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Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Development Update

At Weybourne Landing, the construction road is in place to continue additional phases of the community. The roadway routes heavy equipment away from occupied neighborhoods, while allowing local trades access to finish in-progress neighborhoods. Weybourne Landing Phase 2 will begin home construction in mid summer. This post struction in mid-summer. This next phase will feature many of the familiar finishes from the first neighborhoods that have made Weybourne Landing a welcome addition to the On Top of the World family of communities. Please pardon our dust as we work to complete more of the high-quality communities and amenities that you've come to expect. The dry season brings with it many additional challenges for contractors and residents alike. We appreciate your understanding as we work with our partners to combat against drought con-

ditions.

The Longleaf Ridge amenity center is winding down the architectural design phase. This amenity will feature a main pool and a separate walking pool. By the next column, we should be able to share more details about what will be included at this amenity. We are estimating the start of this building by mid-fall.

Within On Top of the World (Central), the SW 90th Street postal center is expected to be completed in late May. There will be limited access to this fa-

There will be limited access to this facility when we start paving. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it will be good to

wrap up this improvement project.
Also, in On Top of the World (Central), installation of the new softball scorebox at the Recreation Center is scheduled to start in late June. While I'm on the topic of recreational amenities, the Recreation Center outdoor pool is scheduled to be renovated this winter. This will be a renovation of the pool shell, replacing the diamond-bright finish, and performing preventative maintenance on the pump and chlorination equipment. The pool project is estimated to take close to four months. Stay tuned for more details on the anticipated start of the project.

Over in Candler Hills, the Sanctuary monument sign that was damaged in an unfortunate accident, is in architectural design and then on to permitting. Construction is anticipated to start in late August and be completed in approximately four weeks.

Springtime is in Full Bloom

The April showers we count on never really happened to any significant degree. Regardless, the native wildflowers still managed to bloom along many roadways in the county. The winds, however, were entirely another story! We usually look for seasonal winds to settle down in May. Bottom line is that we are in for at least 60 more days. The more "normal" (what's normal anymore?) rain cycle usually begins in June to give the yards some relief but can be as late as mid-July.

If you haven't pruned back shrub-bery in mid-April, May is still time to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, because of dry conditions. Pruning back old growth stimulates new growth on trees and shrubs.

In dry spells like we are experiencing, the usual inclination is to increase the amount of irrigation time on yards and shrubbery. While that may not make a big dent on the color of your yard, it will make a big dent in your utility budget. A better strategy is to trust your smart water-wise irrigation controller to know when to water. If your shrubbery is still looking weak, it is best to hand water for approximately 10 minutes with a hose and sprayer attachment. This will perk them up and get them over the most stressful periods.

Conservation Tip

Depending on the type of irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 18 to 26 gallons per zone per run cycle which can save

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Fran Calhoun rendering "Taps," with Vietnam War veteran Ed Sobolewski in his 1968 uniform.

Memorial Day Ceremony

By Phil Panzera World News Writer

On Wednesday, March 29, the Veterans Club held a memorial ceremony in the Veterans Park to honor our Vietnam War veterans.

This is a new annual ceremony, requested by our very veteran-friendly community management. The club's new Vietnam Veterans of America flag bears the image of the red-yellow-green

stars, representing the 17 major cam-

paigns of the war.
On Monday, May 29, the Veterans
Club will host two free Memorial Day ceremonies. At 8 a.m. there will be a ceremonial flag raising at the Veterans Park. The ceremony consists of a sequence of lowering and then raising the U.S. flag and the flags of the five U.S. Vietnam Service Medal, along with 17 military branches which encircle our

nation's flag at the Veterans Memorial. The ceremony will be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard,

assisted by the Veterans Club.
At 11 a.m., there will be another ceremony in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The principal guest speaker will be an aviation pilot with over 1,000 combat missions in Vietnam. We'll have several other speakers and ceremonies, a bake sale, and even the Dancing Jewels.

Please consider joining us, in this frequently emotional event, as we pay tribute to those who gave their lives to secure the freedom and peace all Americans now enjoy. This freedom ... wasn't

Curriculum Kick-Off

World News Writer

The second term at Master the Possibilities will be one of the most exciting ever. Imagine more than 140 new class-

The curriculum kick-off for all new July through December classes will be at Circle Square Cultural Center on Wednesday, May 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Director of Education Michelle Shideler said, "The kick-off is always an exciting event for our entire team. There is a lot of energy and passion around the presentation of a brand-new curriculum being released. And, our faculty members, as well, take such great pride in providing amazing content for our participants. Their hard work and dedication, together with the Master the Possibilities staff will ensure an exciting and rewarding day for all those attending the

Many of the new classes in the new catalog are "personal," like "Money after 70," or "Cooking for Two." Many are historical in nature, like, "Rosie the Riveter" (remember her?), or something more current like, "The Taliban." Others will be of general interest, for example, "Florida's Wild Creatures," or "Television, My How You' ve Changed." And an all-time favorite will be coming to Master the Possibilities, "Living with a Macaw."

In all, there will be 800 classes in the second term.

During the kick-off, you will be able to immerse yourself in learning all there is about upcoming classes. You can choose from one or more subjects that are of interest, then sign up with a volunteer - or

- while strolling around having a snack, simply use your tablet or smartphone to capture a seat in whatever class(es) you

More than 50 instructors will be available to answer questions and discuss their class. They will be there for you and maybe, you may hear about a subject that before has never struck your fancy, but by learning more, you realize it's something you would like to pursue.

It's all happening on Wednesday, May 24, from 1 to 3 pm at Circle Square Cultural Center.



Director of Education Michelle Shideler from Master the Possibilities.

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Is It Legal?

Colen & Wagoner, P.A.



SCAM ALERT #1: This is a new one for me. A real estate company apparently offers its customers a small amount of money in exchange for the customer signing what amounts to a 40-year agreement, or other long-term agreement, for this real estate company to have the exclusive right either to sell the home/ apartment or, to have the homeowner pay damages to this real estate company if the homeowner backs out or sells the property. Damages can turn out to be about 3% of the value of the home. The 3% damages clause is triggered not only if the owner tries to sell the property either by himself or through another broker, but also, this 3% damages clause is triggered if the owner conveys the property through an inheritance such as by will, trust, or probate.

But wait, there's more. This company sends a mobile notary public to the home of the owner and the notary is not permitted to explain anything about this 40-year agreement. Also, frequently the notary, after getting the signature of the homeowners, "forgets" to leave a copy of the agreement with the owner.

It can get worse. The real estate company then files a memorandum in the public records which encumbers the property and makes it impossible to sell the property without clearing the encumbrance. It might also make it impossible to mortgage the property.

sible to mortgage the property.

If these folks attempt to contact you by phone, email, or text, do not respond. If you have already entered into this agreement, contact your attorney, and bring all the documents you have and see what can be done. I can tell you that the Florida Attorney General's office has already begun legal action against these folks.

SCAM ALERT #2: A client came to me to discuss a bill he was receiving from his dentist. He had a Medicare Advantage plan that he thought also covered dental work and with no co-pay. However, apparently, the dentist failed to submit the claim to my client's insurance underwriter and now the underwriter is refusing to pay the claim because it wasn't timely filed. So, the dentist is billing my client.

It's not enough to assume that a health care provider, or dental provider, has filed a claim with a Medicare Advantage insurer. You must follow up to make sure it's done.



Q. You don't like annuities, do you?

A. Not correct. I neither like nor dislike annuities. They could have their place in a good estate plan if there is a valid reason to purchase them. What I do not like is marketing them to folks who might be informed of the pluses but not of the minuses of them in relationship to the specific persons and their specific estate planning needs. Annuities have significant costs. They are not free. Some of the costs are hidden and it is important that folks be informed of costs, penalties, etc.

Q. What is the secure act that I've heard about lately?

A. The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act was passed in December 2019, under the Trump administration. A primary purpose was to establish new rules for retirement accounts and for required minimum distributions (RMD) from such accounts (such as IRA and 401k).

Here are a few of its provisions:

- 1. The RMD was increased from 70-1/2 to 72. Then, in 2022, under the Biden administration, the Act was amended so that the age for RMDs changed to 73 in 2023 and up to 75 in 2033.
- 2. The age limit for contributions was removed.
- Although the RMD requirements for spousal IRAs remained the same, the RMD for inherited IRAs was reduced to 10 years, unless a beneficiary was a trust in which case the RMD is just five years (and with few exceptions). Starting in 2024, RMDs will not be required from Roth IRAs. There are several other changes made by the SECURE Act. It was amended in 2023, so please, please, meet with your attorney or tax advisor. This is a critically important law, and it merits serious consideration regarding everyone's estate planning.

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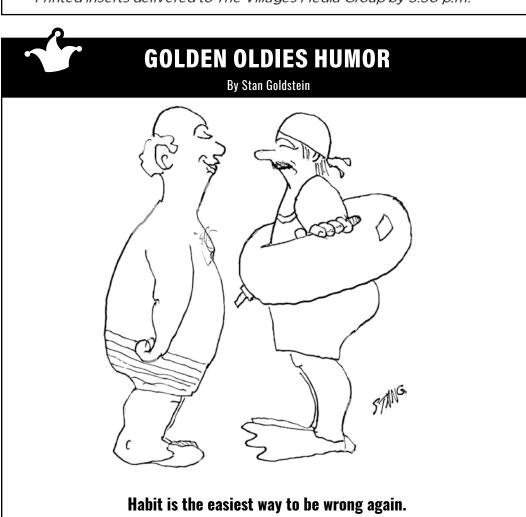
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Lifelong Learning

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"These Times They Are a Changing," or so I have been told. Focusing on this theme for the next catalog curriculum, Master the Possibilities will have a selection of courses highlighting changes in various products, processes, and society. So, be on the lookout for the new catalog to arrive at our Education Center Thursday, May 25 with more than 475 courses to explore.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our July through December curriculum kick-off from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, at Circle Square Cultural Center. Those who attend this free and open to the public event will be one of the first to receive a copy of our catalog, have a chance to pre-register, and visit with various Master the Possibilities faculty members to learn more about our classes. There will even be a chance for those who visit to win a free seat in a class. You may choose to skip the registration line and bring a personal tablet or cell phone to self-register while walk-

ing around the event.

Don't wait until next term to learn a new skill or become intrigued with a new topic, though. There are more than 40 courses already scheduled each week in May available for registration. Our visiting speaker this month is Bob Keal-

ing, who will be talking about the Beatles while they visited Florida. "Good Day Sunshine State, The Beatles in 1964" will focus on two weeks in particular and include research from more than thirty interviews and information from rare letters. The cost to attend this presentation Friday, May 5, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.in Live Oak Hall is \$11 for members and \$16 for the general public.

Listen to a presentation that goes into detail about steps a CIA case officer employs in acquiring someone in a foreign country with access to valuable information to spy for the United States. Dr. Don Wyman will explain the meticulous planning and clever techniques used to transfer intelligence safely and securely without compromise. "Espionage Tradecraft: To Catch a Spy" will be held in Live Oak Hall from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 12. The cost to hear this intriguing lecture is \$11 for members and \$16 for the general public.

Want to venture outdoors for a day? Register for "Island Hopping the Cedar Keys" kayak trip with local historian and expert Lars Andersen. This easy to moderate trip will take participants on the waterways that are still ruled by nature. Kayak use is included in the trip cost, which is \$49 for members and \$54 for the general public and is scheduled for kayak launch time at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16.

There is so much more planned at our Education Center this month. For a complete listing of classes, visit masterthepossibilities.org, or give us a call 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 352-861-9751.



The "Good Day Sunshine State, The Beatles in 1964" class will take place Friday, May 5.



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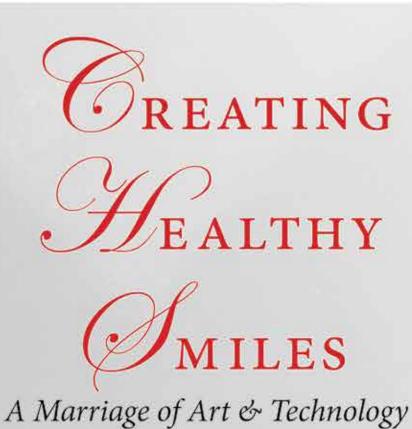
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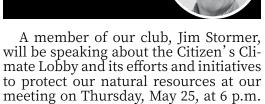
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Democratic Club

Mark Miller



meeting on Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV.

At our March meeting, a new board of

directors was voted into office, they are: learn to become productive members of Mark Miller, president; Glenn Cohen, vice president; Lourdes Rasco, treasurer; Jenny Stebbins, secretary. Directors include Lynn Miller, Jim Stormer, Jean Krueger-Travis, and Dan Hall. We look forward to growing our club and making an impact in our community and state, local, and national arenas.

As always, our club continues to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former Ritz hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans. The Ritz provides a safe environment for these brave men and women to our community and to live on their own once again. The Ritz needs pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheets, towels and wash cloths, toiletries, laundry pods, paper goods and canned and dry food. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

For more information, contact Mark Miller at 443-848-8549 or demclubotow@ gmail.com or visit our Facebook page On Top of the World Democratic Club, Ocala). Hope to see you at our next meeting!

OneBlood



The Big Red Bus® was here with two buses Monday, April 3. We had a great turnout with 50 units of whole blood ed. Not everyone can donate double red cells and I thank those eight people who did. Each donor received a \$20 e-card to spend at many local places plus a t-shirt.

Here are the guidelines for donating double red cells. For women, you must be five feet five inches tall and weigh at least 150 pounds. For men, you must be five feet one inch and weigh at least 135 pounds. The donor care specialist also checks your iron level which must be 13.3 for both women and men. Blood pressure cannot be higher than 180/90. The wait time for the next donation is 16 weeks instead of the regular eight weeks.

The Alyx machine collects two units of red blood cells instead of one. Platelets and plasma are returned to the donor along with a saline solution for hy-

The bus will be here next Friday, May 5, at the Recreation Center parking lot from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is to give those donors who cannot make it on a Monday a chance to give. The next Friday drive will be in September.

The next regular Monday drive will be June 5. Please mark your calendar. See vou on the bus.

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Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard



Many members of the Republican Club participated in a rally to support former President Donald Trump during his anticipated indictment on Tuesday, March 21; and on Tuesday, March 28 at a citizen emergency rally at the Marion County School Board meeting. Our club Vice President Charles Dodge delivered an impassioned oration of his views about the books.

The third event members attended was a press conference conducted at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion on Friday, April 7, with Governor Ron DeSantis. He announced a \$4 million Florida state grant to build an interchange at I-75 and NW 49th Street in Ocala. The purpose of this interchange is to manage current traffic issues, add manufacturing opportunities and additional routes for the planned Buc-ees. Representatives from Buc-ees, State Representative Kat Cammack, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared Perdue and Enterprise Florida CEO Laura Dibella were in attendance to show their support of these plans.

Upcoming meetings will include a civics trivia night, Jose Juarez (former candidate for Florida State Representative District 24) discussing his flight from Cuba, and Sheriff Billy Woods, as well as Professor Alan Altany.

The Republican Club meets the second Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.) in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. (Upcoming dates are May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10). For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at 518-534-0201; your call will be answered as soon as possible. Come join us in political conversation with like-minded,



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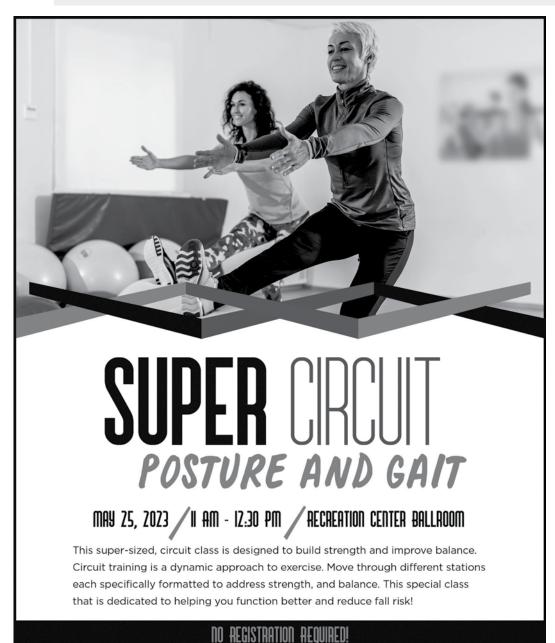
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Around the World

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April's weather was interesting. How about that little "cool" spell after Easter? Ah, but May is here. Can you believe that we are in the fifth month of the year? There are some very thoughtful holidays and special days in May – Cinco De Mayo on the 5th, Kentucky Derby Day on the 6th, Mother's Day on the 14th and homage to our veterans on the 29th. There are also Love a Tree Day, Frog Jumping Day and Eat What You Want Day. Here's my favorite - Twilight Zone Day (I am a Twilight Zone fanatic). Cheers to May!

Let's Talk Peace

Have you visited Sholom Park? If you haven't, put that on your to-do list. The serenity there takes your mind to comforting places. One place in particular calls out to the meaning of the park's

Take a deep breath and release your stress as you enter the park's labyrinth. As you quietly stroll along the labyrinth path, you will pass a few reflection points sharing the wisdom found in nature.

Along the fence line to your south is an amazing live oak, known by park visitors as the "wounded heart tree." Here you will see a tree to which we can all relate. On one side is an enormous wound, likely from the fracture and collapse of part of the tree. The wound forms an uneven and jagged angelic shape. The tree has clearly suffered immensely from its loss, yet its wound is healing.

On the other side of the tree, looking at it from the right angle, you can also view a strong tree that looks unscathed and continues to thrive. On their Master the Possibilities tour, Sholom Park's staff asks us to consider how this tree's survival relates to all of us. At some point in our lives, we have dealt with loss and pain, yet we are able to con-

tinue living. When we look at this tree, we understand that all of us need compassion and deserve mutual respect because all of us have endured pain. The 'wounded heart tree" represents the wisdom and comfort that we can find at Sholom Park. Again, I encourage you to visit Sholom Park, enjoy the beauty of it all and find your own peace.

Dogs Are Man's Best Friend Until

Complaints about pets - dogs particularly – are becoming more frequent as of late. This community is, of course, dog friendly and there are many dogs. Remember that dogs should be always under their owner's control. Allowing your dog to eliminate wastes on your neighbor's lawn is showing a lack of respect for the privacy of your neighbor and their property. And, for goodness sakes, do not place your dog's waste in other residents' trash receptacles.

Heading Back Home

This is the time of year, some of our residents migrate back to their seasonal homes. Please leave your home here in good order and have a neighbor or a friend check your home periodically to ensure against water leaks, power outages (which can affect irrigation system programming), and the general look of vacancy that happens if newspapers, notices, flyers, etc. are not picked up. Enjoy your time away and be safe.

Visitors and Guests

Many of you will enjoy visits from your family and friends afar. Just a few safety reminders for the youngsters so that their visit will be the best time ever:

- Golf carts are to be operated by someone at least 15 years of age.
- Skateboarding, skating, roller-blading, and similar activities are allowed on residential streets only not common property.
- Children must be monitored at pool areas and pool rules obeyed.

Sprucing Up

As we go into summer, you may think about changing your lawn design. Maybe add more or different flowers, shrub-

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The Resident Services office is closed the third Wednesday of every month, which falls on May 17, from noon to 1 p.m. 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, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit OTOWInfo.com > Maintenance Request and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting and click

Resident ID cards and up to two gate access controls may be issued per household. Photo ID cards are updated every five years. Additional annual fees will apply for more than two occupants.

After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies

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

Something to Take With You

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Weybourne Landing

Valerie Muriel



May all your days this month be awesome! We wish all moms a happy Mother's Day! I would like to welcome all the new residents and invite you to all our May events.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place the second Saturday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, May 13, Robert France will be your entertainer. Bring your own beverages and snacks and enjoy dancing with friends and neighbors. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Karaoke takes place the third Tuesday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. Knight Sound will be here Tuesday, May 16, in the Ballroom. Bring your own beverages and snacks and get ready to sing the night away. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Trivia*

Trivia, hosted by Knight of Columbus, will begin Tuesday, June 6, in the Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be eight people per table, so start coming up with names for your team. One person from each table must have a smartphone. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Bring your own beverages and snacks. Have fun and win prizes.

Community Tag Sale*

Come join us for a community tag sale and earn a little extra cash from selling your unused items. The event is on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ballroom and veranda. The cost is \$8 per resident.

Pool Party Bash*

Let's party poolside on Saturday June 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$16 per resident and \$18 per guest attending with a resident. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will be catering the event.

Holiday Hours

On Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), facility hours will be 9 a.m.to 5 p.m.

Community News

Social hour has been cancelled for May.

Pickleball will be closed from Monday, April 24 through approximately Saturday, May 13 as all courts are transitioning into pickleball courts.

*To register, visit The Landing office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days prior to registered event. Resident ID must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a Weybourne Landing resident.





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What are QR Codes?

By Andrew Works

Have you noticed an increase in the use of QR codes in advertisements around On Top of the World? There's a reason for this! QR codes are versatile and powerful tools that are quickly becoming a popular way for consumers to engage with brands and businesses. QR stands for "quick response," and they serve as a way to quickly link users to digital content. They are an extremely useful tool that bridges the gap between physical and digital media.

Originally developed in 1994 by the Japanese company Denso Wave as a more efficient way to track automotive parts, QR codes have made their way into other business functions. There is no limit to what types of information can be stored in a QR code, making them

useful for many different applications.

QR codes are made up of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a solid color background. The patterns represent binary codes that when scanned, links to information stored within. The code is decoded by scanning with a smartphone or dedicated QR reader

Nowadays, most smartphones have built-in software that easily accesses the information in a QR code simply by using the phone's camera. Once scanned, consumer focused QR codes like those seen in advertisements, will typically prompt the user to open the link or access the desired data. QR codes can be used to open websites, make payments, store contact details, give discounts, and

more. Consumers benefit from the use of QR codes because they are so easy to use and provide faster access to the information they desire.

In addition to getting exclusive offers and discounts from businesses, QR codes can also be used to access digital membership cards, loyalty programs, and with the rise of contactless payments, QR codes can be a convenient way to make payments without having to use cash or plastic cards.

How secure are QR codes? QR codes are simply a physical-to-digital portal. You scan the code, and it takes you to the digital endpoint, for instance, a specific page on a website. In this sense, QR codes are secure, it's not until the end-user enters requested information where there could be a problem. Scammers with malicious intent could cover up a business's legitimate QR code with their own leading to a fake site where they could unintentionally give hackers

access to their device or private information. Therefore, it's advisable to follow these best practices before scanning using a QR code:

- Review the QR code for any suspicious elements, such as Is it part of the printed advertisement or is the QR code a sticker? Is the business's actual logo included? Do the colors used match the known branding of the business?
- · Avoid using third-party apps to
- · Verify the website address the QR code links you to is the actual business's website.

Following these steps can help prevent QR code users from falling victim to malicious attempts of theft.

QR code usage is becoming increasingly popular for businesses and consumers on the go, and with so many benefits, it's easy to see why, as they provide a fast and convenient way to access digital information from your smart device.

Active Newcomers Club

Lori Lund

On Saturday, March 18, the Active Newcomers Club hosted a "Fling into Spring" social for about 80 members at the Arbor Conference Center. With springtime colors and flowers, the room was decorated and waiting to welcome the members to a catered meal from Let's Eat Fresh that included a variety of sub sandwiches, salads, cheesecakes, and beverages. Fun get acquainted type games were played to help the members continue to learn unique things about each other. DJ Jake Favia provided music for listening and dancing.

The Active Newcomers Člub has numerous small group activities planned by membership and board members. The dinner club currently has 70 members, which involves six to 10 people visiting a local restaurant to enjoy each other's company in a smaller environment which aides getting to know each other easier.

Numerous other small groups suggested by the membership have been: wine tasting, ladies golf, couples golf, walking, cards, games, hiking, craft beer, women's writing, and bowling. Organizational emails should have been

sent out by now explaining when these small groups will be meeting.

On Tuesday, May 9, there will be a pizza party at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV from 6 to 9 pm. Attendance will be limited to 60 members. For only \$5 paid at the door, members can partake in an assortment of pizzas, salads, and desserts. Just bring your own drinks. The Dulcimer Group will provide the entertainment with a great variety of their music. If you want to

reserve your spot at the pizza party, just email activenewcomersclub@outlook. com or respond to our Facebook page.

On Saturday, June 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. we will hold our club picnic at the Veterans Park pavilion. Members can either bring their own picnic meal and drinks or purchase a meal from the Curbside Cuisine food truck. The food truck menu can be viewed at facebook. com/curbsidecuisinemobile. There will also be vegetarian and gluten-free op-

tions available. Members just need to bring their own chairs/tables, picnic meal if not purchasing from the food truck, drinks. We will have a raffle and entertainment by the R&R Group which includes duo/trio of bass, and acoustic guitar, piano with vocals. As always, if you want to contact the Active Newcomers Club board of directors just email activenewcomersclub@outlook.com or visit our Facebook page (Active Newcomers Club OTOW).



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Finding Zen

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Sholom Park has some very exciting news to share. Just a few weeks ago, we broke ground on a new 3/4-acre Japanese Zen garden. The garden is set to feature a Zen ocean, a traditional Zen rock raking area, meditational and reflection points, and walking trails. This new addition to Sholom Park will provide visitors with gorgeous landscape vistas, and peaceful settings, where quiet meditation will be encouraged.

The Zen ocean is one of the highlights of the new garden. Visitors will be able to sit on an observation deck and take in the beautiful scenery of the tranquil Zen ocean with large rocks representing islands. Zen oceans are designed to symbolize the movement of water and the flow of energy in the universe.

Another vital and compelling feature of the new Zen garden will be the meditational raking garden known as a karesansui. This interactive area of the Zen garden will allow people to rake patterns into the gravel area. Thus, allowing them to clear their minds and achieve a sense of inner peace.

At the heart of the design are traditional Japanese Zen garden features, including a Torii gate, dry stream beds, stone lanterns, natural ornamental stones set in the landscape, bamboo fencing, fountains, and other elements aiming to craft a distinct and genuine Zen experience. The garden will also feature a variety of different plants, trees, and rock formations, all carefully arranged to create a sense of balance and harmony.

Overall, the new Japanese Žen garden at Sholom Park will be a beautiful and serene space that not only adds to the park's natural beauty but also provides visitors with a unique and authentic Zen experience. With its roots in ancient Japanese culture and history, this new addition to Sholom Park is sure to be a popular destination for nature lovers

and spiritual seekers alike. Sholom Park is proud of its mission to be a seed of peace in the lives of those who visit. We encourage you to visit whenever you can. We expect construction of the garden to be completed by late summer 2023.



Japaense Zen garden coming to Sholom Park.

Rendering courtesy of Sholom Park

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program provides training in emergency preparedness and disaster response to volunteers who would like to help their community. Some of the skills

- in which volunteers are trained are: first aid and disaster medical op
 - erations fire safety
 - light search and rescue
 - team organization for disaster re-

The Community Emergency Response Team is about helping you help yourself, your family, and your closest neighborhood.

Join us at a meeting! We meet the second Tuesday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Call Debra at 412-443-2930 to confirm the next date.

To receive free training, apply at marionso.com/emergency-managementvolunteering. Marion County Sheriff's Office will contact you before the next training session.

Community ham radio operators can assist us from home by tuning in to Simplex frequency 146.565. When deployed

during a disaster event, we need neighborhood reports on building damage, blocked roads, medical emergencies, and other vital information. Our designated command center is the Hobby Building Art Room, where ham radio operators establish contact with Marion County Emergency Management. For information, please contact brucetwiss@ yahoo.com.

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The Angela Santos VFW Post 4781 honor guard performing a missing man table ceremony.

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Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun



This year we honor and remember our lost soldiers Monday, May 29, with a Memorial Day Ceremony. The Veterans Club will perform a flag ceremony at 8 a.m. at the Veterans Park.

At 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom, we will perform a missing man table ceremony to honor all those soldiers and sailors who gave their all to give us the freedom we enjoy. Captain Petty will speak on the history and meaning of Memorial Day.

In honor of the service men and women who gave their all, please do not say, "Happy Memorial Day." Memorial Day was created to honor our fallen heroes. It is a day of reflection and time to pay tribute to those service members.

If you see a veteran or current service member, please say, "Thank you for your service." We were willing and are still willing to give our all for this country and what it stands for.

Veterans Club meetings are held at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV on the third Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. For more information, call Charlie Calhoun at 352-556-6004.



Honoring the Vietnam War veterans at a gathering on Wednesday, March 29.

Treasure in our Backyards

By Elaine Morrison World News Writer

Part I

If any of us need another good reason to be delighted about choosing On Top of the World for their home, how about this ... we have a treasure in our backyard. No, not that kind of treasure. The other kind ... human treasure ... treasure that is treasured.

Of course, I am referring to the large

population of gallant men and women, our friends, and neighbors, who have served in the U.S. military. Every branch of the military. Go to Veterans Park sometime and read the names on the pavers under each branch's flag. It is both humbling and inspiring.

On Wednesday, March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, a group of resident veterans gathered at the home of Tom and Irene Duncan in Kestrel. Kestrel alone boasts more than 35 veteran residents.

Celebrated since 1973, the date represents the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Vietnam. Today more than seven million Vietnam War veterans are living in the United States and abroad.

Replete with flags and patriotic garb, the Kestrel celebration was spearheaded by resident Kristi Hilton, herself an Iraq combat war veteran, whose selfless drive and determination to honor and applaud her fellow veterans is becoming legendary in the community.

More than 50 veterans and spouses, from many neighborhoods, came laden with food and personal stories. Everyone was given a sheet with lyrics and a medley of Armed Forces songs rang out in the community. The songs included, ""The Army Goes Rolling Along," "Anchors Aweigh," "The U.S. Air Force," "Semper Paratus," and "The Marines' Hymn."

When it came time to eat, the group laughed loudly as Kristi announced, "All officers remain seated, let the enlisted

Entertainment for the gathering included retired U.S. Navy CW4 Mike Ball, singer and guitarist, ventriloquist Peggy Cary and her friend Willie, and humorist, Chris Pukasias. Willie, dressed in his combat gear and wearing his "dad's" dog tags, poked wry humor at some of the audience, insinuating that they had furniture diseases because "their chests have fallen into their drawers."

Among those enjoying the festivities were Nic Arkon, retired U.S. Air Force, who came dressed in his 55 year old basic training shirt and shorts; Mike Ball, U.S. Navy demolition diver and his wife, Linda Nesbitt, retired U.S. Navy captain, who served as a dentist for 25 years; highly decorated air combat medalist Louis (Smokey) Mederios and his wife Anna Marie; Dan Fausnaugh, two silver stars and a Purple Heart; Gene Kowalski, another Purple Heart recipient; and Chris Pukasias, whose father served under General George Patton during World War II

War II.

A beautifully decorated cake, adorned with chocolate flags and a Vietnam War poster, was presented as the sweet ending to the event. Then volunteers representing each military branch, holding flags, led the entire company in a rousing chorus of "You' re a Grand Old Flag." This was followed by a spirited and emotional rendering of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", also known as simply "America." God bless our troops and the United States of America.



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May is a beautiful month to enjoy being out in the sunshine and celebrating the month's special days.

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate our mothers and Memorial Day, a time to honor and remember those who sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Join us for all the fun activities planned this month.

Trivia*

On Monday, May 1, trivia takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Bring a beverage and snack to share with your team.

Rock 'n' Roll Night

On Wednesday, May 10, the Indigo East Community Center will be rockin' and rollin' from 5 to 8 p.m. Dave and Kenny will provide live entertainment. Bring snacks and beverages of choice. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Pool Party Bash*

On Thursday, May 11, make a splash at the Indigo East Fitness Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Get out and party in the sun! Fresh Plates Creative Catering will offer cheeseburgers, hot dogs with relish, baked beans, potato chips, cookies, and strawberry lemonade. Bring your beverage of choice in an approved container (no glass) and enjoy live music with Kurtis Mae. Tickets cost \$16 per resident and \$18 per guest attending with a resident.

Sing your heart out! You don't have to feel uncomfortable singing because we all support and cheer each other on. Enjoy the fun with DJ Frank Thursday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Social Hour

On Wednesday, May 24, sit back, socialize, and enjoy easy listening music by Linda Sisco from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. We will provide cheese, crackers, and fruit platters (while supplies last). Bring your own beverage of choice. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour with live entertainment is every Friday. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident. Bring your favorite cocktail and snacks and have fun with your friends, family, and neighbors.

Upcoming entertainment includes: May 5: Mike and Kathy Gallagher

- May 12: JoJo
- May 19: Casey Young
- May 26: Johnny Lobo

Holiday Hours

On Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day), facility hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*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.

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The Lodge at **Candler Hills lilva Torres** 352-387-9508

With summer right around the corner, it is nice to see residents enjoying the pools. There are so many fun activities to enjoy in this community! Stay updated by visiting OTOWInfo.com.

Social Night

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Come socialize with your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Dave Shepard. Bring your favorite beverages and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last). This is a free event to our Candler Hills residents. Guest fees of \$5 apply to those who attend with residents.

Summer Cocktail Party*

The weather is beautiful and it's time to party! Come join us Wednesday, May 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. for refreshing cocktails and light appetizers while listening to live entertainment by Mike Webb. The menu includes sangria, margaritas, and spiked lemonade, shrimp cocktails, lemon and blueberry cheesecake shooters, watermelon, feta, and mint bites. Tickets are \$17 per resident and \$19 per guest accompanied by a resident. Please note that no outside beverages will be permitted at this event.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place the third Saturday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, May 20, Automatic will be here for your entertainment. Bring your own beverages and snacks and enjoy dancing with friends and neighbors. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Head over to the Recreation Center on Thursday, May 25, for an evening of karaoke with Charlie and Kathy from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

This event will return to The Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom Thursday, June

Room Reservations

Room reservations for 2024 are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center.

Room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident IDs will be required for booking. If you are planning an event, it is important to have all paperwork submitted to our office two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest list to the appropriate departments.

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

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Community Pools

With the warmer weather here, what better place to enjoy the outdoors than in one of the community pools? Please remember when utilizing the pool areas that pets are prohibited on the pool deck. Pool rules are posted around all pools and non-compliance will result in loss of privileges. Please have resident IDs available when visiting the pool areas. Rules and procedures are strictly enforced. A resident must accompany their guest(s). Please note that children under the age of 15 are not permitted in the family pools until after noon during weekdays.

Telephone Directories

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

Tap Dance Classes*

Have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. She is patient, caring, creative, and is a great choreographer. No experience necessary. She will start with the basics, and you'll find yourself progressing quickly. Join the class, bring those tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes) and awaken your love for tap.

· Intermediate: Tuesdays, at 2:15

· Advanced: Tuesdays, at 1 p.m.

Classes are \$20 per person for a fourweek class (monthly) which take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Please note there will not be any tap classes in the month of June.

Intermediate Broadway Dance Class*

Do you love musicals? All choreography will be inspired and styled after those foot-stomping favorites. This is a seven-week session with no experience needed. The cost for the two-month class is \$42 per person. Any comfortable shoes can be worn (no sandals, please). Classes are Fridays (May/June) at 1:15 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Dance Studios I-IV.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Butch Phillips teaches social ballroom dancing. Singles and couples are welcome. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per resident, per three-week class.

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

Tropic Trivia Night*

Trivia is very popular with everyone ready for mind-boggling challenges. Don't miss out on your team's opportunity to participate. Our next trivia is on Thursday, May 4. Please note that beverages, water bottles, and/or cups are not

permitted.

Sign-ups for play are currently being accepted through July. You must provide a list of your team players' names at time of sign-up. Trivia is held the first Thursday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom, and the cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest attending with resident.

April

1: Motley Crew; 2: Eight is Enough; 3: Paw Patrol Factoids.

Ocala's Horse Country Tour*

Join us on Fridays, May 5 and May 26, as we tour Ocala's horse country and get an insider's view of all that is included in Marion County. The tour includes close interaction with the horses and the people who handle them. During the drive between stops, learn the history and fun facts about Ocala's horses and points of interest. There is about 20 to 30 minutes of walking at each farm. Please wear closed-toe shoes for this trip. After the farm, we will stop at the World Equestrian Center for lunch (on your own). You will have two and a half hours to explore freely. The cost is \$38 per person.

Karaoke

Can you carry a tune? If so, come join the fun as Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will DJ karaoke on Thursday, May 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You are sure to have a great time! This is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art*

On Wednesday, May 17, take a trip to The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art as it is a remarkable legacy of the circus entrepreneur, collector of art, and financier. During your visit, there will be an R. Luke DuBois exhibit, a prodigious body of work ranging from musical composition and collaborative performance to large scale public installations, film and generative computer works. This 66-acre estate includes the Museum of Art, the Venetian-Gothic Ca'd' Zan mansion, their winter-residence, and the 18th century historic Asolo Theater, Circus Museum. Shopping and dining are onsite. The cost is \$60 per person and includes transportation and entry into the museum.

Social Hour

Relax and socialize with friends and neighbors on Thursday, May 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Easy listening music will be provided by The Mudds. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided (while supplies last). This is a free event.

Victory Casino*

Take a gamble and join us for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday, May 31, in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The cost is \$54 per person and includes round trip transportation, food voucher, port boarding fee and \$20 in qualifying slot play. 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 and EZ Bad, a la carte menu and live entertainment will be available. No smoking allowed. Government issued photo ID will be required.

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 fol-

- · May 5: Charity
- · May 12: Dynamic Duo
- May 19: CherokeeMay 26: Kurtis May

We will also provide an additional pool pavilion Happy Hour on Sunday, May 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. with entertainer Debbie Owen & Tony T.

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.

On Friday, May 5, we will have a themed Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour. Come dressed in your favorite outfit and join in the festivities.

The outdoor Cruise-in Happy Hour is on the third Friday of each month (March through May) with the next one on Friday, May 19. We will hold it on the front lawn of the Recreation Center. Bring lawn chairs and come enjoy live entertainment as well as viewing the showcase of cars that will be on display by many of our residents. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will have a tent in place selling beer and wine (cash only) and Heavenly Foods and Devilish Treats food truck will be onsite. Come out and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors. Should inclement weather be predicted, the car display will be cancelled, and Happy Hour will move inside the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- May 5: Cinco de Mayo with Auto-
- · May 12: One Flite Up
- · May 19: Cruise-in with Radlin Rootz

· May 26: Kathleen Kane

Resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour and 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 into Happy Hour. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed.

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Please keep in mind that to guarantee your use of the following pavilions Veterans Park, Recreation Center pool, softball, The Landing, The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East you must complete a Room Request form. Booking of the pavilions and the forms can be obtained by contacting the facility offices.

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

The Landing pickleball courts will be closed for resurfacing and converting over to all pickleball through approximately Saturday, May 13. Please plan ac-





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

Memorial Day Ceremony

The Veterans Club will hold the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor the men and women who sacrificed it all while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Honored guests include all active duty and retired military personnel, and guest speakers. This event will be held on Monday, May 29, at 8 a.m. at the Veterans Park for the flag raising and 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom for the ceremony. Come honor and pay respect to our veterans who gave their all! For more information, contact Charles Calhoun at 352-556-6004.

Holiday Hours

On Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), the Recreation Center Fitness Center, Arbor Fitness Center and pool will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All fitness classes are cancelled, and the office will be closed.

All On Top of the World (Central) facilities and pools will remain open on the holiday.

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

We will not be publishing a Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog for the second half of the year. All scheduled trips and events will be posted on the bulletin boards or communicated in the monthly news column and calendar. The catalog will return in 2024.

Stay safe, have fun, and continue to monitor OTOWInfo.com for the latest

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Fashion Show and Luncheon a Success

By Colleen Rocafort

The Women of the World fashion show and luncheon for Hospice of Marion County was a huge success! We raised

\$9,330 for Hospice of Marion County for Hospice Care and the Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education between ticket sales and proceeds from the raffle gift basket tickets.

This year, we received 111 raffle gift basket donations from our members, several On Top of the World clubs, and several outside suppliers and organizations. We thank you all for your incredible generosity. 100% of the ticket sales from the raffle gift baskets was donated to Hospice of Marion County.

Cindy Moody, from Hospice of Mari-

on County, received an initial check for \$2,000 based on the ticket sales at the event. At the April 20 club meeting, Cindy Moody and Lanie Shirey, executive director for the Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education were presented with a second check from all the proceeds from the raffle gift baskets – totaling \$7,330.

This year's sold-out event was held on Wednesday, March 22, at Circle Square Cultural Center. The cruise wear fashions were provided by Dillard's. Kaitlynn Langland, ready to wear sales manager and Vivienne Bond, ladies apparel stylist coordinated the fashions for our show.

The models were Women of the World club members: Shirley Rutledge, Susan Parziale, Katherine Anshewitz, Joanie Ford, Janet Cairo, Diane Jenkins, Barbara Buehler, Paola Sharkey, Donna Siegfried, Pat Wright, Robin Waselewski, and Marilyn Cepanec. We are extremely grateful to you all for modeling the fashions and having fun doing so. You helped to make the event very enjoyable!

Mojo's served an amazing Hawaiian luau lunch consisting of guava glazed pork, Maui style chicken, island rice, grilled vegetables, sweet plantains, tropical salad with a pina colada vinaigrette, and five different dessert shooters.

The beautiful flower centerpieces for each table and flower decorations were prepared by Flowers by Peggy and donated by Peggy Janisch, our club treasurer. At the end of the event, these were given to one lucky table winner.

Our sponsor for this year's event was Guided Medicare Solutions.

An event of this caliber takes teamwork! Thank you to everyone for making this event such a wonderful success. You have helped to make a difference in the lives of many!



Women of the World members who modeled for the fashion show plus our male volunteers and Kaitlynn Langland, ready to wear sales manager and Vivienne Bond, ladies apparel stylist from Dillard's.

The History of Ellis Island

By Ron Niebo

These spring temperatures are ideal to relax outdoors chatting with friends or indulging in an interesting read. My reading suggestion for new genealogists or those restructuring their research is the latest genealogy how-to book just published in February 2023. It is entitled "Generation by Generation: A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy" by Tampa-based genealogist/librarian Drew Smith, one of our past guest speakers.

The book is based on the latest software and resources available; it is a handy and comprehensive genealogy basics guidebook. In it Drew discusses how to organize the information you have and what you need; where and how to do effective research; and how to record discovered facts. Numerous examples guide the reader. There are hints on research techniques, tips, and tricks.

One aspect I found most interesting was Drew's fair and even treatment on what fee-based and free genealogy software and information resources you might use to conduct your research. Also, if you are as bewildered as I am about DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) terminology, sharing, sequencing organization and tracking ... then let Drew walk you through the basics. He seems to anticipate our concerns and provides working examples to address them. Give it a thought ... it might be just what a new or frustrated genealogist would like as a surprise Mother's/Father's Day gift.

On Monday, May 15, our quest speaker will again be Suzanne Mannio from The Statue of Liberty—Ellis Island Foun-

dation. She will revisit the history of Ellis Island. While Suzanne was with us in March, we experienced a technical issue which truncated her presentation. We are glad she could reschedule her discussions with us. Ellis Island is a fascinating American topic ... it will always be an historic symbol of the American Dream, and an unparalleled gateway destination and reference for over 24 million immigrants

Many thanks for the Ancestry® genealogy software review provided on Monday, April 17 by Eleanor Brinsko, lead genealogist and owner of Carlon Genealogical Services, LLC. She reviewed the latest software tools and techniques available at Ancestry to research, record, organize, share, and publish our genealogical findings. Members welcomed her demonstrations and guidance.

The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings are both in-person 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 timeslot 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. Individual yearly dues are \$20 or \$35 for a couple. For membership information contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at wkelleymt@outlook.com.



Greg Solomon entertained the Jewish Club at the March meeting for an afternoon of magic and laughs.

A Magical Meeting

By Bruce Kanner

Watching the red balls in the three silver cups, newspaper pages getting torn then reappearing whole again, and various card tricks were all part of local magician Greg Solomon's performance at the March meeting of the Jewish Club.

Solomon, introducing himself as a physical education teacher by day and magician by night and weekends, appears weekly at Gator's Dockside.

Several club members including President Carl Schneider, Treasurer Suzie Kline and members Joe and Susan Sanders and Bill Fox "got" volunteered to be magician's helpers during the show, which Solomon has titled Ocalacadabra.

Earlier in the meeting, for the monthly "moment in time" feature, Kline read the humorous and short "Two Minute Haggadah" by Michael Rubiner as we prepared for Passover. Highlights of this version included: "Heat soup now," "Let brisket cool now," and "Serve meal."

And speaking of eating, following the meeting, members enjoyed pies in honor of the just completed National Pi Day on March 14.

In March, the lunch bunch ate dinner at Mojo's. Wacky, right? What's lunch bunch? Join fellow Jewish Club members for an informal meal and conversation. No agenda; just food and schmooze. Members sign up, meet at a restaurant, order from the menu, and everyone is responsible for their own meal and gra-

tuity. It could be dinner, breakfast, or just coffee and the venue changes each month. Seating is limited. For more information about lunch bunch, contact Arlene Carlton at arlenecarlton@yahoo.com

Q. How is the Jewish Club like your favorite TV show?

A. You can't wait for either to return in the fall.

Traditionally, the Jewish Club takes a hiatus following the annual May barbeque until our welcome back bagel and lox brunch in September. Your board will be meeting this summer to map out programming for next season and may have a few surprises for members even before September.

The Jewish Club meets monthly September through May on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., usually the third Sunday of the month. Meetings are held in either the Arbor Conference Center or The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Members do not have to be Jewish to belong to the Jewish Club. The club promotes understanding and respect for Jewish people and their history, customs, and culture through social and educational activities. Annual dues are \$18 per person.

For more information about the Jewish Club or for membership inquiries, please contact Gail Levine at 954-881-4010 or gl4010@gmail.com.



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The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation representative to speak at the Monday, May 15 Genealogical Society meeting.

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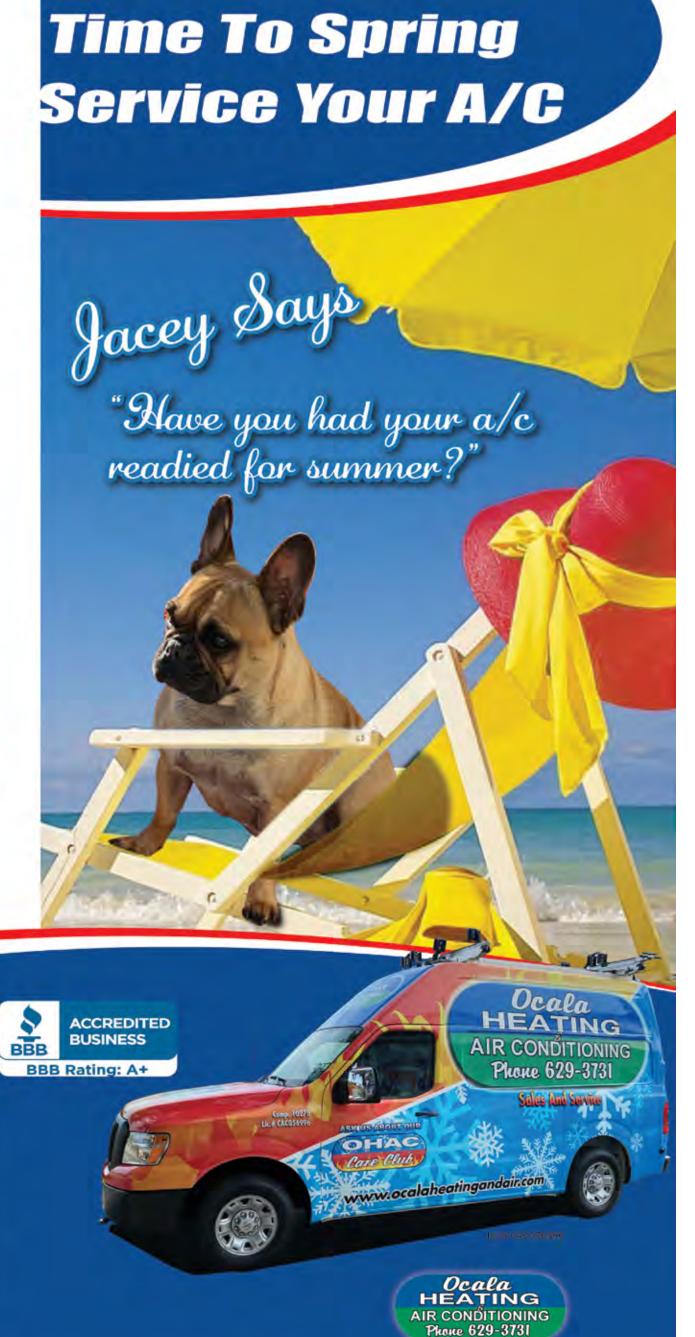
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World **Traveler**

Bill Shampine



I wrote about Bali, Indonesia last month. This month, I would like to continue with a discussion of the ancient Hindu temples still in use today, one of the most popular features for tourists to

All the mountain lakes in Bali resulted from volcanoes that were active thousands of years ago. Many millennia after a major eruption, the top of a volcano will collapse to form a crater called a caldera. The caldera then typically fills with water. In Bali, this process formed three large lakes that, today, provide a significant portion of all the fresh water used by the entire island country for domestic and agriculture usage.

Because of the life-sustaining importance of the water, these lakes took on a religious significance. As I wrote last month, 87% of the people in Bali practice Hinduism, so most of the ancient temples that were built reflect that bias. Many temples were built alongside the three lakes to worship the Gods.

Perhaps the most popular temple for tourists to visit is called the Pura Ulun Danu Bratan Temple. "Pura" means walled city or palace, "Ulun Danu" means above the lake, and Bratan is the name of the lake. Built in 1633, it actually is not a single temple, but a complex with five different temples. They all are dedicated to the Hindu Gods Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, as well as the goddess of the lake, Devi Danu. Interestingly, the design of the temples are a mix of Hindu and Buddhist architecture.

The most popular, photogenic, of the five is the Lingga Petak Temple. It commonly is called the Ulun Danu Temple,

thus becoming the primary representative of the entire complex. Temples are built with different numbers of tiers. Those with 11 tiers are dedicated to Vishnu, those with seven tiers to Brahma, and those with three tiers are dedi-

cated to Shiva. All three of the lakes have multiple temples built on their shores and on several small islands in the lakes. Worshipers who wish to pray at a specific temple at sunrise, can rent canoes and guides to take them to their favorite temple.

Volcanic soil is noted for being rich in nutrients, so the area surrounding the lakes is a luxuriant, green forest combined with enormous fields of rice, the primary crop. Since the lakes are in

a volcanic caldera, they are located at an elevation of about 4,000 feet, which provides residents with great views and comfortable temperatures.

Bali sounds like it would be a wonderful place to visit. It is a beautiful country with friendly people, relatively inexpensive, and some amazing ancient temples to see and enjoy.



The Lingga Petak Temple, one of the four temples in the Pura Ulun Danu Beratan Complex, located on Lake Beratan, Bali, Indonesia.

Photo by Luke Triton

Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming group open to all. We are LGBTQ+ allies providing a safe space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. We meet the third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. Through June, we will meet at the Candler Hills Community Center. From July through December, we will meet at the Arbor Conference Center. Our annual club fee is \$10 per person.

We started a monthly bowling outing on the third Friday of each month. We also started a monthly lunch outing. Please see our website for all the details.

To get the latest information about all our events, visit SilverRainbowClub. com, or our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

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Lions Club

Gail Morris



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"Hey brother, can you spare a dime?" Remember that one or maybe, "If you have two nickels to rub together, you're doing well." The chair of our service projects, Barbara Scales, has been asking just that of our members and friends and the nickels are adding up. Barbara is an innovative project chair and has contacts at one of our local thrift shops that will sell her children's shoes for a dime and clothing for a nickel. Barbara is making great progress in this venture, she's calling it "shoebox express" for our school children at College Park El-

She delivers practically new shoes and clothing for the youngsters. The teachers note these children often come to school with no shoes and sometimes no underwear and clothes that don't fit or are worn out. It's been a great service project for the club and the school

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is most appreciative. The children don't know who's stocking the school "closet" but the students are given items from it. In College Park Elementary, the United Way wellness officer assists the children, in other schools its often the guidance counselor.

Barbara has also been signing up members to participate in the "Box Tops for Education" (BTFE). It's a whole new process from the days - when my kids were in school – no cutting out coupons, just scan your cash register receipts and the magic of the computer/phone does the work and adds the funds to those schools that are participants in the program. We have a few that are supported by our club, College Park Elementary, Dunnellon Elementary and Saddlewood Elementary. It's such an easy process and it adds up quickly. The school receives \$2 just for members joining.

Barbara is willing to help any club interested in supporting our Marion County schools with this program. Her contact information is 315-440-0142 or barbarascales58@hotmail.com.

In addition to our service projects, our club membership is increasing

On Top of the World

and so proud to say they are active participants which has made planning our casino night much easier. Many hands equal light work.

Casino night takes place Sunday, April 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Circle Square Cul-

tural Center. We will report on this event in our June column.

If you are interested in joining, contact Estelle Michelson at 352-861-7358. Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m.

Women of the World

Colleen Rocafort



Women of the World is a social and charitable organization. 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.

Our fashion show and luncheon for Hospice of Marion County was a huge success! We raised \$9,330 for Hospice of Marion County for Hospice Care and the Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education with ticket sales and proceeds from the raffle gift basket tickets.

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Our featured April charity was Flori-

We also collected donations for Operation Shoebox, a non-profit organization based in Belleview that sends care packages with needed items that give a bit of home to our deployed U.S. troops around the world. We had several tables overflowing with needed items. Thank Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be presented. CERT educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills. We will focus on hurricane preparedness--an important topic for us all since hurricane season begins June 1.

Our featured May charity will be Open Arms Village located at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Open Arms Village exists as a safe community that treats homeless individuals with dignity and provides for their basic needs. It is a restoration program. Their current and ongoing needs are twin bed sheets sets, laundry soap, bleach, towel sets, cleaning supplies, Walmart gift cards, etc.

We are still looking for a second vice president for the 2023-2024 club year who is responsible for membership.

Women of the World does not meet over the summer months. Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at the Recreation Center Ballroom starting at noon. The club is open to all women residents and Gateway of Services passholders. If you are interested in joining us, please give Betty Thayer, president, a call at 352-361-1313.

Scandinavian American Club

David Wesenberg



The Scandinavian American Club had an eventful meeting in March under the direction of our new leader, Arlene Chilcot. The theme was facts and memories about Scandinavia and coming to the

Paul Kroll planned and led the key event which was a 26-question trivia contest about Scandinavia. Each table competed to see who could answer the most questions correctly. The winning table answered 18 questions correctly.

Listening to the answers after the trivia questionnaire was over was almost as entertaining and informative as the trivia contest itself. Great job, Paul!

Accompanying the event was some great Scandinavian food and special dishes. The meal was great and informative in its own way as many of the dishes were new.

Considering that the Scandinavian American Club is for all residents of Scandinavian descent, a mix of first, second, and third generation Americans, the table conversation was diverse, interesting, and sometimes historic.

Join us at our next meeting Tuesday, May 23, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. We normally meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact Arlene Chilcott at 352-304-8779.



Paul Knoll with 26 questions.

make a difference in the lives of many!

da Kids Helping Kids (FKHK). FKHK is a nonprofit organization located in Belleview, Florida run by donations, supplies, and volunteers. 100 percent of all items and money donated goes back to helping the kids of the community and their programs. Several tables were filled with arts/crafts supplies, outdoor games, and school supplies for middle and high school students.

you to our members for your generosity!

Thursday, May 18, is our last meeting for the 2022-2023 club year. Community



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of our guest speaker. Resident Alvin S. show business, told us of his working relationships with Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis, Glen Campbell, Merle Haggard, many celebrities and musicians that he said that he could've told us stories for days. As always, we began our meeting with a wonderful potluck meal provided by our members. A great time was had

by all.

For our May meeting, we will have the honor of being entertained by the Ukuleles, which is the more advanced, performing group of the Ukulele Club. They not only perform here in On Top of the World, but they also perform for many other communities outside of our gates. They will provide us with a medley of traditional and popular music and will use supplement instruments along with their ukuleles. It should be a very entertaining performance. You don't want to

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. We will start at 5:30 p.m., so we ask that everyone arrive a few minutes early to find their seats, get a drink, and to have time to chat. We furnish coffee, tea (sweet and unsweet), and lemonade, but we do ask

you to bring your own plates and utensils as well as a potluck dish to share. We ask that for this May meeting that you provide an extra-large dish, as we want to be sure that we will have enough food for our visiting guests and entertainers. Please note that this will be our final meeting as we break for the summer. We will resume meetings in September.

You don't have to be from the south to join us. Being a resident of 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 each month. We hope that you can join us on May 2 and maybe bring a friend. All residents and Gateway of Services pass holders are welcome. If you haven't been before, you will need to show your resident ID card. If you have any questions, please call Melanie Vittitow at 352-

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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.

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Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



After taking a break in April because our meeting date fell on Easter Sunday, I hope everyone is eagerly looking forward to seeing each other this month. Our next get-together will be on Sunday, May 14, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II at 6 p.m. Feel free to arrive any time after 5:30 p.m. Please bring a snack to share (easy appetizer, munchies, dessert) and your own beverage. Alcoholic drinks are permitted. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Our activity is still in the planning stages. I've got a couple of possibilities that are being tweaked to see if they'll work with a group our size. The best advice right now is to bring your reading glasses and your usual willingness to indulge my

Texas Connection is a club for residents who have a connection to Texas by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college, or military service; spending time there for vacation, competitions, or for professional reasons; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven't been to Texas are considered honorary Texans by association. We have a great group of folks who are ready to welcome you and share our Texas hospitality and fun-loving spirit. For more information about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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Chris Kilbride



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Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

There is nothing like an afternoon of fun in the sun with a coney dog in one hand and your favorite libation in the other. Add to that 99 friends and a plentiful buffet and you see the reason Michiganders love Coney Day!

It was the meeting ending the season for the Michigan Club and giving a salute to the Detroit Tigers opening day. Once again, Adam Schuler led the picnic crowd in an enthusiastic round of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Nancy Meininger, organizer, thanked the group for all pitching in to help make this annual barbeque another success. Special thanks to Linda and Terry Champion for grilling the franks and to Linda and Brian McDonald for loading the buns.

The club will meet again, Sunday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. If you are from Michigan or have ties to the state, you are welcome to attend. It will be an Ok-

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Ochre Court featured in the 1994 movie "True Lies."

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Rhode Island is unique in so many ways. One newspaper article referred to it as "Rhodywood" given the number of films and television series that have been filmed in the state. Some of the more prominent films include the classic "High Society" with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly that was partially filmed in Newport, with Grace Kelly staying at the beautiful Inn at Castle Hill during production. The filming in Rhode Island was mainly driving scenes along Bellev-ue Avenue and aerial shots of Clarendon Court which was then owned by Mae Cadwell Hayward prior to its purchase by Claus Von Bulow.

Another classic is the 1974 version of "The Great Gatsby" starring Robert Redford which was filmed in part at Marble House and Rosecliff mansions in Newport, with exterior shots at Linden House in Bristol.

The Spielberg film "Amistad" was filmed in part in Washington Square in Newport. "True Lies," the 1994 movie with Jamie Lee Curtis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, used Ochre Court in Newport for certain scenes. And the list goes on to include "Dumb and Dumber," "Meet Joe Black," "Underdog," and

The HBO Max series "The Gilded Age" did a good amount of its filming in Newport. This series is often called the American version of "Downton Abbey." Places Rhode Islanders would recognize in this series include the former Cushing estate, The Ledges, The Elms, the area around Trinity Church, Hunter House, Chateau-sur-Mer, Marble House, Rosecliff and the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Various television series were also filmed in Rhode Island, including one of my favorites, the series "Providence." At the time of its filming, I worked in the downtown area of the city, and it was interesting to see the film crews set up, and be able to watch parts of the produc-

What makes Rhode Island attractive to filmmakers is having such diverse locations in very close proximity, the cityscape, forest, and water-view, and elaborate preserved 1800's mansions. There is also a skilled labor pool given that the University of Rhode Island has film production as a major where students learn videography, 3D animation and game design. The Rhode Island School for Design also has a film/animation/video department and takes a craftsman's approach to film. Brown University has a department of modern culture and media. Residents are typically respectful of filming and the celebrities and are often willing to be extras.

For visitors to the state there are an abundance of historic sites to visit, fantastic ocean vistas, and of course great cuisine to sample.

The Rhode Island Group meets periodically for lunch and to get together to reminisce. If you are not on our email list for lunches, but worked, lived, studied, or served in Rhode Island or are related to someone who did, and you'd like to join us please send your contact information to judith.parisi@gmail.com. Our next lunch will be in May.

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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Searching in our yard again, and guess what! Almost hidden beneath early spring volunteers, hedge nettle touts

her new growth. She's a weed. Yes. That's what the

sources say.

Per "Wildflowers of Florida" by David Hall and William Webber, "This species was probably native to the central Florida peninsula. It has spread primarily as a weed by fruits, underground runners, and tubers.'

She's ruderal mint with two lipped, purplish flowers. Ruderal is a weedy and commonly introduced plant growing where the vegetational cover has been interrupted.

Again per "Wildflowers of Florida," "The whorled flowers of hedge nettle are pink or pale purple with dark dots. Leaves are stalked, lanceolate, and toothed. The slender rhizomes of these perennials are terminated by fleshy, white, segmented tubers by which the plants reproduce vegetatively." In other words, the roots look like the rattle of a rattlesnake!

These tubes or runners "are easily broken and very difficult to remove from the soil and are edible raw or cooked. The crunchy, raw tubes are often sliced into salads and have a slightly spicy flavor," as noted in "Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants" by C. Richie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor.

Since our Stachys floridana has not yet taken over our yard, and it is beautiful, she is welcome to stay and continue to beautify the places where she is thriv-

Please feel welcome to come visit our yard. Please call me first at 352-861-4560.



Phil Karcheski



In February 2022 the 99th Street Garden Club became the Eco Gardeners. A new board set goals to become an environmentally oriented club working with nature.

The objective of our club is to:

- Introduce new members to Florida gardening practices and sea-
- Cultivate heirloom vegetables
- Identify flowers and vegetable plants that thrive in Florida.
- Identify what has/hasn't worked
- Educate members regarding pests
- and diseases. Embrace alternatives to synthetic herbicides and pesticides. Make friends with like-minded people.

With these principles in mind, we set about working on many changes that would have a positive impact on our environment by adapting our gardening methods to be more sustainable and yet productive.

Education regarding Integrated Pest Management practices helped our mem-bers identify 20% of the bugs that are detrimental while embracing the garden friendly 80%. Therefore, reducing the need for non-discriminatory chemicals that kill all insects, including bees, butterflies, hover flies and many more that pollinate and increase fruit yields.

Controlling nematode damage by planting sacrificial plants to attract them or those that repel, by inter planting of various species of marigolds and some vegetables we grow for consumption. If necessary, neem oil is an organic option

that destroys root node nematodes and increases beneficial nematode popula-

Erecting a bluebird house which became a home for another helper. A pair moved in in late March and got to work starting a family. Within weeks a brood of four new birds and their parents were patrolling the skies of the adjoining field consuming an estimated 1,200 insects daily and adding color, entertainment, and beauty of nature for all to enjoy.

Water awareness is an important topic often discussed. We studied several methods of watering our crops in including drip irrigation, soaker hoses, low emitters, and hand application to conclude the most efficient use of our precious and limited resource.

We established a pollinator garden, a focal point of the garden. Plantings of milkweed for monarchs and other wildflowers attract bees, our allies, and

essential elements of the natural cycle of growing a prosperous garden. Many thanks to Frank Campagna who has nurtured this garden for over a year and to new volunteers who are helping.

We are currently planting rye grass, mustard, clover, and chamomile plants in a test to evaluate their use as a cover crop that puts nitrogen in the soil and can be tilled in adding texture for absorption and retention of water.

Much has been accomplished by the board and the club members by changing gardening methods, sharing information regarding successes and failures, plant, and seed sharing. I have greatly enjoyed my time as president of the board. I recently resigned as president but will continue to garden and help as much as possible. I will also continue to write these columns!

For more information, visit eco-gardeners.org.

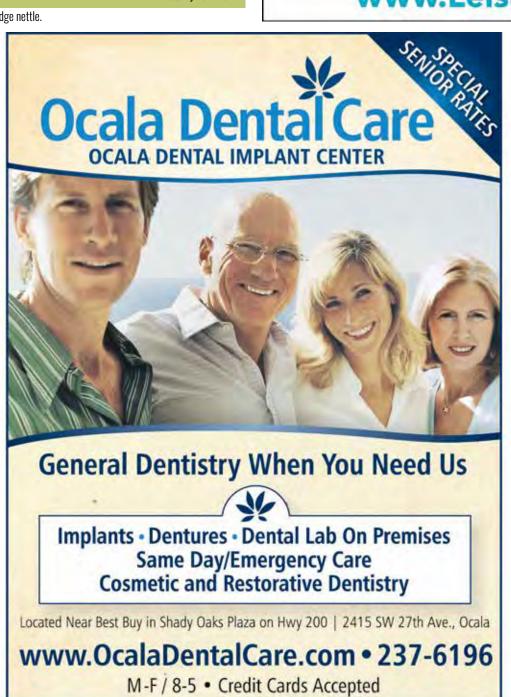


Laura Snyder tending the flower garden.



Hedge nettle.







Around the World Vacation Club

Ina Kline

Join our Facebook page (Around the World Vacation Club). You can also join by attending our meetings. In April, we greeted new and existing members. We

shared our upcoming vacation plans. Around the World Vacation Club is for people who like to travel, share travel trips, enjoy listening to experienced speakers, travel trivia, and door prizes.

We are excited to be going on a 12-night Norwegian cruise to Istanbul, Turkey, Greece, Israel, Egypt, and Italy. The trip will be in November. There are limited rooms available at a group price. If you are interested in this trip call Ina Kline as soon as possible.

Our members are going on a British Isles cruise on Norwegian. We will be traveling in England, Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands, and Belgium. This trip sails from Sept. 3 to Sept. 14. Many of our members have signed up already.

Charlie and Fran Calhoun presented an MSC Caribbean cruise they are going on. This will be on a newer ship launched in 2021. The cruise leaves from Port Canaveral, Florida. This is a very affordable cruise for a seven-night vacation.

Our newest trip planned is for March 2024! This is a nine-night Celebrity cruise leaving from Tampa and going to New Orleans. Many residents have asked about going to New Orleans. This is the only ship we could find that goes to New Orleans starting from Tampa. So, no flights needed! Other stops will be Roatan/Bay Islands, Honduras, Belize and Cozumel, Mexico. There is a deposit to hold this cruise for next year.

We have another trip coming up in 2024 for our members to join. This is on the brand-new ship Norwegian Viva. The cruise leaves from San Juan, Puerto Rico for seven nights on Feb. 4, 2024. This will be at a group rate price.

If you would like to share information about a trip you are going on, please come to our next meeting Thursday, May 11. Meetings are held every second Thursday of each 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. There is no cost to join our club. A resident ID or Gateway of Services pass is required to participate in our club. Travel agents are not permitted to be members.

Travel Toppers



ervations may be made for only four

people at a time as our community is

growing and more residents wish to participate in our tours. Note that all tickets for plays are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

We have a trip for Father's Day, June 18, planned and are taking reservations now. The trip is scheduled aboard the Barbara Lee on the St. Johns River. The cost is \$90 per person and includes lunch, transportation, a narrated river cruise and tips for the driver and meal. Allan Rickards should be contacted at 352-390-3075 to reserve your spot.

A Valentine's Day cruise on Royal

Caribbean's new Icon of the Seas is scheduled for Feb. 12 to 17, 2014. Rates start at \$2,345 per person for double occupancy. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your cabin. Call Linda Hein at 352-861-9880 for further details.

Travel Toppers is planning a trip to Colorado and New Mexico in October 2024. We will experience the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta and take rides on several railroads: the Royal Gorge Route Railroad, the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and the Georgetown Loop Railroad to Denver. Visits to other places of interest will also be included. Prices are not available at this time. More information will follow in subsequent columns.

Travel Toppers Tours is busy planning trips for the 2023-2024 season. Trips are open only to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. A non-resident who participates in trips must be a guest of a resident club member.

Please visit traveltopperstours.com for up-to-date information about our current or new trips.

Tall Tale Travelers

David Cranmer



The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is open to all residents interested in the recreation vehicle lifestyle. Whether you drive a motor home or 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, May 17, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Plans are underway for our rally in Hilton Head, South Carolina, in late September. The resort comes highly recommended by one of our members who is pulling together a list of activities at the resort as well as local attractions. Our trips are usually held at RV resorts that are within a days' drive of Ocala. Throughout the year we also enjoy informal camping trips - which we call buddy camping - to area campgrounds, usually around special events like festi-

vals and fairs. Since many members are off exploring during the summer months, we'll hold informal meetups during our regular meeting times in June, July, and Au-

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



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SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) is an organization that was started about 17 years ago for single women. We are a group of single women who have banded together from all walks of life. The one thing we have in common is that we are all now alone

at this time in our lives. We have come together to offer each other any support necessary to navigate this chapter in our lives. We offer support, socialization, and a sense of belonging. We have many different networking activities in which to participate.

In April our new lunch-, dinner-, and appetizer-in groups met for the first time. These groups were formed after our semi-annual March meeting. At these first meetings your group should have established the order for hosting. It is important that everyone who signed up for these groups participate. You will

be surprised by the new friends you will make while in these groups. Many of us are still close to other women we met years ago in these very groups. While the groups only last for the next six months you will remain friends with and stay in contact with many of these women for years to come. It is all about networking!

Another way to network is to attend our breakfast-, lunch-, and dinner-out events during the month. In April we went to Mimi's Cafe, The Braised Onion, and Salted Brick. All these outings were well attended and very enjoyable. Thanks to

Michele Ciccazzo, Sandy Welch, Sandi Dickerson, and Karen Volpe for hosting these events. If you would like to host a SWANS outing, please contact Lois Nix to volunteer.

Our Biloxi trip happened in April and a very good time was had by all who went. Some interesting side trips outside of Biloxi were taken by those of us who do not care for two days of gambling. But gambling or not, it was a lovely getaway!

We continue to play samba each Saturday in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. If you know how to play the game, come at 9:45 a.m. with six decks of shuffled cards to participate.

Our barbecue will be on Saturday, May 13. More information will be sent out about that soon. Kathy Kloos and Sandy Welch will again be working their magic. Also in May will be our Daytona Beach trip. We go to Daytona three times a year now and so far, we have not run out of things to do!

Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time! We always welcome new members and new ideas! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



The LadyBirds celebrated our 20th anniversary at our meeting in April. Past Presidents Caren Kowalsky, Cathy Fanelli, Nancy Dreimiller and Gloria Scicluna arranged a wonderful, fun meeting. There was a cake and photo albums from past celebrations. They were helped by Leigh Workman, who is quite

Our Friday, May 12 meeting will be a luncheon at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen. Please contact Leigh or Linda to be added to the list.

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We meet the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Roon. Please come, bring your choice of beverage, and join us! Our dues are \$10 per year. We are working on setting up adventures and guests for the coming year!



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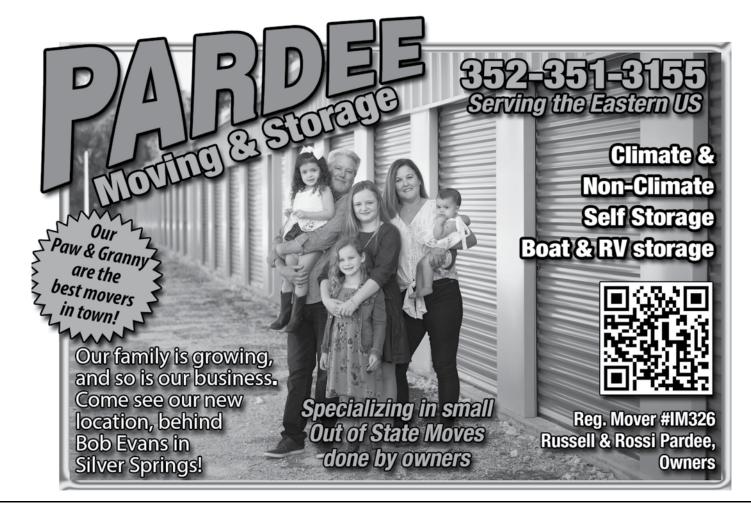
Christian Women's Group

Sandi Kemp



Please join us for our next potluck luncheon on Saturday, May 27 in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month for food, fellowship, and fun! We will have a special guest speaker, Linda Bertolami from Stonecroft Ministries, who will be bringing us an inspirational

Every month we have new ladies join us and it is always fun meeting and making new friends! This is a true potluck, so bring anything you like! We start at 11:30 a.m., but please arrive by 11:15 a.m. so that we can begin on time. No reservations needed. Hope to see you



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Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Di Paolo

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, April 13, in the Hobby Building Event Room. Treasurer Carol Himes presented

the club's financial report. Club president, Jim Di Paolo, presented a comprehensive tutorial on the different types of galaxies that exist in our universe. It is estimated that there are between 100 and 200 billion galaxies in the observable universe. Some astronomers have tried to estimate the number of "missed" galaxies in previous studies and come up with a total number of two trillion galaxies. Jim also talked about globular and open star clusters, pointing out some of the well-known clusters including Messier 13, the Great Globular Cluster in the Hercules constellation, and the famous Pleiades open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus.

Club member, Doug George, shared images of the recent Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF). He explained to members how he located the comet without utilizing a computer GoTo mount, accessing several online resources. Doug included photos of his imaging setup that included a DSLR camera with a telephoto

lens, and an iOptron Sky Guider Pro that compensates for the Earth's rotation. Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) was discovered on March 2, 2022, by two astronomers using the 1.2-meter Schmidt telescope at the Palomar Observatory.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, offered up a Reflector magazine challenge. The Astronomical League publishes a quarterly magazine that is distributed nationally to its members. Larry quizzed club members about some of the articles that appeared in past issues, including a few that mentioned the Moonstruck Astronomy Club.

Recently the club held a night sky observing session. Over 35 club members and guests attended the event. Club members that set up telescopes shared views of Jupiter and its four Galilean moons, discovered by Galileo Galilei in the year 1610. Other targets viewed that evening included the Moon, M42 the Orion Nebula, along with the Beehive and Pleiades open clusters.

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



Jim preparing his telescope for their club's evening observing event.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents and Gateway of Services pass holders can join the club, and new

members are welcome! Yearly club dues

are only \$20 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact club president, Jim Di Paolo, at moonastroclub@gmail. com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.

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SPCA of Marion County

Melanie Vittitow

If you have been following the SPCA news here and on our Facebook page, you know about the little dog named Poppy that recently underwent lifesaving surgery. I'm happy to report that she is doing very well at home with her new owners. We wish to thank all of you who sent in donations for her very expensive surgery. Young Poppy deserved a chance at life and I'm glad that with your help and a generous bequest, we were able to give it to her.

You probably also remember Hank from our March column. Sadly, he is still waiting for the right person to find him. He is a lovable cocker spaniel but maybe he is too big for you.

We are also trying to find homes for two small older dogs. Both are in good health, up to date on shots, friendly, and safe with cats. One is a 13-year-old mini poodle and the other is a 12-year-old chihuahua. If you would like to know more about any of these dogs, call the SPCA hotline at 352-362-0985.

Besides helping pets find new forever homes, we help owners keep their pets by providing financial help with vet bills; providing pet food for some Meals on Wheels recipients who need help feeding their pets; and educating the public about pet ownership.

Today's subject is pet food. Sometimes it is necessary to change our pet's diet. I want to stress at the beginning that you should seek your veterinarian's advice when considering a major change. So, when is this warranted? Illness is the first and foremost reason. There are foods that help manage diabe-

tes and some for kidney disease. My dog has developed an intolerance for certain dog foods, so he is on a prescription diet that is easy to digest. Another reason is age. There are commercial foods developed for different stages of life. Puppy food has extra calories for fast growing pups while senior dogs need less calories and additives that may help with aching joints. Other factors may be allergies or weight control or just loss of interest. There are so many choices these days. But as I stated before, please consult your veterinarian first.

Would you like to know more, or help us in our mission of helping pets in need? You can find us at the Thursday Circle Square Commons Farmers Market, except for the third Thursday when we meet at 1 p.m. in the Friendship Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala 34481. Or call us at 352-362-0985 if you have a pet related issue or question.



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Mini poodle and chihuahua available for adoption.

Until next month, remember: "Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."







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Ocala Open 2023

By Ray Cech orld News Writer

Consistency, volunteers, and generosity define the 2023 Ocala Open!

Connecticut Yankee, Blake Maum, consistently shot 65s in all three rounds for a winning total of 18 under par.

Forty-five volunteers worked alter-

nating shifts from Tuesday, March 21 through Friday, March 24. They made sure that whatever needed doing, they got done – quickly and with a smile.

There were more than two dozen local organizations that sponsored the Ocala Open, and with their help, Colen Built Development's President Kenneth Colen was able to generously donate \$50,000 to Hospice of Marion County and another \$50,000 to Interfaith Emergency Services.

On Tuesday morning, March 21, 136 players, (34 teams) teed off in the Pro-Am. At the end of the day, the amateur team of Charles Wyndham, Don Last, Cameron Turner and Pro Michael Visacki took the honors. They celebrated their 18 under par and were awarded winning prizes over lunch at The Lodge at Candler Hills. President Kenneth Colen then presented donation checks to Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services.

Wednesday was another "chilly" morning when the starting gun went off at 8 a.m. 131 professional golfers teed off. As the weather warmed, so did the play. Three Pros Michael Sakane, Thomas Circuit and Brian Pichey all burned as Giroux, and Brian Richey, all burned up the Candler Hills course with 64s.

After Thursday's round, going into the final on Friday, it was Blake Maum with the lead with a two-day total of 130. He was closely followed by Michael Sakane at 131 and Brian Richey at 132. There was a five-way tie at 133.

In the end, it was Blake Maum who held steady with birdies and pars. His final round of 65, gave him the tournament – and \$15,000 in prize money. He said, "This is a great golf course, in terrific shape. I loved the way it played. The people running the tournament and the incredible volunteers, made it all very special – my hat goes off to them all."

Head Golf Professional Denise Mullen said that the group of volunteers this year made her job a pleasure. "They went out of their way to get things done and would often ask, 'what else can I do?' It was terrific working with them. I truly believe that every year, it is our volunteers who make the Ocala Open one of the best events on the tour."



Ocala Open 2023 winner – Blake Maum.

Brain Fair Fun

By Cammy Dennis

Possibilities hosted a "Brain Fair" that attracted 165 participants. Created by On Top of the World fitness professionals, and supported by a team of volunteers, Circle Square Cultural Center was transformed into a giant circuit of stations. Each station addressed a specific stimulus to promote optimal brain aging. The "Brain Fair" provided a variety of challenges including memory, coordination, sensory activation, lateral think-

On Wednesday, March 29, Master the ing, exergaming, reaction training and cognitive drills.

Exercise is important for our bodies, but it is just as important for our brains. One participant noted, "The individual games were stimulating and lots of fun, there was something for everyone."

One of the stations that I was most impressed with was the gratitude station. Participants were asked to write down something that they are grateful for. The written gratitude was then hung on a

mini clothesline. The idea behind this station is to untether ourselves from toxic emotions. Expressing gratitude can boost serotonin and activate the brain to produce dopamine. These pleasure chemicals in the brain help us to think positive and support happiness.

Family, friends, and community resonated were at the top of most people's list. This gratitude, "I'm thankful for having friends and nice neighbors, my beautiful house, living in On Top of the World and having great health and being happy," made me smile.

Fitness programs are typically related to goals that pertain to physical adaptations. However, the looming epidemic of cognitive decline has forced health and fitness professionals to address ways to prevent neurodegenerative diseases, such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The science is clear; exercise is beneficial to brain health and cognitive functioning. There are precise exercise prescriptions that layer moving and thinking to best support keeping our brains sharp.

We have a class at On Top of the World designed to do just this! You can join our Brain Power class every Tuesday at the Recreation Center Fitness Center for the opportunity to give your brain cells a workout. For more information, please call 352-387-7532.





Photos by Cammy Dennis

"Brain Fair" on Wednesday, March 29, at Circle Square Cultural Center.

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Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sandra Byczek



What a game! On Top of the World versus Stone Creek in women's softball! Stone Creek hosted On Top of the World in a women's softball game on Saturday, April 1. Fifteen female residents joined forces to challenge the Stone Creek women's league. Given that the Stone Creek has been playing together regularly, our ladies did exceptionally well. The ending score was 14 (Stone Creek) to 11 (On Top of the World). This was the first women's game played by our group and they did not disappoint.

Fan turnout was surprisingly large, and the cheers were so supportive. Thank you to all the supporters who came to cheer the women in their first game. We hope to host the next women's softball challenge in early May. We hope to see our fans in the stands cheer-

ing at the next game. If you are interested in playing, please come on Saturdays, at 8:45 a m

Co-ed softball is where many of the women met and decided to organize a game with Stone Creek. We would like to thank Chris Lopez for all her hard work in continuing the Co-ed Recreational Softball and putting together the women players and organizing the game.

We also would like to thank our Coach Bill Byczek for his leadership and game day coaching, as well as assistant coaches Rich Gomez and Jose Lopez who showed up to help with practice and coaching.

Co-ed Recreational Softball is the perfect opportunity for men and women to tap into their inner softball skills while having fun and making new friends. The rules are modified from the regular game rules making it easy for players to get their softball groove back. The typical Saturday turnout is around 20 participants. If you are interested, please show up on Saturday, at 8:45am. We stretch for 15 minutes and start playing at 9 a.m.



Cornhole Club's annual picnic.

Cornhole Club





Good food, super friends, and lots of fun made for an enjoyable annual club picnic in March. A bright spot of our annual event, in addition to the grand prize raffle, is always the goofy games segment, courtesy of Bill Ballweg. Bill conjures up these tests of skill (and lots of luck) only loosely connected to the game/sport of cornhole and are designed specifically to produce lots of laughs. This year's winners were Jose Lopez, Rick Kammes, and Steve Ikeler. These group events are only possible because of our volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and do what needs to be done. Unfortunately, there are too many volunteers to mention here, but as a group, our club thanks every single

Open Play continues to be well attended with full-house or overflow crowds at nearly all sessions.

INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE: Everyone has heard about cornhole, right? Perhaps you have seen others playing? Well, you have an opportunity to join in the fun, and get a bit of low-impact exercise as a bonus. Throwing a one-pound bag 27 feet sounds easy, but this is a challenging sport that requires skill

and persistence. If you are interested in learning the basics of cornhole, the Cornhole Club is once again offering a free one-hour fundamentals session at the Veterans Park cornhole courts on Monday, May 15, at 11 a.m.

We will explain scoring, how to hold and toss the beanbag, and many more fundamentals and techniques of the sport. To provide individual attention, group size is limited, and registration is required. To register for the class, email name and contact information to otow-cornhole@yahoo.com.

LEAGUE PLAY: With Florida's increasing temperatures and humidity, coupled with snowbirds flying north, summer vacation travel and other activities, the ladies and mixed leagues will be on hiatus through the summer months. We are planning to resume the Cornhole Club's league activities later this year.

OPEN PLAY: Our open play sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays continue to be well attended. The Monday evening session is particularly busy, with an overflow crowd on virtually every occasion. To mitigate this overcrowding a bit, we occasionally disregard the advertised start time and begin random lane assignments as soon as 20 club members are onsite and ready to play. Given the venue and equipment limitations, there may be occasions where a short wait is necessary, but we are doing all we can to minimize any disruptions and keep the fun alive.



On Top of the World versus Stone Creek in women's softball.

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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



Some exciting events are happening in our league in the month of May. Our league championship takes place Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5. To participate, you will need to have played five league rounds.

Thursday, May 11 is a charity event for Interfaith Emergency Services with lunch to follow. This is a worthy cause, so we are hoping for good participation.

Candler Hills will be closed for aerification mid-May, and we are invited to play at On Top of the World Tuesday,

Finally, the membership meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, at the Candler Hills Community Center at 3:30p.m. Please save these dates.

The Candler Hills LGA-18 is open to residents. If you wish to join, please at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

A quick reminder. The weather has been unusually warm for this time of year. Please remember to reintroduce those summer hydration practices.

Finally, have fun, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf!

Shall We Waltz (Team) March 2

Tie at 134–Mary Dawson, Michele Otto, Kate Beaty, Vickie Foster. Ellen Brin, Lisa Free, Liz Pruss, Jean Czachor. 136-Janelle Gluckman, Beverly Ovrebo, Marte Dobosh, Sue Fierce. 138-Dawn Carroll, Angelita Jingco, Peggy Shanfelt, Gloria Cullins. 139–Betsy Maugherman, Katie Schriewer, Mary A. Cunningham, Carla Kimball. Tie at 141-Christine Giza, Judie Anderson, Eileen Gustavus, Pam Brown. Karen Schroekenthaler, Gayla Aldridge, Kay Budd, Cynthia Gersten.

O.N.E.S. (Individual) March 9

Flight 1: 31-Betsy Maugherman. Tie at 32-Sandy Snyder, Michele Otto. Tie at 35-Shelly Karsnitz, Dawn Carroll, Linda Taylor.

Flight 2: 29-Peggy Ellenberger. 33-Paula Lilly. Tie

Flight 3: 33–Teri Stecker. Tie at 34–Kate Beaty, Liz Lang. Tie at 35–Peggy Shanfelt, Jonell Washburn. Flight 4: Tie at 32–Joann Delmar, Cynthia Gersten. 34–Sandra Randles. 35–Roxiann Dwyer. 36–Carla

R-W-B Two Best Balls of Four (18/9 **Combined Team)** March 16

93–Betsy Maugherman, Iro Lisinski, Liz Lang, Renae White. 94-Shelly Karsnitz, Joyce Jones, Maria Bennett, Sandy Thompson. 96–Dawn Carroll, Judi Mc-Guinness, Roxiann Dwyer, Terry Lemesh. 98–Lynn Colomb, Kimberly Newbold, Jan Christ, Susan Pulling. Tie at 100-Gayla Aldridge, MJ Strelec, Peggy Shanfelt, Pam Brown. Gail Lagrange, Paula Lilly, Vickie Foster, Christine Parnau. **Best Nine (Individual)**

March 30

Flight 1: 32-Sandy Snyder. Tie at 33-Dawn Carroll, Michele Otto. Tie at 34-Christine Giza, Betsy Maugherman.

Flight 2: Tie at 34–Darlene DeBerry, Katie Schriewer, Joyce Jones.

Flight 3: 33–Page Falconer. 34–Mary Ruffner. Tie at 35–Paula Lilly, Connie Norris.

Flight 4: Tie at 35–Ellen Brin, Janelle Gluckman. Tie

at 36-Liz Pruss, Judi McGuinness.

Flight 5: Tie at 31–Jana McElroy, Beth Wolinsky. 33– Kay Budd. Tie at 34–Mary A. Cunningham, Nancy

Flight 6: 31-Vickie Foster. Tie at 36-Cynthia Gersten, Peggy Shanfelt, Jonell Washburn. Flight 7: 33–Lynn Barber. 34–Kathy Zunica. Tie at 35-Joann Delmar, Sue Fierce.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that "golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.' That means on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kinda makes you

proud ... don't you feel like a hybrid?

In April, while the professionals battled it out at Augusta, our ladies continued their assault on The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare courses. The always-entertaining World Cup was held at the end of the month, so we will review those results in the next issue.

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

Low Gross/Net (Individual) March 14/The Links Gross

Flight 1: 73–Sandy Snyder. 77–Shelly Karsnitz.

Flight 2: 79–Gail Lagrange. 86–Darlene DeBerry.

Flight 3: 89–Judi McGuiness. 90–Mary Dawson.

Flight 4: 92–Debby Wilson. 96–Liz Pruss. Flight 5: 93–Jean Hsu. 97–May Chin.

Flight 6: 100-Linda Ryan. 110-Jacquelin Randour.

Flight 1: 70–Bev Ovrebo. 73–Linda Taylor. Flight 2: 71–Peggy Ellenberger. 76–Maria Fournier.

Flight 3: 73-Marlena Laclair. 75-Janelle Gluckman.

Flight 4: 76–Molly Lucieer. 78–Janette Sheil. Flight 5: 74–Virginia Madura. 76–Roxiann Dwyer.

Flight 6: 74-Lynn Barber. 86-Gloria Cullins.

Random Ribbon Two Best Ball (Candler Hills Invite/Team) March 21/The Tortoise & The Hare

Tie at 137–Darlene DeBerry, Kathleen Goodwin, Jean Hsu, Peggy Shanfelt and Diane Boston, Judi McGuinness, Pam Brown. Tie at 138–Gail Lagrange, Page Falconer, Ellen Brin, Jan Christ and Gayla Aldridge, Mary Dawson, Eileen Gustavus, Jean Czachor. 139– Betsy Maugherman, Patti Kelly, Liz Pruss, Roxiann Dwyer. 140-Vadonna Hall, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Jill Strey, Sandy Chase. 141-Lori Pizzini, Judie Anderson, Debby Wilson, Susan Martin.

Cha Cha Cha (Team) March 28/The Tortoise & The Hare

108-Sandy Snyder, Page Falconer, Marte Dobosh, Carol Carney. 112-Linda Taylor, Gretchen Normandin, Debra DeMatteo, Sandy Chase. Tie at 114-Vadonna Hall, MJ Strelec, Jean Hsu, Jan Christ and Debby Wilon, Jill Strey, Vickie Noltensmeyer. 115-Gail Lagrange, Katie Schriewer, Molly Lucieer, Terry Wilks. 116-Chris Giza, Marcela Nunez, Liz Pruss, Gloria Cullins.

On Tuesday, April 4, the league played Beat the Pro against Russ Smith. It was a wild contest, and many golfers walked away with winnings. Too many winners to list! Betty McNeeley turned in an outstanding performance to card a net 67, and she walked away with top honors. Lisa Free came in next with a 70, followed by Page Falconer with a 71, Chris Giza with a 72, and a three way tie at 73 with Nancy Zielinski, Lori Pizzini and MJ Strelec. Russ wasn't prepared for all of the talent that showed up on The Links that day!

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

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Nick Schwander ick_schwander@otowfl.com



Spring has sprung as we move into the month of May. Candler Hills and On Top of The World have many opportunities for golfers of all abilities to sharpen their skills.

Improvement clinics are offered the first two Saturdays of every month. This month on Saturday, May 6, at both 9 and 10 a.m. the clinic topic will be "Short Game: The Bump and Run," and on Saturday, May 13, at both 9 and 10 a.m. the clinic will cover "Short Game: Chip or Pitch."

Come join the Candler Hills LGA-9. Whether you are looking to start playing in a nine-hole league or have in the past and would like to get back into it, there are fun events that you can get involved in. If you have any questions regarding the league or would like to get signed up, stop by the Candler Hills Golf Shop and speak to the professional staff or give us a call at 352-861-9712. Spring into golf! Let's play!

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between noon and 1 p.m. hat and put on sunscreen. We all know how damaging the sun can really be.

May also brings the second major championship of the year, the PGA Championship held at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York. Justin Thomas is this year's defending champion, here is who our professional staff thinks will be crowned champion this year. Matt Hibbs – Xander Schauffele; Denise Mullen - Jordan Speith; Russ Smith – Justin Thomas; and Trey Rath – Patrick Cantlay.

In May, Candler Hills and The Links will host the annual World Memorial Day Tournament. The event will be held Monday, May 29, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be two best balls of four and you may create your own foursome. The cost is \$20 per player.

Golf is a wonderful game that we all love but don't forget about the most important part of golf - safety. If not careful, you can get injured in a variety of ways on the golf course. Here are some safety tips to help you in case of an Make sure to carry a cell phone in case of emergency.

On Top of the World and Candler Hills scorecards have Golf Shop phone numbers and addresses in case of emergency.

All golf course restrooms have addresses in case of emergency.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 20: Animal Golf at The Tortoise & The Hare and The
- Monday, May 29: World Memorial Day Tournament at The Links and Candler Hills Golf Club.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Bob Flynn, eagle #6. Bill Gurbisz, eagle #9. Rick Pettit, eagle #10. Ellen Brin, eagle #7. John Evans, eagle #9.

THE LINKS: Tom Fuchs, eagle #10. Joe Dunnack, eagle #9.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Ed Klodzen, shot his age 75. Roger Sparks, eagle #9.

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

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

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

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

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

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Candler Hills Men's Golf

Rick Pettit



After finishing up watching the Master's I am sure you are all ready to hit the links and play like Jon Rahm and all the others on the PGA Tour. If not, just bring your game and join our ever-growing membership for another Tuesday morning game at Candler Hills. We are at 160 current members so a big shout out to all of you in your recruiting efforts. Visit chmga.org to view all our scheduled tournaments.

If you have any game format suggestions, please send an email to rickpettit22@gmail.com so we can discuss at our board meetings.

It has been extremely busy at the club with the Ocala Open finish and all our regular scheduled events. Don't for-

get the Inter-Club charity event coming up on Tuesday, May 9 at our club and Wednesday, May 10 at Stone Creek. Please sign up in the Golf Shop as it is a limited field. Should be a great time for

Please make sure that everyone polices their own foursome and groups you play together with. Golf rules and handicap responsibility lies with all of us, and we need to do our part to keep the integrity of this great game fair to all players and their abilities. Please contact the Golf Shop with any questions about rules.

Shout out to the following members and their accomplishments during the past month of league play: John Evans eagle #9; Bill Gurbisz eagle #9; and Rick Pettit eagle #10. Also, congratulations to Paul Rubly for shooting his age.

I leave you with this quote from the great Ben Hogan, "The most important shot in golf is the next one."

See you all on the links.

Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



May marks the beginning of summer golf in Central Florida, and members of the Men's Golf Association (MGA) should be ready by taking responsibility for their own safety and keeping an eye on the forecast and your email for updates on league play.

A regular chance of thunderstorms and lightning is just around the corner, so be prepared with the appropriate rain gear. And remember our rain policy, "If you hear it, fear it. If you see it, flee it!"

If it is raining or rain appears imminent on league day, a decision will be made at least 30 minutes before rally time on whether to cancel the event or delay the start time. You will be notified by email, or you can contact the Golf Shop.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the sendoff of assistant golf pro, Candon Ehler, who has been our weekly event coordinator but has now moved on to greener fairways.

The club has 224 members, including David Keebler, Gary Whittaker, Don DeMatteo, Leon Miller, Ira Burns, James Shipley, and Wes Wendt.

Mark these upcoming Wednesdays in your calendar:

- May 3: Chicken Day (The Links)
- May 10: Course closed for aerifi-
- May 17: Scramble/Candler Hills Invite (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- May 24: Two Best Balls/Team (The
- May 31: Beat the Board Scramble (The Tortoise & The Hare)

White, Yellow, Orange (Team)



Departing assistant golf professional Candon Ehler (the young guy in the middle) is thanked by MGA President Kevin McGuinness and the rest of the membership at the March 29 rallv.

March 29/The Links

Tie at 54-Larry Manion, Garfield Gray, Roy Coombes; Brian Bennett, Charlie Taylor, Jim Nicholson, John Divito. Tie at 55–James Gourlay, Robert Kuhl, Mike Key, Tary Bole; Brian Wilder, Doug Buckler, David Hannasch, David Garland. Tie at 56–Gary Whittaker, Jim Weaver, Gary Hassett, Marvin Jendro: Art Olerud, Mike Ball, John Snyder, Gerald Schneider: John Yenne, Don Edmond, Dwight Weirich, Bill Scaringe; Brian Henderson, Ron Pratt, Norm Hayworth, Earl Guthrie. Tie at 57–Eugene Paradis, Jim Lefaver, James Thompson, Leonard Ruble; William (Bill) Tru-

by, Marvin DeBerry, Joseph Dunnack, Mike Stanford: Irl Flanagan, David Clune, Tom Fragapane, Doyce Mathis: Philip Shaw, Joe Aldridge, Ken Zweiback, Terry Gertner: James McCormack, Bryan McCleave, Joseph Mandala, Bob Lieberman.

Chicken Day Scramble April 5/The Links

Tie at 52-Charlie Taylor, David Hannasch, Earl Guthrie; Michael Almon, Marvin DeBerry, Danny Newby, Gerald Schneider; Ron Pratt, Dale Budd, David Wohlleber, Bill Scaringe; Jeff Holmes, Dwight Weirich, James Thompson. Tie at 53-Philip Shaw, Jeff

Rothwell, Robert Walker, Bill Aman; James McCormack, Brian Wilder, Joseph Dunnack, James Tolson. Tie at 54–Kevin McGuinness, John Spielvogel, Norm Hayworth: Dan Goggin, John Parnau, John Johnson, Joe Baumgartner; Patrick Moran, Del Mackie, Bob Lieberman, John Divito; Greg McDowell, Jim Lefaver, Joseph Mandala, Bob Lang. Tie at 55–Larry Manion, Don Edmond, John Owen; Tim Carlisle, Richard Deschenes, Mike Kurlakowsky, Bill Peterson; Irl Flanagan, Ruben Alvarez, Philip Petrozella, William York; Thomas Laclair, Ira Burns, Paul Snyder, Tary Bole; Brian Henderson, Paul Stoecklin, Mike Clancy; Roger Sparks, Art Olerud, Mike Key, Paul Silliman.

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Billiards Club





The club's 2023 winter mixed league finished this month, with a record turnout of 82 players and subs. The league was organized into two divisions, the Lions, and the Wolves. Our ladies were well represented, comprising a full onethird of the Wolves division.

Paul Stoecklin's Team 7 won the league championship, with the best record in both divisions, while also winning the Wolves division convincingly. Paul's team included Co-Captain Paul Snyder, Nikki Buehlman, John and Robin Greene, Janet Juhlin, Scott Lyons, Ron Rosenwald and Bill Weir.

Second place in the Wolves division went to Holly's Team 5, which finished the session very strongly, winning their last three matches. A special mention to Holly St. John, who gamely served as the club's first ever female captain and did a terrific job guiding her team to a top finish.

Being a captain is not about being able to play pool, but rather about leadership and good values. Ladies, on my watch there's absolutely no reason captains have to have a Y-chromosome. To any club member, if you can manage people, stay calm under pressure, and remember that this is a fun and social league, I'm always looking for team captains.

In the Lions division we had three evenly-matched teams in the hunt for top honors. In the penultimate week, Gary Schroeder's Team 2 got edged out by Fritz's Team 3, and Gary's team finished in third place. Fritz's Team 3 and Ralph Szeleyni's Team 4 met in the final week, with the winner to take home the division title.

Unfortunately, the final match was cancelled. Even though Teams 3 and 4 had the same win-loss record, Team 4 was declared the division champion on tiebreak. Ralph's team included Co-Captain Dean Fesette, Rich Deschenes, Phil Franklin, Rich Lapienski, Rob Lull, Fred Marsh, Lonnie McNew, and Tim Taury.

We also had an exciting annual nineball tournament. The event drew 35 players, and a purse of \$110, which was fully paid out to the winners. Gary Schroeder played tough and thoughtfully to take first place. Mark Larzelere came in second, making some lovely shots at the end. Lair Glaudell played very solidly to win third place, and Rick Casey also had a great tourna-

ment, finishing in fourth.

Nikki Buehlman and Carl Spotts finished tied for fifth, and Nikki also won a special cash prize for the highest finishing lady. Two other ladies also played well, Lynne Dickson and Jane Dowd, both of whom made it to the quarterfinals.

Our next tournament will be in July, after the summer league finishes. It will be a Sadie Hawkins style ladies choice mixed doubles event. Ladies, best be gettin' your men ready!



2023 winter league champions: Ron Rosenwald, Janet Juhlin, Co-Captain Paul Snyder, Nikki Buehlman, Captain Paul Stoecklin, Robin Greene, Scott Lyons, John Greene and Bill Weir.



Annual nine-ball tournament prize winners: Gary Schroeder, Mark Larzelere, Lair Glaudell and Nikki Buehlman.

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Some of us went to the University of Florida to watch the Gators play other big schools and it was a lot of fun. If you missed it, join us next time, it's free and the level of tennis is quite high.

If you'd like to enjoy your tennis a little better, I think you should try to improve your game. I heard a golf coach say, "If you continue doing what you've been doing, you will continue getting what you've been getting. Practice makes perfect." I also hope that more of you take a little time to read my monthly column, it's another avenue to improve your tennis or POP tennis.

Soon, before it gets hot, I plan on taking a few players to the National Tennis Center in Lake Nona, Florida. This is a good place to visit and play.

Where to Place Shots in Doubles

Determining where to place shots during the middle or at the end of a point, can be condensed into the deep-to-deep, short-to-short axiom. Doubles teams lose more points because of their failure to understand or implement this formula than they do for all other reasons combined.

The four rules of this axiom are:

- Never play a ball "deep-to-short." Always play balls "deep-to-deep."
- Play balls "short-to-short" whenever you can hit down and punish the opponent's "short" balls.

4. Play balls "short-to-deep" to keep your team out of trouble when hitting down is not an option.

The deep-to-deep, short-to-short axiom will remove the tendency to hesitate and think about where the ball should be played – a prime reason easy volleys are misplayed. "Deep-to-deep" will keep you out of trouble and "short-to-short" will end the point for you at the proper

I often see players at the net who look like they're saying, "I hope he doesn't hit it to me" and therefore they are not

ready to hit a ball coming to them. Especially when you are at the net, you need to assume "that ball is coming to me" or better yet, "hit it to me." This way you are ready and prepared to hit it or put the ball array but it doesn't halp if you the ball away, but it doesn't help if you stand at the net and don't know how to

As you know, in doubles, playing from the back, is very difficult to win a point. 75% of the points in doubles are won up in front. So, please, practice your volleys and overheads.

See you on the courts!

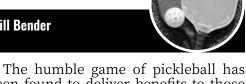
and well-being of the players. Those of us who play the game might be surprised, but when thinking about The benefits to decrease idleness and it, it makes perfect sense. Players exto provide a positive experience which can be used as a reward are well known. perience a strong sense of camaraderie as it is well known as a social sport. It Many have been amazed as to how a simple game has delivered such positive also challenges one's focus and athletic

speed. The time spent on the court often takes one away from whatever else is go-

ing on in their life. As we do every month in this column, we extend a warm welcome to any resident who is curious about this phenomenon called pickleball, which is the fastest growing sport in America. You can come and just take a seat to watch the ongoings, or you can experience it any Monday at 10:30 a.m. for a one-hour orientation. This is also offered on the first Saturday of the month, also at 10:30 a.m. Just wear athletic shoes, bring a drink for hydration, and we'll provide the rest.

Top Pickleball Club

Bill Bender



been found to deliver benefits to those incarcerated in juvenile detention centers and prisons. It has been found to contribute to improved mental health

There are stories about how retired pickleball players have found it their mission to spend time in prisons teaching and coaching the game. This is flourishing in Florida and in other states, as well.

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Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



Bocce ball courts are rolling along and the weather is perfect!

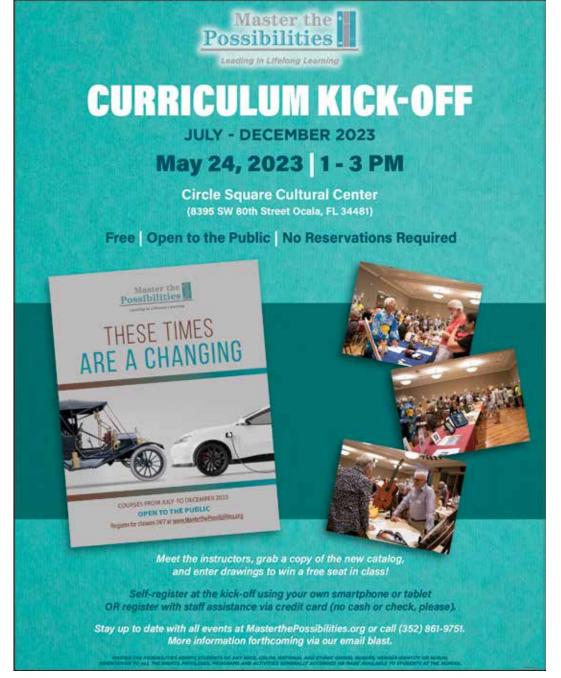
Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. As of late all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by luck of 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 \$12, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form. A directory is in the storage unit which contains an alphabetical list of all members. Please make sure you have entered your name and contact information.

The annual banquet will be held Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Catering will be provided by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. There will be no cost to members. Guests will be \$7, due upon sign up. Drinks will be available for purchase

For further information, please contact Terry Connolly at 352-895-3866. Come roll with us. All are welcome.

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Fit Tips

Larry Robinson 352-387-3571 larry_robinson@otowfl.com



Health Boost

Extra pounds can make you feel uncomfortable and lead to health concerns. However, losing just 10% of your body weight is associated with a myriad of health benefits. These include lowering blood pressure, blood cholesterol, and blood sugar, and reducing your risk for heart disease. Focus on the shorterterm goals and then the long term will not seem so daunting.

FIT TIP #1: Make small changes. If you try to take on too much at once it can be overwhelming and undermine your

FIT TIP #2: Control your stress. Stress typically drives us to eat emotionally and make poor decisions. When you are in control of your stress, you are likely to make better lifestyle choices. Try a yoga or chair yoga class.

FIT TIP #3: Keep a food log. Tracking what you eat supports mindful eating. Eat with attention and intention.

Ballet



You may not be aware of this, but ballet classes can give you a free facelift. All exercise gives your body a lift by tightening and firming the muscles and improving your posture. That is especially true of ballet. Whether we are working at the barre, or doing combinations in the center of the floor, we must always control our arms, legs, backs, buttocks, and abdominals to do steps properly and gracefully. Ballet isn't only exercise. Like all dancing, it is also a performing art. And, when we complete a step at the barre or in the center of the floor, we stand and smile. We also try to look pleasant when we are performing. These facial expressions make dancers look younger and more beautiful, and I call it a "free facelift."

Now, smiling is a good idea whatever you are doing. It always makes you look happier and, believe me, it does make you look younger. So, you do not need to take our ballet classes to get that "free facelift." However, ballet is very good exercise. It makes you more fit and graceful, and our classes are lots of fun. That makes you smile, also. So, give us a try. You do not need ballet clothes to start. Just wear stretchy exercise clothes and socks on your feet. And bring a bottle of water to keep hydrated.

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9:00 am	S.O.S.	BEAT	S.O.S.	Dance Aerobics	S.O.S.
10:00 am	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit	Brain Power	Get Fit While You Sit	Move to Improve Parkinson's	Get Fit While You Sit
11:00 am	Zumba' Gold		Zumba" Gold		Dance Aerobics
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*	Punch Out PD POPD COACHES	Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Advanced Tai Chi	
3:00 pm	Chair Yoga		Chair Yoga	Qi Gong	
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga		Yoga SANDRA	

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

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Beginner Tai Chi	STRONG	Intermediate Tai Chi	STRONG	
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion	Yoga Joe	Pilates Fusion	Yoga
0:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG	Yoga	STRONG
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		Stretch, Flex & Balance
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

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ARBOR FITNESS CENTER INDOOR POOL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 am	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 am	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
8:00 - 9:00 am	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
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
1:00 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	45.05
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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Softball

Larry Burke



The Wood Bat Single Elimination Tournament was held the week of March 13, with six teams from the National and four teams from the American divisions participating.

American league games scheduled for Monday, March 13, were rained out. This meant that all their games had to be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 15, with two elimination games and a championship game all taking place on the same day. Rich Gundvangen's Old

News captured the championship by a score of 9-8 when they rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh and final inning to defeat Yellowstone.

National league games were played as scheduled on March 14 and 16, with the championship going to Kevin Thompson's Bad Boyz by a score of 14-7 over the Underdogs. All players on the winning teams received a commemorative hat in recognition of their respective championships.

The idea for the tournament was the brainchild of Dave Clune and Brad Youngberg both of whom are members of the Softball Club's board of directors. Their goal in conducting the tournament was to have fun and create a diversion in the middle of the winter season.

Several players decided to take the week If you are looking for a terrific group off as a mid-season vacation or to take care of personal business rather than participate in the tournament. Many others helped Dave and Brad with the details of the tournament which included cookouts alongside the pavilion on both Wednesday and Thursday. Dave acquired six wooden bats which were used by all the teams in the tournament. It's not easy to find wooden bats these days as most senior softball players prefer to use composite bats which usually make the softballs travel farther. At this time, it's not clear if this tournament will be an annual event but it was a big hit with those who participated in this year's inaugural event.

Softball is such a wonderful game.

of guys to hang out with as well to start enjoying one of the best games in the country, then please check us out at otowsoftball.org. We have a new player orientation program that meets at the field at 1 p.m. each Monday. However, if you feel that you are not quite ready for club-level softball, kindly consider checking out the less formal Co-ed Recreation Softball league that plays on Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Additionally, you may want to check out our batting practices on Sundays, which also begin at 9 a.m.

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



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R/C Flyers Club

Ray Ihlenburg



solar panel system and new Wi-Fi projects have been completed and put online. Steve Schlesselman was the force behind the original solar system that powered the cameras and initial weather station. This latest update effort was pretty much done at the board level, relying on the experience and efforts of Števe plus Jack Kezelian, and Doug Nas-

Jack and Steve were heavily involved, but the guy leading the engineering and installation efforts was Doug Nastally. According to Doug, the challenges were fun, and he is happy he could implement improvements that benefit one and all. Thank you, Jack, Steve, and Doug for evaluating the equipment and battery selections for the most cost-effective solutions to this need. Now, with Wi-Fi, we can order new stuff from the flying field.

Anyone who knows Doug will attest to his great volunteerism. He has been a dedicated instructor (monitored my check out flights), and he is a very good pilot. He always has time to assist anyone who brings a question to him concerning a squirrely flying model, a transmitter question, or for advice. What few know is that Doug is our master mower pool mechanic and supply officer for the mowing shed. He personally sees that the maintenance is performed on all the mowers and related equipment. If you are on a mowing team; ever wonder who buys and mixes the gasoline? That'll be Doug. The R/C Flyers are fortunate to have a member who quietly takes so much on himself, just because he wants to support the success of our organiza-

The May maiden of the month model is the F-82, Deborah, built from a VQ models kit by Bob and Deborah Anderson. Dan Weigand stepped in to help finish and cover the model. An up-close peek in the starboard cockpit and you'll see that the pilot is wearing red lipstick. The wingspan is 62-inches, and the fuselages are 46-inches long. Two 800-watt motors, two 4,000-5,000 5S LiPo batteries with two 12 x7 propellors provide Deborah quite a ride. Flaps and retractable landing gears complete the package.

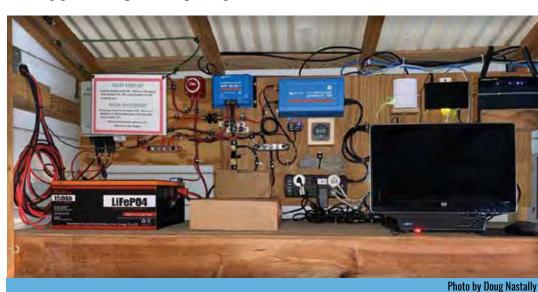
Bob was the maiden test pilot and found the model to be tail heavy on takeoff but he compensated for a good flight and smooth landing. Dan made the second flight, and he too was pleased with the handling.

The F-82 was introduced in 1946 as the last piston-engine fighter ordered by the Air Force. It was based on the highly successful P-51 Mustang, but it entered World War II so late to fulfill its key role as a long-range bomber escort. Only 272 were made for the Air Force. It was larger and heavier than its twin boomed cousin P-38 but was 100 mph faster. It was said that the only thing the P-38 had over the F-82 was timing. One cool fact trivia answer – the F-82 was/is the only four-wheel aircraft ever built.

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F-82 with her namesake, Deborah Anderson.



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Call of the Wild Sports Club

Jeff Wiita

Let us update this series with a quick summary. The ocean oscillations not only drive the climate around the world, but they control our largest fisheries and so much more. Management must adjust the annual harvests and seasons knowing the oscillations' effect so that the specific fish species do not become

Red snapper has been harvested from the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) and Atlantic since the 1840s. The fishery began in the northeast Gulf centered around Pensacola, Florida. Fishery scientists and anglers first observed localized depletion of the red snapper off Florida in the late 19th century. After World War II there was a significant increase in the size of the commercial fleet and in technological innovations. During this period, the shrimp fishery rapidly expanded.

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Because juvenile red snapper are accidentally captured in shrimp trawls, the shrimp trawl fishery became a significant source of red snapper mortality.

Prior to World War II, recreational fishing in the Gulf and Atlantic was limited. After the war, increased tourism coupled with mass production of fiberglass boats and improvements in motor technology and navigational equipment led to increases in recreational fishing that primarily targeted red snapper. Today, recreational anglers account for more than half of the total Gulf red snapper landings and discards.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) fishery managers are required by law to prevent overfishing and to rebuild depleted fish populations. Scientists conduct stock assessments to determine the status of fish populations and how many fish can safely be removed from populations without causing them to decline over the long term.

The red snapper fishery was being overfished. I do not think anyone will argue differently. In the Gulf, NOAA implemented a fishery rebuilding plan it is becoming another example of the which included stock assessments starting in 2005 with the goal of rebuilding the red snapper population back up by 2032. This plan allows recreational fishing for two months and a few weekend openings to prevent overfishing. In the Atlantic, red snapper has been under an intense rebuilding plan since 2011 when the first-ever modern stock assessment conducted on the species revealed that it was overfished and undergoing overfishing. The Atlantic red snapper recreational fishery has been largely closed for the past 12 years, except for a few weekend openings, and the fishery has come roaring back. "The red snapper recovery should be considered an incredible conservation success story, but

shortcomings in federal fishery management law," says Trip Aukeman, advocacy director for Costal Conservation Association Florida. (To be continued.)

Coming up at our Wednesday, May 3 meeting, Rachel Sams, grassroots coordinator for the National Rifle Association - Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), will be talking about current legislative issues and offering discount NRA memberships.

If you have any questions about our club, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club on Wednesdays, May 3, and June 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Also, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-



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R/C Car Club members.

R/C Car Club

Becky Queen



I want to talk about the importance of learning names. When I get introduced to someone, I tend to forget their name.

To boost my memory, I have tried repeating their name during the conversation. Or I use name association to aid my memory. My rates of success vary.

I give myself permission to learn the name of one person per week. The same rule applies to learning the names of car parts. RTR manuals with exploded photos and labels have enhanced my learning experience. If your vocabulary at the track is limited to the words: tire, battery, brake, and antenna perhaps you do not own a tool kit with hex/nut wrenches. Neither would you mess with changing silicone shock fluid, nor replace a spur gear or pinion.

Bob, Jim, Tom, Bill, and John are common names for males. Females named Linda, Nancy, Sue, Kathy (with a "K"), and Cathy (with a "C") can be problem-

atic.

Soon after meeting Peter Martin, I shortened his name to Pete. After learning more about Pete I learned about his preference for the name, Peter. He is passionate about the sport and willing

to share his knowledge when asked.

Upon meeting JD Taylor, I promptly forgot his name. But I did not forget the brisk head nod he gave me. The following week he nodded his head again, to which I replied with a head nod of my own. He replied, "What?" The reac-tion of a witness was telling, "She's got your number." I had learned one of his quirks. Today I can tell you that JD's passion for racing includes volunteering quietly behind the scenes.

Numerical calculations are the name of the game for the Berry Brother's race team. Ken is the race car driver while his brother Dennis is the precision mechanical technician. That is the way it was when they raced the circuit. They have been an inspiration and kept me

motivated. One day while standing on the podium my knees and hands were shaking at the end of a race. They did not announce, "What's-her-name, just won her first race!" Tears fell from my eyes. High-fives were shared as I descend ed the eight steps and landed on solid ground. Did I mention the applause? I had learned enough car part names and people names to bask in the joy of winning a race. Daily practice improved my driving skills by one car part name and one human name at a time. And that explains why learning names is important.

Overheard at the track: "Did another woman just win that race?"

Two-wheel truggy–Ken Berry. Two-wheel truck–Bob Herbst. Four-wheel Truck–Ken Berry. Tie at touring– Terry Altman, Hank Henne, Bob Herbst. Pan car-Bob Zangmiester. Two-wheel buggy-Paul Burrey. Four-wheel buggy-Ken Berry. Traxxas-Dave Johnson. MUDboss-Peter Martin.

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Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



Even though the regular season is over, the last instructional class of the season will take place Saturday, May 13, at 11 a.m. The class at the Veterans Park, taught by Paul Hodges, goes over rules, scoring, safety, and the basics for shooting the disc. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. This class will resume in

The annual dinner will take place Saturday, April 29. This is a good time for all three shifts to get together as one group.

The summer season runs May through August Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. until dark and then again Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Please note that the Thursday session is for Ten Pin only.

March

Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Robert Sapiro/Vicki Lentz. 33-Vicki

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher & John Ramsey/Jane Boyer. 30–Scott Phillips & Ron Daughtry. Thursday a.m.: Jim Vail/Marclene Boots.



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

Weight Loss Group

Laura Gavey



Come join one of the newest clubs -Weight Loss Group! We are a group of people who are looking to lose weight in a healthy and supportive way. We share discussions on ways to lose weight, recipes, and tips to help us meet our personal weight loss goals. There are two opportunities to meet each week:

- Mondays in the Hobby Building Art Room. Weigh in starts at 4:30 p.m. and meeting begins at 5 p.m. Linda Sisco is the leader.
- Tuesdays in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Weigh in begins at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 10 a.m. Gail Hopper is the leader.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please email Linda at ljsisco@comcast.net or Gail at gbhopper@yahoo.com.



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Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



In previous columns we stressed the scheduled reserve times of the Shuffleboard Club and the Ladies Shuffleboard Club. All the reserved club hours are listed on the bulletin board at the courts and are listed on OTOWInfo.com. There are many open play days and hours that the courts are available for residents and their families to shuffle. Just a little bit of history, the Shuffleboard Club has had the courts reserved for well over 30 years and the Ladies Shuffleboard Club has had the courts reserved for six years.

We will be finishing our season at the end of May with over 60 paid members. We love shuffling and will continue to shuffle all summer at the same reserved times. All women residents and Gateway of Services passholders are invited to join us. Resident IDs will be checked. Players are required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement Form.

On Wednesday, April 12, we had our board meeting and tournament win-ners received their trophies. After the trophies were presented by our sponsor, Michael Riley of Estate Planning and Retirement Resources, all enjoyed pizza.

March

10-Dee Caple. Tie at 9-Cindy Engler, Sally Herrick, Kathy Kloos, Sandy Welch. Tie at 8-Lois Nix, Gina Andresak, Elena Sumpter.

30-Plus Season

11-Lois Nix. 10-Kathy Kloos. Tie at 9-Dee Caple,

Sandy Welch.

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Ladies table tennis group.



Athena Drewes



What a busy time we are having! On Saturday, March 25, 12 club members were invited to Oak Run for friendly play in their table tennis room. It was a fun time for all and special thanks to Oak Runners Club president, Paul Pickard, for reciprocating play!

On Wednesday, April 5, 13 ladies decided they wanted to eat together after playing and had a wonderful potluck lunch. It was a great way to get together, bring out more players, and get to know each other better. Thanks to Karen Lowe for initiating and organizing it.

On Saturday, April 22, we had our quarterly get-together with hero sandwiches and all the fixings, along with a short meeting with the board of directors reporting on the state of the Table Tennis Club. Meetings like this get members together for a fun time and we get to play afterwards. We had seven tables set up to facilitate having us all play! We look forward to more events where we can get to know each other better.

Often, I am asked about how scoring works when various scenarios occur. Here is some helpful information regarding keeping score. A point is scored by the player for any of several results of the rally:

The opponent fails to make a correct service or return.

After making a service or a return, the ball touches anything other than the net assembly before being struck by the opponent.

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The opponent strikes the ball twice in a row. Note that the hand that is holding the racket counts as part of the racket and that making a good return off one's hand or fingers is allowed. It is not a fault if the ball accidentally hits one's hand or fingers and then subsequently hits the racket.

The opponent strikes the ball with a side of the racket blade whose surface is not covered with rub-

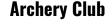
The opponent moves the playing surface or touches the net assemblv.

The opponent's free hand touches the playing surface.

A game is won by the player first scoring 11 points unless both players score 10 points (deuce). Then the game is won by the first player gaining a two-point lead. A match consists of the best of any odd number of games. In competition play, matches are typically best of five or seven games.

Our schedule is as follows: Beginners doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; singles, Friday 3 to 5 p.m. Ladies doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; singles, Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. All level doubles, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. All level singles, Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Stadterman at ptstadterman@ yahoo.com.



Barbara Scales





Seven archers of the Archery Club participated at the NFAA State Indoor Archery Tournament held in March at the Easton-Newberry Archery Center.

A perfect score is 600. A small X in the target's center is an additional tallied item.

Silver Senior Men's Freestyle

Mike Bantz: First round-278/300 with 23X. Second round-279/300 with 25X. Total-557/600 with

Gerry Hoppe: First round-288/300 with 28X. Second round-290/300 with 24X. Total- 578/600 with 52X.

Daniel Powell: First round-233/300 with 3X. Second round-242/300 with 7X. Total-475/600 with

Master Senior Freestyle Limited (70+)

Patty Hoppe: First round-264/300 with 8X. Second round-261/300 with 15X. Total-525/600 with 23X.

Master Men's Freestyle

Rick Kammes: First round-217/300 with 5X. Second round-223/300 with 3X. Total-440/600 with

Master Senior Freestyle (70+)

Sam Scarbough: First round-282/300 with 20X. Second round-289/300 with 12X. Total-571/600

Silver Senior Barebow (60-69)
Phyllis Shaw: First round-207/300 with 5X. Second round-201/300 with 2X. Total-408/600 with 7X.

The Archery Club salutes all of those who participated, with special recognition to those who ranked well in their divisions. We tip our chapeau à bec to Phyllis Shaw who took first place in her division. Notably, Sam Scarbough took second place in his division. Spe-cial recognition to Gerry Hoppe who took fourth place in his division with an amazing 52Xs.

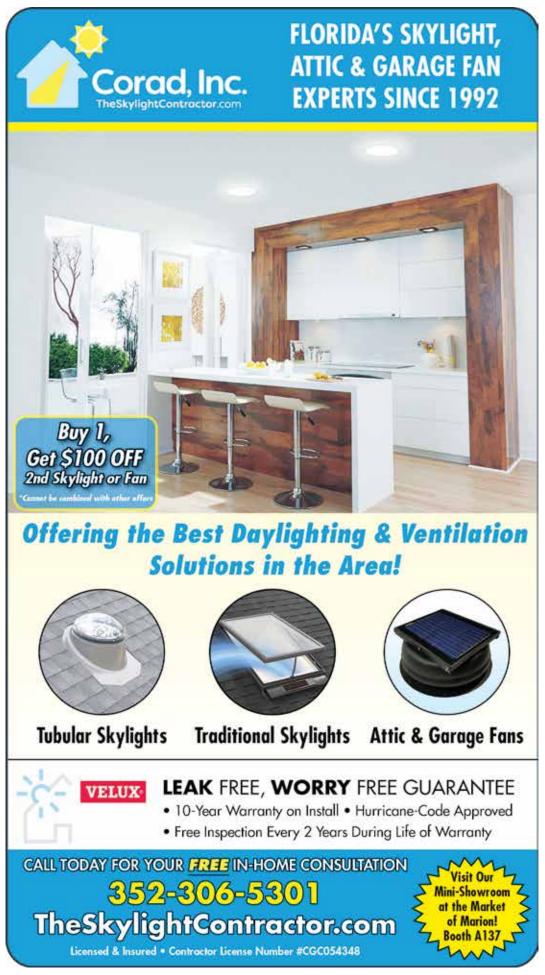
A special congratulation to our club member Gary Hedler, who got his first Robin Hood!

The March volunteer appreciation luncheon had scheduling conflicts. It will be rescheduled at a future date. The entire Archery Club appreciates all the hard work that volunteers have done. Thank you one and all.

The club holds mini tournaments every month to challenge our skills. This past month of April, the club held two events, hosted by Patty Hoppe. On Wednesday, April 5, she coordinated a dart board shoot. And on Wednesday, April 26, she coordinated a combo shoot for archers with skills of various levels. Some archers shot 40/50/60 yards, while others shot 20/25/30 yards. Each of us is honing in on the target in order to improve personal scores. Patty volunteers her time, which is a valuable commodity. The entire Archery Club extends Patty Hoppe a huge thank you for her

This summer the club's social committee will hold a pool party. Stay tuned for details.

The Archery Club is confident that everyone who joins will find a place to develop their skills in a way that best suits them. To see upcoming events or learn more about the Archery Club, please visit otowarchery.com or contact us at archeryclubotow@gmail.com.



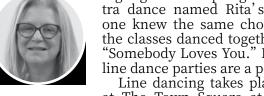


Sidekicks

Western Dance

Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



In March, the Improver Plus and Beginner II line dance classes gathered for a spring dance party in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Current dances and classics were on the agenda, and it was fun to dance to both old and new standards. Nancy Carmack organized the party, and she did a wonderful job.

Normally, the classes dance separately even though both are dancing to the same music. Each class may have a different line dance step sequence. A highlight of the spring dance was a contra dance named Rita's Waltz. Everyone knew the same choreography and the classes danced together to the song "Somebody Loves You." It was fun. The line dance parties are a popular event.

Line dancing takes place Thursdays, at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons from 7 to 10 p.m. Line dance helpers are there until 8:30 p.m. The program of songs and dances was revised in April. There is an agenda each week at Webuse.com/otowdance. Webuse is a useful, user friendly and convenient source for community line dance information. It is designed and maintained by Jeff and Donna Gordon.

For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact instructor Darlene Miller at 352-259-3696.



dances were taught by Roger & BJ for the Beginners class, eight new dances were taught to the whole club by five guest instructors, two dances taught by Jim and myself, 216 dances were danced on the floor (more than 2/3 of that being two circle dances, so it comes to about 365 dances) held five parties, welcomed 33 new members and welcomed-back three previous members. Our club is staying strong at 109 members, and we are welcoming any new members who are interested in partner dancing!

Normally our dance season goes from late September to mid-May. The reason for that is because our snowbirds. However, we still have most of the members still living here during the summer and unfortunately, all the dances that were learned are often forgotten by the time the new season begins, especially for the beginners. So, I decided that I will continue with the Friday dance lessons and Tuesday dance nights for those of us who are still here.

Brand new starting point for Absolute Beginners is Friday, June 2. Please come! For those who have never danced or would like to dance but feel that they have two left feet, this is the time to join and see what you're made of. We had much success in replacing those two left feet! Jim and I will go over all the basics steps to do the easier dances. Once you feel comfortable with the steps and moves, we will begin adding more dances. This class is held at Indigo East Community Center Ballroom at noon on Fridays.

Practice classes will continue Fridays at 11 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. We will review the dances that will be danced the following Tuesday. For those who have been in Absolute Beginners with me from earlier, I encourage you to come to these practices as well, if you can. We will start with the easier dances and increase the difficulty as we learn more.

All the dances we practice on Fridays, we will dance with everyone on Tuesdays at our regular dance time in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will maintain the same start time so that



Jim and Judy Sullivan.

there is not any confusion. Please arrive by 4:50 p.m.

You do not have to have a Gateway of Services pass to do these classes since I reciprocate the dance lessons at both Indigo East and Recreation Center. This reciprocity allows residents to dance at both locations.

If you have any questions, please sidekicksdanceclub@yahoo. com or contact me via Facebook messenger or text 973-903-8719.

- Tuesdays: Weekly group dance at 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.
- Fridays: Beginners practice at 11 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.
- Fridays: Absolute Beginners at noon in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.



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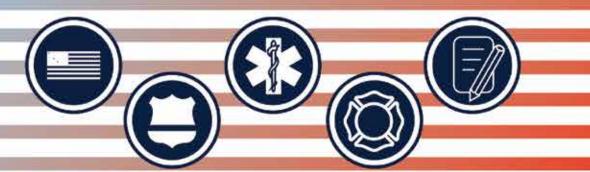


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We Be Jammin'

By Dave DeAngelis World News Writer

If you're from the Philadelphia area as I am, you know the tradition of string bands. I was surprised to learn of a String Band Jam in Ocala! Wait a second ... uh, never mind. I misunderstood my

writing assignment. Sorry. On Saturday, May 13, The Town Square at Circle Square Commons will present the Spring Band Jam! That's right, a night of free entertainment that's open to the public. Expect toe tapping, hand clapping, air drum playing, singing way off key and dancing away calories over four hours from 5 to 9 p.m.!

This year's Spring Band Jam is going to be a monster. Three bands, real good ones, really really good ones, playing on separate stages that will make you really happy that you attended and leave you looking forward to another event like

Kicking off this fabulous night of music will be the Leesburg Blues Brothers Tribute. Yep, Jake and Elwood, identically dressed like the original guys and performing those famous dance moves so well that you might be tempted to du-plicate them. Don't even think about it. Think bone health instead. Just wait for "Soul Man" and enjoy this remarkable tribute performance by them from 5 to 6 p.m.

Oh yes, the Bluesmobile ... maybe it's the bloodmobile ... no, no, it's the Bluesmobile for sure that will be there, with Jake and Elwood soulfully hanging around after their performance for a meet and greet.

Playing from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will be the much sought-after Sugar Vibe, the fourpiece hard hitting rock band that pumps out music over multiple genres and gen-erations. Out of central Florida, and one of Florida's premier cover bands, Sugar Vibe boasts a Grammy award nominee, and a dazzling, mystifying, international singer with Disney where they are regular performers. If your musical flavor is pop, rock, country, or multi-genre, you'll get it all with Sugar Vibe. Infectious energy! Pace yourself.

From 7:30 to 9 p.m., Chasing Amy Entertainment presents the six-member Chasing Amy Party Band that delivers high energy music with fun crowd participation. Their interactive performance will be the control of the control mance will test the amount of stamina you still have this far into the evening.

Did someone just whisper - what about food trucks? But of course! A variety of them are scheduled to replenish the calories you burn with burgers, pizza, hot dogs, barbecue, funnel cake and more; and The Town Square Kiosk will serve beer, wine, soda, and bottled water. And, On Top of the Wheels Car Club will have all kinds of cars on display. There will be a 50/50 raffle with half benefitting SPCA of Marion County. The Sensational Selfies photo kiosk will also be there. Why not have a photo taken of you buying raffle tickets?

This year's Spring Band Jam on Saturday, May 13, will be a dandy one that you really don't want to miss even without string bands. Visit the Circle Square Commons Facebook page for more information (facebook.com/csctownsquare). Yo Philly neighbors - see you





Cicily Kaye menaces poor Russ Kaye as they play Lucy and Linus from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

'Comedy Tonight' Hits the Stage

By Richard Rosen

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with

another the sense of what it is to be a human being." – Oscar Wilde.

With that quote in mind from the great playwright, the Original Theatre Group is going to downsize its performing space to upsize its entertainment impact Thursday, May 25 through Sunday, May 28. "Comedy Tonight" is a program of famous comedic theatrical scenes, a one act play, and lively musical numbers which will be presented in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Only 50 tickets will be available for each performance. Our goal is not only to entertain our audiences, but closely share the moment with them.

Elaine Morrison will narrate this unique program which will open with a lively rendition of "Comedy Tonight" by our entire company from the Broadway classic, "A Funny Thing Happened to Me on the Way to the Forum." Carole Beau-champ and Jane Bennett-Bailey will sing the title song from the new Broadway hit musical, "Some Like it Hot." Russ and Cicily Kaye will entertain with short, selected scenes from "You' re a Good Man Charlie Brown." The music continues with our Sherrye Troy singing "I Could Have Danced All Night" from "My Fair

Russ Kaye, Cicily Kaye, Brian Salus, Merideth Logan, and Sharon Voith will present a scene from "Over the River and Through the Woods." "I'm the Greatest Star from "Funny Girl" will be sung by Pamela Monk. The first act will conclude with Brady Reeves taking us back to the early '50s with "Life Could Be a Dream" also known as "Sh-Boom." Brady saing with the Chords, the group that originally recorded this melodic classic. Joining Brady in this number are Brian Salus, Dave Wesenberg and Russ Kaye.

Act two will open with three scenes from "Harvey." The cast includes Jane Bennett-Bailey, Gwen Templeton, Sharon Voith, Brian Salus, and Dave Wesenberg. Russ Kaye will then sing "Mr. Cellophane" from "Chicago." Gwen Templeton is next with a set of her unique stand-up comedy. Cicily Kaye will follow with "Adelaide's Lament" from "Guys and Dolls." Dave Wesenberg will then tell a tall tale.

Our final play cutting will come from "Arsenic and Old Lace" and feature Meredith Logan, Sharon Voith, Wayne Dilts and Brady Reeves. "Comedy Tonight" concludes with a humorous and touching short one act play by Dennis Jones called "One Sunday Morning" with the cast of Carole Beauchamp, Russ Kaye, and Dave Wesenberg.

The production is under the direction of Richard Rosen. Tickets are on sale Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the upper lobby of the Recreation Center.

Passenger Service a Buzz

By Jim Lynam

What's the buzz about passenger train service from Orlando to Miami? Central Florida residents can look forward to an exciting new transportation option as Brightline train service prepares to launch its Orlando route in the second quarter of 2023. With the expansion project now 90% complete, the passenger service may be only a few months away from becoming a reality.

Brightline is anticipating linking Miami to Orlando in about three hours, which is 30 minutes faster than driving by car! And it may be even faster in total time than flying when one considers the time spent going through security and waiting at the gate.

The proposed schedule would include stops at Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, West Palm Beach, and Orlando. The total time is estimated to be three hours and 25 minutes. This is accomplished because of new track construction using welded rail and concrete ties. The speed from West Palm Beach to Cocoa is estimated to be 110 mph, and from Cocoa to Orlando should be 130 mph.

A new station is under construction at Orlando International Airport and will feature a three-story contemporary

design, retail shopping, a bar with light bites and panoramic views of oncoming trains. The next expansion phase for Brightline will be service from Orlando

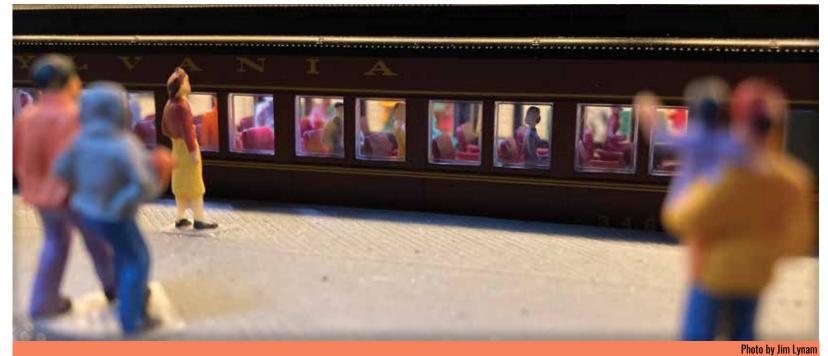
If you can't wait for Brightline, the Model Railroaders have their own highspeed passenger service from Franklin to Harrysburg. In scale speed, the Broadway Limited HO passenger train will exceed 110 mph.

The Model Railroaders wish to thank Nancy Sgroi and Larry Rubin for their very generous donation of train items to the club.

The club encourages you to visit the

Hobby Building Train Room any Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. 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. on Wednesday, May 3, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

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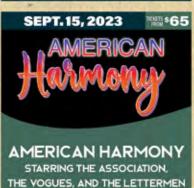
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Our Facebook group is now at 475! Join us and follow us on Facebook (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts). If you

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 and to receive emails about

this club, please email otowfunwithgolf-

ation 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

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Shelley (The Hatter) and Ina (Alice in Wonderland) Kline.

Fun with Golf Carts

Susan Pulling Robinson

The Fun with Golf Carts Easter parade on Saturday, April 1, took place in lovely weather, and was enjoyed by many. The residents of Bridgewater Park and Brookdale assisted living facilities were treated to our residents performing talented dance numbers, followed by the parade of some amazingly decorated carts.

The Memorial Day parade will take place on Saturday, May 27. This is always a moving event, with patriotic music and decorations in honor of those who sacrificed all, that we might be free. Please put on your red, white, and blue, and parade with us, even if you've never done it before. You will be welcomed,

Paradise Players

Marcia Meloni



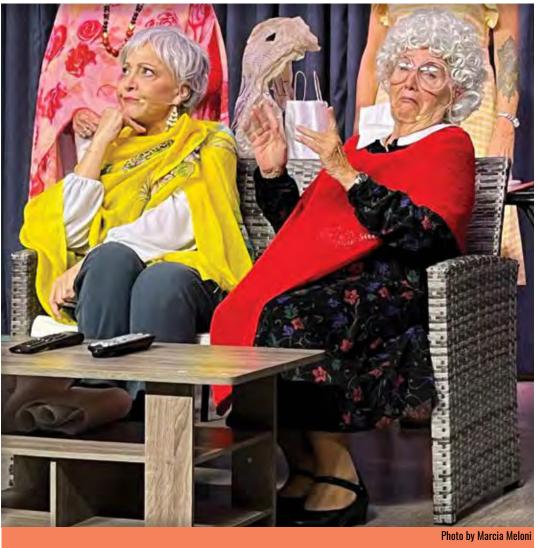
At press time the newest theater group, Paradise Players, hosted its first ever show. Written by members of the newly formed group, "Living in Paradise" was a parody of life in On Top of the World. Characters include the Platinum Girls, a take-off of the wildly popular sitcom "Golden Girls."

Cast members included Sharon Auger, Michael Baron, Tammy Deicken, Anthony Elmore, Denise Elmore, Denise Gatchell, Mark Gatchell, Marilyn Leeds, Liz Lieberman, Meredith Logan, Michelle Marchand, Harry McKinley, Jennifer McMullen, Marcia Meloni, Merrilyn Ramsey, Jodylynne Rowswell,

Brian Salus, Gwen Templeton, and Dave Visby. Lee Smith was the director.

The cast members have decades of experience in acting, singing, and dancing, from small local theater groups to Broadway and even teaching.

Paradise Players will begin work on their next production in mid- to latesummer. Anyone interested in participating in the next production is invited to join. Participants do not need acting experience; skills can be taught. Additionally, there are numerous other roles to be filled in addition to acting such as set design and building, prop procurement, marketing, and costume design. One can have as much fun behind the curtain! Paradise Players will participate in the next Club Fair welcoming new participants. Until then, more information can be had by contacting Marilyn Leeds at leeds712@aol.com. Thanks to all for supporting our first



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Nancy Grabowski



One can locate bingo fans on any given Wednesday in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Some enter as early as 3 p.m., after the maintenance crew sets up the room with tables and chairs.

Prior to bingo, raffle tickets are eagerly purchased beginning at 4 p.m. Tickets are three for \$1 or 10 for \$3 and pay out \$20 for each lucky number pulled. We have been averaging 25 pulls per session, so the odds are in your favor. The raffle begins about 5:45 p.m. and the games start once the raffle has con-

Bingo offers 18 regular games plus the cover-all minus one, anywhere on the board and the jackpot coverall at the end of the evening. Naturally, more than one winner per game splits the pot

Cards are sold for \$1 per card and are played throughout the entire session. These cards are sold beginning at 4:30 p.m. and continue to be sold until 5:45 p.m. unless we run out of cards. No daubers are required as the cards are equipped with sliders; there are largenumber cards available too. Each game is pictured on the big board and the last number called flashes until the next number is announced. Players who think they have bingo need to call loud and clear, the runners will check for ac-

All bingo rules are in effect which means it remains an alcohol-free zone by State Gaming official mandate; beer, wine or mixed drinks can be consumed in The Pub or on the patio, none in the playing hall at any time. Players must show their resident ID and guests are al-

lowed when accompanied by a resident. Each player may save one additional seat as well; however, please don't tip the chairs as it poses a tripping hazard.

When the last game is over, boards and fly swatters are returned to the front of the Ballroom to be stowed for next week. We appreciate having the cards placed facedown upon the table. Before you leave, check for any personal belongings, and dispose of any trash. Take care as you head towards your car; it sounds simple, but it is much safer to use the sidewalk rather than the driving

Bring a friend and join us any Wednesday for some fun and festivities. We also welcome more volunteers to step up and join the crew. Contact Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski.

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Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

March 13

1: Carvl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Donna Peters & Rad D; 3: Mike Meirick & Craig Ford; 4: Joan Keinath & Roseann Ross; 5: Judy Mackowick & Rik Saffol.

March 20

1: Rik Saffol & Judy Mackowick; 2: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillette; 3: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac; 4: Marlene Floeckler & Joe McKeow.

March 27

1: Jeff Bell & Dean Samuels; 2: Donna Peters & Rad D; 3: Nancy Clarkson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Jack Heller & Mar Valchin; 5: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson.

April 3

1: Bruce Gillette & Mar Valchin; 2: Donna Peters &

Rad D; 3: Mary Bloch & Joan Kleinath; 4: Pam Bell & Betty Morris.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus

We hope everyone had a nice Easter and we are so glad to see so many friends coming in on Tuesdays. We welcome new members to join us at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive about 10 minutes early to sign in. Bring a partner. The winners don't get rich but do have fun!

To play occasionally or as a substitute, please contact us and we'll put you on our list. For more information, you can contact Gayle Taylor at 352-387-9571 or Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525.

March 14 **North/South**

1: Wayne Caldwell & CJ Daane; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller.

East/West

1: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 2: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 3. Mar Valchin & Carolyn Higgins.

March 21

North/South

1: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 2: 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller.

East/West

1: Dean Samuel & Carolyn Higgins; 2. Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 3: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses.

March 28

North/South

1: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West

1: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 2. Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen: 3. Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel.

April 4

North/South

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell; 3: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

East/West

1: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 2: Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel; 3: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus.

April 11

North/South

1: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp; 2: Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West

1: Gary Moses & Diane Turkin; 2: Paul Claremont & Patsy Claremont; 3: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

March 1

1: Betty Morris; 2: Linda Yuan; 3: Marlyn Valchin; Cons: Al Kremer

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Carolyn Higgins; 3: Mary Bloch: Cons: Shirley Stolly.

March 8

March 15

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Betty Morris.

March 22

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Billie Andersen; 3: Debbie Quinn; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Steve Sekac.

March 29

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Joe McKeown; 3: Debbie Quinn; 4: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

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Thursday Night Bridge

By Jeff & Pam Bell

Our group is known for being a relaxing and enjoyable time of party bridge. We welcome all levels of play - from those who have just completed a class to experienced players of many decades.

There is no need to bring a partner, we pair up by the luck of the draw and rotate partners throughout the evening. We begin play at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Recreation Center Event Room.

March 16

March 23

1: Jeff Bell; 2: Brent Powell; 3: Bob Durst. 2 Prize: Pam Bell.

1: Jeff Bell; 2: Bob Durst; 3: Gina Andrejak. 2 Prize: Dianne Perry.

March 30

1: Brent Powell; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Mike Brody. 2 Prize: Brent Powell.

April 6

1: Mar Valchin; 2: Drew Brehm; 3: Jeff Bell. 2 Prize: Jean Krueger.

Euchre



Friday Night By Mary Bloch

March 3

1: Jim Wells; 2: Judy Lynch; 3: Joan Sigafoos. March 10

1: Jim Kelly; 2: Pete Jacob; 3: Lynn Hoelzer.

March 17

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Tim Carlisle: 3: Joan Sigafoos. March 24

1: Gary Spivey: 2: Jim Kelly: 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

March 31

1: Bob Moravec: 2: Gary Spivey: 3: Karen Jacob.

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Deb Gallop



It's nickel nickel time again. Well, you' ve read about it, maybe even walked by the room, and heard all the laughter. Then you said to yourself, "I don't know how to play" and just walked by.

Well, no more excuses as we have started a learning and practice session for 30 minutes before the games begin. It is an easy and simple game to learn and play.

Our official games are on Fridays, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Poker Room and Mondays, at 1 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Practice starts at 12:30 p.m. on both days. All reciprocals are welcome.

So have fun, laugh, and make new friends. If you need more information, just call Dave at 904-466-6025.

Pinochle



Tuesday Night By Herb Katz

March 7

1: Richard Carroll; 2: Edith Bucci; 3: Cheryl Adams. March 14

1: Janet Becker; 2: Norma Miles; 3: Herb Katz. March 21

1: Richard Carroll; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

March 28

1: James Tomaszek; 2: Kathy Pinto; 3: Andy Nuccio.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

March 17

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Larry Black.

March 24

1: Debbie Martello; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Larry Black.

March 31

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Mary Hannon; 3: Edna Frye. **April 7**

1: Ed Casper; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Edna Frye.

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David Wesenberg



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The band is always looking for new music. We have added several blues and traditional southern music to our reper-

It is a joy not just to listen to music, but to talk about and share music with our listeners. Come and join the fun. You won't regret it.

If you want more information about the group as either a player or listener, contact David Wesenberg at dwesenberg3@cfl.rr.com.

Poetry

Linda Toner



Visitors

It was great to see you, my friends we really like visiting you but in the end the plants need watering the cat needs feeding so off to Florida we go until in the future when we are meeting again or if you come to visit we will wine and dine you you treated us like royalty we will do the same for you and we treasure those memories for sure until we make new ones when you open the door so, thank you for all the dinners the conversations, and nothing to lack you know we will miss you until we come back.

In the News

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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie



Some of our clappers are starting to say, "Maybe next time I will sing." We hope so. Many say they are nervous to try singing. Each time you do it, you get more relaxed. Just pick a song you sing in the shower. Give it a try. You will find the audience will listen and encourage you. Be yourself. You do not have to have your own music. We have music digitally stored. Just name the song or the singer and we can look it up. Come on give it a try!

It has been a while since we highlighted Laura Zavadsky. Here is what she has

to say.
"I don't remember a time without music as a child. Everyone in the family liked music. So, I listened to lots of music. I heard '30s, '40s and '50s ... all genres. I began mimicking the singers at a young age.

I recorded my first record when I was three or four, "How Much is that Doggie in the Window." It was my one and only record, recorded in a record booth at Savin Rock Beach in Connecticut. My mom had to hold me up to reach the microphone. She sent it to California; however, I didn't do that well with royalties since my distribution was limited to my aunt in San Francisco.

My popularity gained momentum in first grade, where I won first prize for singing "My Hand on My Self." As one of a trio in sixth grade we won first place for "Teen Angel." Alas, fame is fickle, and I went from a trio to a back row in the chorus and singing on the school

Through the years I've continued to "make a joyful noise." Singing is mentally, physically, and emotionally healthy for you. The best part? You don't have to be good at it to reap the benefits! Just enjoy it."

If you would like to enjoy the group, we meet the first and third Mondays of the month in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come any time in between.

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Laura Zavadsky.



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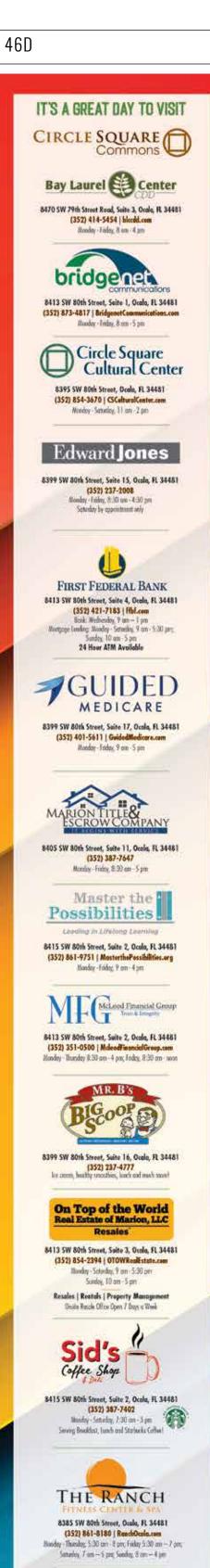


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ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip

ShutterBugs are proud to present two blue-ribbon winning photos in the still life category of our contest.

The first was taken by Pam Schmitt who says, "I like non-traditional still life photos. A few years back, I entered a sliced tomato which didn't win, so I've been trying ever since. This year I created the backdrop on my kitchen counter - with a stack of books and a black drape. I recreated a photo that was in my camera's user manual and used the high key function, which was a new experience. The slices are held together and upright by toothpicks that are just out of sight. It took three afternoons and a lot of fruit."

The second was taken by Tom Murray, who created his swan photo while attending a photography conference in Amherst, Massachusetts. It included an opportunity for still life shots. He was able to choose a light blue and orange background that he liked. He then placed the swans and glass ball on a mirror. He used his Nikon Z50 mirrorless camera with a 16-50mm lens set at 34mm

You both inspire me to try something new with my camera!

If you missed seeing our photo display in the Recreation Center, you can still see all our entries by clicking on Photo Contest/2022 Photo Contest at otowspc.

Don't forget to stop by the Master the Possibilities lobby to see this month's photo display by Tim Carroll. Tim is a retired professional photographer from Michigan who's displaying a few of his favorite landscapes, including waterfalls.

He says "I love the mystique and energy that I feel standing by a waterfall. The most important goal of a photo should

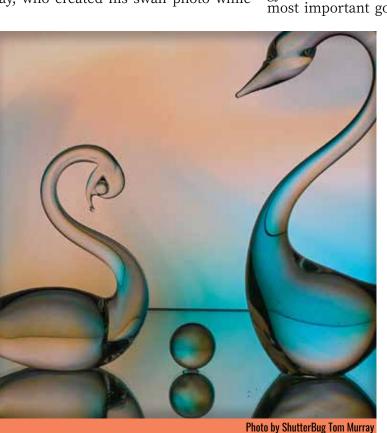
be using techniques to capture how you feel about a scene. I find waterfalls aweinspiring and try to share that feeling with you." Come and see the mystique (or is it mist-ique?) of Tim's award-winning photos!

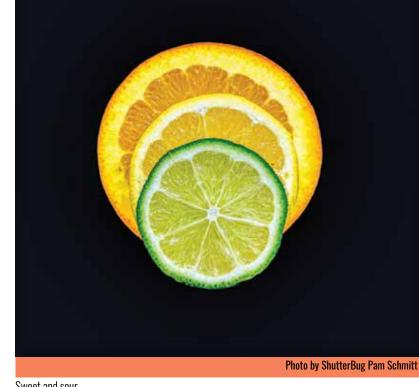
Our May field trip will be to the World Equestrian Center for Derby Day to watch it on their oversized LED screens in the Grand Arena, followed by the Region 12 Arabian horse competition.

Want to learn more about digital? ShutterBugs president, Harry Boyajian 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 week of each month, show and tell the third Tuesday and an educational class the fourth at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. You can find our photo galleries and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

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Sunshine Ouilters

Teri Penichet



Carol Pickens is our featured member this month. An accomplished quilter, Carol is also quite unique in the diversity of her life experiences that merit

Born and raised in Indiana, Carol first learned to sew at age nine, when her grandmother taught her to hand stitch. A few years later in middle school, Carol learned to sew clothing by machine in her home economics class and was soon making much of her own clothing, and later sewing soft home furnishings.

As an adult, Carol continued to sew her clothing for her job in an accounting office in the 1970s and 1980s. It was during this time that she also raised, bred, and showed Shar-Pei dogs that won many awards. She took a necessary hiatus from accounting office work to become her parents' caregiver. When she tried returning to office work 12 years later, she found it very difficult, so she researched other job opportunities and decided to train as a truck driver! After Carol got her commercial driver's license, she got a job driving for U.S. Express, which she held for seven years. During this time, she was featured on the cover of a magazine for truckers. She entered a poetry competition, and had her poems published four times in the Pilot "Challenge" magazine.

Carol's quilting journey began in 2002, when she moved to Illinois and took classes in quilt making. Over a period of six months, she and her quilt guild completed over 100 quilts, which were donated to the Shriners Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She helped complete many other quilts that were given to local nursing homes. Carol also made quilts while "on the road." Once she was stuck in her rig in Michigan for two days and used the time to start a quilt she called "The Yellow Brick Road" which, when completed, she carried in her truck. Carol also continued to sew clothing, and stitched costumes for the Texas Renaissance Festival for five years while living in Texas.

In 2022, Carol moved to On Top of the World. She owns a variety of sewing machines that she uses to complete her quilts. These include a 1914 model 15 Singer treadle given to her by her church pastor, Singer models 99, 15-91, 201, two Singer Featherweight machines, a Brother machine, and several Janome machines. She also owns a collection of vintage sewing attachments.

Carol enjoys all types of quilting projects, especially the piecing and assembly. Her favorite part of quilt making is seeing a picture of a quilt, and figuring out on her own (without a pattern or instructions) how to piece and complete it. Carol's preferred quilting websites are Missouri Star Quilting and Jordan Fabrics. What Carol likes best about Sunshine Quilters? "All the great people and their abundance of interest in the craft!"



Linda Meyer, Mary Ann Berardi-Schmitt, Darlene Clark, and Jeanne Wise.

The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



Our forward-looking progression for 2024 is right on track. The New Pretenders committees are nearly finished with their tasks: interviewing prospective members and finalizing the music choices. It doesn't sound all that difficult, but it does encompass many hours and plenty of decision-making.

The funds generated by your continued support of our programs make it possible for us to help local Marion County charities. Recently, Rita and Tom Miller attended a meeting where the Millers presented the Sewing Bees with a donation that will assist them on their quest to continue sewing for local causes. The Sewing Bees labor in "the hive" to create comforting blankets, quilts and lap robes for children and seniors. The hive really buzzes around the holidays when extra goodies like stockings are made for children who otherwise would have nothing in December.

The New Pretenders received more thanks as well from the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. This donation will provide some additional resources for former homeless veterans as they work towards a more independent lifestyle. Resources include continuing education, seminars geared toward job interviews, and a professional clothing closet when those interviews are secured.

Each of the causes we embrace is geared to making lives better throughout Marion County. We are currently supporting the Domestic Violence/ Abuse Center, Food-4-Kids Backpack program, Kimberly's Cottage and Wear Gloves. Wear Gloves is a relatively new group that puts people-in-need in a position to earn their way. It's very simple yet extremely effective.

Our hope is to be able to send more donations to worthy causes after we have met our needs for costumes and instruments. Many of our costumes, especially long dresses for prom season, have been donated. We love to pay it forward, knowing that the good will comes back to us again and again.

We have announced that our 2024 show will be performed in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Feb. 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets will go on sale on Jan. 3, 2024, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. We will continue sales each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the month. Tickets are a must-have, and none are sold at the door. Did you mark it on your calendar already? We surely hope so!

It's not too late to let us know if The New Pretenders pique your curiosity and interest. Chat with any current member or contact Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699.

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Carol Pickens displaying one of her beautiful quilts.

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Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



Our presenter for Thursday, April 6, was Mary Kay Ripp. She is a long-time card maker and presented three cards with different fun folds. One was a tent card; one was a fun center fold card; and the third one was an elongated Z card. All of the cards were very well received and can be used for any occasion just by changing the sentiment.

We thank Mary Kay for providing the instructions, stamps, sentiments, and inspiration for such great cards. They can be mass produced to be on hand for any occasion.

Ĭ will be the presenter on Thursday,

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 Connie Press 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.RubberStampClub@gmail.com. You can also find the information for each class on our Facebook page. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft.

Until then, keep on stampin'!

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Art Group

Anne Merrick



Freedom Library, our local public lending library, is an interesting place to visit. There are plenty of books to be borrowed and it is a pleasure to wander around looking at the choices to be had. Even if you know what you are looking for you may be surprised by a new author or title. Reading, like painting or drawing is a great way to relax, disappear into another dimension and learn something.

Reading and art go hand in hand. Just inside the inside door, on the left, is a display case where in May, Carole Drost-Lopez has an exhibit of some of her shell creations. She loves to collect shells and her amazing creativeness allows her to

make vignettes of people doing activities like card playing, pool, fishing, painting, cycling and many more. I went to her house to take photos and view some of her creations and was mind boggled and impressed. All her creations are for sale at the weekly Tuesday craft show in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Even if you don't read or go to the library very often take the time for an interesting trip to see and support a great public resource.

We had fun at our Saturday, April 22 art show in the Hobby Building Art Room. There were many marvelous pieces on display including some from the wood carvers who used to meet with us. Their group has grown so they now meet on Thursday afternoons in the Art Room.

Come join us on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For more information, please contact Freda Klump at 615-336-6863 or fredaklump@gmail.org or visit artgroupotow.org.



Shell vignettes by Carole.



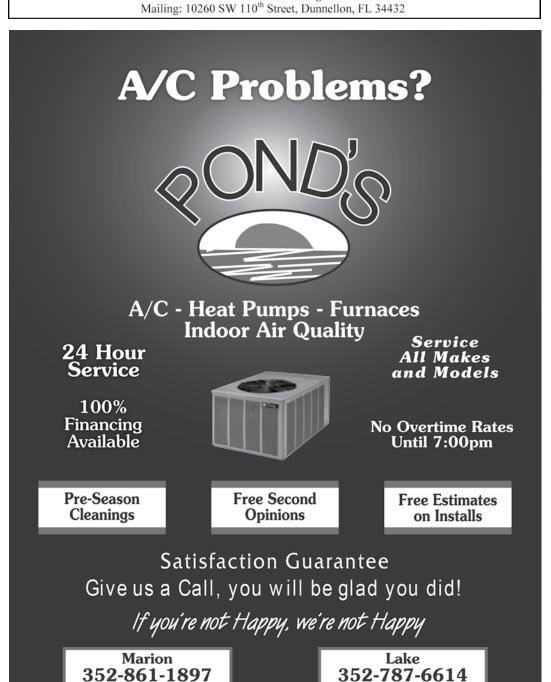
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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

The Concert Chorus has been meeting every Tuesday, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. Now that our spring concert is over, we will not be meeting again until

Tuesday, Sept. 5.
Our concert performances in March were a success with a nearly full auditorium for both performances. Members of the audience were singing along and enjoying the eclectic selection of favorites, which was a joy for the chorus and

audience.

The Concert Chorus has elected officers and now it is time to select new leaders. Elected are Mary Ann Majni for president; Debbie Dougherty for vice president; Martha Colyer for secretary; Robert Washburn for treasurer; and Laura DeAngelo for member at large. One of the great strengths of the Concert Chorus is members willing to serve as officers.

Membership is open to all residents and Gateway of Services passholders. Member dues are \$15, which covers the cost of music and concert support.

There could not be a better time to join us before rehearsals begin Sept. 5, for our winter program. To join us, contact Mary Ann Majni at flmam68@aol. com for further information.





A great big thank you to Kathy Nardone for four-plus years as our vice president.

We are so excited to announce that we have become a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are now tax deductible.

We recently added an extra Saturday. We now meet the second and third Saturday of the month from noon to 4 p.m., as well as every Thursday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

We are a growing club and the need in Marion County is great. At the current time we need 100% cotton children's themed fabric. Thank you to all those who have been donating supplies to us.

Are you on Facebook? Our name is now Sewing Bees Club Inc. Join our page and keep up to date on what we are working on and what our current needs are.

If you have any questions, please call or text Marsha Schneer at 813-920-3487 or Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178.



Photo by Ann Ga It's official! The Sewing Bees Club Inc. is now a 501(c)(3).

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The spring concert by the Concert Chorus.

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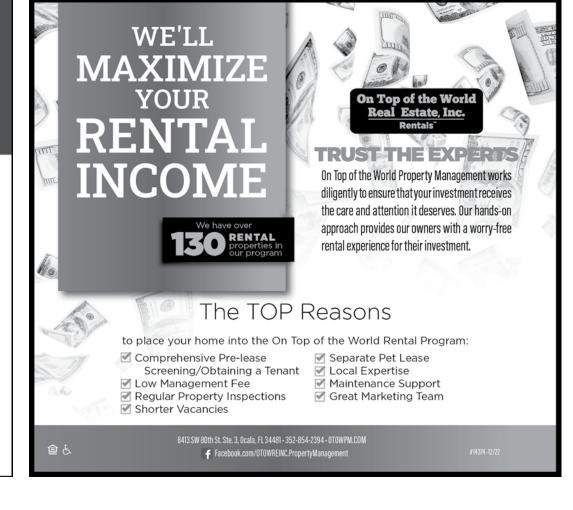
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agenda nor penalties for missing a meet-

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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 newcom-

ers with open arms. Attendees should

bring whatever they happen to be work-

club, you may call Naomi Berman at

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

As stated before, many of our members craft items for the various charities we support. A recent Monday gathering provided a good-sized pile of such items. That pile (when sorted and folded by Ann Gallo, one of our donation coordinators) included 11 blankets which were donated to the bears and blankets program, six scarves, three hats and a shawl that will be donated to one of the children's agencies in Marion County. It is heartwarming to see these items come in from our members.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mon**Williamsburg Neighbors**

Carmel Kessler



Neighbors wore their green and celebrated St. Patrick's Day at a happy hour in March. Many thanks to neighbor Brian McDonald who provided Irish music as well as an Irish trivia game and name the TV show theme music. What a fun time for everyone who was able to come.

Looking for an easy, fun activity that gets you out, moving, and meeting neighbors? Join us for bocce every Wednesday, at 4 p.m. at the courts at The Arbors. Normally we have about 16 neighbors participate, but never the same people. We draw cards for court positions, which mixes up who you play with weekly. We play for about an hour or so. You'll hear a lot of laughter, encouraging words, and some senior citizen "trash talking." Hope to see you on Wednesday!

Mark your calendar! The second annual Williamsburg luau will be held Saturday, May 20 (rain date Sunday, May 21) from 2 to 6 p.m. Linda Leigh Jones is the party planner and co-host with Dan Weigand. The event will be held in his backvard at 9173 SW 91st Circle.

Many thanks to the generous donors Scott Cameron, State Farm Insurance; Absolute Law Group; and Dr. Steven Dunn, Dentistry at Bridlewood.

Check your closet for your Hawaiian attire. It is not essential for the party but encouraged. There will be prizes for best dressed. Expect other contests as well.

Entertainment includes the Ukulele Club, Hawaiian dancers, and other surprises! There will be outdoor games for everyone to enjoy.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and a chair. The main course is Huli Huli Hawaiian chicken. Water and lemonade will be provided. Draft beer and blue Hawaiians will be available with a tip jar to offset costs. You are welcome to bring a cooler with your beverage of choice.

There is no cost for the luau, but there will be a 50/50 drawing and tip jar. RSVP by Saturday, May 13, to Linda Leigh Jones at lindaleighjones@gmail.com or text 602-380-6431. Please include the first and last name of each guest coming. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Are you new to Williamsburg? Welcome! To keep up with activities and happenings please send your email to our neighborhood president, Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger. com. Check out our Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW).

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Longleaf Ridge Friends

Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, & Debra Vitale



The Longleaf Pine Trail is a real treasure located between The Arbors and Longleaf Ridge. Many years before the first road was cut establishing the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood, the one mile long Longleaf Pine Trail was created and established thanks to the efforts of our distinguished Providence neighbor Margitta Claterbos. The On Top of the World community has enjoyed the trail since the ribbon cutting in November 2003. Margitta continues today to lead the Native Plant Group along the trail to remove trash and weeds while identifying over 70 native plants.

In the way of neighborhood activities, many thanks to Marcia Lichirie for opening her home to neighbors for a delightful evening of appetizers, desserts, and conversation. Thanks are also in order to the Theobald's for hosting the March driveway chatter and despite the chilly weather, neighbors gladly attend-

ed to welcome many new faces.

The dining club enjoyed a wonderful spicy dinner at Akbar and the R/C car enthusiasts move to different spots around the "ridge" to enjoy racing their vehicles.

The ladies bike club continues to meet and have fun cycling to reward destinations like Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli.

The book club meets monthly with three books under their belts so far in 2023.

Over 30 men were in attendance for the monthly men's luncheon and were honored to have Kenneth D. Colen, president of On Top of the World Communities, address the group. Mr. Colen provided an update on road projects around the community and reported that plans for the Longleaf Ridge recre-ation facility are being finalized. As our neighborhood continues to grow, we look forward to welcoming all the many new neighbors to Longleaf Ridge. Please remember to join our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends) and provide your phase and lot number /address. Please send questions to otow-

longleafridge@gmail.com.



Longleaf Ridge neighbors, John Guastella, Eddie Valvo and Mike Vitale, on the Longleaf Pine Trail.

Americana Village

Julie Sloat



Things in Americana Village are hoppin'! Our annual Easter event went off without a hitch at the gazebo and park area with approximately 100 people in attendance! We held an egg hunt, an Easter bonnet contest, ate lots of delicious food, gave out door prizes, and had lots of wonderful time visiting with our neighbors. Thank you to all who helped. You are all appreciated! So happy to have some new faces joining in on the fun!

During the summer months we will

continue to hold our sit and chats. They are on the first Thursday of every month with snacks, an activity, good old-fashioned chatting, and getting to know each other. They will be held at the gazebo at 4 p.m. We will be voting at the next sit and chat on Thursday, May 4 on ways to improve our neighborhood. Please come and be part of it.

After a full year of organized activities and social events, I say our residents rock! Hope to see you May 4!



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Easter bonnets galore.



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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

139 Candler Hills residents attended the spring dinner dance. We enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by La Casella Catering and danced to music by the Petroskys. A special thank you to everyone who helped with planning, setup,

Unless otherwise specified, all our events/meetings take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Thursday, May 4 is "Accolades to Equines" from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each attendee will bring an appetizer to share. There will be a hat contest for both men and women. The top three male and female winners will receive a gift certificate. DJ Hal Dodd will provide the music and a photo corner will be set up for you to take pictures. The \$5 tickets were sold in April. If you need a ticket, contact Karen Gemberling at 352-789-8259 or Deb Keirn at 352-414-5737.

Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. will be the potluck dinner. In honor of Memorial Day, please wear red, white and/ or blue. Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a dessert; I-P a main dish; and Q-Z a side dish

or salad. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Please RSVP to Deb Keirn by phone at 352-414-5737; text at 814-571-7908 or email to arthurkipdeb@verizon. net. Please label your dish with ingredients to help those with allergies. There will not be a potluck in June.

Sunday, June 18 will be the ice cream social from 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets go on sale at The Lodge at Candler Hills from 10 a.m. to noon on May 23, 25, 30 and June 1, 6, 8, 13 and 15 at a cost of \$5 per person. Ice cream flavors include vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, moose

tracks and one more. Hot fudge, hot caramel and numerous other toppings will be available to create your favorite sundae. Root beer and orange floats will also be available. You can even go back for seconds. Join us for an afternoon of socializing and delicious ice cream. What a bargain for \$5.

Other upcoming events include Tuesday, July 4 "Celebrate Our Nation" potluck; Friday, Sept. 15 fun hunt, chili cookout and dancing with the Petroskys; Sunday, Oct. 22 ninth annual barbecue; and Saturday, Dec. 9 holiday party/ dinner dance with DJ Tim Hargis.

New residents of Candler Hills can sign up at candlerconnection.org to receive "The Happenings" by email. 1,580 Candler Hills residents keep informed of activities this way.

1,600 Candler Hills residents are members of the Candler Connection Facebook group. Keep informed about activities and other news items by join-

The next board meeting is Tuesday, May 2, at 4 p.m. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome.

See you around the neighborhood.

Crescent Ridge Happenings

Patti Doty

Can you believe it is already May! Last month was super busy for all of us with Easter, Passover, spring break for grandchildren, and friends leaving for various

destinations for the summer. Due to Easter falling on Sunday, April 9, it was decided at our March event that the April gathering would move to the third Sunday.

Our regular monthly gatherings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. Please mark your calendar

for the next gathering on Sunday, May 14. Please bring a side dish to share for six to eight people, a beverage, and a folding chair in case all the bench seats are full.

We hope everyone with email access will join our email database to receive neighborhood notices, information, etc., by emailing Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@yahoo.com . You can also join our Facebook group (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors). We all enjoy communicating with our neighbors and seeing their posts!

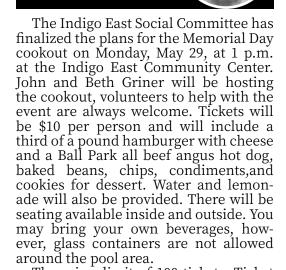
With spring in full force, if you know of neighbors in need of help around their homes, give a shoutout through the Facebook page or via email, and we'll get some help for them. Also, please consider keeping an eye on your absent neighbor's driveways for unwanted junk papers, etc., and help us keep our beautiful neighborhood clean of debris.

We look forward to seeing new and current residents of Crescent Ridge at the May 14 gathering at the Veterans

Park pavilion!

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



There is a limit of 100 tickets. Ticket sales will be as follows: Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2, 4 to 6 p.m.; Friday, May 5, during the social; Thursday, May 11, 4 to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 16, 10 a.m. to noon. All ticket sales will be in the Indigo East Community Center, except for the Friday night social, which

will be dependent on the venue site of the event. Resident ID is required for all

There will not be any Indigo East Social Committee events in June or July. The annual ice cream social is scheduled for August, pending resident volunteers to host the event.

We are already entering the month of May, which brings about two patriotic holidays. Saturday, May 20 is Armed Forces Day. This holiday is observed annually on the third Saturday of May and honors the men and women who currently serve in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. The inception of Armed Forces Day dates to August 31, 1949, but was not observed until May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense" which expressed the unification of all military forces. Traditionally, this day is observed with parades, air shows and more.

The most known May holiday is Memorial Day. The actual Memorial Day is always May 30 but in recent times, the holiday is honored on the last Monday of the month of May, regardless of the date on the calendar. This year it is celebrated on May 29. Memorial Day was instituted as a remembrance of military personnel who gave their lives.

There are many traditions observed for Memorial Day, but, in many states, it is the unofficial first day of summer and celebrated with either cookouts or going to a beach, or both. By this, the holiday loses its true meaning. Red poppies are associated with Memorial Day, they are handed out and worn as a symbol of a

However you choose to spend the month of May, it is a good time to appreciate the beauty around us. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

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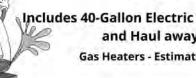
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Avalon **Social Group**

Karen Volpe & Sharon Hall

Our next event will be held Monday, May 8. We will enjoy a taco bar and will test your '70s through '80s TV knowledge with a game of "Name that TV Show Tune.

The cost of the evening is \$12 per person. Paid reservations must be made in advance, no later than Thursday, April 27. Reservations and payments may be made at the following homes; please call or text to confirm they are home: Sharon Hall, 8808 SW 104th Circle (270-855-1354); Ruth Cerio, 10121 SW 89th Loop (315-870-4304); or Liz Pruss, 10000 SW

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Are you new to Avalon or our social events? There are three ways to keep informed of upcoming events: email, Facebook, or posting at the postal center. If you would like to be added to our email list or to verify that you are on the list so that you can be notified of future events, please email your request to 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.

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



April has now come and gone. We hope you are enjoying the spring season and remember we will soon be entering hurricane season.

Our next social event will be Saturday, June 10, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. The theme for this event is "A Day at the Races" since we live in the "Horse Capital of the World!" Ticket price will remain \$20 and tickets will be sold May 15 through 19 and May 22 through 26 in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center. Be sure to bring your resident ID.

The menu will be rotisserie chicken with barbeque sauce on the side, lasagna, salad and dressing, red potatoes, carrots, rolls and butter, with apple crisp and brownies for dessert. We will be playing a horse race game and there will be a hat contest. Get creative with

your hat because there will be a prize for most outrageous and another for best overall. Music will be provided by Kathy and Charlie Petrosky.

The Friendship Connection planning committee would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. If you are visiting family and friends, enjoy your time with them. Our next events will be in August and then in October.

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, set up, clean up, or serve please contact Carron Janssen at 847-529-6183 or Cathy Clinton at 860-302-6723; email us at OTOWFriendshipConnection@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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Kestrel Knowings



our military were displayed along the walls of Kestrel on Wednesday, March 29 to celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

The effort, initiated by the Veterans Yoga Project, was greatly appreciated by not only Kestrel residents but by those passing by the neighborhood.

Later in the day a celebration was

held to honor the many veterans living in the neighborhood, at last count, more

Ticket sales for the Doce de Mayo fiesta are brisk. The event will feature make your own tacos, margaritas, music, a 50/50 raffle, a cornhole tournament and the always popular, LCR (left right center) game. Tickets are \$12 and can be ordered by contacting Jan Eaton at jeaton1000@comcast.net.

Plans are well underway for the Thursday, July 20, jukebox bingo in The Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom. Bring your own drinks and snacks to this event. Tickets are \$5. For further information and ticket purchase, contact Jan Eaton.



Lori Szepelak shares her experiences within her self-published books.

Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The weekly Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon through May 23, then we take our summer break.

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 fifty 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

This month we feature Lori Szepelak, who as a reporter for more than 30 years in Western Massachusetts, relished her daily newspaper assignments, always shining a positive light on the people in the communities she covered.

During lectures over the years in Massachusetts and most recently at Master the Possibilities, she said she never imagined that one day she would be sharing her own life experiences with

Lori says that her spiritual journey "kicked into high gear" when she was on a hike in the Berkshires and took a lot of photos of nature. When she examined her photos that night, she noticed a blue aura high in the trees in one photo, and upon zooming in on the image - she saw her mother's face.

That photo changed the trajectory of her life and how she viewed the "other side." Her mom always said she would find a way to let her know she made it okay, but Lori never imagined it would

be in a photograph.

After several interactions with angel messages and additional photographs that Lori captured with her camera, she felt compelled to self-publish "An Angel on My Shoulder" in 2010. Ultimately, she also penned "Floors of the Forest and Visits with Mom: A Journey Through Time and Beyond." Lori feels blessed whenever she can share the messages from the angels and her mom - especially chatting with people about their

own spiritual experiences. While Lori officially retired from the newspaper field in 2021, she continues to offer free lectures to book clubs, church groups, and social gatherings - to whoever is open to hearing an uplifting message of faith, hope, love, and, of course, angels. Each spring and fall, Lori also offers lectures at Master the Possibilities. Her three books can be seen on our website, with her contact information.

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.

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