient."
With approval, he spent about

40 hours on the computer designing the cabinet – down to 1/32nd of an inch – and rounded up volunteers: Bill Watts, Bill Cottrell, Robert Kraus, Ben Jerrnigan and Luke

Then came the shopping: 6-1/2

sheets of ¾-inch plywood, four sheets of ½-inch plywood, hinges, full-extension ball-bearing drawer slides, various hardware, polyurethane, and paint.

'The cost of a sheet of plywood has shot up to \$80 for a 3/4-inch sheet and \$65 for the ½-inch," Keitz said. "The drawer slides were only \$7 a pair for 14 pairs.'

Work began in August and finished in mid-October. Various combinations of the volunteers would gather for 10 or 12 work sessions of three to four hours – although at least one went on for seven hours.

The team used a table saw, handheld router, panel clamps, nail guns, gage blocks, straight-edge rulers, hand drills, router table, shelf pin drilling jig and lots of big clamps.

The cabinet has glued dado joints with some nail gun nails - except the back is dadoed in and screwed to the sides, top, bottom and cross shelf support pieces. The drawers are glued dado and rabbet joints with the bottoms glued and nailgunned on.

There are 84 wooden pieces in the drawers and only nine pieces in the cabinet, not counting six adjustable shelves in the top section.

Were there alterations to the plans? Cottrell remembers making double pulls for most of the 14 drawers only to discover a wider, centered pull worked better on the wide drawers.

When the 650-plus pound cabinet was nearly finished and shoved into place, the shop area was reorganized for a new lathe, and they found a better place for the cabinet and added wheels to make future moves easier.

Kraus became the group's troubleshooter. Watts spent a lot of time on getting the drawers together – a very precise operation. Jerrnigan was especially involved in the final assembly. Mullen was the main one to polyurethane the cabinet before paint. Keitz's wife, Janice, did most

of the painting.

And who chose the paint color? The group considered many colors, and Keitz ended up choosing a neutral brown. "Anything else on something this big would dominate in the shop," he said.

Once assembled, painted, and

moved to its new location, they realized the backside looked unfinished to anyone looking in one of the windows. Thank goodness they put on wheels to move it forward for more painting.

The best part of the job? "Getting done."

"Testing drawers – and having a perfect fit.

"Just the joy of working togeth-



Luke Mullen, Ben Jernigan, Bill Watts, Robert Kraus, Dave Keitz and Bill Cottrell.



The cabinet at the halfway point.

Δ I ittle Friendly **Competition**

Bv Athena Drewes

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season. It is hard to believe that 2022 is drawing to a close and 2023 will be swiftly arriving. January will bring board elections. Directors Paul Stadterman, president; Jim Swift, treasurer, and Athena Drewes, secretary, have stated they are willing to continue on the board.

January also brings membership renewal and an opportune time for all who may have considered joining. Dues for the year is only \$10, which entitles you to become part of a great group of passionate players, with unlimited playing and special events, like playing with other 55-plus table tennis clubs, which recently occurred with the Oak Runners.

What a great time. We had 12 Oak Run table tennis club members sign up to play and 23 of our own club members. It was a wonderful time of getting to know each other and having friendly play across seven ping pong tables. This was a longawaited event. We had planned in March 2020 to have the Oak Runners join us for an afternoon of fun



Table tennis pin.

but had to cancel. It has taken us over two years, but we were happy to be able to get together.

We all enjoyed the friendship and experiencing different styles of play. Everyone attending also received a special pin showing a paddle hitting a ball, and a ping pong table in the background. We look forward to other opportunities to invite Oak Run players back, as well as forge new friendships with oth-

er neighboring table tennis clubs. and you hit it, no point is lost, but thanks to members Sammy Hsu and Michael Lowe for arranging and coordinating the pattern of play and to Oak Runners Club President Paul Pickard for bringing out

his players. Recently members have asked me if they lose a point because they hit a ball coming at them that has not hit the table first. You need to let the ball bounce on the table before you hit it. If you don't wait, you lose the rally and point. The bottom line - if you are the one who hit the ball and your opponent touches it before it bounces on their side, inside the white lines, you take the point. However, if the ball has cleared the table, gone past the white end line,

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



The fall golf season is in full swing and our 18-holers have been

Congratulations to Sandy Snyder, our 2022 league champion, who battled to a two-day total of 156 to capture the honors in October! Thanks to all who participated.

The Veterans Day Tournament with luncheon and meeting was a huge success, with donations received for our 2022 charity, Hospice of Marion County. Officers for the 2023 board of directors were voted on, and the league is grateful to have returning: President Linda Taylor; Vice President Jill Strey; Secretary Mary Jeannotte; and Treasurer Lynn Barber. The league charity for 2023 is Michele-O-Gram, a local, non-profit that assists individuals in Marion County who cannot afford mammograms. General budget for 2023 was approved, and annual dues are now \$22.

The league will hold a holiday luncheon and awards ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 7, at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Membership is now at 106 golfers, as we welcome new member, Terry Lemesh!

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.

Three Best Ball Net (Team)

Oct. 11/The Links

Tie at 212–May Chin, Mary Dawson, Iro Lisinski, Bobbie Wiener and Vickie Noltensmeyer, Diane Boston, Betty McNeely, Liz Lang. 214–Liz Pruss, Joyce Jones, Susan Martin, Debby Wilson. 215–Lilly Gee, Maria Fournier, Donna Isaac, Sandy Chase. 218–Terry Wilks, Virginia Combs, Katie Schriewer, Karen Schroeckenthaler.

Player's Delight–Two Best Ball Net (Team) Oct. 25/The Links

151–Darlene DeBerry, Linda Blewitt, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Iro Lisinski. 154–Bobbie Wiener, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Molly Lucieer. 157–Gail Lagrange, Gretchen Normandin, Eileen Gustavus. Tie at 159–Diane Boston, Connie Sohl, Nancy Zielinski, May Chin and Linda Taylor, Page Falconer, Liz Pruss, Cynthia Gersten. 161–Bev Ovrebo, Jill Strey, Peggy



Newly elected 2023 LGA-18 officers are Treasurer Lynn Barber; Vice President Jill Strey; and President Linda Taylor. Not pictured is Secretary Mary Jeannotte.

Wiechmann, Virginia Madura.

Low Gross/Low Net (Individual) Nov. 1/The Tortoise & The Hare Gross

Flight 1: 86–Mary Ann Livingston. 88–Lisa Free.

Flight 2: 89–Peggy Ellenberger. 95–Page Falconer. Flight 3: 94–Marte Dobosh. 96–Connie Nor-

ris. Flight 4: 94–Karen Schroeckenthaler. 97– Jean Hsu. Flight 5: 100–Liz Lang. 105–Pam Brown. **Net**

Flight 1: 74–Lynn Colomb. 76–Marcela Nunez. Flight 2: 77–Judi McGuinness. 78–Vickie Noltensmeyer.

Flight 3: 75–Katie Schriewer. 78–Linda Blewitt.

Flight 4: 74–Virginia Madura. 78–Liz Pruss. Flight 5: 73–Jacquelin Randour. 81–Susan Yenne.

Red, White, Blue – Two Best Ball Net (Team) Nov. 8/The Links

97–Bobbie Wiener, Jill Strey, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Jacquelin Randour. 100–Bev Ovrebo, Gretchen Normandin, Debby Wilson, Ronda Richley. 101–Linda Taylor, Connie Sohl, Pam Brown, Donna Brunell. 102–Lynn Colomb, Katie Schriewer, MJ Strelec, Iro Lisinski. Tied at 103–Maria Fournier, Judi McGuiness, Liz Pruss, Kathy Zunica and Mary Ann Livingston, Page Falconer, Molly Lucieer, Beverly Meirick.



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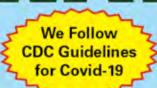
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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky

The league President's Cup Championship was held Thursdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. This all net event was won by Gail Lagrange. Congratulations, Gail, on playing two excellent rounds!

The FSGA has asked Candler Hills to participate in interclub matches with other local groups. These matches will begin on Jan. 4, 2023. If you are interested in play-

ing, please contact Shelly Karsnitz. We have three new members to the league – Terry Lemesh, Nancy Zielinski, and Maria Bennett. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them.

Golf etiquette can be complicated of which we need to be cognizant. Kindness and thoughtfulness go a long way in making this work. We all do some things inadvertently like talking or driving a golf cart when someone is hitting. Most players, however, are respectful when playing this game. Sometimes, this game can create negative thoughts, so try to take something positive from every hole.

League was cancelled on Oct. 20 so Candler Hills could host our annual Michele-O-Gram tournament. The money raised goes to women in Marion County who cannot afford mammograms. 132 players participated in this worthy event and \$2,602 was raised. A big thank you goes out to everyone who made this a success.

The holiday party is on Thursday, Dec.15, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. It is always a fun night to eat, drink and be merry. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

The Candler Hills LGA is open to any resident woman. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz at karsnitz1@gmail. com. It's a great way to meet some new ladies.

Finally, be careful out there and believe, achieve, and enjoy golf. Stableford Two Best of Four (Team)

Oct. 13 81-Christine Giza, Jean Hsu, Janette Sheil, Jonell Washburn. 79-Michele Otto, Virginia Madura, Jean Czachor, Blind. 77–MJ Strelec, Patti Kelly, Beth Wolinsky, Vickie Foster. 75–Joyce Jones, Eileen Gustavus, Iro Lisinski, Blind. 72–Maria Fournier, Donna Isaac, Peggy

Shanfelt, Pam Brown. President's Cup Championship (Individual) **Oct. 27 and Nov. 3**

Overall Winner: Gail Lagrange Flight 1: 146-Linda Taylor. 148-Christine Giza. 150–Mary Ann Livingston.

Flight 2: 150-Beverly Ovrebo. 152-Joyce Jones. 153–Page Falconer. Flight 3: Tie at 150-Judie Anderson, MJ Str-

Flight 4: 145-Beth Wolinsky. 149-Virginia

Madura.

Flight 5: 155–Carol Clark. 159–Pam Brown. Flight 6: 150–Sue Fierce.164–Lynn Barber.

Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



Board elections for the Men's Golf Association (MGA) will take place during lunch on Chicken Day, Wednesday, Dec. 7. Ballots will be distributed after league play; voting will commence; and three new board members will be elected for

Membership renewals will also begin on Chicken Day. Remember, dues are \$25 for 2023 and you must be a member to play in our weekly

events beginning in January.
The current MGA membership is 296. Please welcome our newest members Gene Paradis, Jeffrey Holmes, Michael Dwyer, Larry Newbold, and Gary Bugielski. According to Golf Genius, the top

MGA prize winners for 2022 (up to and including Nov. 9) are Joseph Dunnack, Ruben Alvarez, David Clune, Thomas Norris, James Gourlay, Greg McDowell, Larry Manion, Garfield Gray, David Garland, and Charlie Taylor.

Mark these upcoming Wednesdays in your calendar:

- Dec. 7: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- Dec. 14: One, Two, Three Best Balls – Team (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Dec. 21: Quota Points Team (The Links)
- Dec. 28: Santa Shuffle, Two Best Balls – Team (The Tortoise & The Hare)

Three Best Ball (Team) Oct. 26/The Tortoise & The Hare

202-Anthony Morris, Jim Lefaver, Raymond Hendrix, Mike Stanford. 211-Greg McDowell, Joe Aldridge, David Garland, John Sutherland. 215-Charlie Taylor, David Emmons, Donald

Wheeler, Bill Aman. Tie at 217-David Clune, James Gourlay, James Thompson, Gerald Schneider: Joe Wilks, Douglas Kelchner, Richard Deschenes, Thomas Norris. 218-David Fosdick, Gary Hassett, Dennis McCourt, Loren Magsam. Tie at 219-Sam Feola, Thomas Martinetto: John Parnau, Jerry Schroeckenthaler, Jim Nicholson, Tary Bole. Tie at 220–Ken Zweiback, Doug Penrod, Joseph Mandala, Charles Regini; Dan Goggin, Eugene Paradis, Norm Hayworth, Bill Peterson; Lyle Gave, Richard Roark, David Hannasch, Leonard Ruble.

Chicken Day Scramble Nov. 2/The Links

Tie at 55-Rusty Rhodes, Tom Nutt, Mike Stanford; Larry Manion, David Emmons, Philip Petrozella, John Hartney. Tie at 56-Donald Wheeler, Ken Zweiback, Eric Anderson, Joseph Dunnack; Matt Raies, Anthony Morris, David Miller, Steve Becker: David Wohlleber, David Fosdick, Roy Coombes, Paul Silliman; William (Bill) Truby, Ralph Norton, Joseph Mandala, Leonard Ruble. Tie at 57–Ruben Alvarez, Joe Wilks, Danny Newby, David Bauer; Bob Flynn, Jeff Holmes, Garfield Gray, Steve Skonecke; Joe Polizzotti, Eugene Paradis, John Yenne, John Spielvogel

Low Net (Individual) Nov. 9/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 74–Anthony Morris. 76–Greg Mc-Dowell. Tie at 77–Joe Moenter, Jeff Holmes. Flight 2: Tie at 76-Ken Zweiback, Doug Buckler. 77-Ron Pratt. Tie at 78-Brian Wilder, James Gourlay.

Flight 3: 74–Charlie Taylor. Tie at 78–Sam Feola, Ralph Norton. Tie at 79-John Parnau, Marvin DeBerry, Garfield Gray.

Flight 4: 76–Gary Hassett. 79–James McCormack. Tie at 80-Bigelow Robinson, Mike Key. Flight 5: 72-David Garland. Tie at 73-David Hannasch, Eric Anderson. 74–Dwight Weirich. Flight 6: 74-Jim Nicholson. 76-Joseph Dunnack. 78–Joseph Mandala.

Flight 7: 77-Mario Grosso. 78-Michael Dwyer. 81-Leonard Ruble. 82-Paul Randles. Flight 8: 76-Thomas Norris. 77-Mike Lane. Tie

Candler Hills Men's Golf

Rick Pettit



As a newly elected board member of this fine organization, I will also be writing the monthly col-umn. First, I would like to thank all members who cast their ballots for this year's vote as well as those who volunteered to run for the three open positions. The new board with

officers and committees consist of the following members: President Bill Gurbisz; Vice President Mike Kelly; Treasurer Ken Zweiback; Secretary Mike Cunningham; communications – Rick Pettit; handicap – Bill Wignall and Dave Falcone; social - Dave Falcone and Danny Ball; advisory committee - Bill Wignall; and website - Edwin Viloria.

The board met Thursday, Nov. 3, to vote and approve new officers as well as to offer a big thank you to outgoing President David Steel, Vice President Charlie Taylor, and Secretary Hal Levine.

- Dec. 6: Four-person Scram-
- Dec. 13: Flighted Stableford

(Team) Let's get a great turnout for all December events. These tournaments are a lot of work by the pro-fessional staff so let's do our best

and encourage our buddies to sign

as he knocked one in from the fairway on hole #3 for eagle! Another eagle was achieved by Mike Cun-

Keep your head down.





The Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club invites and welcomes all residents and guests interested in cycling regardless of cycling ability. Beginner, intermediate, or advanced? All are welcome and will find cyclists of similar interests and

each week, usually at the Power

Now that the weather has cooled off a bit, the cycling is great! Grab your helmet and let's ride! For in-

at 78-Barry Barringer, Bob Lang.

The upcoming Tuesday golf events are as follows:

- Dec. 20: Four-person Quota

up. Please note that there is no golf event Tuesday, Dec. 27. Congratulations to Kenny Franks ningham on hole #14. Congratulations to Mike.

Our golf course is in great shape heading into winter play so let's all do our part to help maintain its condition. Fix your ball marks, and please keep carts on all par three cart paths.

Cycling Club

abilities! The club meets two or more times

Park on SW 90th Street. Special rides or excursions are occasionally scheduled by group members. The Santos Trail here in Ocala, and the Withlacoochee Trail in Dunnellon, Hernando, and Inverness are favorite haunts of the group. Schedules are published on our Facebook page (Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club).

formation, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088, or join the club Facebook group.

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Golf

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The holiday season is upon us, and the golf staff would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

We will kick off the season with our first annual World Naughty or Nice event Friday, Dec. 9, at Candler Hills Golf Club. The format will be two person teams six/six/ six. First six holes best ball, second six-hole alternate shot and last six holes scramble. Register as a twosome and we will pair based on

team handicap. Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. For Andy Jorgensen and his staffs to provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your

feet and not drag them across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses.

The golf staff would like to remind everyone to register or renew your golf membership for 2023. If you're renewing your membership or considering joining for 2023, please contact Mike Barry at 352-854-2765 with any questions. We encourage everyone to register early in December because the membership office will become very busy the closer we get to Jan. 1. Óperating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Need some gift ideas for the holidays? Well, we will be having our annual holiday sale beginning Thursday, Dec. 15 through Dec. 31. There will be special discounts on apparel, golf bags and golf shoes. Be sure to check out Santa's lucky leftover table. If you spend \$100 in one transaction you get entered into a raffle to win a new golf bag.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Chris Giza, holein-one #8. Ken Franks, eagle #3. George Allen, hole-in-one #13. David Metzger, hole-in-one #17. Mike Cunningham, eagle #14. Ken Zweiback, shot his age 77.

THE LINKS: Dan Szall, eagle #16. Joe Szall, hole-in-one #6.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Matt Raies, eagle #10. Lynne Dickson, hole-in-one # 11.

Congratulations to all for these

fine accomplishments. **Upcoming Events & Holiday Hours**

- Friday, Dec. 9: World Naughty or Nice at Candler Hills Golf Club with 9 a.m. shotgun start.
- Dec. 16: Candy Cane Open at The Links with 9 a.m. shotgun start.
- Saturday, Dec. 24: Golf Clubs close at 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 25: Golf Clubs closed.
- Saturday, Dec. 31: Golf Clubs
- close at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023: Golf

Clubs close at 2 p.m.

Golf Tip of the Month

You hit your second shot in a greenside bunker, you need to get up and down to save par and win the match. You step up to the shot, dig your feet in and take a swing. Next you look up to see the ball sailing clear across the green. Does this sound familiar?

This is a common mistake that all golfers make. Most are defeated before they even set foot in the bunker. Bunker shots should be easier than any other shot in golf. The reason being is you're not actually trying to hit the ball.

When hitting a greenside bunker shot you should open your stance and club. Swing a little harder than a typical shot from the same distance and try and hit an inch behind the ball. Never decelerate your swing. This will allow your club to dig into the sand forcing the ball to pop out nice and soft. Next time step in that bunker with confidence, trust the shot and win the match.

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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

Dec. 6: 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. Dec. 13: Four Clubs and a Putter – Three Best Ball - Team Net (The Links) is where each player will choose four clubs from their bag to play the entire round of golf with, plus their putter (total of five clubs). The scoring will be the three best ball of the four. Dec. 20: Red, White, Blue -Individual Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every golfer plays their normal round of golf, but on the par fours, the ladies will tee off from the white colored (150yard markers) and on the par fives, the ladies will tee off from the blue colored (200yard markers). On the par

threes, the normal orange colored ("red") tee boxes will

be used. Dec. 27: Team Scramble (The Links) is where every player 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. Each player will also get one mulligan (second chance) to use anywhere on the golf course.

Can you believe we're already heading into the holiday season? It's truly crazy how fast this year has gone. With that being said, it's that time of year where it gets dark early. So, anyone who wants to get those rounds of golf in the evening in, especially if you play 18 holes, please remember this when booking a tee time. Based on how busy we are starting to get, please consider trying to book a tee time no later than 3 p.m. for 18 holes. The 2 p.m. time zone, because of the price drop, is really starting to pick up with tee times getting booked up at least six days in advance. We look forward to everyone playing golf and want everyone to have the most enjoyable time while playing here at On Top of the World! I hope everyone has wonderful holiday

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



We had our annual pizza get-together Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Veterans Park. This was a total club affair. We had all three shifts, plus the ten-pin players. It was great to have everyone get together, since we all play at different times. We also played a few games, shared a few laughs, and just had a great

We have an introductory class on the second Saturday of the month. This month, it will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety, and basics for shooting the disc. Opentoed shoes are not permitted. Paul Hodges is the instructor. We will play at the Veterans Park on the courts. Any information that is needed, call me at 352-854-9378.

October

Monday 9 a.m.: Robert Sapiro/Vicki Lentz. 33-Walt Lamp. 30-Vicki Lentz. Tuesday 1 p.m.: Lou Fisher & Henry Erickson/ Edith Kolb. 30-Jane Boyer. 30-Phil Weiner.

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R/C Flyers Club

Dan Gaffin



The R/C Flyers Club is fortunate to have several members who still appreciate the art of building their own aircraft either from a kit or from scratch. The skill of building your own aircraft can truly expand the overall enjoyment that you get from the hobby of R/C aircraft.

One such builder is Raymond Ihlenburg. Ray and his wife Lynn moved here two and a half years ago and were drawn here by the all the amenities available. And of course, the R/C Flyers and the flying field was at the top of Ray's list that made it easy for the decision to move here.

Ray first became interested in the building of R/C planes at the age of eight. He and his father would work on the planes together. That was the beginning of his life-long love of the hobby.

Ray graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with a degree in civil engineering. He then moved to Floyds Knobs, Indiana and accepted a position as a consulting engineer in the design and construction of municipal waste and water purification systems. A position he held

for 48 years. His experiences as an engineer have been a great asset as he has become a master builder of R/C aircraft and has built 60 airplanes over the years. His first actual radio-controlled flight of a plane was in 1970.

Currently Ray has eight airplanes in his fleet. The most current aircraft he is working on is an Old School Model Works kit – a Curtis Robin. The Curtis Robin has an 80-inch wingspan and is powered by an electric motor using a six cell battery and also has navigation lights built into the plane. Ray's experience and expertise of building and piloting is another one of the many assets of the R/C Flyers Club's members. Guys like Ray can be a wealth of information to another pilot.

Ray will start a new venture in the R/C Flyers Club beginning in January 2023. He has accepted the position of writer of the club's column in the World News. We welcome Ray in this new position, and we know he will do an amazing job.

If you are considering joining the R/C Flyers Club, 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 and to talk with the pilots and learn how this hobby has enriched their retirement years.







Driving remote control cars, watching races, admiring paint jobs, observing significant crashes, and enjoying the friendship of fellow racers is all great fun and rewarding. To visitors and new members these are what they initially watch and enjoy. For those reasons, many choose to join the R/C Car Club. But there's extra fun hidden "under the hood!" This column will reveal some more detailed aspects of our hobby.

First, you will need to buy a car/truck that is battery powered with a two-cell LIPO battery and one-tenth scale, available at hobby stores or online. Most members buy "ready to run" (RTR) vehicles, while others may choose a kit car that requires knowledge and tedious building skills. Either way the fun starts here. You and your vehicle are ready to roll.

The fun ramps up as you learn to drive. Learn to drive? Yes, you have to learn to race. With some practice time and patience, you too, can drive like Richard Petty. Aside from club events, you may use the track any time. Often other members will be there to assist you, if needed.

At last, it's the big day. Most will start in our novice class, designed for the beginner. You are welcome to remain in this class until you start winning regularly. Then you will begin to compete with regular

race classes. And it just gets more and more fun.

But oh, there's more ... now you are really getting the hang of it. You win a race or two and have developed nerves of steel. But there are a few competitors you can't quite catch in a race. So, what to do? Aside from the driver, tires are 80% of a car's ability around the track. Tire options include slicks, profile, and rubber chemistry to keep you on track. After consulting other members, you pick a new set, install and you become more competitive.

More fun? Yep! You have the skills, the car, and the tires. Yet, you still can't catch those other ladies or men during race heats. Though they are now your "best friends forever" (BFF), you acquire an "I have to show them mentality!" What to do? Put in faster gears and a more powerful motor, or maybe ask a champion veteran like Dennis Berry for speed tips. Soon, you are presented with your first champion certificate at a club meeting.

This club was founded over seven years ago with the basic premise of having fun. Call Fred Penichet 914-588-7293 for more information. Race days are at 1 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays.

October

Novice-Paul Altman. Truggy-Paul Burrey. Tie at two-wheel buggy-Paul Burrey and Dave Johnson. Four-wheel buggy-Ron Kaulfersch. Two-wheel truck-Bob Melzer. Four-wheel truck-Tony Chicote. Touring-Mike Main. Pan car-Dominic Papa. Traxxas-Dave Johnson.

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R/C car race day visitors and members.



Ray Ihlenburg with Curtis Robin aircraft.

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Cornhole Club



With the departure of daylight saving time, the Cornhole Člub's open play sessions are now Mondays and Wednesdays, at 4 p.m., and Fridays, at 10 a.m. Participation in our open play sessions continues to be relatively heavy, but manageable with current venue capabilities.

League play is in full swing with the "Old Pokes" and the "Gator Duo" leading the pack in the mixed league. The ladies league is doing well with 14 ladies enjoying the action in the non-competitive portion of the league, and four teams vying for dominance on the competitive side, with the "Bagger Babes" leading the competition.

Introduction to cornhole in November, was once again, an unqualified success with a group of 20 interested residents in attendance. As usual, the most often heard phrase was "not as easy as it looks" as prospective cornhole champs practiced throwing a onepound bag 27 feet to hit a two-foot by four-foot board and slide the bag into a six-inch circle. We are fortunate to have our resident cornhole expert emeritus, Bill Ballweg, conducting these regular sessions to introduce residents to this fun, and fast-growing activity.

Introduction to cornhole will be on hiatus during the holiday season but will resume in early 2023. Look for dates/times in the January column, or on Facebook (OTOW Chatroom or OTOW Friends and Neigh-

OPEN PLAY: Open play continues to be well attended, with the scheduling changes having no effect on participation. We expect open play attendance to diminish somewhat during the holiday season, but strongly rebound in January. If you have played cornhole, or have an interest in the game, feel free to attend one of our open play sessions to see what our club is all about, and maybe join in the fun.

LEAGUE PLAY: Competition in the mixed league is particularly tough with two very strong teams leading the pack. The Old Pokes (Bill and Brenda Andrews) and Gator Duo (Ron and Barb Daughtry) are dominating the competition so far with nine wins and zero losses, but competing teams are not far behind. In the competitive ladies league, the Bagger Babes (Brenda Andrews and Chris Lopez) are leading the pack.



All pickleball courts in use.







The Top Pickleball Club annual meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom. It is an all-important event to the club at which time we will elect officers, share information, set dues, and welcome input from members.

Our bylaws require that we have a quorum of 20% of the membership (which means 120 as we approach 600 members!) to be able to conduct our business, so it is critical that all members make the supreme effort to be there.

This club is, no doubt, one of the most successful in all On Top of the World, so it behooves us all to attend and show our support. Your attendance will be a tangible sign of recognition to our outgoing board of directors, incoming Directors, and the many volunteers who have made this club what it is today.

For residents who have not yet discovered the magic of pickleball, our club is standing by, with open arms, awaiting your arrival. Our remarkable growth is primarily from people who have never played the game before. They attend the free, no obligation, orientation session held every Monday morning, or the one held on the first Saturday of the month, both at 10:30 a.m., on the pickleball courts, next to the Recreation Center. A warning here: most who attend become "hooked" on the game.

Pickleball is a game that delivers much fun with little skill. I believe this is why it is the fastest growing sport in America. That, as well as the fact that it is one of the most social sports ever. You owe it to your-

self to give it a try.
I'm sure the above paragraph sounds like a sales pitch, but it is only motivated by those who want to share the fun they have discovered. Our mission statement reads: "The Top Pickleball Club, Inc. is a social, non-profit organization, formed to provide fun, friendly, and healthy recreational activities through the sport of pickleball."

It would be remiss to not recognize our board of directors who have so unselfishly spent untold hours this year for the benefit of our club. Many thanks from all of us to President Andy Woods, Vice President David Woitek, Secretary Joyce Mosely, Treasurer Shizuka Campagna, and Directors Herb Katz, Steve Schlesselman, and Jim Sipe.



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Tennis





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And, for those who did not learn tennis earlier in life, POP tennis is a very good alternative because it takes a lot less time to learn and obtain the same benefits of traditional tennis. POP tennis is played on a smaller court, with softer balls which allow for longer rallies, shorter number of games and more social exchange. It's not as demanding as traditional tennis. If

you have not tried it yet, come to the tennis facility and find out for yourself.

Mental Components

In my last column, I touched upon one of several important mental components in the sport of tennis – confidence. Now I would like to discuss another one which is probably just as important – temperament.

Temperament is the development of a stable and ideal manner of thinking, behaving, and reacting that is characteristic of a successful tennis player. A player with a good temperament stays positive and level-headed and shows his/her emotions in a match in a positive way, no matter what the situation. This type of temperament, the kind in which a player can stay mentally focused in a match, is the key to being successful. It is important for

players to control their tempers and be able to solve problematic match situations with a positive attitude.

A bad temperament happens when a player becomes physically and verbally angry and loses his/her cool during a match because things are not going his/her way, often throwing his/her racquet, screaming and yelling at himself/herself. It also manifests itself in negative self-talk. This type of frustration has a profound negative effect on a player's game because it gives way to a lack of focus. It also allows the opponent to have hope that the frustration will let him/her swing the match his way and get a mental advantage.

Tennis can be a frustrating sport. But it is all about who can solve the problems and who handles the problems the best on a court. That's a big part of mental toughness and mind control.

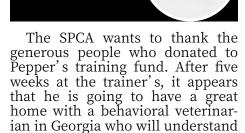
If you have a temperament that is very unstable you are not going to have much of a chance to sustain success in something like tennis. Temperament can be your friend, or it can be your enemy. The most important part of temperament is stability. A player must have stability and must learn to curve and channel that temperament or he/she will not have enduring success.

No matter what a player's natural temperament, the fact that a successful player's ideal temperament is "a balance of fire and ice." You need inner calmness while you need the urgency of action. When things are unpredictable in a fast action situation, you must have a still head, internally and physically. The best way to learn this is through drills, recreating tough situations, balancing both ends of the spectrum, without losing control.

See you on the courts!

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Melanie Vittitow



him and his issues.

We also thank all those who continue to contribute to our Pet Meals on Wheels program. Just to clarify what we need; we use "made in America" dry dog and cat food. We add treats to the doggie bags and small three-ounce cans of cat food

for the kitties. Medium and large dog bones are preferred. We also go through tons of gallon sized baggies. Donations can be brought to Evelyn Holiday's porch (8880-C SW 94th Street in Friendship Colony), or to our table at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market on Thursdays. We also accept blankets, towels, toys, leashes, and other petrelated items. What we can't use is forwarded to either the Humane Society, Marion County Animal Services, or other rescues that have a kennel or facilities.

Rosie Gutierez of Sweetwater Rescue and Rehab in Williston, Florida came to our October meeting to fill us in on her operation. She started with her love of horses and expanded from there. She has people who help but can always use more volunteers. If you have an interest in caring for animals but don't want to foster one in your home, go check her out.

Since this is the December issue, I want to remind those of you who have pets in your home to take care that the animal doesn't get into the decorations or people food. I think they can tolerate a few pieces of turkey if you just have to indulge them; but no skin or anything with onions or spices or lots of sugar in it. As far as the tree is concerned, if you have a curious or lively pet, keep the breakable ornaments out of reach (not so easy if it's a cat!). If you are expecting company and your pet is not used to having lots of people around, keep them in a separate room. Contrary to being cruel by locking them away, you are being kind by keeping them from being stressed. Hopefully this timely reminder will help make your holidays merry for both you and your animals.

If you are interested in joining us, our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala, Florida. There will be no meeting in December. The next one will be Jan. 19, 2023. Mark your calendar now.

You can also check out our Facebook page (Marion County Fl SPCA) or our website [SPCAofMarion-County.Weebly.com]. Or call us at 352-362-0985 if you have any questions. And always remember: "Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."

Democratic Club





Our club does not meet in December due to the holidays, so this gives me an opportunity to review this year's events.

We met a stimulating group of speakers including Bert Perkins (Bridges Project), Martin Hoffert (The Big Lie and the Attack on the Capitol), School Board Chair Eric Cummings, Florida 3 Democratic Congressional candidate Danielle Hawk, Florida State Senate District 9 Democratic candidate Rodney Long, Marion County Commission write-in candidates Brian Donnelly and Gina Capone, Rod Broker (The Curious History of the Pledge of Allegiance) and Judy Johnson (the Constitutional amendments on the November ballot).

There was amusement and newly learned facts at our annual audio-visual trivia contest in March – testing our members' knowledge of American politics, civics, government, and geography. We enjoyed great food, prizes, and fun at our 10th birthday dinner in August. We met some candidates and ate delicious ice cream at Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream in October.

Next year, we look forward to changes in our board of directors when we will elect new officers at our March meeting. Please start thinking about participating on the

Because our club does not collect dues, your attendance at our meetings is the only way that we can be sure that our membership roster is correct. If you have not attended at least one meeting this year in September, October, or November, you will be deleted from our membership list unless you contact us before Dec. 31. You may use the contact information at the end of this column. If you are deleted, it is easy to rejoin the club by attending a future meeting and completing the short registration form.

Enjoy the holidays and have a happy and healthy new year.

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, Ocala). You are not alone!

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Sneak Peek Fitness 2023!

The new year is jam packed with lots of exciting fitness opportunities. The big announcement is the addition of "Punch Out PD." We are thrilled to offer a new class that will help combat the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Additionally, we planned several specialty classes to foster fitness. Here is a sneak peek at a few of the programs coming in 2023. Be sure to check the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog that will accompany your January 2023 World News for a complete listing of classes and programs.

Recreation Fitness Center

"Walk and Run for Fitness" will take place Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. Heather Yonce, a professional running coach, will lead this 90-minute workshop. Heather will provide guidance on how to start a walking or running program, and then how to progress to the next level. All fitness levels welcome.

"African Dance" will take place Monday Feb. 27, 2023, at 11 a.m. Guest instructor, DeNaya Wilkerson, will lead an authentic, African dance class. Rooted in both traditional and contemporary styles, join DeNaya for this vibrant, rhythmic experience.

"Dance the Line" will be a new addition to our regular lineup of classes starting March 3, 2023. This unique line dancing class combines fitness and fun. "Dance the Line" incorporates high-energy music for line dancing at a workout pace.

Arbor Fitness Center

"Punch Out PD" is a new class to help combat the symptoms of Parkinson's disease and will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. This circuit style, boxing class incorporates power training to strengthen muscles and confidence. Come out swinging in 2023 and knock out

Parkinson's symptoms.

"FOD 101" Fitness On Demand (FOD) is a virtual training service that allows users to access fitness classes virtually at any time. Join us Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., and we will show you all the features of this virtual platform and demonstrate how easy it is for you to "pick-click-start" a custom workout anytime the room is available. Exclusive to residents are World Class Active Aging workouts geared specifically for active agers. FOD offers fitness classes at the tip of your finger!

Welcome the new year with a renewed commitment to aging actively! Exercise is vital for supporting health and wellbeing. At On Top of the World there are so many ways to get moving! For more information on any of these programs, please call 352-387-7532.

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RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8:00 am | Dance Aerobics DENISE P. | Strength & Stretch DENISE B. | Warrior MAUREEN | Strength & Stretch DENISE B. | Dance Aerobics DENISE B. |
| 9:00 am | S.O.S. DENISE P. | Dance Aerobics | S.O.S. | Dance Aerobics DENISE B. | S.O.S. |
| 10:00 am | Balance Body LORI | Chair Yoga KATHY | Balanced Body | Chair Yoga KATHY | Balanced Body INGRID |
| 11:00 am | Get Fit While You Sit | Brain Power CAMMY & SUE | Get Fit While You Sit | Move to Improve Parkinson's | Get Fit While You Sit |
| 11:00 am Recreation Ballroom | Zumba* Gold | | Zumba* Gold | | Dance Aerobics |
| 1:00 pm | | Fitness Orientation* | | Balance Assessment* | |
| 2:00 pm | | | | Tai Chi ART | |
| 3:00 pm | Blended Yoga JOE | | Chair Yoga TRISH | Qi Gong ART | |
| 5:00 pm | | Intro Hatha Yoga KATHY | | Yoga sandra | |

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM
*Fitness Crientations and Ralance Assessments are free Space is limited To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 753

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 9:00 am | Yoga sandra | Pilates Fusion | Yoga JOE | Pilates Fusion BRENDA | Yoga MELANIE |
| 10:00 am | STRONG MAUREEN | Yoga sandra | STRONG GIB | Yoga MAUREEN | STRONG JOHN |
| 11:00 am | Yoga MAUREEN | | Yoga TRISH | | |
| 1:00 pm | | | | Fitness Orientation* | |

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

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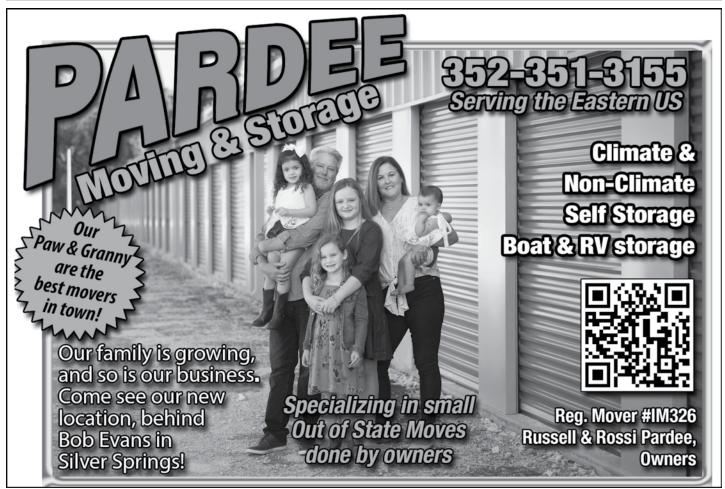
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6:00 am | Lap Swimming | Lap Swimming | Lap Swimming | 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 Swim | Shallow Water Fitness Class** | Open Swim | Shallow Water Fitness Class** | Open Swim |
| 11:00 am - 12:30 pm | Lap Swimming | Lap Swimming | Lap Swimming | Lap Swimming | Lap Swimming |
| 12:30 pm | Aqua Aerobics Club | Shallow Water Fitness Class** | Aqua Aerobics Club | Shallow Water Fitness Class** | Aqua Aerobics Club |
| 1:30 pm | Open Swim | Water Volleyball Club | Water Volleyball Club | Water Volleyball Club | |
| 2:30 pm | Deep Water Fitness Class** | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | Open Swim |
| 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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Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



Our board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 19, was well attended. As per suggestion by Theresa Fields, each of our board members will have a club member in training for next season's board. Currently, we have enough members in training. We are also making changes to our introduction to our club, safety rules, and schedules. Copies will be

The weather has been good, so we were able to shuffle as sched-

Our sponsor, Michael Riley of Presentation of shuffleboard shirts. Estate and Retirement Resources presented 13 members with shuffleboard shirts. After the presentation, we had club sandwiches, chips, iced tea and cookies. Thank you to Marge Adragna and Sally Herrick for being our refreshment committee. Thank you to the ladies who helped with cleaning up, especially for taking out the garbage.

October

10-Elena Sumpter. 9-Kathy Kloos. 8-Dee Caple. 30-plus-Barb C., Dee, Gina, Elena, Lois N., Carol, Helen F., Christine, Deborah, Susan, Ruth, Kathleen, and Laura.

See the bulletin board for additional results. Merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah. Be safe. Happy shuffling. See you on the courts.





Sidekicks on partner dance night in October.

Sidekicks Western Dance

Judy Sullivan



Sitting here in front of my computer trying to figure out what dances and songs to use for the upcoming weeks has become my new activity for the last several months. Choosing dances and songs that most people will like is like looking at a menu from a diner and having to choose from so many options. It can feel overwhelming to choose; but luckily, most people are happy with the choices and are having fun, which makes it all worthwhile.

We are introducing one new dance every other week. It is then

reviewed the following week and danced at least two more times in one month period to keep practicing. Repetition is the key to remembering the newly learned steps.

The very first dance was Reminisce, taught by Roger and BJ Schwartz. The second dance was Trail of Tears, taught by Nancy and Jim Entinger. The third dance was Sweetheart Schottische, taught by Paula and Dave Shira. We have one more dance coming up before we have a short break for the holidays. We plan to keep introducing two new dances per month once we return in January.

The Halloween party in October was so much fun! Some of the brave souls got dressed up and they looked wonderful! Everyone brought delicious main courses, snacks, appetizers, and desserts we all ate until we couldn't eat any more. We burned off those calories by dancing and more dancing! Twelve dances were lined up with a mix of country western dance music and Halloween dance music. A 50/50 raffle was held, and the winner was Jack Hester. Congratulations, Jack!

We also had a huge turnout for the partner dance night on Thursday, Oct. 27. We danced pretty much all the dances.

The holiday party is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13, and then we will take the rest of the month off

for Tuesday dancing. From the beginner classes, several new dancers joined the club and hopefully will be a part of the Sidekicks family for a long time! Welcome Ronnie and Bill Angel!

Pati and Jan Bean; Mary and David Crouch; Jae and Ray Kallai; and Janis and Mark Kellogg.

Judy and Jim Sullivan are continuing to help lead the practice classes. If you are interested in joining the group agency head it out! ing the group, come check it out!

• Tuesdays (4:30 to 6 p.m.):

Weekly dance night in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Fridays (11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.): Weekly practice in the İndigo East Community Center Ballroom.

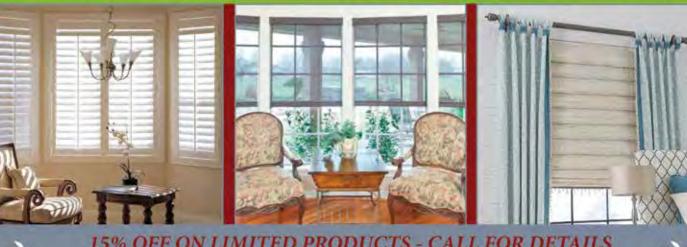
Fridays (12:30 to 1 p.m.): For Absolute Beginners who have never danced, in the Indigo East Community Center Ball-

Sundays (5 to 6 p.m.): Weekly practice led by Bill and Lois Hull in Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV.

If you are interested in dancing, we will do whatever we can to help you dance. See you soon. In the meantime, keep on dancing!



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Softball Club members Mark Reynolds, Ray Tobey, and Rex Heitz are working hard to replenish the Interfaith Emergency Services food bank.

Softball

Ernie Sersen

"Be joyful always and give thanks in all circumstances." – Apostle Paul

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all we have and should be grateful for. It's also an opportunity to dig deeper and explore what it means to be thankful. It's easy to be joyful and thankful when you are 16 to 4 on the season. Not so easy when you are two to 18. And yet, watch some of the guys on a two to 18 team, and you might find one or two smiling, happy, and just glad to be able to play and enjoy the game. I have always been more impressed with the quality of a man's character than the caliber of his performance. I guess it's just nice to know that no matter what the standings look like, there are shining examples all around us encouraging us to press on regardless of how badly we are getting hammered both on and off the field.

Adding more flavor to the quality of our club experience are the guys who have hearts for others, not only for the guys on our teams but for our larger community. Giving our time, talent, and effort in the service and support of others is the crème-de-la-crème of our human experience and offers us its greatest reward. Thanks to all who served, donated and helped the Interfaith Emergency Services organization replenish over 750 pounds of food for its food bank. You are a shining example to our community and wonderful testimony for our club.

wonderful testimony for our club.

If you are looking for a great

group of guys to hang out with and a way to start enjoying one of the greatest games in the country, then check us out at otowsoftball. org. We have a new player orientation program that meets at the field at 1 p.m. on Monday. If you are not ready for club-level softball, check out the less-formal co-ed league

that plays on Saturdays, at 9 a.m., or join us for batting practice on Sundays, at 9 a.m.

As our former writer Tom Sheridan said, "Softball is the greatest sport. Step onto the field, and you're 11 years old again." That is one of the reasons we still play and why so many are attracted to this sport.

Fit Tips



Holiday Temptations

The holiday season is here! With so many parties, lavish dinners, and melt-in-your -mouth desserts, it is very hard not to overeat. We typically cast our attempts to eat healthy aside and tell ourselves that we will start fresh in the new year. However, what if we started designing a plan early and avoided the roller coaster ride of weight gain all together. Preparation is key when it comes to success. Here are a few tips to help get you through the holidays and ring in 2023 fit and happy!

FIT TIP #1: Eat while seated. Try to avoid eating "on the go" or at your pantry.

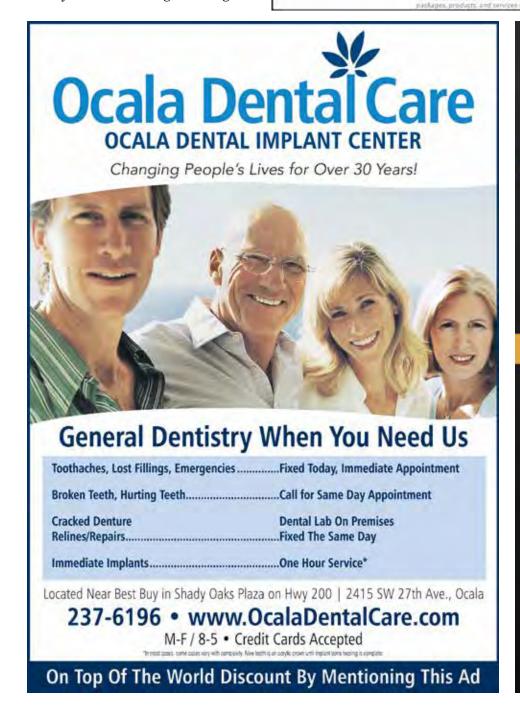
FIT TIP # 2: Track your diet. There are many apps available on your smart device that can help you track your calorie count and stay focused on your nutrition. Two good (free!) recommendations are Lose It and My Fitness Pal.

FIT TIP #3: Solicit support. Family and friends can play a big role in helping you to stay focused and navigate through the hazardousholiday food fare.

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Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



It is hard to believe that the year 2022 will soon end. Instructor Darlene Miller taught us many new line dances during the preceding 12 months. It was fun to hear different music and to learn new steps. Some dance songs, such as "Daydream Believer" by The Monkees, aren't heard often and the music gives us a chance to reminisce while we step

to a fun dance pattern. The last quarter of the year is the season for dance parties. In mid-October the Absolute Beginners and Beginner I classes participated

in a dance held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. There was a Halloween theme for Darlene's dance classes on Monday, Oct. 31. No new choreography was taught, giving each class

the opportunity to practice known dances. Many dancers wore Halloween costumes. It was fun to see the creativity and detail in the cos-

A holiday party is planned for

Monday, Dec. 12 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, however class times will be different. All Absolute Beginners will dance from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Improver Plus and Beginner II will dance for an hour starting at 2 p.m. Beginner I will dance from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Darlene will provide cookies. Dancers are encouraged to wear holiday themed clothing.

Dancing continues Thursdays, from 6 to 9 p.m. The list for the music and dances is available on webuse.com/otowdance.com.

For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact Darlene Miller at 352-259-3695.

Want to learn to country line dance? Or are you experienced and looking for more dance time? Come dance on Thursdays! Our motto is dance and have fun at the same time! Classes are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Improver/Intermediate; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Beginner/Beginner+; and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for Absolute Beginner. We have regular social dances where you can come and dance what you have learned in class. Classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. For more information, contact guest instructor Sheryl Bradley at 207-632-0252 or sbradley@yahoo.

Ballet

Eugenie Martin



It is hard to believe, but holiday time is here again. From Thanksgiving to New Year's, it seems to be constant partying. While it can be a lot of work for hosts and hostesses, it is a lot of fun for those who get together. The holidays affirm our circles of friends and family and are anticipated throughout the year.

However, the holidays also bring

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a lot of extra calories to many of us. That is when we turn to exercise even more than we might other times of the year. Many resolutions focus on "losing weight," or "getting into better shape.

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Newcomers are always welcome, and ballet clothes are not necessary to start. All that are needed are stretchy exercise clothes, socks for the feet, and a bottle of water, of course. Please call me at 352-854-8589 so I can direct you to the proper class for you. Our schedule is as follows:

- Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Advanced Beginner: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Intermediate: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Happy dancing!

Bocce Club



Have a ball with bocce ball! Bocce is an ideal game to enjoy

couples. We are having great weath-

Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. As of late, all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played Mondays and Wednesdays, 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 the draw.

Anyone who shows up can play, however as a new player, once you have played on three occasions you will be expected to join the league or open play, pay dues of \$12, and sign a "Release and Hold Harm-

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

The annual banquet will be held May 6, 2023, in the Recreation Cen-

We want to thank On Top of the World for pressure washing our courts and Jim for making us a tall sign-in table.

For further information, please contact Terry Connolly at 352-895-3866.

Come roll with us. All are wel-

Success and happiness come in different forms to many people. Some have natural abilities that allow them to stand out from childhood, while others develop their qualities through family example, nurturing, and bonding; then find their inner strength through persistence and qualities developed by

chance and circumstance.

Co-Ed Recreational

Softball

Sherry Winn

Co-Ed Recreational Softball player Bernie Boissert is one of those people. Childhood interest in slot cars and remote-control cars attracted Bernie and his wife Linda to On Top of the World in November 2019. Though not a self-proclaimed natural athlete or gifted student in his younger years, Bernie gradu-ated from Central Missouri State while assuming positive fraternity

leadership positions in college. His career course led him into accounting management, but he still maintains life-long relationships with his frat brothers.

In college and the workforce, he participated in softball only to discover that successful teams were more cohesive and won more games based on team spirit and support than just individual talent. Sports socialization also led to closer, more productive work environ-

Now retired, Bernie utilizes his creative and technical skills with the Model Railroaders Club, Habitat for Humanity, Marion County Parks and Recreation, Florida Greenways & Trails, and Rainbow River organizations

Bernie is a humble, devoted, and diligent man who has assumed the duties of field preparations for our Saturday morning group. He recognizes that when playing, regression doesn't matter; it's patience and persistence that pay off in the end. He wishes to acknowledge former coach Joe Lawson and other players and coaches for their guidance.

We value Bernie for his contribution to our group. Please come to meet him and the many other fascinating people who choose to play Co-Ed Recreational Softball on Saturdays, at 9 a.m. When the weather gets colder in January, we will start at 10 a.m.

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Accounting | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Arbor Fitness Center | 6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES | CLOSED | 9 AM - 5 PM NO CLASSES | 6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES | CLOSED | 9 AM - 5 PM NO CLASSES |
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Call of the Wild Sports Club

Jeff Wiita



Sandy, my wife, and I are planning on going to Alaska next summer. We are going from the "end of the road" in Florida (i.e., Key West) where the Gulf of Mexico is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by the Straits of Florida, between Cuba and the State of Florida, where we are going to step into the salt water, to the "end of the road" in Alaska (i.e., Homer) where the Gulf of Alaska turns into the Pacific Ocean, where we are going to again step into the salt water.

I have plans on fishing both

"ends of the road" so I better update myself on what is going on with the fisheries at both ends of this 5,328.5-mile continuum, and whom would be a better source than a friend who lives in Homer, Alaska.

Her name is Peggy. She and her husband had a 55-foot commercial fishing boat, and they fished the Bering Sea, Bristol Bay, and the Gulf of Alaska. She lived the "Deadliest Catch" and she piloted the vessel when everyone else got seasick. She told me that she never got seasick even when the seas were 25 feet high, but her stomach did hurt from the pounding.

from the pounding.

We discussed the decline of the two main fisheries (salmon and halibut), and the reason for the decline (one natural and one man-made).

Let me predicate this discussion

with the statement: There is tension between commercial fishing and tourism. I completely understand this tension, and I am agnostic on who to support.

The largest fishery is the salmon fishery, and the decline in the salmon population is primarily natural and cyclical. The decline is caused by the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO). It is often described as a long-lived El Niño-like pattern of Pacific climate variability. During a "warm" or "positive" phase, the east Pacific becomes warmer and part of the western ocean cools; during a "cool" or "negative" phase, the opposite pattern occurs. The PDO was named by Steven R. Hare, who noticed it while studying salmon production pattern results in 1997.

Let me summarize the PDO.

When it is in its "positive" phase, the salmon fishery in Alaska becomes robust and the salmon fishery in the Pacific Northwest declines. When it is in its "negative" phase, the salmon fishery in Alaska declines and the salmon fishery in the Pacific Northwest becomes more robust. For the past 10 years, the PDO has been in the "negative" phase and has just recently turned "positive." It is not expected to stay "positive" but is expected to return to "negative" for 10 to 20 more years. (To be continued.)

If you have any questions about our club, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. and Jan. 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Also, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-6738.

Archery Club

Barbara Scales



The ancient civilizations of 10,000 B.C. depended upon archers to supply food for survival. Today, modern archers enjoy the sport as an activity for pleasure and competition. In a survey by the American Trade Association, 18.9 million Americans participated in archery including 10.4 million target archers, 6.5 million who hunted and practiced target skills, while 1.9 million did bow hunting only.

The growing number of participants here at On Top of the World, is evidence archery is still expanding. Archery has several innate benefits. It improves focus, keeps us physically active, improves our social skills, and improves our hand-eye

coordination. Here at On Top of the World, equipment is available for club member use. Interested parties do a short orientation.

Many of us are social creatures and take part in more than one club. Archery Club member Karen McShane is also a four-year member of the Active Singles Club. She arranged for the Active Singles Club to have an introduction to archery session that was given Tuesday, Nov. 1. Twenty-one Active Singles Club members attended, 10 men and 11 women. Go ladies! Each individual shot three arrows at a standard target. Volunteers from the Archery Club including Jerry Hoppe, Patti Hoppe, Bob Papirner, Sam Scarbough, Floyd Scott, Bill Millican and the afore mentioned Karen McShane made the event gratifying and safe for all.

Karen McShane says, "Archery is a fun sport. Small children, adults, and senior adults can enjoy it." Anyone is allowed to visit the archery range three times for a \$15 fee before committing to joining the club. If they decide to join, that fee is applied toward the annual club dues. Karen noted "The club provides the equipment. Anyone who joins will have a good time at the club shoots. For those more serious, who wish to compete in the USA/ NFAA sponsored tournaments, meeting people from all walks of life while having fun is a perk of the sport. Come out and try it!"

The Archery Club is willing to host other interested clubs. We would like to hear about your clubs, and we will gladly tell you about tar-

get archery. Come and get to know us. Personal challenge while having a good time is what we are all about. Clubs may contact us at archeryclubotow@gmail.com to discuss the joint opportunities.

The Archery Club social committee is planning a silver and blue Winter Wonderland holiday banquet to be held Saturday, Dec. 17. Members may invite outside guests. The last day for members' ticket sales is Monday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the archery range. If you have questions, please call Phyllis Shaw at 606-383-1744 or Barbara Scales at 315-440-0142.

Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



This column is for all those people who've been thinking about playing pool, sometimes for years, but just haven't made it to our pool room yet. It's also for those who do play occasionally but can't seem to find a reason to play more.

There are many excellent reasons why you should play pool, and they all involve your health. Believe it or not, playing pool can slow aging. When you're playing, aren't you happy most of the time? It's the number one reason why pool is perhaps the top participant activity in America, with a pool table in every recreation center, senior center, community center, student center, and most bars everywhere. When we are happy, we secrete a hormone called dopamine, and research shows that increased dopamine slows the aging process

mine slows that increased dopa mine slows the aging process. When we play, we are bending and stretching across the table in many ways. Playing pool helps to make your muscles more limber, increases muscle tone, gets those joints moving, and lets you move more freely.

Playing pool also improves your balance. Many shots require an awkward position at the table, leaning in odd ways. Finding a stable stance helps improve your coordination and balancing ability.

Pool also improves your eye-hand coordination. The game requires some very precise muscle control, and often a flair for delicacy and finesse. The range of shots from brutish power to the delicacy of a butterfly landing on water helps you really develop your fine motor coordination.

You may think that playing pool does not provide much exercise, but the 7,500 daily steps standard for staying fit can be met by playing pool for only 98 minutes. It's a great way to stay fit and burn calories that won't leave you huffing and puffing, and you get to have fun while you're at it.

Did I say "fun?" Another excellent reason to play, as fun improves your quality of life. Much of the exercise we do to stay fit doesn't fall in the fun category. If you're having fun, you're more likely to continue doing it.

I've saved the best for last, as we consider the mental side of the game. Playing pool improves critical thinking skills, as we have rather complex decisions on many shots. It improves confidence, as you will win often, and make shots way over your head at times.

Ultimately, playing pool builds focus, as if you don't stay focused, your game will falter dramatically. In fact, here's a secret that usually

only advanced players fully appreciate. Regular players don't understand why sometimes they play like a champ, and the very next day they're the chump.

It's not physical, but rather very

It's not physical, but rather very closely aligned with just one word: focus. When you concentrate harder, you play better. It's one of the simplest things you can do to improve your game – visualize while standing, have a plan, aim more carefully, and "focus" keenly on making the ball and sending whitey where it needs to go.



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Lifelong Learning

Michelle Shideler

nichelle_shideler@masterthe It is not too late to join in on the fun and festivities when Master the Possibilities takes the stage at Circle Square Cultural Center from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7. As part of our Holiday Extravaganza event, participants may delight in a few festive holiday treats, enjoy performances from piano and tap and Broadway instructors and students,

senter takes the stage, and be welcomed by Mrs. Claus herself! Be ready to share some holiday cheer and sing along with some musical favorites with neighbors and friends. Don't forget to dress for the occasion. Cost to attend, which includes holiday treats, is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-mem-

share in a giggle when a guest pre-

Throughout this month, stop by the Master the Possibilities Education Center to continue the festive spirit. The tree is up, the Toys for Tots box is in place, and holiday-themed events and classes are fill-ing participants' calendars. The On Top of the World Model Railroaders Club's annual holiday train exhibit will also be on display Monday, Dec.



The team at Master the Possibilities celebrates Halloween as The Addams Family.

next to the tree in the Living Room. What a great place to sit and enjoy the moment with a coffee and pas-

try from Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. On top of all that, there are more than 85 classes being held at Mas-

5, through Thursday, Dec. 22, right ter the Possibilities before the end of the year. Make a heart-felt gift by taking a stained-glass class and complete a holiday suncatcher, complete a painting in just one day and cross off a name on the list, learn how to make a new dish in an

Instant Pot to share with someone special, or make a one-of-a-kind holiday card for a loved one.

Better yet, invite someone special to share the Thursday, Dec. 15, Park After Dark World Tour experience and enjoy an evening under the stars in Sholom Park listening to Don Soledad, who will entertain the audience with sounds of Spain in a musical trio featuring a flamenco guitar, violin, and vocals. Cost to attend is \$15 per person, and seats are limited.

For those still looking for that perfect gift, why not give the gift of education? Master the Possibilities does offer gift certificates in any denomination. To purchase a certificate, simply visit our office at 8415 SW 80th Street, or call us at 352-861-9751, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional curriculum information, including the addition of new courses, visit www. masterthepossibilities.org.

Happy holidays from the team at Master the Possibilities! It has been our pleasure to share amazing educational opportunities with our students this year. A huge thank you to our talented instructors and dedicated volunteers.

One last thing to mention is the new catalogs are out. To pick up a copy of the January through June 2023 curriculum, visit our main office, or check out our flipbook copy online.









Finding Zen



Move over pumpkins and leaves, `tis the season for peppermint and pine. The holiday season is here! Twinkling lights are on display, and the sounds of the season are ring ting tingling too. Speaking of sound, do you hear what I hear? The Park After Dark World Tour Entertainment and Concert Series is wrapping up 2022 with a stop in Spain Thursday, Dec. 15, for Feliz Navidad. This fun and festive concert is almost sold out, but this musical tour doesn't end there. Sholom Park is excited to announce the next round of musical and cultural entertainment. Experience the world at Sholom Park as we virtually visit India, Scotland, and Japan.

Beginning Jan. 19, 2023, relish the intricate melodies and complex rhythms of India with Sitar virtuoso, Indian vocalist, and composer Dr. Kanada Narahari. Born in Manchikeri, a small village in the province of Karnataka, India, Narahari is well known for his classical, semi-classical, and world music. He is a renowned sitar player having performed around the globe with world-renowned artists.

The next stop is Scotland on Feb. 16, 2023. Experience the majestic sound of Great Highland bagpipes blended with powerful rock and masterfully played violin creating a unique style with symphonic-epic melodies. Celtica Nova is an international phenomenon with musicians hailing from Scotland, USA, Bulgaria, and Austria. Influences of Irish folk, symphonic

metal, and Scottish tradition merge with energetic Celtic rock. Fiery torches on the bagpipes and burning drumsticks, thundering against the drums, create a captivating and spectacular show that you'll never forget.

After a fiery performance in February, we will wind down on March 16, 2023, with a softer and more intimate stop in Japan, our final performance of the Park After Dark World Tour Entertainment and Concert Series. Hiroya Tsukamoto is an innovative guitarist and composer who skillfully fuses folk, jazz, and world music. He was born and raised in Kyoto, Japan. He has the unique capability of engaging an audience thru a personable and genuine approach. Eclectic, immersive, and mesmerizing; Tsukamoto embodies the notion that music has no language.

During each performance, the soaring sights of each country will be displayed on a 25-fooot movie screen providing you with a visual view and virtual experience. You may also experience a taste of each country as participating food vendors offer regional cuisine.

Are you still searching for the perfect holiday gift? Sholom Park can help! Give the gift of music with a Park After Dark Passport. It includes all three-world tour stops plus a taste of each country. It's the perfect stocking stuffer and the gift that keeps on giving even after the holidays have passed. The deadline to register for a Park After Dark Passport is Saturday, Dec. 31.

For more event details and registration information, visit www. sholompark.org. You may also call our event partners at Master the Possibilities Education Center at 352-861-9751 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Making a Difference to Hurricane Victims

By Ray Cech World News Writer

It was a really good idea with really good results!

When Hurricane Ian devastated southwest Florida, relief efforts sprung up around the state. Even here in our very own backyard, a small but determined group of marketing professionals at Colen Built Development (CBD) turned their idea into action. They turned to On Top of the World residents and Colen Built Development employees to join them in gathering and donating as much as they possibly could to the hurricane victims.

It wasn't more than a week after the hurricane struck, when the CBD marketing team sent out the call for help throughout On Top of the World and neighboring communities. At the same time, they were able to secure a large box truck in anticipation of a generous turnout. They were not disappointed.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, the truck stood by with the tailgate down, and the marketing volunteers stood by anxiously awaiting their first donors. Well before the set time of 9 a.m., cars and golf carts started lining up. They passed their boxes and bags, teeming with supplies to the smiling volunteers.

Would it be just a morning rush and then nothing, they wondered? But their concerns were for naught — the giving continued steadily throughout the day and the truck was filled with generous donations.

Peeking in one of the donation boxes, one of the volunteers screeched out, "Wow, there's an amazing assortment in here – peanut butter, toothbrushes, paper towels, soap, pasta sauce, spaghetti, cans of tuna fish, clothes – and, oh, thank goodness, jelly."

At the end of the day, the truck reached capacity. A quick inventory of donated supplies told the CBD marketing team, that their efforts were rewarded. All that remained was to deliver the donations to the Marion County Sheriff's Office. They, in-turn would drive it down to Lee County for distribution. On Thursday, Oct. 20, that delivery was made

Vice President of Marketing & Technology Communications Linda Massarella at Colen Built Development said, "To our generous employees and the On Top of the World residents, your selflessness and generosity was truly something to be commended. We at Colen Built Development thank you all."



Colen Built Development marketing department leading the Hurricane Ian relief drive efforts.

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Train Display and Open House

By Jim Lynam

You are invited!

The Model Railroaders are pleased to announce that the club has been invited to provide a holi-

Possibilities in Circle Square Commons. The display will be available for viewing commencing at noon on Monday, Dec. 5, through Thursday, day train display at Master the Dec. 22. The Lionel gauge trains

will be available for self-operation whenever the building is open. Just throw the switch and watch as the train begins to move, and the layout

lights illuminate!

The club will also be hosting its 11th annual holiday open house beginning Wednesday, Dec. 28, through Friday, Dec. 30. The Hobby Building Model Train Room will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The members will have multiple trains running continuously on the

Garden scale, Lionel scale, and the main HO layout. There will be passenger trains, freight trains, work trains, and yard trains running simultaneously throughout the city and countryside. For those of you who remember "the good old days' of railroading, you will be amazed at the variety of steam engines that will be pulling the consists. There will also be diesel locomotives representing the more modern era running the main-line and performing

yard switching duties.

The room will be filled with the sounds of railroading, from the squealing of hot brakes on the turns, the bell of the engine working the yard, to the haunting and "throaty" sound of the steam whistle warning the automobiles at the crossings. The room will change from daylight operation to twilight time and the layout lights will twinkle in your eyes adding to the enjoyment.

The club encourages residents to bring your friends, neighbors, children, and grandchildren to both the holiday display at Master the Possibilities, as well as the open house in the Model Train Room.

The club also encourages you to visit the Hobby Building Model Train Room any Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come on in and run some trains with us.

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. Our next club meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822. May your present under the tree

result in a train running around the tree! Wishing you the happiest of holidays!



SCL 1776 arrives at Holiday Station.

Worry Less, Sing More

By Kathy Petrosky

Karaoke Friends love to make one joined Nancy in singing "On the Good Ship Lollipop." Later she ring laughter and creativity. We were industrial earmuffs and sang karaoke fun. Prop night is sure to bring laughter and creativity. We get several people who come in just to watch. I want to tell you how the evening went.

Patty brought lots of laughter wearing a long white beard and hat.
Carrying a cane, she sang "So Tired
Waiting for You." Charlie held a doll
as he sang "Go Away Little Girl." He
was funny with his chicken when
was funny with his chicken when
"I warned the ladies to not fool he sang about the "Ghost Chick- with Charlie. Don't make me take en." Tapping with curly hair and a my earrings out. Laura wore a red Shirley Temple type outfit, every- nose and had a clown tie hoping

"You Talk Too Much." Carrying a red bird, Karen sang "Songbird."

Marguerite was a new singer who

sang "Walking After Midnight."
"Pray for the Fish" is a funny song about how the fish should not be

"Everybody Loves a Clown." Later she was carrying a baby in a basket and told of "Baby's First Christmas.'

Wearing a long blonde wig Lorraine came in to sing "Hello Dolly." With flowers in the hair Diane sang "I Just Fall in Love Again." Ed sang "Old Hippie." He surely looked the part with braided hair, bandanna, glasses, peace sign. Wearing a hat Steve sang "Behind Closed Doors." Wearing a white sport coat and a pink carnation, John sang that ti-tled song. Later Laura joined him wearing pink angel wings while he sang "Angel.

Phil had his wife, Luci, for a prop as they sang "Somewhere Between." Looking like a senorita

Vicki sang "Besame Mucho." In addition to her singing, she also played the piano for part of the song. Carl had a fire theme. He dressed as "The Fireman." Donnie really tickled everyone with his hat, thick glasses, and guns. He sang Kansas City Star.'

So, you can see we could laugh and sing along and just have a fun

We meet this month on Mondays, Dec. 5 and 19. We will celebrate Christmas Dec. 5, with song and dress. Of course, Christmas songs will continue Dec. 19. You can find us in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come join the fun.



Karaoke Friends prop night in November.



Windsor luminaries.

Luminary **Event**

By Bryan Cerutti

Windsor invites you to stroll or ride through our neighborhood Sunday, Dec. 4, after 6 p.m. and bask in the glow of the candles at our 14th annual luminary event. If you cannot make it that day, a great many of the luminaries will continue to be on display until Christmas. Come and enjoy!

Our friends in Avalon are lighting up their luminaries that night as well. Make a night of it and enjoy their display too!



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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

The great holiday event is upon us. The Concert Chorus is proud to present our holiday concert entitled, "Holiday Fa La La" Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

By the time this column is published we have just one more rehearsal and it's time for the show. What a show! The Concert Chorus will present some different and challenging music to add to the fun for the audience. The audience will enjoy a holiday sing-along to complete their enjoyment. And all this is free; however we do appreciate donations that pay for new music and audio-visual concert support. Be there and have a great time.

The Concert Chorus is also busy with the planning of our spring con-



The "Holiday Fa La La" concert by the Concert Chorus takes place Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4.

cert with directors Randy Schmid January 2023. and Peggy Bumatay who share the

Fun with

Golf Carts

Susan Pulling Robinson

Those who want to sing with us accompaniment and director du- are encouraged to stay tuned for ties. Rehearsals for the concert will rehearsal dates and times if they begin after the first of the year in want to join the spring show. The Concert Chorus is open to all residents and those with a Gateway of Services pass.

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



Fran and Charlie Calhoun.

The Halloween parade was a big

hit! Creative costumes and inventive cart décor brought smiles to the faces of the many spectators. The route included stops at Bridgewater and Brookdale assisted living facilities, where residents from other clubs performed choreographed spooky dance numbers. The Veterans Day parade on Sat-

urday, Nov. 12, was well-attended, with many of resident veterans participating. Designated charities included Operation Shoebox, Interfaith Emergency Services, and Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL).

Our club is registered as a participant in this year's Holiday Golf Cart Parade, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 3. Members are reminded to display a homemade 5- by 8-inch "Fun with Golf Carts'

sign on their golf cart windshield. Parade participants should be at the Recreation Center parking lot at 1 p.m. The parade will leave from

there at 2 p.m. Membership in the Fun with Golf Carts Facebook group is now well over 400, 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. For more information, follow us on Facebook (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) or email otowfunwithgolfcarts@ gmail.com.

All club 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 a.m.

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CARDS & GAMES



Backgammon

Karyn Dubie

The Backgammon Club, which meets weekly, is your opportunity to meet neighbors and enjoy a cou-ple hours playing some friendly nopressure backgammon. Club mem-

bership includes all level of players. Many interesting stories are traded about "back in the day when I played ..." There are tales of marathon sessions, playing with the fa-mous or nearly famous, winning or losing big bucks, and how interest

in backgammon started. My story starts at about 12 years old, seeing backgammon being played on a soap opera, and recognizing the board as the back side of a checkerboard. My inquiring mind wanted to know, so I turned to the Google of the day, The Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia, volume A-B. Complete with history of the game, illustrations, and detailed instruction I was able to teach myself to play. Then I taught siblings and friends, so I'd have opponents. What memories do you have to share?

I still enjoy teaching the game to anyone interested, and could be available, if you want to learn the game at a time other than club night. Every week new players are taught the game and have ample opportunity to learn and practice at a slow nonthreatening pace. If you play, but it's been a while, we are happy to refresh your memory. Most players who say it has been a while, and hope they remember, end up winning several games their first night.

We meet in the Hobby Building Event Room Wednesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is plenty of room for more players, convenient parking, and a great opportunity to meet neighbors in a welcoming environment. There is no cost for weekly play, and open to all residents and those with a Gateway of Services

Check our Facebook page (OTOW Backgammon) for more information, or contact Karyn Dubie at kadubie@earthlink.net.



Nancy Grabowski



The crowd for super bingo in November was one of the largest any of our volunteers could remember! We were glad to welcome so many of our regular players as well as some new members of the community. Perhaps the prize money was the tipping factor: 16 games at \$75 each and four games at \$250 each! Who could resist the possibility of a little extra cash for the holidays?

We had a mountain of raffle tickets sold which resulted in \$20 wins for at least 25 attendees. Raffle tickets were sold at 3 per \$1 or 10 per \$3

One major change for super bingo only was the price point for playing cards. These cards sold in blocks of three with each block priced at \$5.

On Jan. 4, 2023, when bingo resumes, regular pricing will be in effect. Each card will cost \$1 with the

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player's choice of how many to purchase. Sales are from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Resident ID must be shown, and guests need to be signed in to play.

Bingo is alcohol-free so any wine, spirits or beer must be consumed in The Pub or on the patio. Water and soft drinks are permissible during the entirety of the games. Snacks

are at the player's discretion.
Snacks reminds us to thank Micki Malsch who sponsored a charity bake sale at super bingo. Her homemade treats were delectable, and her profits were donated to the March of Dimes, an organization that Micki has supported for many years.

Each of our bingo volunteers wants to take this opportunity to wish you the joys of the holiday season and a healthy, happy new year! We look forward to greeting you once again on Jan. 4!

Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly and Carol Johnson

1: Debbie & Pat Quinn; 2: Linda Curtiss & Darlene Clark; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 4: Phyllis Silverman & Carolyn Sims; 5: Carol Johnson & Connie Feola.

Oct. 17

1: Rik Saffol & Jack Heller; 2: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson; 4: Dennis & Judi Wallace; 5: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick.

Oct. 24

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Mary Walker & Dean Samuel; 3: Joe McKeown & Marlene Floeckler; 4: Mar Valchin; 5: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch.

Oct. 31

1: Judy Mackowiak & Rik Saffol; 2: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillette: 3: Linda & Bill Ryan: 4: Diane Robinson & Mary Walker; 5: Darlene Clark & Linda Curtiss.

Nov. 7

1: Gayle Taylor and Bob Kraus; 2: Rik Saffol & Judy Mackowiak; 3: Mike Meirick & Craig Ford; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 5: Bill & Linda Rvan.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

If you like playing competitive bridge, each week we play about 20 to 24 boards, and because everybody plays the same hands, luck is minimized.

We meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, 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. The boards are scored after the game, results sent to the group, and prizes distributed the following week to the top teams.

You can also play occasionally as a substitute if that's what you prefer. Contact us and we'll you put you on our list. For more information, you can contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525 or Gayle Taylor at 352-387-9571.

Oct. 18 North/South

1: Connie Campbell & Billie Anderson; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Cathie

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East/West

Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel: 2: Darlene 1: Al Whitford: 2: Brent Powell: 3: Jeff Bell. Fiel & Andrew Fiel; 3: C J Daane & Wayne Campbell.

Oct. 25 North/South

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Dan Hall & Brent Powell; 3: Wayne Caldwell & C J Daane.

East/West

1: Cathie Apgar & Diane Turkin; 2: Dean Samuel & Carolyn Higgins: 3: Brian Lomasky & Mar Valchin.

Nov. 1

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 3: Dan Hall & Brent Powell; 4: Mary Bloch & Gina Andrejak; 5: C J Daane & Wayne Caldwell.

Nov. 8 North/South

1: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 2: Brian Lomasky & Mar Valchin; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar;

East/West

1: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 2: Andrew Fiel & Darlene Fiel; 3: Connie Campbell & Billie Anderson.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Elizabeth Robinson

Oct. 5

1: Billie Andersen; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Betty Morris; Cons: Karen Swartz.

Oct. 12

1: Al Kremer; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Linda Curtiss; 4: Dianne Robinson; 5: Carolyn Higgins; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Oct. 19

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Betty Morris; 4: Al Kremer: 5: Carolyn Higgins: Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Oct. 26

1: Judi Wallace; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Shirley Stolly: 5: Carolyn Higgins; Cons: Mary

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

Oct. 6

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Linda Curtiss; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Billie Anderson; Cons: Judy Mackowski.

Oct. 13

1: Joseph Mckeown; 2: Steve Sekac; 3: Bruce Gillett: 4: Judy Mackowski; Cons: Pat Quinn.

Oct. 20

1: Billie Anderson; 2: Carolyn Higgins; 3: Mike Meirick: Cons: Rik Saffol.

Oct. 27

1: Mike Meirick; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Gary Moses; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Steve Sekac.

Thursday Night

By Jeff & 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.

We have added a little fun to the game - the second prize. Throughout the evening, anyone who takes a trick using the two of the trump suit takes possession of the week's 'prize." The prize can subsequently be taken away by any other player who takes a trick with the two of trump. Whoever has possession at the end of the evening must take the prize home. The weekly prizes vary, and each prize is of questionable value.

Bring \$0.25 and a smile. All levels are welcome.

Oct. 6

1: Al Whitford; 2: Betsy Brody; 3: Gina Andrejak. Oct. 13

1: Al Whitford; 2: Jean Krueger; 3: Brent Powell.

Oct. 20 1: Al Whitford; 2: Mar Valchin; 3: Brent Powell.

Oct. 27

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1: Brent Powell; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Al Whitford.

Nov. 3

Euchre



Friday Night By Mary Bloch

We meet Fridays, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room for eight spirited rounds of euchre. Each round consists of eight hands, and we change partners at the end of each round. The highest score at the end of the rounds is the winner. We do not have monetary rewards, but one does get bragging rights and their name in this column. Also, every three to four months, we have a little party for our players. If you would like to learn how to play euchre, please contact Mary at 614-806-6737, or mary.bloch@yahoo. com, and we will set up a quick lesson. Hope to see you Friday!

Sept. 2

1: Jean Gillette; 2: Lawrence Remer; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

Sept. 9

1: Joan Sigafoos; Tie at 2: Jean Gillette & Phyllis Jarskey; 3: Phyllis Wall.

Sept. 16

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Jim Kelly; 3: Joan Sigafoos. Sept. 23

1: Jim Kelly; 2: Phyllis Wall; 3: Jean Gillette. Sept. 30

1: Phyllis Wall; 2: Pete Jacob; 3: Edith Kolb. Oct. 7

1: Pete Jacob; Tie at 2: Nancy Kowsky & Jim

Kelly; 3: Karen Jacob. Oct. 14

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Lawrence Remer; 3: Joan

Sigafoos. Oct. 21

1: Jerry Mills; 2: Jim Kelly; 3: Mary Bloch. Oct. 28

1: Jim Kelly; 2: Jean Gillette; 3: Nancy Kowsky.

Pinochle



By Herb Katz

Indulging in my various activities, I often ask people if they play pinochle. Most times the responses are "Gee, I haven't played pinochle since I was a kid" or "It's been a long time since I played and probably forgot how." Well, it's like riding a bike. After a few bruised knees, it all comes back to you.

We have very friendly, patient people who will gladly work with you until you are up and running. We have "cheat sheets" to aid people who forgot what bests what. And best of all, there is no money

So come join this friendly group of card players who are there mainly for socialization and fun. We play Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room and Fridays, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center. Come join us and add to the good time.

Tuesday Night By Herb Katz

Oct. 4

1: Judy Wagnitz; 2: Bernard DiGregorio; 3: Jackie Nuccio.

Oct. 11

1: Ray Kallai; 2: Judy Wagnitz; 3: Edna Frye. Oct. 18

1: Bruce Gillett; Phyllis Jarsky; 3: Lee Freehauf. Oct. 25

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Cheryl Adams; 3: Lee

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

Oct. 14

1: Herb Katz; 2: Ilene Casper; 3: Jae Kallai.

Oct. 21

1: Judy Black; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Debbie Martello.

Budd.

1: Larry Black; 2: Ray Kallai; 3: Herb Katz. 1: Debbie Martello; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Charlie

Oct. 28

Nov. 11

1: Mary Hannon; 2: Ilene Casper; 3: Jae Kallai.

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Theatre Arts Group

Nancy Carp

The Theatre Arts Group is an exciting group that you can be a part of. This club exemplifies what "true theatre" is about. Every week we learn and improve on our perfor-

mance skills by participating in fun

Did you know that there is a method used in the way actors move? Are you aware that the stage directions have terms that date back to the Renaissance, when the stage floor was built on a rake or slope, to help the audience sight lines and for the illusion of perspective painted on the scenery? Have you considered the real relationship between the actors or singers on the stage? These skills and more about the theatre are taught during our meetings, using fun activities. All the activities that we participate in improve our performance skills. Whether you are a novice, intermediate or professional performer, you can always learn more from each other and perfect our skills to be a better performer. This is what makes us different from any other theatre group at On Top of the World. And we are proud of the fact!

Besides the skills activity each week, we are working on our spring 2023 show. Actors and singers are working on our original play, which is a parody of living here in "paradise," as well as singing Broadway show tunes and working on vignettes for the Broadway shows. It's not too late for you to join our fabulous group since we are still casting for our show. Anyone who wishes to be a part of the show will be included.

This group is very serious about theatre in this community. We are a family of performers and feel like a "theatre company." It is for this reason that we decided to name ourselves as a company. After reviewing more than a suggested dozen names, we decided to name ourselves for what many consider this community - "Paradise." We are a theatre company that will be known as the Paradise Players Company.

This is very exciting for all!

We meet every Wednesday at 4
p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I. Beginning Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, we will be adding an additional meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This will allow any resident who still works and cannot make our afternoon rehearsals to be a part of this awesome group. So come join the fun, learning and participating as an actor, singer or dancer.

We wish all in the community a

very happy holiday season! Follow us on Facebook (OTOW Chatroom) and this column. Our contact information is otowtheatrearts@gmail.com and Nancy Carp at 410-935-2625.

Poetry Linda Toner

A Helping Hand

I cook rich foods For my hubby. But if I eat them I'll get quite tubby.

I'm waiting for My cravings to abate. Why is it so easy To gain weight?

Help me get Through the day. The week, the year I need to be okay.

I want to show the world What I can be. I'll do the very Best for me.

lf you can do it can too. I want you to know I look up to you.





View from the Library

Linda Barilli

This is the season of joy and peace. This month we have books to inspire plus novels with Christ-

mas themes. We begin with "A Beautiful Absurdity" by Alan Altany, PhD, a book of poems about God's unconditional love for us. Professor Altany believes that the role of a poet is to give people fresh eyes to see familiar things in a new way, and that poetry is a unique way of experiencing being human. To make his book appealing, the language is not

complex. Professor Altany has given each poem an attention-getting title, offering the option to scan and choose. Here is an opportunity to see and experience God, regardless of point of view or religious background. Alan Altany is a resident and professor of religious studies here in Ocala. His firm belief is that we are greater than we realize. Come be inspired ... (labeled 808A).

Next, we have "Dwelling Places, Words to Live in Every Season" by Lucinda Secrest McDowell. Here you can meditate on one word a day that will offer you peace and serenity. It is divided into sections for each season: dwell/fall; shine/ advent; renew/lent; and grow/summer. The epilogue offers Secrets of the Nest (labeled 242 McD).

Next, we have a heartwarming

those who have donated to us.

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

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

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at 352-873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact either Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Kathleen Frost at 925-960-5945 to arrange for pickup.

story that takes place in 1896. Lizzie is heading home from finishing school. Her grandfather will pick her up at the station in a big flatbed sleigh and bring her home to the Triple M Ranch. On the long jour-ney, the train she's riding on gets buried in an avalanche. It's just days before Christmas. All the passengers come together and make the best of a bad situation, wondering if they will ever be rescued. But it's Christmas, a time when miracles happen. "A McKettrick Christmas" is written by Linda Lael Miller, a New York Times bestselling author. This gem is in hardcover fiction (labeled FIC MIL).

It's time for some romance. "A Log Cabin Christmas Collection," a New York Times bestseller, includes "9 Historical Romances during American Pioneer Christmases." The stories span from 1811 to 1885 and are written by various authors. Found in hardcover fic-

tion (labeled FIC BRU). 'Christmas in Paris" by Anita Hughes. Also, in hardcover fiction (labeled FIC HUG).

"A Wedding in December" by Anita Shreve and "The Christmas Wedding" by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo can be found in softcover fiction.

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



ponchos, and 80 scarves. We are also looking torward to our Christmas lunch at the Stone Creek Grille. The end of the year also makes us grateful for the individuals who have donated items. All items find a home — whether it is used by one of our members or passed on to other agencies that accept donations. A big thank you to

kets, 78 hats, 24 pairs of slippers, 74

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip



ShutterBugs are proud to present the best of show photographs from this year's contest.

These two wonderful photographs tied for first place with the most overall points awarded by our

judges, regardless of category.

Tom Murray's capture (perfect timing Tom!) of "Feeding the Young" was entered in our nature category.

Harry Boyajian entered his black and white rendition of angry clouds over a lighthouse for his very dramatic photograph, "There's a Storm Comin'.

Thanks to all the ShutterBugs who entered their photos this year.

We also thank our residents who stopped by the Recreation Center and voted for their favorite photograph. Your people's choice results are being tabulated and will be announced later.

If you missed seeing our photo display in the Recreation Center in November, you can still see all our entries on our website at otowspc.

Want to learn more about digital? ShutterBug president, Harry Bovajian continues to facilitate our sharing of photography tips to improve our skills in camera use and editing.

We generally meet for field trips the first Tuesday of each month, and then educational meetings the third and fourth Tuesday, at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. You can find our photo galleries and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

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



Quilter Grace Hansen.

Sewing Bees



We have received many wonderful donations this past month, especially fabric. We are always looking for cotton quilting fabric, especially with children's prints.

Meet Sewing Bees quilter Grace

Hansen. Grace makes such beautiful quilts. Thank you to Barbara Marvin for bringing her fabric, batting, and whatever supplies she

may need to keep her quilting.
During the month of September, we sent out 86 quilts, 18 pillow friends, 53 dolls and 239 pieces of children's clothing. The need is great, and agencies have been requesting more assistance.

Stop by and see us in action. We meet every Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. Can't sew? No problem. If you can tie a knot, we need you. Don't have a sewing machine, but love to sew? We have all the equipment you need. Everything we make is donated to disadvantaged children of Marion County throughout the year. We rely on donations to fulfill our mission.

After a busy year, our last meeting for 2022 will be Thursday, Dec. 8. We are taking a break and getting ready for the holidays. We will start up again Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Hope some of you will join us.

Are you on Facebook? Join our page (OTOW Sewing Bees) and keep up to date on what we are working on and what our current needs are.

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





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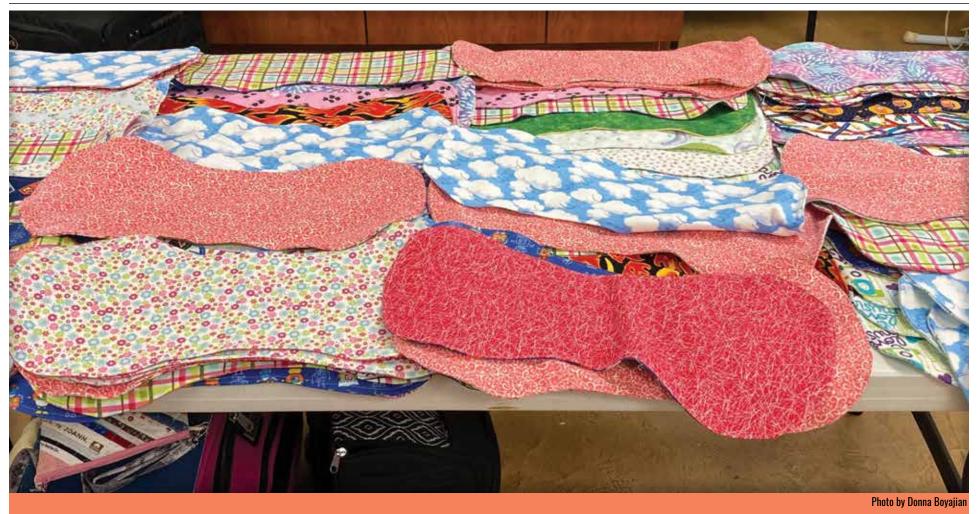
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Sunshine Quilters



To say that this year has flown by is quite the understatement, and it's almost impossible to imagine that 2023 is just a few weeks away. Keeping with that spirit, Sunshine Quilters has been a hub of busyness as our machines continue to hum and produce, produce, and produce some more.

It is easy to get lost in all that busyness and to forget how fortunate we all are. However, when we reflect over the past year, we are also reminded of what an honor it is to serve so many, even when our efforts seem meager at best.

It is with this heart of giving, that Sunshine Quilters would like to share with our community how we have served the greater community in Ocala over the past year. Our primary focus is to provide quilts to two organizations in Marion County: Marion County Senior Services and Alpha House for Women, which is located downtown. Our quilts are always welcomed with smiles and grateful hearts.

As of this writing, we have gifted Marion County Senior Services with 69 lap quilts and 18 wheelchair quilts. Alpha House for Women has received 67 baby quilts and 198 burp cloths. Just imagining cute lit-

tle bundles wrapped in one of your quilts brings us such joy.

Though we focus primarily on these two charities, we found time to gift the county animal shelter with 58 doggie beds. That sewing day was a real hoot with so many women sewing, ironing, and cutting. You had to be there to under-

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Sara Sommer



December is the month of giving. What better gift to give than the gift of life? The Big Red Bus® will be here so you can do just that. On Monday, Dec. 5, two busses will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water both before and after donating. You will receive a \$20 e-card to use at many local businesses.

There is still time to make an appointment. Simply login to One-Blood.org/donate. Search for the On Top of the World drive on the date of Dec. 5. Select your time and press enter. A confirmation email will be

enter. A confirmation email will be sent a few minutes later. If you do not want to make an appointment, walk-ins are always welcome.

Come give the gift of life. See you on the bus.

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stand! Such fun!

And let us not forget our veterans. Over 50 patriotic mug rugs and several wheelchair quilts are on the way to a local veterans home and we hope they will serve to show how much we appreciate each one of them.

Aside from our charity work, our activities include but are not limited to producing our own personal projects, learning new techniques and skill sets, learning new blocks and of course the occasional field trip. There is a wealth of knowledge among the members of our group, and we are always learning from each other. We hope you will join us. We welcome new members and all levels of quilting experience and knowledge.

Interested in joining in our fun? Please stop by the Hobby Building Art Room on Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. to check us out. We love to see new faces.

January activities include our monthly meeting, a new block/quilt and making diaper bags for Alpha House. For more information on our club or the January schedule, please call Gail at 352-304-9159.



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The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



Perhaps you've noticed the flyers are out announcing The New Pretenders show entitled "Celebrate"? We hope they will entice you to join us for our long-awaited return to the stage. Our 2023 presentations will occur on Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 4, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Prices are \$10 for reserved admission and \$8 for general admission. We will sell tickets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. In the past, some of our most ardent fans began lining up outside the building as early as 5 a.m.! There is no need to do that since none of our sellers will be there that early, but we will distribute numbers for the early birds about 7:30 a.m. to assist

in keeping the lines moving.

We chose the title "Celebrate" to express our joy at being back on

stage! As you've come to expect, we will have a wide range of music covering many genres as well as several different eras. It is high energy, guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your hands clapping!

The stage will be skillfully decorated by Rita Miller and her crew of amazing volunteers. This crew includes Tom Miller and his cohorts

who erect the background sets.
And if that isn't enough, the costumes will astound you. These costumes are the handiwork of our most-talented Fran Allen. Months prior to the show, Fran gathers ideas from members of the troupe and then puts her creativity to the test. The results are nothing short of fantastic!

It doesn't stop there, though, because Fran is the leader of the band. She demonstrates her talents on the violin, excelling at Dixieland, country, and Cajun music!

Look for us at the next Club Fair where we will be recruiting new members for the troupe. Of course, if you are already thinking about joining, you can submit your name to our waiting list; just contact any member or Nancy Grabowski, the director, at 352-209-4699.



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We thank Georgia for offering these great cards and providing all the dies, embossing folders, stamps, and inks necessary to complete all of them.

Our next class will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, and will be presented by Edie Howard and Beverly Spears.

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

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

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

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Connie Press at Connie.RubberStamp-Club@gmail.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!



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Cheryl Richardson and Joanne Houston.

Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



The Original Theatre Group just became even more talented and professional with our two newest members from Rochester, New Hampshire – Cheryl Richardson and Joanne Houston. They taught together at Spaulding High School for 22 years.

Cheryl is an accomplished pianist, choral director, and voice teacher. She graduated from Marshall University with a degree in music education. She also earned her superintendent and principal certificates from the University of New Hampshire.

Joanne graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in music education and received superintendent and principal cer-

tificates from the University of New Hampshire as well.

Hampshire as well.

Cheryl will be our new piano accompanist for the Jan. 14 and 15, 2023, production of the Broadway musical revue, "'S Wonderful." Joanne will be serving our dynamic troupe as a production assistant as well as helping with ticket sales and set design. Cheryl and Joanne produced and directed many musicals in New Hampshire and worked with 400 students in band and chorus daily. They are happy to be working with our group and have fit in seamlessly with the entire ensemble! Welcome aboard!

semble! Welcome aboard!

Tickets for "'S Wonderful" are on sale from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, except Thanksgiving Day, in the Recreation Center lobby through Jan. 12, 2023. Check Facebook (OTOW Chatroom) for any important developments regarding ticket sales and the production. For other information, contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com.

Art Group

Anne Merrick

This month Diana Hanna, a new member to our group, will tell her

My name is Diana Hanna, and I was born in Varna, Bulgaria. Most of my childhood was spent in a small town on the coast of the Black Sea. I finished math school and graduated from the University of Shumen, Bulgaria, in chemistry and technology. It was later in my life that I decided that I needed a change; and in 2006, when I met my husband Alan, the decision was easy. I left my country, family, friends, and career, and I chose love. That's how on one cold January morning in 2008, I arrived in Maine. When a graphic designer (me) and a computer technician (Alan) meet, the result could only be one thing – a web design studio that we started and are still enjoying. Over the last couple of years in Maine, I had time to do something I always wanted to do, I started to paint.

Growing up on the coast of the Black Sea, my passion for travel and architecture was the biggest influence on my art. I found that I love to paint seascapes, pathways, roads, and buildings. Sometimes I paint with acrylics and other times with watercolors. I love to paint whatever and wherever creativity takes me. Working for ourselves, we had more time to travel; and that is how we came to Florida and fell in love with the climate. In 2020, we moved to On Top of the World. After passing the gate for the first time, it just felt like home for both of us.

Not long after moving here, I

EMERGENCY AFTER-HOURS PHONE NUMBER 352-236-0TOW (236-6869) joined the Art Group. They are very kind and talented people who have helped me a lot and have been an inspiration for me ever since. I think art is a way of expressing yourself in nature, and life. It is constant learning for me, and such a satisfaction to see the finished work of art on the wall.

I look forward to meeting new people who will become part of our art family.

I am also a co-author of two innovative math learning books "Folding Science - Cube" and "Folding Science - Prism" as well as "World of Byte" math board game. One day I will learn line dancing. Life is good!

We meet three times a week in the Hobby Building Art Room. We are an easy-going group of individuals who love to paint and share painting experiences.



Diana Hanna at her home.



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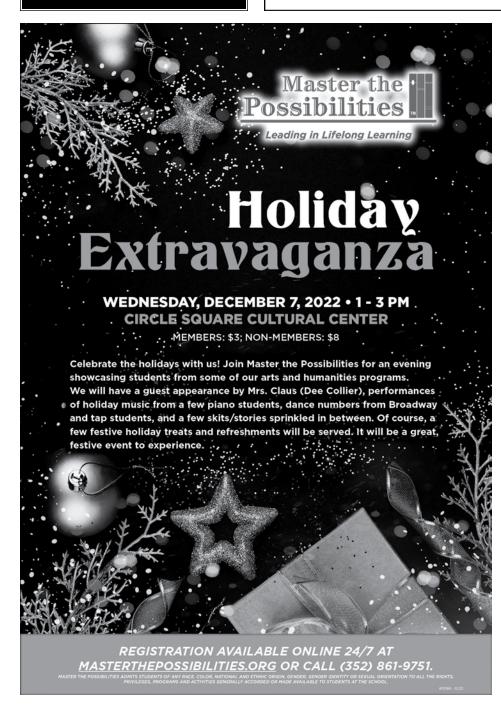
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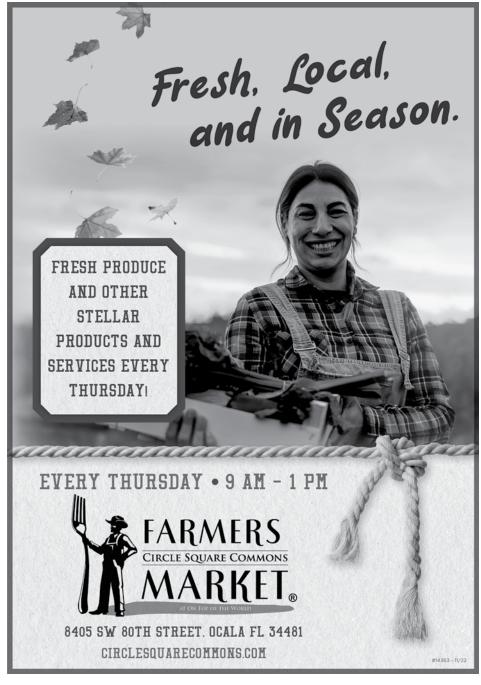
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Newcastle Social Committee

Sherry Bright

The successful Halloween progressive walk was Saturday Oct. 29. We had over 60 neighbors attend in costume. Delicious food and drink were served by six neighbors. Costume winners were scariest went to Toni Corazzin as Dracula; funniest to Meg and Randy Kajewski as sunburned tourists; most original was a tie between Mary and Don Hamlin as COVID-19 and Janette Sheil as the raven. Winners for the best group costume were the Gilligan Island's crew of Jeff VanDyke as the professor, Cindy VanDyke as Ginger, PJ Bingham as Gilligan, Bing Bingham as the skipper, Theresa Linsey as MaryAnn, and Greg and Renee Fairbrother as Mr. and Mrs. Howell. An enjoyable time was had

Upcoming Newcastle events include the holiday party Sunday, Dec. 4, and a murder mystery event on Jan. 19, 2023.

Don't forget to attend the Newcastle Social Committee meetings to find out what's happening in the neighborhood and to share your ideas. Our next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills pavilion. Starting in January, the meetings will change to the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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Newcastle comes out for Halloween.

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email nancylea55@gmail.com. Newcastle residents, if you would like to be included in our email list or to verify that you are on the list, please call Sherry Bright at 860-287-9232 or Meg Kajewski at 540-272-2247. For up-to-date Newcastle news and upcoming events, we encourage you to join our Facebook group (OTOW Newcastle Neighbors).

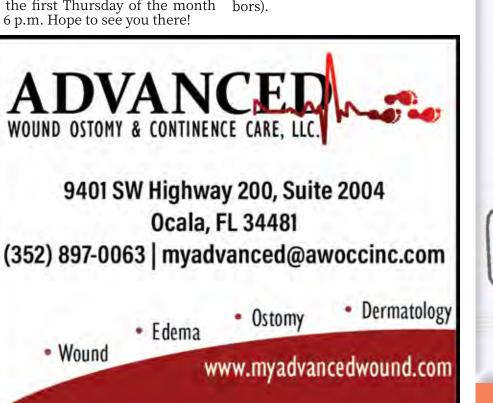
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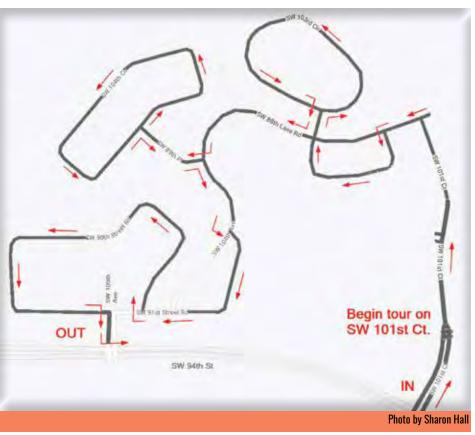
By Sharon Hall

Avalon invites you to stroll or ride through our neighborhood

Sunday, Dec. 4, after 6 p.m. for our second annual luminary event. If you cannot make it that evening, a great many of the luminaries will continue to be on display throughout December. Come and enjoy!

We are joining our friends in Windsor who are lighting up their luminaries that night as well. Make a night of it and enjoy their display





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here! Our Oktoberfest was a huge

success! The gazebo was converted

into a German village with music,

decorations, and people dressed for

the occasion. The day involved triv-

ia, games, photo booth, beer mug

holding contest, jello shots, and the best food ever. Guten Abend! (Good

Sit and chats are becoming a

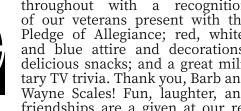
popular event the first Thursday

of each month at the gazebo. For

November, a veterans theme ran

Julie Sloat

evening!)



The December sit and chat will be our holiday event! We welcome all residents to take a holiday drive over to Americana. The gazebo (9950 SW 88th Court Road) will be on display in all its splendor for Christmas. It is a sight you won't want to miss!

Upcoming sit and chats will be and Feb. 2, 2023. Think potluck and

throughout with a recognition of our veterans present with the Pledge of Allegiance; red, white, and blue attire and decorations; delicious snacks; and a great military TV trivia. Thank you, Barb and Wayne Scales! Fun, laughter, and friendships are a given at our relaxed sit and chats.

at 4 p.m. at The Arbors Jan. 6, 2023, bingo. More details to come.

Questions? Please call or text Julie Šloat at 814-720-5377.



The weekly Artistic Crafts and Gifts group's Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon and continues through May.

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

This month we feature Sherry Loveless, who is involved in all types of crafting for over 30 years, especially paper crafting. She and her husband are from the Saratoga Springs area of New York and were full time RVers for several years after retiring. They spent their time traveling between New York and Florida until purchasing here two years ago. She is a retiree of New York State, having worked as an information security officer and a networking engineer.

Sherry's paper crafting journey started when she found a rubber stamp of a mouse on roller skates. Having been a competitive roller skater for many years, she is back after a 20-year hiatus! Making cards for friends and family, then turned into donating hundreds of cards to Hope Lodge in Manhattan, where

all the proceeds went to the American Cancer Society.

Her love of paper crafting and card making evolved into scrapbooking. After several years of making traditional large scrapbooks and lack of space in the RV, the idea of making a mini scrapbook took hold. Her love of making these books grew from there. After watching many videos, she learned to make these books from scratch.

Sherry's books are made with lots of pages that have extra flips, pockets and many places for photos and memorabilia. Custom orders are welcome to include your interests or needs, like weddings, babies, or sports.

Rediscovering her love of using a Cricut electronic cutting machine, she is a member of the Cricuteers, making characters for the different holidays, and numerous paper engineering projects. Her membership here also includes the Rubber Stamp & Card Club, highlighting the creativity to take a plain piece of paper or card stock and make it into something beautiful.

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 vendors are now part of our virtual website also, so you can see everyone's crafts even if you can't get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements for you to purchase items throughout the week.

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



Joe Sloat at the Oktoberfest



Sherry Loveless infuses a Victorian flavor into her creative cards and mini scrapbooks.



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Longleaf Ridge Friends Michelle Migdal, Kathleer Taylor & Debra Vitale

Fall brings the beautiful colorful hues of pink muhly grass blossoming all over Longleaf Ridge. The cooler season also welcomes back many residents with lots of added activities.

The Oktoberfest brought music and laughter as neighbors dressed up in costumes and danced the polka. Attendees enjoyed bratwursts and beer along with singalongs to live entertainment. An accordion, tuba, keyboard, and our roving singer brought lots of fun. The social committee provided festive decorations. Thursday night bocce continued as the nights started ear-

lier welcoming the fall weather. The monthly dining club had a ball at Cody's Original Roadhouse while enjoying great food and meeting new neighbors. The men formed their own group and held

their first luncheon in the Recreation Center Derby Room with over 23 in attendance. Special thanks to Gary Kuty for organizing the event. Plans are underway for monthly meetings with speakers.

If you are a Longleaf Ridge resident and are interested in partici-pating in neighborhood activities, blease let us hear from you. We look forward to welcoming you to the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. Please remember to join our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends) and provide your phase and lot number/address. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.



Vicky Ludwig, Janet Meyers, and Nancy Kiziu celebrating Oktoberfest.





Co-chairs Linda Jones and Sandy Matlock enjoying a dance performance at the sock hop.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler

Did everyone enjoy the Hallow-een candy treat tucked in with the Silver Bells information delivered to your home? This thoughtful and creative gesture was organized by our committee chairs Vicki Enderby and Gwen Fabian. Thanks to you ladies, and to all who helped assem-

ble and deliver the goodies.
So, if you have forgotten to purchase your ticket for the Williamsburg Silver Bells celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10, act now! Give Gwen Fabian 330-770-2138 or Vicki Enderby 312-351-3355 a call by Saturday, Dec. 3, and they will be happy to get tickets to you.

The Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios will be turned into a winter wonderland where we will share a delicious catered dinner, music, fellowship, and activities. Call now!

Many thanks to Linda Jones and Sandy Matlock for organizing the Williamsburg sock hop in October at The Town Square. Several residents looked as though they

had come from the sound stage of "Grease" with their creative poodle skirts, scarves, bobby socks and amazing dance moves.

Speaking of dance moves, everyone was treated to several beautifully choreographed dance sets performed by the On Top of the World Broadway dance class, directed by Penny Berton. What dance party would be complete without a limbo contest? Several ladies gave it their best shot until the lowered bar left only one survivor, and winner of a gift certificate.

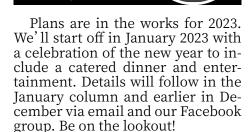
Thanks to the sponsors of this event: Scott Cameron, State Farm Insurance, Ryan the Handyman, and Nancy Meininger, ReMax Premier Realty.

If you are new to Williamsburg, welcome! To keep up with Williamsburg happenings please email Vicki Enderby at venderby@aol. com with your contact information. "The Williamsburg Whistler" is a monthly emailed publication you won>t want to miss. Check out our Williamsburg Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW).

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns about the Williamsburg community and activities, please feel free to contact Nancy Meininger, president, at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

Avalon **Social Group**

Sharon Hall & Karen Volpe



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events: email, our Facebook group or posting at the postal center. If vou would like to be added to our email list or to verify that you are on the list so that you can be notified of future events, please email your request to avalonsocialclub@ gmail.com. For up-to-date Avalon news and upcoming events, we also encourage you to join our Facebook group (Avalon Social Club). This is a private group, and you will be asked for your address to verify that you are an Avalon resident. If you have trouble finding the group or getting in, please email to the email address above and we'll send you the link to the group. Activities and events will also be posted at the postal center.

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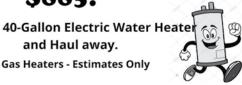
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Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The Indigo East Social Committee held three successful events in October and November, The Wicked Halloween party was a fun evening. Quarter pound hot dogs were served along with all the trimmings. A potluck dinner was held with over 100 attendees who feasted on delicious food items. No one left hungry and every had a grand time. The fall craft show featured crafters from both Indigo East and On Top of the World. All crafters have an amazing talent, and they presented beautiful crafts.

The holiday party will be Saturday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Appetizers and desserts will be served. This is a ticketed event and tickets were sold during the month of November.

The Indigo East ladies group will present breakfast with Santa Thursday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for this event were sold during the month of November. The breakfast will feature coffee, tea and orange juice, French toast, scramble eggs, bacon, sausage links, pancakes and biscuits and gravy. There will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with Santa and his helpers, and to participate in a holiday gift bag gift exchange; There will be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

The Indigo East neighborhood only golf cart parade will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, and will feature resident decorated golf carts. The parade route will be throughout Indigo East. The event will be hosted by Sharon and Tom Gruca and Mike and Melinda Huser. Refreshments will be available at the Indigo East Community Center after the parade for all participants.

The Indigo East Social Committee-sponsored bingo is on the first Tuesday of each month. The last 2022 bingo was held in November, and the same schedule will continue monthly throughout 2023.

The last bunco for 2022 was a pizza party Tuesday, Nov. 8. Bunco will resume Jan. 10, 2023.

The Indigo East Social Committee is announcing board and event hosting positions available for 2023. If any Indigo East resident would like to volunteer for a position, please contact Beth Griner, social committee chairwoman. The new board will begin Jan. 1, 2023.

Hanukkah begins Sunday, Dec. 18 and ends Monday, Dec. 26. Christmas is celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 25. Kwanzaa begins Monday, Dec. 26 and ends Sunday, Jan. 1. Whether you choose to celebrate one holiday or all the three festive holidays this month, on behalf of the Indigo East Social Committee, I wish you a fun month filled with happiness and love. Safe travels for those traveling for the holidays. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



The eighth annual fall picnic was attended by 158 residents. The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed socializing at picnic tables under the sunshine. I've received several calls asking what brand of hot dogs was served because they were the best they have ever had. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success (grillers, servers, ticket sellers and takers, setup crew and cleanup crew). Our events are a success because of all your hard work.

Let's celebrate the holidays together at the holiday dinner dance Saturday, Dec. 10, at The Lodge at Candler Hills from 5 to 8 p.m. Our caterer will be Gourmet Affair Catering, and the dinner includes mixed green salad, dinner rolls, a roast beef carving station, chicken cordon blue, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans alman-

dine, cheesecake with caramel and chocolate drizzle, and coffee all for a price of \$35 per person. Hal Dodd will be providing the music for your dancing pleasure. Tickets were sold in November for this event, but you can contact Vicky Major-Bell at 561-508-4820 or Deb Keirn at 352-414-5738 to see if any tickets are still available.

The next potluck dinner – Italianthemed – will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Please bring a dish for 12 to 15 people and label your dish for those with allergies. Last names beginning with A-I bring a side dish or salad; J-Q desserts; and R-Z main dish. Please make a reservation by contacting Deb Keirn at 352- 414-5737 or 814-571-7908 by text or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. The cost at the door is \$1 per person which covers eating utensils, napkins, tablecloths, cups, and decaf coffee.

The election of the Candler Connection board of directors will be held Jan. 9, 2023, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. If interested in being part of this board, contact Richard Steinfeldt by Dec. 15 at richst9@

gmail.com.

The new resident presentation by Richard Steinfeldt will be Jan. 12, 2023, at 1 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This presentation is informative to new residents.

Candler Hills residents are eligible to receive "The Happenings" by email; sign up at candlerconnection.org. 1,550 residents receive this e-newsletter to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Another good source of information is by joining 1,450 Candler Hills residents who are members of the Candler Connection Facebook

Upcoming events include Feb. 16, 2023, charity casino night; May 6, 2023, equestrian party; June 18, 2023, ice cream social; July 4, 2023, celebrate our nation together; Sept. 17, 2023, scavenger hunt; Oct. 22, 2023, ninth annual barbecue; and Dec. 9, 2023, holiday dinner dance.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday. Enjoy family and friends and see you in 2023.

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



Hard as it is to believe, this is the final Friendship Connection column for the year. It has been a busy year for us with many ups and downs, but we are now working on plans for events and activities for 2023. Our next event will be celebrating Mardi Gras, Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. with a catered meal. Further details will be in my next column.

Having door and game prizes at our events is something we hope

the attendees enjoy. However, providing those prizes also involves paying for them. Ticket prices for our events do not cover this, so various members of the committee have been covering the cost. But, as we know, all good things must come to an end. Therefore, we would like to try something new in 2023. We are brainstorming ideas for fundraising to continue to provide the prizes like what we have had in the past. We are hoping to have a tag sale in the spring with items donated by residents or their friends. All proceeds for this will go to paying for prizes. If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact us.

Another change for 2023 is the dropping of our website and the email address associated with it. We now have a new email address,

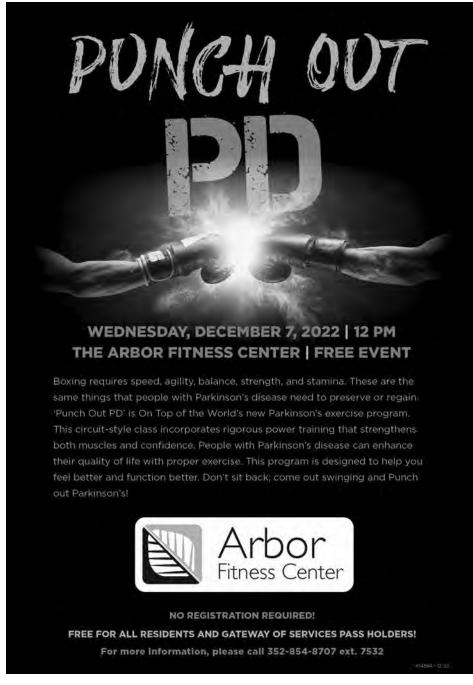
which is OTOWFriendshipConnection@gmail.com.

The Friendship Connection planning committee would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. No matter what you celebrate, please enjoy your time with family and friends.

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

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







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Thursday, Dec. 1 & Friday, Dec. **2:** 8530-C SW 92nd Street (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8787-B SW 90th Lane (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 3: 7750 SW 88th Street Road (Indigo East), 8 a.m. to noon · 8966-B SW 94th Lane (Friendship Park), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8747-H SW 98th Street Road (Americana Village), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 9661-A SW 95th Court (Crescent Ridge), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. · 9697 SW 90th Street (Providence), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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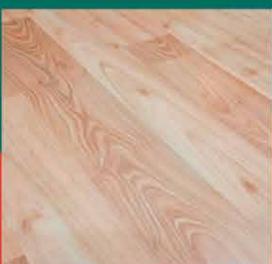
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