

Community News

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Water Reclamation Facility

The north water reclamation facility is progressing on schedule for a completion in late 2024 to early 2025. Before the south reclamation plant can be decommissioned, some revisions to underground piping will need to be undertaken. Towards the end of June/beginning of July, the section of cart path from North SW 87th Circle and extending to South SW 87th Circle will need to be closed for the installation of a new force main, connecting the south plant to the north plant. This is expected to take two to three weeks. All cart path traffic will be detoured to SW 87th Circle. Any area of the cart path removed for installation of underground piping will be replaced with a 12' section of concrete.

Four-Way Stop Sign Projects

The SW 94th/99th four-way stop sign project has been delayed and is awaiting several survey shots of the surrounding grades where the crosswalks will land. Based on these, a final design will be provided, and the project will be sent to bid. In the interim, on the west side of 99th and 94th a red, 30" solar flashing LED stop sign will be installed as well as rumble strips to provide additional safety measures in this busy four-way traffic pattern. We will continue to update residents on this important project in future columns.

At the SW 90th Terrace and SW 99th four-way stop, you will see improvements coming with new stop signs and rumble strips being installed.

Weybourne Landing

The construction road will become a permanent, fully paved roadway in the future. As we move through new development areas, we will pave portions of this construction road for resident use and redirect construction traffic north to other points of entry into the development. Mitigation strategies have been employed to minimize the impacts from dust and noise. Wind and dust screens have been added to the fencing in areas adjacent to development and it is planned to continue the expansion of this practice to new areas being affected by construction activity. Watering of unpaved roads and sandy areas has increased. Regrettably, many of the options available, while helpful, do not eliminate all dust. Thank you for your patience as we continue with further development.

Weybourne Landing phase II is progressing nicely, and we anticipate completion of the neighborhood and dog park before the end of the year.

Balfour

Development activities continue in Balfour. The first phase will be completed toward the end of summer. The remainder of the community will come online after the first of the year. The amenity site between the Ashford and Balfour neighborhoods is currently being designed. Watch this space for further updates as the project progresses.

Landscape Update

June is a great month for growing a small garden and planting shrubs. That said, please remember that landscape modifications apply to all neighborhoods, and must receive prior approval from the Owners' Association.

I am mentioning this in my column in the hopes that we can all avoid unnecessary consequences of violating the rules and regulations of your Association. The application process is very simple. Simply visit Resident Services to complete a modification request form. You will be asked to provide a detailed description of the work requested, a drawing of the affected area showing dimensions, the name of the contractor performing the work, and proof of your contractor's insurance. A representative from the Association will inspect the area and the owner will be advised of approval, approval with modification, or denial.

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One Doozy of a Food Truck Festival

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

Perhaps it's just my wondering, or more likely, wandering mind, but did you ever wonder why people exclaim – I love food!? Do you find yourself looking around at lizards, bugs, plants, pets, belly and thinking – hmmm, don't we all love food? No? Moving on ...

As a heads up – if you don't love food, avoid, at all costs, The Town Square at Circle Square Commons on Saturday, June 3, from noon to 4 p.m. because one doozy of a Food Truck Festival is on its way! A bunch of them will be camped

there waiting for your salivating visit, and I'm envisioning a whole bunch of food-stained shirts and blouses as proof that you were there!

If you missed last year's Food Truck Festival, well, I did too. That's because there wasn't one last year. This is the first course for this event, and it will be multi-course, culinary craziness!

Yep, all kinds of food from barbecued sushi to kelp kabobs. Okay, a little exaggeration there. But there will be a cornucopia of palate-pleasing selections

Hurricane Season - What We Need to Know

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Every year around this time in Florida, we most often hear these two words: "Be prepared." Easy to say, and if you do your homework, it's easy to do. Here are some helpful hints and some must-do's, to get ready should Arlene, Bret, or Cindy decide to visit us this year. (First three named hurricanes.)

Maybe most important, could be getting our attitude adjusted to thinking that, yes, we will have to deal with hurricane winds, rain, and possibly, hail and tornados, rather than shrugging it off, with, "Ah, no worries, I've lived here 10 years and me and my house are still standing." Sound familiar?

Local Emergency Alerts

Let's start with some of the basics. First, go to alertmarion.com and sign up for emergency alerts. You can tell them how you want to receive your alert notices – phone, text, or email (or all three). You will be alerted for all identified emergencies, including hurricanes, severe thunderstorms, high winds, heavy rains, possible tornadoes, and flooding. It's a service that is available year-round, not just for hurricane season.

Special Needs

Second for those with special needs, the Marion County Special Needs Program is for residents with specific health and medical conditions and those requiring transportation assistance. The program helps to provide assistance in sheltering, evacuation, and transportation for registered residents during times of disasters with the resources available within Marion County.

The registry is a confidential listing of those needing assistance and is updated on an annual basis through contact with the registered residents. Residents with medical needs such as nebulizers, oxygen, feeding tubes, or Alzheimer's disease are examples of medical criteria that are eligible for the registry.

To register for the Marion County Special Needs Program, fill out the application at marionso.com/special-needs-program or call 352-369-8136.

Get Ready and Prep

Every hurricane prep website tells us we should have a plan – a typed out

offered by the vendors crossing a wide spectrum of cultural flavors. Some food trucks will be serving samplers of their goodies to keep your taste buds primed.

Music? Waddaya think? A repeat performer will be the dynamic vocal band from Orlando – Live Effect Party Band. I saw their demo video and "live effect" is a spot-on name. Wow! They have a captivating stage presence. And to pump up the digestive juices between the band's sets will be DJ Ron the Music Man. Someone please be courteous and bring him some food samplers.

Having a blast at the Food Truck Festival will be so easy – dance/eat, dance/eat, dance/eat and repeat. If you don't dance, just eat, and enjoy the music.

The kiosk will be serving beer, wine, soda and bottled water, and there will be a 50/50 raffle that will benefit the SPCA of Marion County.

When again? Saturday, June 3, from noon to 4 p.m. This free event is open to the public. A great afternoon to take in food, rockin' music and camaraderie at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Bring a fellow foodie, your appetite, and have fun!

Even if you just kinda, sorta like food, you can't miss the Food Truck Festival because if you do miss it, well, you might miss a grand opportunity to fall in love with so many tasty possibilities. Moreover, you'll have to listen to folks who did attend, blabbering on about their colorful paisley shirts and blouses that weren't paisley when they first arrived. Oh yes – the Sensational Selfies photo kiosk will be there enabling you to prove that you were there.

For more information, visit the Circle Square Commons Facebook page (facebook.com/csctownsquare).

for at least three days. And don't forget to fill up the tub for washing and flushing. Put cash and copies of all your important papers in a waterproof envelope and always keep it on your person.

Speaking of not forgetting – don't forget to bring inside, anything that isn't battened down outside, like chairs, tables, cushions, garden hose, etc.

So, what goes into the "survival" kit? The most obvious is prescribed medications, but also include non-prescriptions, e.g., headache, pain, as well as any personal hygiene items. Remember flashlights, batteries, and, very important – a manual can opener. If you're in a shelter, you'll make a living wage renting it out. (Just kidding.)

A cooler with ice packs is essential. Also, when Emergency Management alerts you that a hurricane is expected, turn your refrigerator to its coldest settings. After the "lights" go out, if you're frugal opening the fridge door, you should get several days of "cool stuff" out of it.

Make sure that you have copies of all important documents, like insurance papers, wills, mortgage/home ownership, and phone numbers of anyone you

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Is It Legal?

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**SCAM ALERT #1:** I received a phone call from my “grandson.” He was in terrible trouble. I asked him his name. He didn’t hang up as I would have expected a scammer to do. He said, “Michael.” I don’t have a grandson by that name. I hung up.

Look, we all know the “grandchild-is-in-trouble” scam, so why am I bringing it up? Well, frequently, these folks will use a name or two and almost assuredly, it will be a common name. They’re hoping they “hit it” with you. Now, many of us cannot hear well enough to tell the difference between our true grandchild’s voice and a scammer. However, there are a couple of things we can always do, to protect against the grandchild scam, or any scam.

1. Have caller ID and check it before answering a call. If you don’t recognize the caller, don’t answer it. Your real grandchild will leave a message that you can then verify.
2. If you are asked for money, during a conversation, say something akin to “buzz-off” and hang up. Better yet, say nothing and just hang up.

**SCAM ALERT #2:** Text scams are abundant and growing and are designed to look very official and real. Scammers are sophisticated. Moreover, texts frequently replace emails. I, myself, use them often. Frequently, the scammer can spoof a real company or real person. You can’t be sure who it is. So, with this in mind:

1. Your bank will never text you about your account. Delete the text, don’t respond, and never call the number in the text.
2. Amazon will never text you about your account and ask you to verify personal information. Do not call the number in the text. Delete it.
3. PayPal, Venmo, or other similar payment companies will never text you for any reason about your account. Delete the text and do not call any number in the text.
4. The IRS, the police, the FBI, or any company, no matter how official the text seems, will not text you

and ask that you call a number in the text. Delete it and do not call the number in the text.

Be careful folks. It’s not because we want to be careful. It’s because we must!

**Q.** We are Florida residents and own our home here. Our lawyer is a good friend and lives in (another state) but is licensed to practice law in Florida. He said we don’t need to worry about the probate of our home when we both pass, because in Florida, a homestead is not a probate asset. We were at one of your lectures, and my wife’s impression was that you don’t agree. So, is our home a probate asset or not?

**A.** There’s a lot to unpack here. Yes, your home (I assume it is your Florida homestead) is not a probate asset. It is what is referred to as an exempt asset for probate purposes. However, it does have to be listed as an exempt asset, in an inventory of probate assets filed with the court, if there’s a probate estate. Then, at the same time, a second petition should be filed requesting the court to designate the homestead as “protected homestead.” That way, it descends to your heirs (if they are of blood or adopted), and creditors’ claims cannot be exercised against that exempt asset.

It is critical to obtain that order of protected homestead and where do you get it? You get it in the probate court. So, your out of state attorney who is licensed to practice law in Florida, but lives elsewhere, is correct, but hasn’t told you everything you need to know. He/she needs to brush up on what Florida law really and truly provides. This is why I believe that if you are a resident of Florida, or of any other state, you should, at least, have your will, durable power of attorney and advance directive drafted by an attorney who not only is licensed to practice law in that state, but also resides in it and has her/his office in that state.

**Q.** This may be complicated. My son has a domestic partner with whom he lives. They are not currently married. My son is still married to his wife (Is she still my daughter-in-law?). All three live together in the house my son and his wife own. I guess they share different rooms, but all three seem comfortable as things are. But I worry. Should I?

**A.** Frequently these days, we come upon relationships and living arrangements that seem unusual to us but, possibly, not to the people in them. And that’s all I shall say about this.

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# GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein

I got it so I'm going to flaunt it.



Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun



Wednesday, June 14 is Flag Day. This is a day to honor and educate us on what the United States flag stands for and represents to us. To the veteran community, it means a lot more than anyone that is not a veteran or in a veteran’s family can truly understand. The flag represents the sacrifices we and our families endured during years of our service to this country. It means a lot when someone says, “Thank you for your service.”

The flag is a symbol of hope that our country remains the most fantastic bastion of freedom in the world.  
We use the flag in ceremonies on a constant basis and fly it proudly at our homes, businesses, federal, state and community buildings.  
Please take this day to reflect on what this great symbol of our country means to you. Do some research and discover the proper display and care for our United States flag.  
If you would like to talk to a veteran, please come to one of our monthly meetings at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV on the third Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. We would love to tell you what the flag means to us and how you can properly care for it.



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Charles and Linda Dodge at the Veterans Club picnic.



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### Practical Preventative Home Maintenance

From June through October your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don’t operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance. For a helpful short video on practical things, you can do to service your air conditioning system to keep it functioning efficiently visit OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Homeowner Maintenance. These include changing the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don’t see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

At least once a year, have your air conditioning serviced by a professional. They will clean the coils in both the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical connections, and make sure the motors are operating properly.

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will want to contact. Make copies of all your credit cards, medical ID, driver’s license, and prescriptions. Should any of this be lost in the storm, you will be happy you have a copy.

Also, do you know how to manually open the garage door?

If you’re planning well ahead and are considering a generator, now is the time to make that purchase. Generators, gas and especially ice, are the big three on everyone’s shopping list when heavy weather is on the way. Decide what appliances you will want to run and how much you are willing to spend, then talk to your selected provider about a portable or whole house generator.

If you have special needs, West Port High School (3733 SW 80th Ave, Ocala, FL 34481) is the designated shelter for our community. Check marionso.com/emergency-shelters to confirm any potential changes to shelters and/or locations.

### Pets and Prep

What about pets? Almost the same

requirements: food, water, and medications. Keep in mind that you may want to make use of a shelter.

Do you have a crate for your dog, cat, ferret, or parrot? Remember, to gain admission to a shelter your pet must be crated. And don’t forget those little plastic poop bags!

Not all shelters are pet friendly. Make sure to check marionso.com/emergency-shelters for the closest pet friendly shelter.

### Florida Disaster Prep Sales Tax Holiday

To help us get prepared, the 2023 Florida Disaster Prep Sales Tax Holiday runs through June 9. What does that include? Flashlights and lanterns costing \$40 or less; reusable ice costing \$20 or less; radios costing \$50 or less; tarps and ground anchors or tie down kits costing

\$100 or less; coolers and portable power banks costing \$60 or less; batteries and fuel tanks costing \$50 or less; smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide detectors costing \$70 or less; and generators costing \$3,000 or less.

The holiday also includes several items related to the safe evacuation of household pets. Common household consumable items that may be helpful with disaster cleanup are also included. For example, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels, soap, sunscreen, and various household cleaning products, with a sales price of \$30 or less.

Additional resources can be found at OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Hurricane Preparedness.

Now, for all of you who read to the bottom of this article, here are additional valuable phone numbers:

- Emergency: 911.
- Marion County Sheriff’s Office Non-Emergency Line: 352-732-9111.
- Marion County Citizens Information Line: 352-369-7500.

### Lifelong Learning

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What a wonderful turnout at the Master the Possibilities curriculum kick-off last week at Circle Square Cultural Center. It is always exciting to see people invested and passionate about continual learning and educational opportunities. Thank you to our many faculty members and volunteers who made this event so great.

For those of you who were not able to attend our event last week, Master the Possibilities has released the latest curriculum catalog “These Times Are a Changing.” Feel free to stop by the Recreation Center, or our Education Center at Circle Square Commons to pick up a copy of the new catalog. In this catalog, there are more than 800 class choices for the months of July through December. Of those classes, more than 150 classes are brand new.

One key event in this catalog is our Ageless Adventures program happening the week of July 10, where an adult and child learn something new or participate in a program together. The schedule includes a golf techniques class, a visit to FAST, yummy summer snack creations, family yoga, learning disc golf, and more. There are 26 classes to choose from. One may just decide to take them all. Visit our website in the Special Presentations category for more

information.

Before that, our Education Center will be a nice, cool place for classes these next few weeks. Have a sweet tooth, but don’t like making a mess in the kitchen? Why not try our “No Bake Sweets and Treats” class Friday, June 2. Learn how to make quick, easy, delicious, and nutritious homemade treats with Colleen Griffin that are sure to satisfy any sweet tooth. Better yet, the oven is not needed. Cost to attend this class is \$32 for members and \$37 for the general public.

Want to join in on a lively discussion? Register for the “Edward Snowden, Patriot or Traitor” presentation with Joe Bartosh from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 6. Edward Snowden was an employee of the National Security Agency who decided to release to the media thousands of documents about the U.S. government spying on not only national security targets, but ordinary American citizens. Because of this action, some people claimed he committed treason, while others called him a patriot. Both sides will be investigated in the classroom with an attempt to determine where the truth lies. Cost to attend is \$3 for members and \$8 for the general public. Seating is limited.

For these next two weeks, Master the Possibilities has more than 50 courses scheduled like these. To review a complete list of upcoming classes, visit masterthepossibilities.org. Participants may register 24/7 online or call Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 352-861-9751. Don’t forget to stop by our Education Center to pick up a copy of our newly released catalog for class options the remainder of this year.

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Can you believe it? It’s June! I’d bet if I were 16 again, it would be January! A few of June’s special days are: National Donut Day – June 2 (a very good excuse to go donut crazy); and Father’s Day – June 18. Fathers should be celebrated; they made Mother’s Day. There are other days such as National Best Friend Day, Juneteenth, Flag Day, and PTSD Awareness Day. So far in our calendar, I can’t find “Love Your Neighbor Day.” Can you?

Hurricane Season Begins

The season is from June 1 through Nov. 30. So, for those of you who haven’t lived in Florida long enough to experience the hurricanes and tropical storms (even for you who have), we will share quite a bit of information to help you “weather the storms.” I would recommend that you clip and keep the detailed hurricane preparedness information on page one. Hurricane preparedness information is also accessible at OTOW-Info.com > Resources > Hurricane Preparedness.

Scam Alert

Last month, there was a tree trimming company that came into the neighborhood, started to trim trees without authorization, then presented a contract for the work, mid trim, to the home owner. Please be wary of A1 Trees and Landscaping. We could not pin down their correct contact information due to multiple listings for A1 Tree Services. They left the community as soon as they were approached by an owner’s representative. We were made aware that a few residents may have received their business card. If anyone has their business card, please share their contact information with us so we may take appropriate action. Remember, you should not allow work to be done on your property without your or the Association’s consent.

Andy’s Landscape Tips for Owner Maintained Homes

Director of Community Maintenance Operations Andy Jorgensen states, “June typically begins the start of the summer rainy season in Florida. It is not uncommon to receive afternoon thunderstorms that can provide over one inch of rainfall in a short period of time. Because of this, now is a great time to check your irrigation rain sensor for proper operation. The easiest method to verify operation is to start your irrigation, then use a garden hose to spray water at the sensor. If your irrigation shuts off, your sensor is working properly. If not, a licensed irrigation contractor can replace it for you for a nominal fee. This simple test can not only conserve our most precious resource, water, but can also save you money on your monthly utility bill.”

Recreation Program Manager Retiring

After 18 years, Recreation Program

Manager Theresa Fields is retiring. Theresa has done a great job of planning and executing events and tours and lending her knowledge and experience to the design process of new community centers. As she embarks on this next chapter in her life, we wish her the best. Please join us in saying farewell on her last day, Friday, June 2, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from noon to 3 p.m.

Golf Cart Courtesy

We hear many complaints about unsafe golf cart drivers and our focus immediately turns to reminding them to drive safely, as it should. However, there has not been a thought about those who drive safely. That is going to change. We plan to recognize responsible golf cart operators. Stay tuned for more next month!

Resident Services

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are closed daily between noon and 1 p.m. The time begins when the last resident assisted before closing vacates the building as soon after noon as possible.

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 submit. 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 non-medical 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

“Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn’t have the power to say yes.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

GOLF CART REGISTRATION

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Resident Services is closed daily for 30 minutes between noon and 1 p.m.

Finding Zen

Robert Colen  
info@sholompark.org



Sholom Park is set to welcome another new addition to its range of natural wonders this summer: a small “food forest.” This landscaped area will feature a variety of native trees and plants that are not only beautiful to look at but also edible. The purpose of the food forest is twofold: to educate visitors about the benefits of sustainable gardening and to showcase the natural balance of the environment.

One of the most interesting aspects of a food forest is how different species work together to provide vital nutrients. As leaves fall from loquat, mulberry, and

peach trees, for example, they offer potassium and magnesium, which support the growth and development of other plants in the area. Ginger and turmeric, which we plan to place in the food forest, are both rhizomes and play a critical role in the forest’s balance.

Sholom Park visitors will be able to observe firsthand how nature works in harmony, with various trees and plants supporting each other’s growth.

Overall, the food forest is an exciting and educational addition to Sholom Park. It provides a unique opportunity to witness the natural balance of the ecosystem and learn about sustainable gardening practices. With its variety of trees and plants, including loquat, mulberry, peach, blackberry, ginger, and turmeric, as educational tools, visitors will have even more ways to find a meaningful experience at Sholom Park.

OneBlood Bloodmobile

Sara Sommer



The Big Red Bus® was last here Friday, May 5. The results were 19 units of whole blood and two units of double red blood. Thank you, Friday donors. The next Friday blood drive is Sept. 1. Mark your calendar.

For our regular Monday donors, the Big Red Bus® will be here June 5. The two buses will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m.

to 3 p.m. The drive is usually listed online about two weeks prior to the date. To make an appointment, simply visit [oneblood.org/donate/](http://oneblood.org/donate/). Look for the On Top of the World drive on June 5, pick a time slot and then a confirmation email will be sent to you. It’s that easy. An appointment is not necessary, but it will assure you of a space on the bus.

See you on the bus.

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Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard

On Friday, April 14, the Republican Club met at 4:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center. Fiona Bowling offered the opening prayer, and the members were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem. The club's military veterans were recognized, and new members were acknowledged and presented with a copy of the Constitution of the United States. Vice President Charles Dodge continued his monthly presentation series by sharing the remarks he made at a local Marion County School Board meeting. The last portion of the meeting was trivia night! Our trivia experts Maggie and Flash Koller graciously organized

and coordinated the game. Many of the questions were from a list that Fiona Bowling provided, which she was required to answer when she became a U.S. citizen 15 years ago. It was an amazingly fun evening testing our knowledge on basic U.S. civics. It was not surprising, but our members answered most of the questions correctly, requiring the need for many tie breakers. In the end, one table was victorious winning a cash prize of \$60, which they kindly donated back to the club. 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 meeting dates: 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 in the political conversation with like-minded, positive, friendly people.



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Trivia masters extraordinaire Maggie and Flash Koller.

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# Prepare for a Storm Event - Key Points

- Designate a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number and agrees to make contact with this person following the hurricane.
  - Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and non-perishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery-operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can quickly pack and evacuate.
  - Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.
  - Remove furniture from porches or patio and secure hoses and lawn ornaments so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.
  - Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further damaged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.
  - Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.
  - At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.
  - Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Planning before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.
- When a hurricane threatens, immediately take these steps:
- Refill prescriptions and critical supplies such as portable oxygen.
  - Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.
  - Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.
  - Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.
  - Protect or shutter windows. (Please refer to your Association’s rules on when to do so.)
  - Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMs may be closed for several days following the storm.
- During a hurricane:
- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.
  - Follow the orders of local authorities.
  - Stay indoors in an interior room without windows, even inland locations may still be at risk. If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom, and use mattresses to protect yourself.
  - Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.
- If the electricity goes out:
- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match. You do not want to take the risk of igniting gas from a broken line.
  - Open your refrigerator only when necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.
- After the hurricane has passed:
- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”
  - Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.
  - If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.
  - Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect

- damaged appliances.
  - Beware of downed power lines and other debris.
  - Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are often-times hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.
  - Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.
  - If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.
  - Use the phone only for emergencies. Resident Services maintains an outdoor facility to charge your cell phones. Capacity is limited so be prepared to share the area and facility.
  - Conserve water! Do not wash driveways of debris. If the power is out and you still have water pressure, it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power and with a limited supply of fuel.
- Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer because of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster:
- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.
  - Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.
  - Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.
  - Keep records and receipts for all expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.
  - Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

### Additional Resources

- National Hurricane Center: [nhc.noaa.gov/](http://nhc.noaa.gov/)
- The Weather Channel: [weather.com/](http://weather.com/)
- Duke Energy Hurricane Preparedness Info: [duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety](http://duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety)
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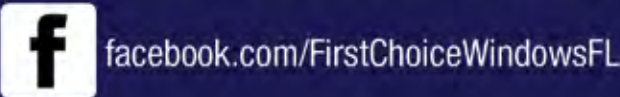
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Democratic Club

Mark Miller



Sheila Loughlin, chair of the Coordinated Campaign Committee of the Marion County Democratic Party, presented at our Thursday, May 25 meeting with facts and action items for us to use going

forward. Thank you for your expertise, Sheila!

Jim Stormer, a board member of our club, will be speaking about the Citizen’s Climate Lobby and its efforts and initiatives to protect our natural resources at our meeting on Thursday, June 22, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV.

In addition, Glenn Cohen will be speaking about water conservation issues and challenges we face here in

Ocala and beyond. 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 learn to become productive members of our community and to live on their own

once again. The Ritz needs pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheets, towels 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!

In the News

Petra Schmidt

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Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



As hurricane season arrives and we look over our preparations, it’s good to know that there are residents trained to help in case of a community wide emergency.

The volunteers who make up the Community Emergency Response Team prepare and practice to help when first responders may be over stretched during an emergency event. We’ll wear our dark green t-shirts, CERT hardhats and carry emergency supplies. We take care of ourselves, our neighbors, and the entire community – communicating all the

while through a system that is designed to make sure no one is missed.

If you’d like to join this wonderful team, feel free to attend one of our second Tuesday of the month meetings at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Give a call to Debra at 412-443-2930 to confirm the next date.

Community ham radio operators can assist us from home by tuning into 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](mailto:brucetwiss@yahoo.com).

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Indigo East

Nora Dominguez  
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June brings warmer days and fun in the sun. Keep cool in our pools and hydrated with lots of water. This month, we celebrate Father’s Day, weddings, graduations, and gatherings with family and friends. I invite you to join us as well with all of our planned activities this month.

Trivia\*

Trivia will be held Monday, June 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Jog your memory, join in the team spirit, have fun, and win mon-

ey prizes as well. Don’t forget to bring your own snacks, drinks and wear your “thinking caps.” The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident. One smartphone is needed for each team. Each team consists of eight players.

Karaoke

Karaoke will be held Thursday, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. You can sing softly or belt out your favorite tunes. We will support and cheer you on. So, join the fun with DJ Frank. Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Pool Party Bash\*

Let’s enjoy sunshine and fun with friends at the Pool Party Bash, Tues-

day June 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Indigo East Fitness Center pool. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will be offering cheeseburgers, hot dogs with relish, baked beans, assorted chips, cookies, and strawberry lemonade. Bring your beverage of choice in an approved container (no glass) and enjoy the fun, sun, and live entertainment from Dave & Kenny. Tickets are \$16 per resident and \$18 per guest attending with a resident.

Sassy Ladies Night Out

Dance, dance, dance at Sassy Ladies Night Out, Wednesday, June 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Live entertainment will be provided by Tony Machicotte. Bring your favorite snacks, drinks and be prepared to dance the night away. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center and if weather allows, outside as well. It is a great time to socialize and meet new friends. Bring your favorite snacks, drinks and be ready to be entertained by the following music lineup:

- June 2: Dave & Kenny
- June 9: Fred Campbell
- June 16: Nathan Leslie
- June 23: Automatic
- June 30: Kurtis Mae

Happy Hour is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

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

The Lodge at Candler Hills

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It’s hard to believe June is already here with summer just a few weeks away. With the beautiful hot sunny weather, we are now seeing more residents enjoying the pools. Please make sure to follow the pool rules. All guests need to be always accompanied by a resident. Resident IDs are required and don’t forget to hydrate.

June is the beginning of hurricane

season. Be prepared with your hurricane survival kit. Be sure to sign up for the latest updates and resident alert notification at OTOWInfo.com. Here you can also find a list of resources and links for all your hurricane preparedness needs.

Luau Pool Party\*

Make a splash at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Sunday, June 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Retro Express. We will have ham, pineapple kabobs, chips, Hawaiian salsa, and tropical fruit skewers. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will be serving refreshing non-alcoholic piña coladas. (Bring your own alcoholic shots to add to your drink.) Please ensure all drinks are in approved containers as glass is not

allowed in the pool area. Tickets are \$16 per resident and \$18 per guest attending with resident.

Girls Night Out

Ladies, get ready to dance and have fun! It’s that time again for another Girls Night Out Thursday, June 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. with entertainer Tim Hargis. Bring your favorite drink and snack. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Rock ‘n’ Roll Night

On Saturday, June 17, Groove 41 will have you rockin’ and rollin’ from 5 to 8 pm. Bring your own beverages and snacks and enjoy dancing with friends and neighbors. This event is free for res-

idents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Sing your heart out the fourth Thursday of every month with the next event being held Thursday, June 22, with Charlie and Kathy from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own drink and enjoy singing, dancing and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. Guest fees of \$5 apply to those who attend with residents.

*\*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.*

Weybourne Landing

Valerie Muriel



“Enjoy your summer one splash at a time.” I would like to welcome all the new residents and invite you to all the June events. Happy Father’s Day!

Trivia\*

Trivia takes place every first Tuesday starting June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Put your thinking cap on, form a group of eight to a table, and come out for a fun filled night of mind-boggling questions. Tickets are \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with a resident. Make sure someone at your table has a smartphone, as this will be how you answer the questions.

Happy Hour

Come and enjoy a night of dancing and socializing. Happy Hour takes place

the second Saturday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m. Tim Hargis will be here Saturday, June 10. This is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Girls Night Out

There will be no cooking, cleaning or grocery shopping, tonight is your night to cut loose! Girls Night Out will take place Wednesday, June 14, in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Robert France will have you singing and dancing the night away. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Kocktails & Karaoke takes place the

third Tuesday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. Knight Sound will be here Tuesday, June 20, for your entertainment. Bring your own beverage, snacks and sing the night away. This is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Pool Party Bash\*

Make a splash at the bash on Saturday, June 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the pool pavilion. Live entertainment will be provided by Retro Express and Fresh Plates Creative Catering will offer cheeseburgers, hot dogs, relish, baked beans, potato salad and strawberry lemonade. Bring your own beverage of choice in an approved container (no glass) and join in the fun. Tickets are \$16 per resident and

\$18 per guest attending with a resident.

Social Hour

It’s time to unwind and relax by listening to Paul DeRitter Duo on Sunday, June 25. Social Night takes place every fourth Sunday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. This event is a free event to residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident. Come and socialize with your friends and neighbors.

*\*To register, visit The Landing office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to a 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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# Call or Click Before You Dig

By Shane Bobson

No matter how small the digging project, you must contact 811 before you dig to avoid hitting underground utility lines, which are shallower than you may think. Don't risk losing your utility services, injury or worse!

Underground infrastructure, when struck, can have a variety of effects. Damaging a fiber-optic line, cable or telephone line can disable service for a single home or affect the community at large. For many homeowners, taking a shovel to your front yard is not a big deal, however, if you understand the risks of striking underground infrastructure, you'd likely think twice about it.

To avoid injury, fines or damages levied by the affected utility provider, simply contact Sunshine 811, either by phone or online. The service is free! All

residents, or your hired contractor, are required to submit a ticket to locate buried utilities. Once located, phone, cable, power, and fiber lines will be marked with paint or flags to clearly denote their location to avoid unintentionally damaging or striking them.

Be sure to notify 811 several business days before starting your project, including common projects like planting trees and shrubs, installing fences and mailboxes or driveway and patio extensions. Sunshine 811 notifies their member utility companies to mark their underground facilities where you plan to dig. Sunshine 811 does not locate or mark underground facilities. This is done by the member utility companies or their locators. The specific amount of advance notice that you are required



to provide varies by state, however it's best to give them at least three days advanced notice to ensure locates are identified prior to the start of the project. You will need to provide the address of your project, including the county and nearest cross street, as well as the type of project you're completing and the exact area on the property where you're planning to dig. Whether you call 811 or make your request online, you'll need

the same information. Once all utilities have marked their buried lines, make sure to carefully dig around any utility marks and consider relocating projects that are close to buried utilities.

Safe digging is everyone's responsibility. In fact, it is the law. Failure to dig safely can result in costly damages and repairs, loss of essential utility services, and even serious injuries to you or your neighbors.

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Marion County Memorial Honor Guard members, Lewis Alston, Cpl. USMC; Stephen Petty, Capt. USA; Bob Levenson, Sgt. USMC; Charlie Calhoun, QM1 USN, presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance at super bingo in April.

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It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of June. If you are a Florida native or you have lived in Florida for any length of time, you understand that in June the temperatures heat up and hurricane season begins. Be prepared and have your hurricane survival kit ready. To obtain information on what you will need for your supply kit, visit OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Hurricane Preparedness.

The month of June also brings my monthly columns and my work here at On Top of the World to a close. As of Friday, June 2, I too will enjoy the good life of retirement, as so many of you are currently doing. On Top of the World has been a big part of my life for a little more than 18 years and it felt like a part of my family. I have really seen our community grow, met so many wonderful people, and shared a lot of memories. I know the community will continue to grow and have so much more to offer in the upcoming years. I want to thank my wonderful team, residents, and co-workers who I worked with closely in the different departments. I will always be grateful for the experience I was given here at On Top of the World.

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 for next year's edition.

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. Classes take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

- Intermediate: Tuesdays, at 2:15 p.m.
- Advanced: Tuesdays, at 1 p.m.

Tap dance classes are not scheduled for the month of June. Classes will resume in July. The cost is \$24 per month for a four-week class. Tickets will go on sale starting Monday, June 26.

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 (July/August) 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: July–Eastern Swing; August–Two-Step; September–Rumba; October–Foxtrot; November–Cha-Cha; and December–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, June 1. 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. Tropic Trivia will not take place in August. Trivia tickets for the months of September through December will go on

sale Monday, Aug. 7.  
**May**  
1: Bold & Brassy; 2: Flying Moles; 3: Paw Patrol.  
**Karaoke**

Can you carry a tune? If so, come join the fun as Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will DJ karaoke on Thursday, June 8, 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.

Social Hour

Relax and socialize with friends and neighbors on Thursday, June 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Easy listening music will be provided by Reese Norris. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided (while supplies last). This is a free event for residents and guest fees of \$5 apply to all guest attending with a resident.

Pool Pavilion Happy Hour

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

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- June 2: Tim Hargis
- June 9: Kurtis Mae
- June 16: Dave & Kenny
- June 23: Palomino Blonde
- June 30: Jo Jo

We will provide an additional pool pavilion Happy Hour on Sunday, June 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. with entertainer Fred Campbell.

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.

Jam Night Happy Hour with four entertainers scheduled from 3 to 9 p.m. is scheduled for Friday, June 23.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- June 2: Pure Magic
- June 9: Shift N' Gears
- June 16: The BadKitty Band
- June 23: Jam Night with Palomino Blonde (pool pavilion) from 1 to 4 p.m.; Tim Hargis (Ballroom) from 3 to 5 p.m.; Rock Solid from 5 to 7 p.m.; and Rear View Mirror from 7 to 9 p.m.
- June 30: Billy Buchanan

Resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour and anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest. 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.

Victory Casino Cruise\*

Take a gamble and join us for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday, June 21, 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.

Partner Dance Night

Ballroom and pattern dancers, come enjoy a night of dancing among those who know the dancing etiquette for these beautiful dance moves on Thursday, June 29, with entertainer Automatic, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center

Ballroom. This is free for residents and \$5 per guest. Proper dancing etiquette is required for this night. Line nor single dancing will not be permitted.

Community Pavilions

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 or Indigo East, you will need to complete a Room Request Form. Booking of the pavilions and the forms can be obtained by contacting the facility offices.

Community News

The R/C flying field and car track are an amenity for all residents, and Gateway of Services pass holders. Please note that when utilizing these facilities, all pets must be on a leash, and you must pick up after them. The pavilion located at the flying field and car track is members use only; no private parties permitted. Alcohol is prohibited in this area due to the insurance that is carried by these clubs.

Stay in the Know

Additional event/trip details are available at OTOWInfo.com by clicking "Activity Info" then "Virtual Bulletin Board" (or scan the QR code above) 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 Recre-



ation & 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 updates.

*\*Payment is required at time of registration for trips. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.*

**HANDICAP EQUIPMENT**

Handicap equipment is loaned free to residents during their convalescent term – walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 x7534.

**BUS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Thursday

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

**MORNING DESTINATIONS**

Freedom Library	Ollie's
Jasmine Square	Paddock Mall
VA Hospital	Walmart
Dillard's/Kohl's	Target
Sam's Club	Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center
Home Depot	Gateway Plaza

Arrival and pick-up times for morning destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

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

AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES
The Lodge at Candler Hills	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center 1:20 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m. Providence Post Office 1:28 p.m.
Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m. Crescent Ridge Post Office 1:38 p.m.
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Americana Post Office 1:49 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.

**AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS**

Friendship Center	Bravo's
Publix	Big Lots
Walmart Neighborhood Market	Beall's & Dollar Tree
ALDI/Lowe's	Walmart

Arrival and pick-up times for afternoon destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

*\*All times are approximate*

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

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

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The number of volunteers and business partners it takes for a successful casino night.

## Lions Hold a Successful Casino Night

By Gail Morris

The Lions had a tremendously successful casino night at Circle Square Cultural Center thanks to all the support we received from our sponsors and residents. It was our most successful fundraising event in quite some time. We are so grateful for the participation. Those attending participated in a 50/50 drawing, a liquor wagon drawing – enough to last until next year – and a variety of stunning baskets created by Lion Charmaine Hassett. I would be remiss if I didn’t include a listing of our sponsors: Raymond James, Dr. Paul Urban,

Scott Cameron State Farm Insurance, Walmart Supercenter, Walmart Neighborhood Market, Wawa, Sunshine Living Central Florida, Stellar Real Estate, and First Federal Bank.

The success of this event is already being shared with the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard. They came to us in need of a donation to help them with the purchase of a new van and we were able to contribute \$1,000 to their need. This fall, we will once again be able to provide Thanksgiving meals to both children and their families in need as well

as our veterans housed at Ocala Ritz Veterans Village and the family apartment units. We have a list of other charities in need and are anticipating being able to assist them.

Our club has also received requests from individuals who need assistance with vision issues, including cataract surgery. Lions Club International has an application process and once it is complete, we are here to assist and serve.

Barbara has also been signing up members to participate in Box Tops for Education (BTFE). 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. She has had inquiries from several clubs to have her present the program to their members. It’s a great way to support those in

need simply by shopping for items you use. For more information, contact Barbara Scales at 315-440-0142 or barbarascales58@hotmail.com.

Our club membership is increasing, and we are so proud to say they are active participants which made our casino night such a success. We installed our nine new members at our 2023-2024 officers meeting on Tuesday, May 23. We also have a new branch club at the Pacifica Senior Living Ocala facility, which was installed on Wednesday, May 24. Estelle has been busy spreading Lionism. We are always looking for new members and our membership chair, Estelle Michelson at 352-861-7358 will be happy to answer any questions.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m.

## Women in Astronomy

By Jim Di Paolo

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, May 11, in the Hobby Building Event Room. Treasurer Carol Himes presented the club’s financial report.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, presented an idea to the women members of the club, suggesting they do research and select women who have contributed to the field of astronomy. He asked them to present their selection at the next club meeting. One of the women members suggested that the club make this topic a part of their overall presentation at each monthly meeting. Everyone agreed and Andi Moia volunteered to head the project. Larry also talked about the club donating astronomy books and magazines to our library’s science section. Club member Cammie Fairburn agreed to coordinate the donations going to the library.

Club president, Jim Di Paolo, discussed the topic for the next upcoming NASA Senior Outreach online seminar, and pointed out some night sky highlights for the month of May. Another topic Jim’s presentation included was the latest discovery of 12 new moons orbiting the planet Jupiter, bringing Jupiter’s total moon count to 92, seizing the record for “solar system planet with most moons” from the previous record holder Saturn, which currently has 83 confirmed moons. As instruments become capable of studying smaller moons, rocks that are about two miles wide, may mean that Jupiter will have to relinquish its new title back to Saturn soon.

Club member Dean Rehphohl will be doing a segment during each monthly meeting called the “moon minute.” Dean’s favorite night sky target is the moon, and he was featured in a recent article in the Astronomical League’s Re-

flector magazine. During today’s meeting he presented images of the moon he had taken during some of the club’s observing sessions.

Moonstruck Astronomy Club membership continues to grow, adding two additional members during the meeting, bringing their total roster up to 76 members. Jim commented that he expects the membership to continue to grow in

the upcoming months and hopes to see 100 members by the end of the year.

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 field.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck

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

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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Women in astronomy.





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Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi



There are not many monuments in Newport, Rhode Island, so one might wonder why one of the few monuments is that of the French General Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau located in King Park on Wellington Avenue.

France provided invaluable help to the Continental Army with a Franco-American alliance, called “Expedition Particuliere” by the French government. A key role in our War for Independence was played by Count Rochambeau sup-

ported by some 450 officers and 5,300 men from France.

In 1779, General Washington sent a letter to the marquis de Lafayette indicating he hoped Lafayette would return to America as major general in the Continental Army or as an officer at the head of French troops. Lafayette served in the Continental Army at his own expense as he was inspired by the colonists’ pursuit of liberty. Washington welcomed French ground troops in the New World, notwithstanding historic hostilities. It was Lafayette who endeavored to secure those troops for support of the American cause who served under Rochambeau’s command.

France’s King Louis XIV approved the plan in 1780 and a fleet of transport vessels, ships of the line, frigates, and

smaller warships set sail from northwest France for Rhode Island.

Beginning in 1780 Rochambeau and General Washington conducted a successful military operation that lasted 15 months taking their combined troops to Virginia and trapping British General Charles Cornwallis and his 8,000 troops, culminating with a victory in Yorktown. Though more experienced than General Washington as a military leader, Rochambeau agreed to serve as a subordinate to Washington. Before the surrender of Cornwallis, Washington wrote to Congress: “I cannot but acknowledge the infinite obligations I am under to his excellency, the Count de Rochambeau and all of the French officers for the assistance in which they afford me.”

For visitors to Newport, a walk in King Park is a must. Not only would you see the statue of Rochambeau, but

also Ida Lewis Yacht Club and a beautiful glimpse of the harbor at Newport with the visiting yachts and boats and Newport Bridge connecting Newport to Jamestown. There are typically many places to park alongside King Park, and benches in the park and along the beach so you can sit, relax, and enjoy the vista. From King Park it is a short distance to historic Thames St. with its myriad of restaurants and shops. King Park was named for the heirs of Edward King who donated the land for the park in 1897.

The Rhode Island Group meets periodically for lunch to share memories of fun places and great eating opportunities. If you lived, worked, studied, or served in Rhode Island or are related to someone who did you are welcome to join us. Please send your contact information to [judith.paris@gmail.com](mailto:judith.paris@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.



Count Rochambeau.

SPCA of Marion County

Melanie Vittitow



I am pleased to report that both small dogs included in last month’s column have found new homes. We currently have no fosters, however, if you are looking for a dog, you may want to call and ask to be put on our waiting list. This is especially true if you have preferences, such as non-shedding, a certain weight range or even a specific breed or two. Call the SPCA hotline at 352-362-0985 to get on the list.

We never know when someone will call us with a dog needing a new home so there may be quite a wait, so another option is to check with other pet rescues here in town. The three largest have web pages where you can see what pets are available. They are Humane Society of Marion County, 352-873-7387, [thehsmc.org](http://thehsmc.org); Marion County Animal Center, 352-671-8700, [marionfl.org/animal](http://marionfl.org/animal); and Voices of Change Animal League (VO-CAL), 352-289-0800, [vocalforpets.org](http://vocalforpets.org). If you are looking for a cat or kitten, you can find one at all the above or at Sheltering Hands, 352-840-0663, [shelteringhands.org](http://shelteringhands.org).

My topic for discussion this month is “Don’t get stuck in a dog walking rut.” I got the information from the Your Dog newsletter that I get every month and wanted to share it with you. Dogs see and read their world as much with their noses as with their eyes. So, walking the same route every day would be like us having to read the same news column day after day. [We already do this for our dog because I realized early on that he was not out for a walk, but for an extended sniffing expedition.]

The article explains that while you have your chores, and television, and social activities to keep life interesting, your dog is just laying around bored, waiting for their walk to tell them what is happening in their world. So come up with different routes or let him/her choose which way they want to go. You can even drive to a different location (we like the Recreation Center and softball area) for an occasional treat. Even if you take your dog to the dog park for his exercise, he will still enjoy a short walk for the added stimulation to his senses. One more thing: don’t forget your poop bag wherever you go!

The SPCA has decided to suspend meetings and our table at the Thursday Farmers Market June through August, but we will still be working. If you need to reach us with a pet related issue, call us at 352-362-0985. If you have things to donate, call Evelyn Holiday at 352-237-0304, or drop them off on her porch at 8880-C SW 94th Street. If anything interesting happens, or we get in any new fosters, I’ll keep you posted through this column.

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

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Dan Lack prepares to lead Jewish trivia at the Jewish Club's April meeting.

Photo by Mark Frankel

The Jewish Club

Bruce Kanner



Larry Fine, Katie Couric, Swiffer, and the 1936 Olympics. Those were just a few of the answers to Jewish trivia at the Jewish Club meeting at The Lodge at Candler Hills in April.

Dan Lack again conducted the game and tabulated results from teams such as Chopped Livers, Noshers, Chutzpahs, Kibbitzers and Kvetches.

Earlier, board member Mark Frankel, presenting the moment in time feature, told the meeting about the history of Jews and chocolate. He started with: Christopher Columbus had a Hebrew interpreter along on his 1492 journey to the New World where he found cacao beans, but it was conquistador Hernan Cortes who brought back to Spain the art of making the beans into a chocolate drink. Later Frankel spoke about the Mars family, of M&Ms fame, their Jewish roots, and their philanthropy.

To conclude the fun and informative meeting, the last one before the annual barbeque, there was an ice cream social. And yes, there was chocolate ice cream and chocolate syrup as well as several other flavors and assorted toppings.

Lunch bunch in April was held at Red's. About two dozen members revelled in the lively conversation and the hefty portions. Brunch was preceded by a trip to the R/C flying field as President Carl Schneider and other flyers demonstrated and explained flight maneuvers.

The board is meeting this month to go over programming for the new club year beginning in September with the annual welcome back bagels and lox brunch. Meanwhile look for summer fun activities to be announced to members soon.

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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Christian Women's Group



Sandi Kemp

Please join us for our next potluck luncheon Saturday, June 24 in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month for food, fellowship, and fun!

At our April meeting, we had an auction to raise money for VOCAL, a local pet rescue. A group of us went for a tour of the facility and we were all very impressed and learned so much about this wonderful organization. I hope that you will decide to take a tour sometime and even consider volunteering - they always need dog walkers, and the kitties love for you to visit them in the cat cottages! While we were there, we presented Linda Norman, one of the co-founders of VOCAL, with the money that we raised from the auction.

In May, we had an inspirational message from Linda Bertolami, and she was the second speaker that we have been blessed to have from Stonecroft Ministries. We are looking forward to having more speakers in the future! Each month we have new ladies from the community 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 there!

What's Cookin'?



Nancy Grabowski

Fennel is a unique vegetable not widely used. It is often served sliced as a palate cleanser or prepared in a salad. It makes a different type of slaw with a mild dressing.

Here, though, is another suggestion: fennel as a warm side dish.

To prepare remove the stalks and fronds, saving some for garnish. Cut in half, remove outer leaves and the core. Slice thinly.

Add it to a frying pan along with a tablespoon of butter and another of olive oil. Then add a half an onion, sliced.

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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



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Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



Mother’s Day and our May meeting always fall on the same day. Last year we played our own version of “mama said” sharing things our mamas said to us and that we used on our own kids. This year, we played a card game called “Just Like Mama Said.” According to the box, it’s a “hilarious phrase-making game for Southerners.” A statement is posed by the leader from her card. Players have been dealt two stacks of cards, one of things and one of places. They are challenged to complete the statement phrase in the most appropriate, interesting, or funniest way.

Here are some samples of the possibilities:

This town smells like ... a half-eaten fried bologna sandwich at Talladega.

I’ve been itching like ... an ostrich at a free petting zoo.

Those kids are irreverent as ... a long-tailed weasel in an unsupervised chicken coop.

That highway stresses me out more than ... a house-trained skunk in a bed of fire ants.

Our June meeting doesn’t fall on Father’s Day, but equal time is deserved

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Scandinavian American Club

David Wesenberg



The Scandinavian American Club had an eventful April 25 meeting with Scandinavian music in abundance. After recollections by some members on music in Scandinavia, we listened to the Dulcimer Group who performed several musical favorites including several Scandinavian melodies. We thank them for a great performance.

Because of the effort required, the club decided they would like to cater

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parts of our usual meeting meal. It was felt that we could still all contribute our favorite dishes which is what makes it fun.

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, June 27 (fourth Tuesday of the month) from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio.

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Eco Gardeners

Phil Karcheski

In April, the weather started on the hot and dry side which required frequent watering. As the month progressed the temperature remained warm, yet the gardens flourished despite the warm temperatures. Harvests from the gardens included beans, peas, squash, cucumbers, onions, kale celery, and peppers.

Several attempts were made to grow corn; unfortunately, there were only a few good results. Several factors detrimental to the harvest were predators feasting after dark on the young cobs, planting too late, insect damage, and again the heat.

Squash and cucumbers did unusually well this year. Previous years they fell prey to several diseases. Anthranose, a fungus, bacterial wilt, downey mildew or powdery mildew are all fungal diseases that thrive in heat and humidity. They can be difficult to control or eradicate due to spores that carry in the wind or remain in the soil overwinter. Fortu-

nately, the extreme cold we experienced last winter helped us by killing some of the spores on dead plants and in the soil.

For years I have tried to grow delicate squash, the best squash I have ever had. I had started some seeds and gave my starts to a garden neighbor. To my embarrassment they grew well and produced fruit. I had one and saved the seeds from it and will try next planting year, but not before I find out my garden neighbor's secrets.

I have been doing some research into cover crops for the purpose of overwintering my garden. So far, I have tried winter rye, mustard, chamomile, and dwarf clover. These cover crops enrich the soil with natural nitrogen and add texture, while growing chamomile reduces erosion in the aisles. The mustard and the rye grew great. The clover grew poorly, and the chamomile did nothing. When the cover crop was complete, the mustard and rye were shredded with a grass whip and tilled into the top three inches of the soil.

Our April meeting was a potluck, with many delicious dishes being enjoyed. Members shared their gardening experiences: what worked or didn't work, thoughts and ideas for preparing for the next plantings and forming a co-op for seed and starter plant sharing. The topic that got the most attention was the presence and benefits of worms in the gardens. Some of the benefits are worm castings for fertilizing the garden. These castings are used in worm casting tea or by composting directly in the soil. Many different methods and opinions were shared, an interesting and productive topic that provided new insights into the importance of worms in our gardens.

Finally, the bluebird that was nesting in our bluebird house literally flew the coop. Observations of our members indicate that there were three new hatches. They will be missed by all until next spring.

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr

On Friday, May 12, the LadyBirds attended a luncheon at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen. The event was coordinated by Gloria Scicluna to celebrate our last meeting for the 2022-2023 season. We will begin meeting again in September. In the meantime, check your email to see what luncheons will be happening monthly!

We look forward to meeting new members in September!

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We meet the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please come, 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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20th anniversary cake.

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Michigan Club members love getting together to share Michigan memories.

Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger



Late May and early June is a wonderful time to take a walk in the woods in Michigan. Peeking out from under fallen logs or at the base of trees you will see tiny little buds of white. It is trillium time! These miniature white flowers reappear every year to blanket the forest floor, heralding the warm weather to come. They are a protected species in Michigan and a treasure to all who discover them!

After sunset in our Great Lakes state, there is another find. Toward the upper part of the Michigan mitten, where the skies are clear and free of industrial and automotive smoke, the night sky is a canvas of stars, often lit by the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. A little research by NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center reveals the solar cycle this year is at a maximum which is when the most sightings of the colorful night skies take place. The cause is said to be solar winds colliding with earth’s surrounding atmospheric gases creating a painted sky effect.

Neighbors on Old Mission Peninsula,

the cherry farm capital, in Traverse City post pictures of the colorful skies – most often seen from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Like our magnificent sunrises and sunsets here in Florida, these Michigan night skies are like masterful paintings of aqua blue, green and violet light.

For vacations or cool summer get aways, Michigan has made its place in history. Michigan’s beaches, cool waters, great fishing, and wooded cabin hideaways have been loved for over a century. In fact, when the Michigan tourist association was born in 1917, the state already had a huge influx of folks coming to spend summers via steamship and train!

Come join others with Michigan roots and share your Michigan memories at our fall get together, Sunday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. It is an Oktoberfest potluck with a band, and the club providing fried chicken. Bring a side salad, vegetable, or pasta dish if your name begins with A-M. Bring a dessert if it begins with N-Z. Please RSVP to Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757 if attending, so we have enough chicken purchased. Thank you!

Please email [Nancy@nancy-meininger.com](mailto:Nancy@nancy-meininger.com) to be on our Michigan mailing list.

Native Plant Group

Ron Broman



It was August 2017. She was an “unexpected guest!”

It’s true. I didn’t plant her seeds; and I still don’t know how she arrived.

Since that first appearance we’ve looked for her every year; but have seen her progeny only once or twice.

This spring has been especially dry. Where our “lady” has shown herself gets watered twice a week. That’s nearly all the moisture we’ve gotten until the end of April. That’s when we got more than four inches in one “fell swoop.”

Wouldn’t you know that the day before yesterday I noticed something

white at the edge of one of the plantings. On closer inspection, Zepheranthes appeared, again like magic.

We still don’t know if she is Z. atamasco or Z. simsonii; but her very light pink tinges so faintly decorating her six white petals leave no doubt that she is back!

Could it be that she’s a harbinger of more rain this spring. We surely hope so!

To almost repeat what I wrote back in 2017, “Both species are found in wet, grassy meadows, flat woods, pastures, and ditches in central Florida. Z. atamasco’s range extends north to Mississippi and east to Virginia, while Z. simsonii tends to range further south.” Both species are listed as threatened in Florida!

It’s wonderful to have her back! Best wishes for a wonderful summer!



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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 featured speaker in May was Steven Wall from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Steven focused on hurricane preparedness. An important topic for us all since hurricane season officially begins this month. This program educated us about hurricane disaster preparedness and trained us in basic disaster response skills.

Our featured May charity was Open Arms Village located at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church. The mission of Open Arms Village is to combat homelessness by providing transitional hous-

Around the World Vacation Club

Ina Kline



Join our Facebook page (Around the World Vacation Club). You can also join by attending our monthly meetings. Our last meeting brought new members eager to hear about our club. We also had many existing members attending. Pictures were shown on the screen from our last group cruise to Panama, Costa Rica, Columbia, Cozumel, and other fun locations. We also shared our upcoming group vacation plans.

Our meeting in May was cancelled due to an impromptu river cruise opportunity.

Around the World Vacation Club is for residents who like to travel, share travel trips, enjoy listening to experienced speakers, travel trivia, and door prizes.

ing to homeless single men and supportive services to equip them to become independent and productive members of the community. Our members graciously donated many needed items to this organization.

We also collected donations for Operation Shoebox, a non-profit organization based in Belleview, Florida, 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 you to our members for your generosity!

Our members got to choose their top charities to receive a “special” year-end monetary donation from Women of the World. A questionnaire was prepared with background information on over 20 charities to be considered plus an opportunity to write in a charity of their choice if not listed. The top five charities selected by popular vote to receive a \$500 monetary donation are Ocala Domestic Violence Center, Marion County Senior Services, Kimberly’s Center for Child Protection, Covenant Children’s

Home, and Arnette House,

Our board for 2023-2024 is President Betty Thayer; First Vice President Anna McGonigal; Second Vice President Robin Waselewski; Treasurer Peggy Janisch; and Secretary Colleen Rocafort.

Chairwomen are Ellie Richards for Operation Shoebox; Janeen Kaufmann for refreshments; Barbara Martyn for telecommunications; Janet Smith as historian/photographer; Jan Spielvogel for golf cart transportation; and Janet Fragapane as advisor.

Women of the World does not meet over the summer months. We look forward to having you join us for the 2023-2024 club year beginning in September!

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month in the Recreation Center Ballroom at noon. The club is open to all women residents, including Gateway of Services pass holders. If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us on Thursday, Sept. 21, our first meeting for the 2023-2024 club year. If you require additional information, please give Betty Thayer, club president a call at 352-361-1313.

Genealogical Society

Ron Niebo



Our focus this spring are the stories genealogists might learn from their ancestors’ life-journey. Genealogy is more than just a review of static dates and places. It can also be a means to helping us understand the stories our ancestors lived and the decisions they made. Those stories/decisions changed their lives and, in some cases, motivated them to immigrate to the United States. You might ask: What if I no longer have an ancestor to interact with, or any family stories? This month, we will review how ethnic-specific groups might assist. Through exchanges with people whose ancestors came from the same geographic area, we can share historical facts and learn about similar life-experiences.

On Monday, June 19, our education coordinator, Sid Levine, will moderate a club member panel discussing ethnic research groups. It will review how to find these organizations and how they might assist your genealogy research.

First, let us define the word ethnic. Our definition focuses on national place or region of origin. We mean people who originated from a common geographic area (homeland) and have shared cultural traditions, ancestry, language, and history. Let us consider where you might find these ethnic genealogy research groups. Your search might begin on the internet by simply entering “ethnic genealogical groups.” The result will be an extensive listing of ethnic heritage/genealogy websites. Every genealogy software supplier, reference resource and magazine seems to have developed such a list. If you are a Facebook member, simply click on “Groups” and then enter the nationality or region of interest. You will get a list of relevant groups. You can search through these lists and assess the rich source of information each group can provide.

Members thanked Suzanne Mannio from The Statue of Liberty—Ellis Island Foundation for her presentation on the history and relevance of Ellis Island on Monday, May 15. Ellis Island may be a small island in New York Harbor, but the Ellis Island Immigration Station was a gateway for millions of immigrants to the United States from 1892 to 1954. Today, it is a popular tourist destination which invites visitors to learn about the rich history of immigration to the United States and to hear the recorded/personal stories of those who passed through its gates. Ellis Island is more than just a museum, it is a vital genealogy resource we can explore and learn from.

The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings 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.

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SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



Single Women’s Active Networking System (SWANS) started about 17 years ago for single women. We are a group of single women who have banded together from all walks of life. One thing we have in common is that we are all alone at this time in our lives. We have come together to offer each other any support necessary to navigate this chapter. We offer support, socialization, and a sense of belonging. We have many different networking activities in which to participate.

By now everyone has met at least twice since we signed up for our new appetizer-, lunch-, and dinner-in groups. 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. We hope you are getting to know each other and finding women you can establish friendships with. It is all about networking!

Another way to network is to attend our breakfast-, lunch-, and dinner-out events during the month. In May, we went to Wolfy’s, Southern Pig and Cattle, and Yummy House. Once again all these outings were well attended and

very enjoyable. Thanks to Sally Herrick, Rosemarie Lentine, Renee Turner, and Carol Seidman for hosting these events. If you would like to host a SWANS outing, please contact Lois Nix to volunteer.

Our barbeque was on Saturday, May 13, at the Veterans Park. We had it catered by Sonny’s BBQ which made for a lot less work for Kathy Kloos and Sandy Welch! We really appreciate all they do! Thanks to Sally Herrick for the coleslaw and everyone who brought brownies!

We continue to play samba each Saturday in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. If you know how to play the game, arrive at 9:45 a.m. with six decks of shuffled cards. Similarly, we are playing Hand and Foot in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II on Thursdays. Lois has reserved the room for us so if you know how to play, come at 10 a.m. and bring five sets of shuffled cards.

Many of us were in Daytona Beach Shores the week of May 21. This was one of our three yearly treks to Daytona. We had 20 rooms at the hotel for SWANS on this excursion. We always enjoy each other’s company and the great restaurants in Daytona. This trip we got to enjoy all the recently renovated rooms and public spaces at the hotel. Every room is nicely done!

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.

Travel Toppers

Mary Lamp



Reservations can be made for Travel Toppers trips/events Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with those coordinators listed for each event. Reservations 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 booked five plays to be presented at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater. The price for each is \$94 per person (check only) and includes the dinner, show, transportation, and driver tip. Below for each, in this order, will be the show’s name, the date of our trip to see it, the date a Travel Toppers representative can begin taking telephone reservations and their telephone number: Tootsie, Oct. 21, Aug. 7, Gail Ambrose, 954-614-0898; White Christmas, Dec. 16, Sept. 5, Sharon Stetson, 207-838-3776; Beautiful, Carol King, Jan. 20, 2024, Oct. 9, Diane Knox, 352-390-2386; Cats, April 6, 2024, Jan. 8, 2024, Linda Hein, 352-861-9880; and South Pacific, May 12, 2024, Feb. 5, 2024, Lisa Adams, 407-325-9863.

Our Father’s Day trip aboard the Barbara Lee on the St. Johns River is fully booked; wait list only.

Here are further details regarding our Valentine’s Day 2024 cruise on the Royal Caribbean’s Icon of the Seas. The cost is from \$2,345 per person based on double occupancy and includes the cruise, all fees and taxes, shipboard gratuities, travel protection insurance, and motor

Active Singles Club

Catherine White



In our sixth year of operation, the club has grown significantly in membership and scope. With close to 300 members, we enjoy a wide range of activities in and outside of On Top of the World and Ocala. These include taking advantage of the many events at the World Equestrian Center, hiking, dinners out, bocce, darts, wallyball, barbecues and pool parties, theater outings and more.

We all know what it is like to want to do something special but would like to have someone to enjoy it with. The Active Singles Club affords an opportunity for individuals to meet and find a few other people who have similar interests. Whether it is kayaking down Silver Springs or zip lining over the canyon,

there is someone who will want to join in on the fun.

Do you like to volunteer? We have many volunteer opportunities within the club for example helping hands. This is a small group of individuals who make themselves available to other members for certain everyday activities. Please refer to our website for more information on how to join.

Joining is easy, go to our website at [www.otowactivesinglesclub.com](http://www.otowactivesinglesclub.com) and click on “Join Our Club” and follow the instruction. On the website is a calendar of events and an easy way to sign up for the event. Got an idea? Just tell us and we will try and make it happen!

You can also find us on Facebook (OTOW Active Singles Club). Check out our group by attending a membership meeting followed by a happy hour.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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. From July

through December, we will be meeting at the Arbor Conference Center. Our annual club fee is \$10 per person.

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

To get the latest information about all our events, please visit [SilverRainbowClub.com](http://SilverRainbowClub.com), and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

We hope to see you soon!

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine



I suspect that you have heard about Angel Falls, but you probably are like me and have never been there. Well, let’s explore a bit.

It is in Canaima National Park in southeastern Venezuela. With a height of 3,211 feet and a straight drop of 2,648 feet, this is the highest uninterrupted waterfall in the world. For comparison, Niagara Falls has a fall of 165 feet, nearly 20 times shorter than Angel Falls.

Don’t feel bad about not having been there because a lot of people have not been there. It is very remote and getting to the base of the falls to observe it up

close and personal, is very difficult. Getting to it involves a long-motorized boat or canoe ride, wading across a shallow river, and a strenuous and muggy hike through a jungle to the overlook located near the foot of the waterfall.

The best time to go, obviously, is during the rainy season (June to December), which ensures there actually will be enough water in the river for there to be a waterfall. Even with all the trouble to get to the waterfall, there also is a risk that you won’t be able to see very much once you get there. If it is raining when you go, you may get soaked by the rain on your way, and the falls may be completely obscured by clouds, thus preventing you from seeing anything.

You might think that the name, Angel Falls, comes from the local indigenous people thinking the waterfall was a gift from the Gods, or something like that. Well, you would be wrong. Ironically, the waterfall was named for an American aviator named Jimmy Angel. He flew there in 1937 to prove to the world that the waterfall existed (not to mention his desire to search for gold). After landing

his airplane near the falls, he discovered to his dismay, that his plane was stuck in the mud! It turned out that the terrain atop the tepui (table-top mountain, or mesa) was too soggy for him to take off again. He, his wife, and three friends who had traveled with him, had no choice but to try to reach civilization by climbing down the cliffs of the tepui. After 11 dangerous and miserable days, they finally made it.

The unique landscape of the sheer, table-top mountains jutting out of the Venezuelan rainforest has been an inspiration for several artists over the years. One example is “Paradise Falls,” which is shown in the animated film produced by Disney/Pixar in their 2009 movie – “Up.”

The indigenous, and now official, name of Angel Falls, is Kerepakupai merú, which translates as “waterfall of the deepest place.” Hugo Chávez made the name change official in December 2009, during the time he was president of Venezuela. He said, “This is ours, long before Senior Angel arrived there.”



The Ukulele Club performing for the Southern Club.

Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow



Since our meeting on Tuesday, May 2 was our last meeting of this club year, we furnished a big sheet cake for our members to enjoy. We had enough to take some home and took the rest to our local firefighters at Marion County Fire Rescue Friendship Station 21. The members furnished the rest of the meal. As usual, we had a wide variety of selections and plenty for everyone. We certainly enjoy our potlucks and I want to personally thank all the great cooks who make the meals a success.

We welcomed six guests who will be joining us when we resume in September. Bob Czopek, our club president, couldn’t be there but he left us a note thanking all the members who helped with set-up and tear-down at each meeting. He reminded us that this is our club, and he is just there to facilitate our meetings. He asked for suggestions and ideas for what they would like next year. And lastly, told them to invite a friend to come see what a great club we have.

Our entertainment was provided by several members of the Ukulele Club. These talented musicians and singers have a wide variety of music to offer for their listeners’ pleasure. Their selection ranges from country to rock ‘n’ roll with lots of oldies that we could sing along with. A few that I remember are “Blue Bayou,” “Crocodile Rock,” “Crazy,” “California Dreamin’,” and even “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” We are so happy that they were able to come share their love of music with us. It was hard to decide who was having more fun.

Our next meeting won’t be until Tuesday, Sept. 5. All residents and Gateway of

Services pass holders are welcome. Our dues are \$10 per member per year. If you haven’t been before, you will need to show your resident ID card. If you have any questions or suggestions during the summer, call Bob at 352-857-8765. Our next column will appear in the September issue that is published Thursday, Aug. 31, to remind you of our meeting. (If you want to be sure not to miss it, make a note on your calendar right now.) I also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Beth Green, who will be taking over the writing of these columns.

And so, I’ll take a line from an old song and say, “See you in September.”



Several tourists trekking toward the base of Angel Falls in Venezuela.



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**Planner Extraordinaire**

By Jeff Wiita

Her name is Kim DiJoseph. She showed up at Call of the Wild Sports Club for the first time in May 2022, and the first thing I noticed was that she was exceptional. Her enthusiasm for fishing was childlike, and it was contagious. She and her husband moved down from Pennsylvania two years ago. His hobby is radio-controlled airplanes, and she was trolling for her hobby. She fell into our fishpond, and she did not know how to swim. However, she had all the skillsets to become a champion swimmer. Merriam-Webster would have called her a “dia-mond in the rough: one having exceptional quali-ties or poten-tial but lacking refinement or polish.” We, in the club, call her the “fishing di-rector.” One would ask, “Why would you choose an individual with no fishing experience as your fishing director? Au contraire, that is exactly the per-son we needed. There are more than enough sen-ior citizens in our club who know how to fish, will advise, or make recom-mendations, but do not have the skill sets to be a director. What we needed was Kim’s contagious, childlike enthu-si-asm for fishing, and her agape (i.e., an empathet-ic attitude of love for ev-eryone, anyone, and un-der any circum-stances). Kim once told me that she did not have a boat and that was a motivational factor for accepting the position. Wow, that is thinking outside the tackle box. She arranged our April 21 party boat

trip, and if you are a member and there was no room on this fishing trip, she would arrange a more personal fishing trip for you from her en-dorsed list of chartered captains. Her motto is, “Tell me what you want to do, and I will make it happen.” She may have started as a di-amond in the rough, but she is traveling at knot speed to becoming our polished diamond.

We traveled two hours to get to our first fishing spot. That was great fellow-ship time and thera-peutic for those en-joying the ride. The boat supplied 4/0 conventional rods and reels with 50-pound test mono-filament line, a three ounce egg weight, and a 7/0 circle hook on a 12” to 18” leader. The charter also supplied squid for bait. Our crew was Captain Chaz and Chief Mate Rob (aka Robert), and we were tar-geting grunt, mangrove snapper, porgy, hogfish, and trigger-fish. Many of our

members brought lighter gear, such as a medium action spinning rod with a 20-to-40-pound top shot and 1/2-to-3/4-ounce jig heads tipped with live shrimp. At the end of the day, all fish were fil-eted and put into Ziplock bags for mem-bers to take home and enjoy. If you would like further information or have any questions about our club, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club on Wednesdays, June 7, and July 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Build-ing Event Room. Also, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-6738.



Call of the Wild Sports Club members on a fishing party boat.  
Photo by Captain Chaz

**Season Comes to an End**

By Tamara Stanford

It has been an exciting line dancing year for our dancers. Instructor Darlene Miller found many fun new dances for each class. Hearing new music and learning new steps makes line dancing fresh and interesting. Darlene found a dance called “Concrete and Country”

and taught this dance to all four classes. This gives the classes another opportunity to dance in unison at dance parties. As happens each dance year, new in-struction for 2022/2023 will finish at the end of June. The 2023/2024 year will be-gin in September. While new instruction

stops for the summer, all other opportu-nities to practice, learn classic dances, dance at The Town Square, and attend dance parties continue. Dance parties are fun social events. In April, two classes – Absolute Begin-ners and Beginner I – gathered on a Sat-urday evening in the Recreation Center Ballroom for dancing. Donna Gordon and Kathy Cornell organized and hosted the event. The party was wonderful. The theme of the dance celebrated spring-

time. More parties are in the planning stages. Information about the dances will be provided by the practice instruc-tors when the details are finalized. The summer months are traditionally an opportunity for dance workshops. Re-view of classic dances and extra instruc-tion dedicated to difficult dance pat-terns are the usual focus for a workshop. The workshop held on Friday mornings continues. Many dancers from differ-ent classes attend. At times we dance together. Other times, there are floor splits. The participants determine the time spent on each dance. Kathy Cornell is the contact for the Friday workshop. There is also a workshop on Wednes-days held after the Beginner II prac-tice session. The attendees request the dance that they want to review. Most times the requests are from the practice session held prior to the workshop. Rose O’Rourke is the contact for the Wednes-day workshop. Instruction for new dances stops in July and August. However, the fun of line dancing with friends and reviewing the steps to classic dances continues. Line dancing music is played on Thursdays, at The Town Square from 7 to 10 p.m. Dance helpers are there un-til 8:30 p.m. The list of dances for each Thursday dance is available at Webuse.com/otowdance. You are always wel-comed to dance, visit with friends, or enjoy the music. For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact instructor Darlene Miller at 352-259-3696.



Absolute Beginners and Beginners I line dancers.  
Photo by Tamara Stanford

**Biking Our World**

By B.J. Leckbee  
World News Writer

Sometimes life causes us to take a curve in the road that we didn’t plan. And sometimes it’s for the best. Pete Hagberg seems to feel that way. After moving to our community, he decided to start walking five or six miles a day. But foot issues caused him to regroup, and he switched to biking instead. He’s on the road by 6 or 6:30 a.m. and he chooses to ride alone. He keeps track of his time and distance travelled. His routine became 12 miles each day at under an hour. After a few setbacks, he started biking again. His goal is to ride 12 miles a day in less than an hour again. This means “no time to chat” declares Pete. This year, he’s reached a goal – 10,000 miles. And he’s still biking around our world.



Pete Hagberg biking around our world.  
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Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sandra Byczek



Another exciting softball game was played between the women of On Top of the World and Stone Creek!

We hosted the Stone Creek women’s softball game on Saturday, May 6. Just like the game in April at Stone Creek, On Top of the World women showed up and played their best. We had multiple players making key defensive and offensive plays. Chris Lopez hit a triple and had five RBIs. Leslie Cameron hit a triple. Our pitcher, Irene Duncan, pitched an outstanding and complete game. Everyone played a fabulous game.

The lead changed hands several times and we trailed by only one run going into the final inning. In the top of the seventh inning, one of Stone Creek’s players hit a two-run home run that put the game out of our reach. The final score was Stone Creek 12 and On Top of the World nine.

We want to thank all the volunteers who arrived early to set up the field. Es-

pecially Ken Ryan and Robert Foster. We also want to thank the umpires, Doug Neely and Barry Girsch; the scorekeepers, Sherry Neely and Bernadette Ryan; and our announcer, Pete Feliciano. A special thanks to Bryan Tully for volunteering his time to help coach and share his vast experience and knowledge of ball playing. His guidance was visible on the playing field. We also want to thank our base coaches, Jose Lopez, and Bill Byczek.

Finally, thanks to our fans for showing up, supporting us and cheering us on!

If you are interested in playing with the women’s team, please come play in the co-ed recreational softball games on Saturday, at 8:45 a.m. Even if you aren’t interested in playing with the women’s team, you are invited to join us on Saturdays. Men and women participate in co-ed softball to meet new people, get exercise, and refresh or improve softball skills.

We play with a few modified rules. Everyone gets to participate. It’s all about having fun! Hope to see you there!

“The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity.” – Amelia Earhart



Photo by Donald Martin

On Top of the World and Stone Creek women's softball teams.

Softball

Pete Feliciano



Neighbors are asking, “What’s all the hubbub at the softball field the past few weekends?” Answer: Board of Director Dave Clune of the Softball Club organized the hosting of community invitational tournaments on Saturday mornings.

During the past few months, over 300 spectators and ball players have visited us from Stone Creek, Stone Crest, and Beverly Hills. Now taking the summer off, watch the news for upcoming game schedules to be played this fall.

Come one, come all as club volunteers barbecue the finest hot dogs and hamburgers you’ve ever tasted. As well, the fellowship is great as we cheer on our softball teams!

As many have already left, the club wishes our snowbirds “bon voyage” as they trek off to the north country homes

for cooler temperatures, but full timers remaining behind can still enjoy spectator play as the “tough as nails” club members kick off the summer season in early June.

Big thanks to our volunteer ball players who traveled to SummerGlen and played in the ninth annual Over 70 Classic Invitational tournament. Led by club president, Brad Youngberg and head coach, Jeffery Thomas, the team made it to the third round of tournament play – well done.

If you are interested to become a member of our club, join our new player orientation (NPO) typically conducted at the softball field on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. (check the club bulletin board or website for more details). The club hosts two divisions (National and American) consisting of approximately 160 players playing three 16- week seasons totalling almost 96 games per year. Email otowsoftball@gmail.com for more information. If you are a veteran, watch out for news concerning the upcoming Veterans Day Classic second annual softball tournament on Friday, Nov. 10.



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On Top of World plays tournament at SummerGlen.



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Blue Team captures the second annual Ladies World Cup.

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Golf

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The PGA Tour is in mid-season with the 2023 US Open just days away. This year's US Open will be held at the Los Angeles Country Club in Los Angeles, California. Matt Fitzpatrick will be defending his title. Here are the professional staff picks for this year's event: Matt Hibbs – Sung-Jae Im, Denise Mullen – Justin Thomas, Russ Smith – Justin Thomas, and Trey Rath – John Rahm. We wanted to thank all the ladies who participated in the second annual Ladies World Cup last month. The Purple and Blue Teams battled it out over two days with the Blue Team emerging as the champions by a score of 28.50 to 19.50. We hope everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's

event. On Top of the World Golf Club will host the annual Flag Day Tournament on Friday, June 30. Tee times begin at 7 a.m. and you will pick your time upon registration. Every player will receive a flag at the first tee. You will plant your flag on the golf course once you hit your last shot, which is par for the course plus your course handicap. Example (par 72 + handicap -18 = 90) so after you hit your 90th shot, that is where you will plant your flag. Entry fee is \$15 per player, and you can create your own foursome. Check with the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more information. The professional golf staff would like to remind everyone about proper golf cart safety. Here are a few tips for safe driving:

1. Keep all body parts (arms, hands, and feet) in the cart always.
2. Never operate a cart with people standing on the back platform.
3. Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
4. Avoid distractions (talking/texting on cell phone) while driving.
5. Operate the cart from driver's side only.
6. Use extreme caution when turning around blind spots.
7. Never drive while intoxicated.
8. Reduce speed in high traffic areas (around the clubhouse).
9. Use caution when driving in inclement weather.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, June 9: Beat the Pro at Candler Hills.
- Monday, June 12 through Thursday, June 15: The Links closed for aeration.
- Friday, June 30: Flag Day Tournament at The Links with 7 a.m. tee time.

World Accolades

**CANDLER HILLS:** Kurt Maslowski, hole-in-one #5. Jeff Richardson, eagle #15. Reinhard Koller, eagle #12. Don Huston shot 83 his age. Jan Christ, eagle #7. Greg Hofmann, eagle #7. Brad Best, eagle #7. Chris Piotrowski, hole-in-one #5 and shot 71 twice in one week. David Steel, hole-in-one #5. Jimmy Marley, eagle #2. Jim McGlashan, eagle #7.

**THE LINKS:** Bob Marks, hole-in-one #5. Joe O' Loughlin, eagle #3. Brian Henderson, eagle #10. Dwight Weirich, eagle #4.

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Tony Morris, eagle #5. Guy Wathen, eagle #3.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

Golf Tip of the Month

You're facing a tricky six-footer to win your match; palms are sweating, and your heart is racing. A consistent pre-shot routine is the key to staying focused and not letting your emotions dictate your putting stroke. Keep your pre-shot routine simple and really focus on the rhythm of your stroke. The less your mind wanders the better the chance for a smooth stroke. Keep this in mind next time you have that downhill six-footer to win the match.

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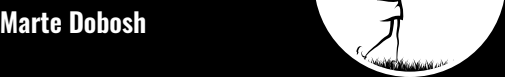
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Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

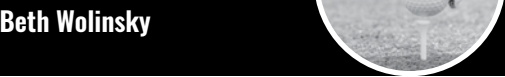


After a particularly poor round, a golfer spotted a lake as she walked despondently up the 18th fairway. She looked at her caddie and said, “I’ve played so badly all day, I think I’m going to drown myself in that lake.” The caddie, quick as a flash, replied, “I’m not sure that you can keep your head down that long.”

Our ladies enjoyed lots of laughs and good-natured competition in late April, battling it out in a two-day World Cup event that started with a raucous pairings party. The Blue Team persevered and earned bragging rights for a year!

Early May meant the annual mini-golf tournament, followed by a pizza party. Nearly 40 players honed their putting skills in the 36-hole contest, with several hole-in-ones celebrated on the course!

Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole



The Candler Hills LGA-18 Championship was held Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5. It is always exciting, and this year did not disappoint. Our overall champion for 2023 is Betsy Maugherman. Congratulations, Betsy!

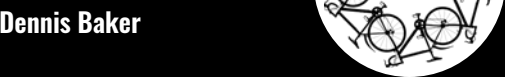
We have a new member who has joined the league: Brenda Hoffman. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her.

Our Summer Survivor events will continue from June to September. The first one takes place on Thursday, June 15, playing the game Better Ball of Partners. More details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

When we are on the course, it’s easy to get discouraged. But, when that happens, I like to think about what Bobby Jones said, “Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots; but you have to play the ball where it lies.”

The Candler Hills LGA-18 is open to any woman resident. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly

Cycling Club



The Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club meets three times each week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for meet ‘n’ match rallies, where rides are set up on the spot according to the abilities and desires of those who show up. For convenience, most rallies originate from the Power Park on SW 90th Street. This is your opportunity to find cyclists matching your abilities and preferences to share the joy of cycling

Our league welcomes new members Debra Dematteo and Rosann Ross just in time for some summer fun! With warmer weather upon us, we will be missing some members as they head to cooler climes. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer, and we look forward to a full field for our Tuesday, Sept. 19, 40th league anniversary celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar for the event that will honor our founding mothers!

**Low Gross/Net (Individual)**  
**April 11/The Links Gross**

Flight 1: 75–Shelly Karsnitz. 78–Sandy Snyder.  
Flight 2: 85– Mary Ann Livingston. 87– Darlene DeBerry.  
Flight 3: 89–Janette Sheil. 91–Linda Blewitt.  
Flight 4: 92–Marlena Laclair. 95–Molly Lucieer.  
Flight 5: 90–Susan Martin. 98–Liz Lang.  
Flight 6: 89–Jean Czachor. 102–Rosann Ross.

**Net**

Flight 1: 76–Linda Taylor. 77–Lynn Colomb.  
Flight 2: 73–Marcela Nunez. 74–Katie Schriewer.  
Flight 3: 75–Mary Dawson. 78–Betty McNeeley.

Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com. It is a fun way to meet new ladies and play golf.

Finally, don’t forget to hydrate, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

**Low Gross/Net (Individual)**  
**April 6 Gross**

Flight 1: 73–Sandy Snyder. 79–Christine Giza.  
Flight 2: 84–Lori Pizzini. 89–Connie Norris.  
Flight 3: 92–Janette Sheil. 94–Jane Hall.  
Flight 4: 95–Toni Stevenson. 96–Ellen Brin.  
Flight 5: 93–Kate Beaty. 103–Liz Lang.  
Flight 6: 97–Cynthia Gersten. 103–Jan Christ.

**Net**

Flight 1: 72–Lisa Free. 73–Gail Lagrange.  
Flight 2: 72–Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 75–Page Falconer, Angelita Jingco.  
Flight 3: 76–Mary Ruffner. 78–Karen Schroeckenthaler.  
Flight 4: 77–Teri Stecker. 78–Iro Lisinski.  
Flight 5: 79–Roxiann Dwyer. 84–Anne Dahlen.  
Flight 6: 77–Joann Delmar. Tie at 79–Sandra Randles, Kathy Zunica.

**Scramble/Shamble (Team)**  
**April 13**

101–Sandy Snyder, Janette Sheil, Mary A. Cunningham, Jean Czachor. 105–Betsy Maugherman, Paula Lilly, Beth Wolinsky, Rosann Ross. 109–Christine Giza, Vickie Foster, Cynthia Gersten. Tie at 110–Lori Pizzini, MJ Strelec, Chris McIntire, Kathy Zunica. Maria Fournier, Virginia Combs, Iro Lisinski, Jan Christ.

Flight 4: 78–Jean Hsu. 80–Liz Pruss.  
Flight 5: 77–Cynthia Gersten. 81–Roxiann Dwyer.  
Flight 6: 74–Jacquelin Randour. 80–Gloria Cullins.

**Best Front/Best Back, Two Best Ball (Team)**  
**April 18/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Tie at 66 (Front)–Vadonna Hall, Connie Sohl, Susan Martin and Shelly Karsnitz, Diane Boston, Molly Lucieer, Carol Carney. 62 (Back)–Betsy Maugherman, Page Falconer, Peggy Benedict.  
67 (Front)–Chris Giza, MJ Strelec, May Chin, Sandra Randles.  
Tie at 68 (Back)–Bobbie Weiner, Mary Ann Livingston, Donna Brunell, Sandy Chase and Lori Pizzini, Marcela Nunez, Jean Hsu, Roxiann Dwyer.  
Tie at 69 (Front)–Lynn Colomb, Katie Schriewer, Betty McNeeley and Lisa Free, Virginia Combs, Iro Lisinski, Rosann Ross and Darlene DeBerry, Linda Blewitt, Donna Isaac, Liz Lang.

**Three, Two, One (Team)**  
**April 25/The Tortoise & The Hare**

137–Chris Giza, Joann Dellapenna, Donna Brunell, Carol Carney. 139–Bev Ovrebo, Janetta Sheil, Karen

Schroeckenthaler. 140–Lori Pizzini, Mary Ruffner, Peggy Weichmann, Jacquelin Randour. Tie at 141–Linda Taylor, Debby Wilson, Eileen Gustavus and Maria Fournier, Linda Blewitt, May Chin, Sandy Chase. 142–Betsy Maugherman, Mary Dawson, Nancy Zielinski, Marla Bennett.

**Low Gross/Net (Individual)**  
**May 2/The Tortoise & The Hare Gross**

Flight 1: 75–Sandy Snyder. 79–Betsy Maugherman.  
Flight 2: 82–Diane Boston. 88–Kathleen Goodwin.  
Flight 3: 87–Joann Dellapenna. 88–Joyce Jones.  
Flight 4: 93–Chris McIntire. 96–Molly Lucieer.  
Flight 5: 91–Nancy Zielinski. 92–Karen Schroeckenthaler.  
Flight 6: 97–Peggy Benedict and Jan Christ.

**Net**

Flight 1: 71–Bev Ovrebo. 75–Shelly Karsnitz.  
Flight 2: 73–Maria Fournier. 76–Marcela Nunez.  
Flight 3: 70–Debby Wilson. 72–Connie Sohl.  
Flight 4: 76–Mary Ruffner. 77–May Chin.  
Flight 5: 69–Debra DeMatteo. 73–Eileen Gustavus.  
Flight 6: 70–Marla Bennett. 76–Sandy Chase.

111–Mary Ann Livingston, Darlene DeBerry, Liz Pruss, Maria Bennett.

**1, 2, 3 (Team)**  
**April 27**

122–Betsy Maugherman, Angelita Jingco, Jonell Washburn, Carol Carney. Tie at 125– Peggy Ellenberger, Virginia Combs, Jean Czachor, DeAnne Green. Kathleen Goodwin, Joyce Jones, Blind, Sandra Randles.

**Championship (Individual)**  
**May 4/5**

Champion: 153–Betsy Maugherman.

**Gross**

Flight 1: 159–Sandy Snyder.  
Flight 2: 161– Patti Kelly. 164–Linda Taylor. 171–Dawn Carroll.  
Flight 3: 173–Virginia Combs. 177–Janette Sheil. 178–Paula Lilly.  
Flight 4: 190–Teri Stecker. 191–Virginia Madura.  
Tie at 196–Iro Lisinski, Karen Schroeckenthaler.  
Flight 5: 192–Peggy Shanfelt. 207–Anne Dahlen

**Net**

Flight 1: 148–Michele Otto.  
Flight 5: 155–Cynthia Gersten.

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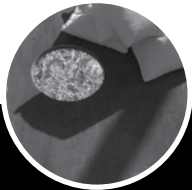


Open play hosts/facilitators - George Gross, Marie and Bill Reape.

Photo by Vince Stevens

Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



Open play has experienced a bit of a slow-down last month, with overflow crowds being the exception rather than the rule. Full-house participation remains the norm, however, particularly at our Monday and Wednesday sessions.

We were pleased to welcome Craig Martin to our cornhole hall of fame with the impressive accomplishment of five three pointers in a row during open play.

**INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE:** Our next class is scheduled for Monday, June 19, at 11 a.m. Residents who may have played cornhole at the beach, or in a backyard, enjoyed the competition, and are somewhat familiar with the basics of the sport will pick up some valuable tips and tricks of the game. Residents who are new to the sport can learn about this popular activity from the ground up.

Regardless of experience or lack thereof, these sessions are entertaining and provide a full hour of fun, and a bit of exercise as a bonus. Our resident instructor emeritus, Bill Ballweg, provides an entertaining half-hour of instruction on the basics followed by 30 to 45 minutes of practice time to build on the first 30 minutes.

Two comments are universal among participants, “It’s a lot of fun,” and “It’s not as easy as it looks.” To ensure individual attention for all attendees, registration is required. To register, simply email names of attendees, and contact information to otowcornhole@yahoo.com.

**OPEN PLAY:** Open play continues Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. Because our venue and equipment limitations enable us to accommodate only 20 players at any given time, open play hosts will continue the practice of starting play when the first 20 players are on site and ready to play, which may be well before our advertised start time. Members arriving after play has started may have a short wait until a lane opens. Wait time may be 15 or 20 minutes but could possibly be much shorter. Starting play when capacity is reached dictates that lanes will open sooner, and later arrivals will have a shorter, if any, wait.

Our open play volunteer hosts/facilitators work hard to set up equipment, assign lanes, and ensure that the venue is properly secured following play. They are essential to ensuring that these sessions run smoothly.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** League play remains on hiatus during the summer months. We plan to resume league activities in the late August/September time frame.

Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



Thanks to president, Paul Stadterman, for giving another club serving skills lesson in April. It was good to see interest in learning proper serving techniques, especially as we look forward to having more inter-club play with other 55-plus communities in our area. Proper serving will also become more critical as our club eventually holds tournament play where the rules are stricter or if members wish to compete in the Senior Games.

Did you know there were rule changes to help slow down the game of table tennis? After the 2000 Olympics, in Sydney, Australia, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) made several rule changes aimed at making table tennis more viable as a TV spectator sport! First, replacing the older and smaller ball (1.50 inches) with the current 1.57-inch ball in October 2000. This larger ball increased air resistance and effectively slowed down the game and countered players increasing the thickness of the sponge layer on their paddles, which made the game excessively fast and difficult to watch on TV. This ball change created some controversies, as then world number one table tennis professional, Vladimir Samsonov, threatened to pull out of the World Cup, scheduled to debut the new regulation ball on Oct. 12, 2000.

A few months later, the ITTF changed from a 21-point to an 11-point scoring system (and serve rotation reduced from five points to two), effective in September 2001. This was intended to make games more fast-paced and exciting. The ITTF also changed rules on service to prevent a player from hiding the ball during service, to increase the average length of rallies and reduce the server’s advantage, effective in 2002. For the opponent to have time to realize a serve is taking place, the ball must be tossed a minimum of 6.3 inches in the air.

All events are now to be played with the new poly material ball made of a polymer instead of celluloid and colored white or orange, with a matte finish. Ball color choice is made according to table color and surroundings. For example, a white ball is easier to see on a green or blue table than a gray table. Manufacturers often indicate quality of the ball with a star rating system, from one to three, three being the highest grade. As this system is not standard across manufacturers, the only way a ball may be used in official competition is having the ITTF approval printed on the ball.

Come join us and have some fun! Our schedule: Beginner 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 p.m. 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.

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Arbor Water Volleyball Club picnic.

R/C Sailing Club

Gene Mangold



Richard was enjoying a sunny day at Tusawilla Park with his beautifully maintained vintage Kyosho Seawind R/C sailboat. Oh! No! He got an important call while attempting to round the first race mark with six other boats. What to do? Hand the controls to his wife! Toni loved it and got second in the race. She was offered another boat to sail, and she was hooked. Richard and Toni now have a new pink or blue DF95 R/C sailboat in their future.

Richard and Toni Jaeschke just moved into On Top Of the World from Champions Gate, Florida, a few days prior and were looking for fun things to do. They read about the races in the World News and decided to explore historic downtown Ocala and Tusawilla Park just a few blocks northwest of the city center. They explained to us they were impressed with so many clubs and amenities which made their decision to move

here easy. They said the recreation section was important to them in locating clubs, including the R/C Sailing Club.

We had a record number of boats racing in May despite all the spring winds. On one Wednesday we had 10 boats which was a new record for us. David and Cindi Naumann, another visiting couple, had a similar experience as Richard. Cindi was offered a boat and ended up finishing in the top four for a few races. After such great fun David and Cindi purchased a new DF95 from a dealer in The Villages even though most dealers have it on backorder.

The DF95 is a joy to sail and is the most popular R/C sailboat racing in the US. The DragonFlite 95 is a yacht designed to be a convenient size, on and off the water. Its lightweight and long, narrow hull gives great performance in all wind strengths. It has astonishing speed downwind with almost no tendency to “nosedive.” We have several DF95 boat owners anxiously wanting to show off their new shiny boats so come see them. Other popular boats in the club fleet are Seawind, Soling and Victoria.

Races are held every Sunday and Wednesday, at noon. A race day usu-

Arbor Water Volleyball Club

Arlene Carlton



The Arbor Water Volleyball Club continues to provide fun and exercise to its growing membership. Thanks to management, a new net and two pool deck boxes to store the club’s equipment when not in use were purchased.

The club wishes to recognize all the work that vice president, Pete, put in getting this all done. All these changes vastly improved the courts of play and the safe storage of the equipment.

Another spring season and another membership picnic was enjoyed at the Veterans Park in April. It was well attended by members and their families. After reciting the pledge of allegiance, everyone enjoyed great barbequed sandwiches provided by the club along with all the donated tasty sides and desserts. After eating, the real fun began.

Trophies were announced this year – both serious and humorous to reflect this fun group. Kim received the trophy

for most improved player and was both surprised and pleased with the honor. Gary was rewarded with the trophy of most likely to set anyone at anytime and anywhere! Tony was delighted to receive the dolphin award for spending the most time under water while the award for “last to arrive and first to leave” went not unexpectedly to Rich. Diggy of course was honored with a trophy for never knowing the correct score.

Games continued into the evening and among the winners were Sharon winning the accurate serving award and the team of Jerry and Amy winning the water balloon toss. Prizes included various gift cards to the winners.

A special shout-out from the club to the Arbor Fitness Center pool staff who continue to be supportive and patient with our group and seem to enjoy retrieving our out of bounds balls. Peggy, Jim, Chuck and all the others are just plain terrific.

The club plays three days a week at the Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool. If you are interested in learning more about this club, please feel free to contact club president Dan Connors at dan-4birdie@gmail.com.



Photo by Gene Mangold

DF 95 sailors Bernie, Nub, Fred and Larry.

ally lasts for two hours with many three minutes starts around four yellow and green buoys. Nub Kopisca very graciously maintains the buoys and starts the races. He usually is the first to arrive

and the last to leave so if you drive out to the pond, probably he will be your first contact.

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Men’s Golf Association

John Yenne



Members of the Men’s Golf Association should be ready for another summer of high humidity in central Florida. In June, the humidity averages about 75% and rises through September. Club grips will become slippery, and even club faces could have less traction. Your best friends may be an extra towel and even a pair of dry golf gloves. High humidity can also affect golf balls because it reduces air density. It can change the trajectory of your ball flight. It can also affect ball compression, making shots even harder to control. At least you’ll have more excuses for errant shots. Increased fatigue could result from high humidity. Staying hydrated will not only help you physically, but it will also improve your decision-making on the course.

Our membership currently stands at

- 226.
- Mark these upcoming events Wednesdays in your calendar:
- June 7: Chicken Day (Links)
  - June 14: 2 Best Ball (Team at The Tortoise & The Hare)
  - June 21: Best Ball (Team at The Links)
  - June 28: Beat the Pro (The Tortoise & The Hare)

Chicken Day Scramble  
May 3/The Links

Tie at 53–Larry Manion, Charlie Taylor, John Snyder, Tary Bole; Rusty Rhodes, Robert Kuhl, Thomas Laclair, John Divito. Tie at 54–David Keebler, Dick Emmons, Bruce Venslavsky, Marvin Jendro; Michael Almon, Dwight Weirich, Mike Key, Mike Kurlakowsky; Joe Polizzotti, Ralph Norton, Matt Raies, Tim Carlisle. Tie at 55–Kevin McGuinness, David Clune, James Thompson, Lance Davsko; James Gourlay, Dale Budd, David Wohlleber; Mike Ball, Garfield Gray, Norm Hayworth, David Garland; Terry Spurlock, Ken Zweiback, Paul Stoecklin, Paul Randles; Brian Henderson, David Woitek, Joseph Dunnack, Tom Nicholl; Philip Shaw, William (Bill) Truby, Thomas Kujawa. Tie at 56–Robert Coughanour, Donald Wheeler, Mike Carver, Paul Silliman; Brian Bennett, Mike

Madura, Mike Stanford, Leonard Ruble; Joe Wilks, Frank Giordano, Raymond Hendrix, Michael Dwyer.

**1, 2, 3 Best Ball (Team)  
May 10/The Links**

118–Rick Schriewer, Jim Nicholson, Ronald Grob, Donald Noel. 121–Thomas Laclair, Dennis McCourt, Tom Nicholl. 123–Jim Weaver, Garfield Gray, Paul Stoecklin, Joe Baumgartner. 124–James Gourlay, Mike Key, Bruce Venslavsky, Barry Barringer. Tie at 125–Tim Clarkin, David Clune, Joseph Dunnack,

Candler Hills  
Men’s Golf

Rick Pettit



With the harder fairways and winter roll finally behind us, summer is now with us which will bring back the warmer weather and much needed showers to help our golf course stay green and beautiful.

Your board would like to thank everyone for all the positive feedback we have received since implementing our new system that will allow us to fairly adjust our members to the correct tee boxes based on age and handicap indexes. Please remember this will be looked at twice a year for any adjustments to be made at that time.

We have not had any program in place prior to now and feel this widely accepted format will make it more competitive for all golfers at every level. If you feel you have a special situation that needs attention, visit the Golf Shop and asks for a tee assignment request form and

Ladies  
9-Hole Golf

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- LGA-9 schedule for June will be on the following Tuesdays:
- June 6: Four Clubs & a Putter. To play, bring any four clubs of your choosing and a putter.
  - June 13: Even Holes. Play your normal round of golf, and we will use the scores on the even numbered holes toward the game.
  - June 20: Low Net. Play your own

David Garland; Philip Shaw, Art Olerud, Bigelow Robinson, Carl Zeiler. 126–Mike Ball, Doug Buckler, Robert Dellapenna, James Tolson. Tie at 127–James McCormack, Rusty Zarrell, David Emmons, Paul Randles; Larry Newbold, John Owen, Jim Kurlapski, John Divito. Tie at 128–Larry Manion, Tom Fragapane, Tim Williams, Loren Magsam; Jeff Holmes, Fred Visnaw, Richard Deschenes, Leonard Ruble; Mike Madura, Rick Plesea, John Snyder, Mario Grosso; Don Edmond, Dennis Kissen, Roy Coombes, Paul Snyder.

get it to a board member so we can look over and make a decision. As our membership is closing in on 170 members, we need to maintain fairness to all golfers.

What a great time was had by all 40 golfers playing over two days against Stone Creek’s 40 players. We played a combination of nine holes best ball net of the twosome followed by nine holes of alternate shot day one at Candler Hills. Day two was all singles format at Stone Creek. I am sorry to report that the Challenge Cup was won by Stone Creek. We would like to thank both facilities and the golf staff for making these a wonderful two days. Cannot wait until next year for this event.

Always remember that with this great game we all need some help in certain areas that are bothering us. Take advantage of our professionals and get a lesson or two. You will be amazed that after a few practice sessions how quickly you can improve. Like with anything, you will get out of it what you put into it.

Remember champions are made by the practice that others will not do. (Unknown)

ball and your handicap will be deducted from your total score.

- June 27: Team Scramble. Tee off, pick the best drive and everyone plays from there. You repeat this process until the ball is holed.

In June, we start to see temperatures rising outside. To help combat the heat, I want to remind everyone to make sure to come prepared:

- Bring water to keep yourself hydrated.
- Wear/bring cold towels that you can wet and put around your neck.
- “Ready golf” is another great way to beat the heat and a lot of times is overlooked.

If you have never heard of “ready golf” then let me explain. Traditionally under the rules of golf, the order of play is decided in two ways:

1. On the tee shot of a hole, the player who goes first is the player with the lowest score on the previous hole.
2. On every shot after the tee shot, the player who goes next is the player whose ball is farthest from the hole.

However, when you play “ready golf,” you throw all this thinking out the window. The only rule you need to know is whether you’re on the tee or anywhere else on a hole, the golfer who is ready to hit can go ahead and hit. “Ready golf” enables players to move at a much faster pace, and it allows them the freedom to not waste time worrying about who is supposed to hit next. This will also help with your pace of play on the course ensuring that your group will get around the course in a timely manner. I hope everyone finds these tips helpful.

Candler Hills Ladies  
9-Hole Golf

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As we get into June, we are met by the unfortunate rise in temperatures that can make it increasingly more difficult to have fun on the course and play our best golf. I want to discuss a couple of different things that can keep you playing your best in the summer months.

One of the most important things you can do when playing golf in the heat is to stay hydrated. Make sure to bring plenty of water with you to the course and drink it throughout your round. Consider drinks that are high in electrolytes to replace lost fluids in the heat.

Another thing to keep in mind when playing in the summer is to make sure you are staying positive on the course even though we may find ourselves getting fatigued at an increasing rate. As you get tired you may find yourself losing focus and not enjoying the game as much as you normally do. Making a conscious effort to stay positive can help you stay in the game mentally and recover better from bad shots or small mistakes on the course.

Playing golf in the heat can be a challenge but with a few adjustments and precautions, it can still be enjoyable. Try these things out the next time you are on the course and hopefully you can keep playing your best golf all summer long!

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A Fond Farewell

The wellness opportunities here at On Top of the World are abundant! Our community has a vast selection of activities to choose from: you can exercise, socialize, learn, travel, be entertained, play a sport, join a club, or even start a new club! Many of these things are available to you because of the hard work that Larry Robinson and Theresa Fields have put into their roles as Recreation Center Fitness Center facility coordinator (Larry) and Recreation Center program manager (Theresa). These two wonderful people are retiring soon, Theresa in June and Larry in July.

I have had the pleasure of working with Larry for the last 15 years. Larry started here as a full-time personal trainer and was promoted soon after to facility coordinator. He manages the operations of the fitness center, and teaches fitness classes, but his greatest gift to our community is the guidance he provides his clients. He helps them to move better, feel better and live a strong independent life. Early on, I nicknamed Larry our “wellness ambassador.” His warm and welcoming demeanor ensures that our residents feel confident and comfortable in the fitness center. No wonder he told me that his greatest accomplishment was “the opportunity to inspire individuals to stay healthy through exercise and nutrition. And ... put a smile on every person’s face I meet.”

I am happy to report that Larry will still be teaching some fitness classes here. This is great news because his classes are extremely popular. He helps us move better and makes us smile, two of the most important things for living well. He says he will depart with fond feelings expressing, “The thing I will miss most is the camaraderie I have developed with all my co-workers which makes my job not a job but an enjoyable experience. Something I will miss and cherish for a long time. Plus, the relationship I have formed with my clients and residents.”

Theresa has been my steadfast partner in wellness programming here at On Top of the World; she has been dedicated to her role for over 18 years. We manage different components of wellness, but the result is the same – we create opportunities to bring people together, get them moving, socializing, and engaging in life.

I asked Theresa to reflect on some of her achievements over the years, here is what she had to say, “I feel my biggest contribution to On Top of the World has been working closely with all the residents and clubs, helping to make their retirement years the best. I have seen the community grow and knowing that I was able to assist with facility and amenity needs as well as creating activities, trips, and a variety of entertainment for the different age groups was very rewarding.”

Weight Loss Group

Lucy Eberly



Come join us! We are a group of residents looking to lose weight in a healthy and supportive way. We get together once a week to share ideas on weight loss, exchange recipes and tips to help us meet our personal goals.

Congratulations to the Tuesday morning group who had a net weight loss for April of 28.6 pounds.

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 [ljisisco@comcast.net](mailto:ljisisco@comcast.net) or Gail at [gbhopper@yahoo.com](mailto:gbhopper@yahoo.com).



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9:00 am	S.O.S. TRISH	BEAT LORI	S.O.S. KITTI	Dance Aerobics PENNY	S.O.S. TRISH
10:00 am	Balanced Body LARRY	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body INGRID
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI	Brain Power BP TEAM	Get Fit While You Sit JOE	Move to Improve Parkinson's SUE	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI
11:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Zumba® Gold JOSE		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics LOE
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*	Punch Out PD POPD COACHES	Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Advanced Tai Chi ART	
3:00 pm	VYP Chair Yoga JOE		Chair Yoga TRISH	Qi Gong ART	
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga KATHY		Yoga SANDRA	

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM  
\*Fitness Orientations and Balance Assessments are free. Space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534.

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Beginner Tai Chi NANCY	Warrior MAUREEN	Intermediate Tai Chi ART	Warrior MAUREEN	
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion GIB	Yoga JOE	Pilates Fusion MAUREEN	Yoga HELANE
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG GIB	Yoga CARRI	STRONG JOE
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		Stretch, Flex & Balance DENISE B
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM  
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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
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm	Open Swim	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**				
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
6:00 - 8:15 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

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\*\*Fee-based class

She also noted that there are things she will miss, “I enjoyed the challenge of creating new and exciting events and I will miss that. However, in all honesty the thing I will miss the most is the special rapport that I have had with so many of the residents throughout the years, and the great team of employees who I worked with. They were like family, and I will truly miss them all.”

We will miss Larry and Theresa dearly and wish them all the best in this next big step in life. Thank you for all you have done to help build an empire of wellness here at On Top of the World.



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R/C Flyers Club

Ray Ihlenburg



The 15th annual Spring Fly-In was held at the flying field on Saturday, April 22. The weather was clear, sunny and the wind mild for the first time in a long while.

The event, narrated by Bob “Robo” Wroblewski, and overseen by Jack Kezelian, contest director, was a complete success. The Fly-In attracted 33 pilots from surrounding areas and local clubs such as the Ocala Flying Model and Tri-County R/C Clubs.

Model aircraft from many flight eras were represented. There were several biplanes from World War I, including one with a wingspan of over 100 inches. The World War II era was represented by several examples of Flying Iron such as a Corsair, and a large scale Skyraider. Vietnam era planes were represented by an F-100 Super Sabre. Modern era jets such as an F-22 Raptor and even a B-2 Spirit flying wing were flown by John Workman. There were also a host of aerobatic aircraft in many colors and sizes. The event saw a few planes scuffed, but no crashes.

The day started at 8 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts being offered to pilots and other attendees. As the event progressed, the “cooking commandos” fired off the grills and within a few hours over 300 meals had been served.

With pilots and attendees, there was little preferred parking left. The parking crew shuttled and directed hundreds of cars and golf carts without incident – save for a single vehicle being stuck in the soft sand. A snatch rope and a willing four-wheeler had him out in a jiffy.

Our 2022 Fall Fly-In featured a short skit with a flying superman. This year’s spring noon event featured a “combat” exhibition during which nine pilots flying at the same time, with the object being to cut the ribbon off another’s plane. It looked and sounded like a swarm of mad hornets. A couple ribbons were cut, and a single plane was downed. Don Wright’s combat idea was a hit for some more than others at the noon time show. The crowd enjoyed the carnage as much as we do.

Once again, a big thanks to management for their support and an even big-

ger thank you to the many residents who came out. It’s a chance for the community to have fun and see what all the fuss is about. As a resident, you’re invited to watch the flying anytime and even join the club too. There are information handouts under the main pavilion.

See you in the fall!

The maiden of the month plane belongs to John Sepe. The maiden flight took place the morning of Tuesday, April 4. The model is a Somethin’ Xtra that John says he purchased as an ARF from SIG. He is using a G-Force 4250/600 kv motor with a 60-amp ESC. It flew extremely quiet. The after-maiden report was “The plane flies great, very predictable even at half throttle.” That’s a very pleased smile John is wearing.



John Sepe's SIG Somethin'Xtra on maiden flight morning.



Photo by Barry Barnhart

The resurfaced courts are open.

Top Pickleball Club

Barry Barnhart



On Cinco de Mayo, after four weeks of repairs, our pickleball players were able to resume play on the newly resurfaced upper and lower courts. The 16 courts look like new!

Training sessions have also resumed for club players to improve their game. The club has launched a new training session portfolio for all members as follows:

- PB101 Beginners Training: Learn the basics of the game including safety, court etiquette, scoring, and serving. A great introduction session if you are new to the game.
- PB102 The 10 Mistakes Made by Beginners: Students will understand what the 10 mistakes are and how to improve on each. Perfect for players with minimum experience.
- PB103 Serves and Returns: Serving is the most important skill in pickleball. Learn tips to improve this part of your game. Beneficial to all players.
- PB104 Forehand and Backhand: Experience longer volleys and develop more confidence in these ground strokes.
- PB105 Skills Building: Taught by

our award-winning instructor, Doug Moffatt, learn to bring your game to the next level through instruction on all facets of the game. Designed for Intermediate and above players.

- PB106 Advance Skills Building: This session includes instruction on techniques to improve your court partnership skills. Be a better partner, court strategy and tips on improving any weak areas.

Club rating program consists of a three-step process:

1. Attend a rules classroom session.
2. Participate in a skills assessment.
3. Complete a play assessment.

Club members can improve their skill level rating through these sessions.

All training sessions are free for members. PB101 is conducted at 10:30 a.m. every Monday and the first Saturday of the month on the upper courts and is free to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. It is specifically for people who know nothing about the game but want to learn about it. You do not have to be a club member to participate in this one-hour training session. Just come with athletic shoes, water (for hydration), and we will provide the rest.

If you are interested in joining our club, we have modest annual dues of \$18. As a member, you would have access to our award-winning website (tpc.pickleball.plus) where you can sign up for training sessions and club social activities.

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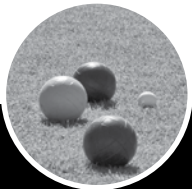




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Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



This is how we roll!  
Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. As of late, all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by the luck of the draw.  
Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. This is your chance to watch, learn, and play, however as a new player, once you have played with the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league, pay dues, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form.  
The season ended with the best of bocce. For league play, the top two teams from Tuesday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Thursday 10 a.m. and Longleaf Ridge were paired up. In the end, Lady and the Tramps, consisting of teammates, Micki Malsch, Kevin Kidd, Gary Schulte and Paula Hammonds were victorious.  
The best of open bocce consisted of 42 members of teams of three and four, players, determined by the luck of the draw. In the end, it was, Maryann Matthews, Chris Nastally, and Gib Mattson who "knocked out" the competition and came out on top.  
The Longleaf Ridge open bocce champions were Joe Lynch, Shirley Austin, Brenda Huffman, and Donna Abel.  
Our annual bocce banquet on Saturday, May 6, was a tremendous success. Attended by 192 members and their guests, all enjoyed a delicious catered dinner from Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. One of the highlights of this gathering was the 70/30 raffle with 11 drawings and several door prizes.  
League play remains on hiatus throughout the summer. If you are interested in league play, we are looking for a league representative for Tuesdays, at 9 a.m. The new season will begin in Octo-

ber and run through April. If you are interested, please contact Terry Connolly at 352-895-3866.  
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April's training class.

R/C Car Club



John Schoenherr

Thirteen new members have joined the R/C Car Club in 2023 and the club is very cognizant of the need to help new members learn to drive and maintain

their R/C cars. Paul Burrey, vice president, has assumed the responsibility of helping new members by conducting a technical training class. The first two classes were held Wednesdays, April 12 and May 10. The technical topics included safely charging and using LiPo batteries, how to set the toe and camber for the front and rear tires and what type of tires work best on the track. These classes are designed to help newer mem-

bers prepare their cars for racing and have fun doing it. The next class will be Wednesday, June 14, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Organized races are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays, starting at 9 a.m. Eleven different classes of races run twice each day. The first race qualifies each driver for the starting position in the second, points race. At the end of the month the driver from each class who has the most

points is given a certificate certifying that they are the points champion.

**April**

Novice–Glen Nystro. Two-wheel truggy–Sheree Johnson. Two-wheel truck–Terry Altman. Four-wheel truck–Bob Melzer. Touring on road–Ron Kaulfersch; 17.5T pan car–Phil Paquette; Tie at two-wheel buggy–Dave Johnson, Ron Kaulfersch and Tom Murphy. Traxxas 2.0–Hank Henne. MUDboss–Terry Altman.

Tennis



Jorge Privat  
352-387-7539

This spring has been very good for

tennis! POP tennis has been thriving! The entire group appears to be having a lot of fun and I observe great camaraderie competing. And on behalf of all tennis and pickleball players, I must thank Jerritt Weaner and his crew for doing a tremendous job replacing all the wind screens. I know it

is a hard physical work, but they were very professional. On another matter, I will still try to gather some players to visit and play on the clay courts.

**Anticipation**


The most important athletic skill is best developed before the age of 12. Believe it or not, the most important element in creating a great mover in sport is developed and trained between the ages of four and 12. And what is the great characteristic found in the best athletes you ask? Anticipation.

Have you ever watched a player who doesn't visually appear to have the physique to be quick, but somehow seems to get to every ball or be in the right place all the time? Or besides having other great attributes, why tennis pro Roger Federer, or soccer star Leo Messi are at the top of their sports?

Here is why. The best movers on the court, not only have great footwork and movement skills, but also can read the game and "anticipate." They see the play before it happens.

Simply put, all movement starts with the brain telling the body that it needs to move. The neuromuscular system, or brain to body wiring needs to be continually trained. Good anticipation and response skills are essential qualities to being a good mover on a tennis court. Knowing the opponent's next shot, the one that's coming back, allows players to move early and into the correct position to be ready. The key to a good mover in sport is that they react faster. They are earlier into position and ready. Reaction and anticipation exercises should be included in all movement programs, not just athletic based skills. Great movers in sport read it early and see it before it happens. But it is never too late to learn to read plays before they happen during your daily games.

Hot weather is coming. Keep hydrated and have a good time! See you on the courts!



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Fit Tips



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Pass on Processed!

There is abundant research linking diets high in processed food to greater risk for illness, including obesity, cancer, heart disease, and most recently linked to poor mental health. Learning to identify these foods is a good first step to improving your diet. Foods are now identified in four groups: unprocessed and minimally processed; processed culinary ingredients such as oils, butter sugar and iodized salt; industrially processed foods, these include recognizable ingredients and include canned vegetables, dried or smoked meats or fish and traditionally made cheese; and ultra-processed, these are the worst offenders.

Ultra-processed foods are formulated with industrial processing and include ingredients that you would not find in a home kitchen or in the spice aisle. Dr. Frank Hu, Harvard nutrition professor states, "The vast majority of these are unhealthy and the more of them you eat, the higher your risk of various diseases."

**FIT TIP #1:** Read the list of ingredients on the food label. If there are ingredients that you cannot identify or pronounce, that is a good indicator not to put that in your grocery cart.

**FIT TIP #2:** Dress for success. When adding dressings, toppings, or sauces to your salads, vegetables or main dish it is very likely you may be adding processed or ultra-processed ingredients. Read the food label.

**FIT TIP #3:** Shop the perimeter of the grocery store. This is where you will find the most options for unprocessed and minimally processed food. These are your nutrient dense, whole foods that support sound nutrition and good health!

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



Another quiet month in the room. The summer league is underway, with over 70 participants. If you're a new resident and would like to try out the league, you can join as a substitute. The league meets on Tuesdays, playing six games each of eight-ball and nine-ball, with six people on a team. It is a mixed league, with both ladies and men competing equally. If you're interested, just let me know please.

In May, we had a fun and lively Cinco de Mayo party, with 140 people attending. The catered event had Mexican food naturally, along with an innovative game of music bingo, and dancing for the rest of the evening. The club also gave away \$460 in gift cards and cash prizes.

Our next major social event will be an Italian festa in late summer, with live

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



As the season ended in April, the final list of winners are as follows:

**Men/Women**

Monday a.m.: Robert Shapiro/Nancy Dreimiller. 33-Charlie Lentz.

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Jill Phillips. 30-Barbara Daughtry and Jane Boyer.

Thursday a.m.: Robert Shapiro/Annette Hodges.

We would like to take this time to thank our three captains: Joe Bartosh, Jane Boyer, and Jim Vail. Also, thank you to instructor Paul Hodges for his time and knowledge.

entertainment. We'll also have a light social after the Monday, July 10, quarterly meeting.

Do you sometimes wonder if you're playing too much pool? Or does your spouse give you grief for being gone too long? Well, here are some telltale signs that you might possibly be obsessed with pool.

- You can massé a skittle with the eraser end of your pencil.
- Your worn-out copy of "The Hustler" has had to be replaced more than once.
- The trade-in value of your cue is more than the trade-in value of your car.
- You still lose sleep over a missed eight-ball in 2005.
- People stop asking you, "What are you doing today?"
- The deli server calls out for number nine, and you yell out "moneyball!"
- Some parts of your left hand are permanently blue.

Our summer schedule is as follows: Mondays, at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. Ten Pin will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m.

We had our annual luncheon on Saturday, April 29. It was put together by President Jane Boyer with help from Jim Vail and Annette Hodges.

First, Jane introduced our most senior players: Johnny Pachin, Edith Kolb, Mario Migliaccio, and D. Phillips. We also had some items to discuss and vote on.

Shuffleboard classes will start up in September, as will the new season. Call Jane Boyer at 352-509-7142 or Walt Lamp at 352-854-9378 with any questions.

Don't forget, there is a box next to the courts with sticks and discs to play and enjoy. So, practice now and join us in September.

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



The Ladies Shuffleboard Club has completed seven years of ladies only shuffling. Our membership for 2022-2023 was over 60. Since 2016, Darlene Clark, Sally Herrick, Helen Finizio, Helen Fye, and Lois Nix have shuffled every year. We have many women who have been shuffling for at least five years.

We will be shuffling during the summer months. We invite all women residents and Gateway of Service pass holders to participate. During the summer we do not record scores. We will continue to pick chips that will determine which court you will play on and who you will shuffle with. We always play three games and the team that gets 75 first will win that game.

During our games, you will not only hear laughter, but you will hear the women talking to their disc as it is going to the other end of the court. Some

common phrases are "no no," "stretch it," "go go," "oh yeah," etc.

Our summer schedule will be Mondays at 5:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. We have reserved these courts for the entire year, as mentioned previously our schedule of play, the mixed league's schedule of play is listed on the bulletin board near the courts, which are in the Veterans Park.

There are many open hours of play for non-club members and their families to play. The equipment for non-club members is on the side of the storage shed. You play at your own risk. Please be careful with the discs as they chip easily if they hit the side columns too hard. Please do not play with open toed shoes.

Summer shuffle is a great time to join us! You do not need to know how to shuffle; we will teach you the basics. Hope to see you on the courts.

**April**

9-Sandy Welch. 8-Cindy Engler, Kathy Kloos. 7-Cheryl Whiteley, Dee Caple, Elaine Morrison, Kathleen SanFelippo, Lina Myers, Sally Herrick. 30 plus-Sally Herrick, Dee Caple, and Kathy Carle.

Happy shuffling, ladies. See you on the courts. Be safe.

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Square dance lessons will begin again in September. Keep an eye out for announcements. Caller Dave Vieira will

We invite residents to drop by and see all the fun. Dances will be Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 13, starting at 2 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV.



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Dancers moving to the beat of the music with Jet Roberts from Alabama, and resident Dave Vieira calling the square dance.

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# Treasure in Our Backyards

By Elaine Morrison  
World News Writer

## Part II

Further searching, despite my own advice, has unearthed still more backyard treasure. We have in our midst many women veterans, ranging from a 25-year career Navy captain to an Iraq combat war major.

Sitting down with these women to hear their personal stories was a great honor, particularly at this time, as June 12 has been designated in 14 states as Women’s Veterans Day.

Women have been serving in the military, in one form or another, for more than 200 years, overcoming decades of obstacles and serving in greater numbers in combat roles and leadership positions, all around the world.

Major Kristi Hilton can trace her family’s military history back to Revolutionary times. Two of her brothers served, as well as four of her uncles, one of whom eventually commissioned both Kristi and later, her daughter.

Many of the women joined the service straight out of high school as they appreciated the opportunity to receive an education and realize a path to a future career. The choice of which branch of service she would join was decided by Regina Hendrix solely by the look of the uniform. Hands down, her choice was the Air Force.

A good number of the women came from military families, with fathers, brothers, uncles, and aunts and even their own children serving. Many of them chose to make the service their life career.

Cindy Deatte joined the Navy due to sibling rivalry, “I had to show my brother that I could do the same thing he was doing.” They both served in the Navy for four years. For Linda Michael, her two brothers served and now her twin daughters, one in the Air Force and one in the Navy, serve as well.

Linda Nesbitt’s father was a Navy dentist who served in Korea. Ila Kowalski’s father was a Marine, and her sister and brother were both in the service. Presently her son, who became a first lieutenant at the age of 17, and her daughter, a captain, are serving.

Many of the women spoke about their interest in travel and their wishes were

granted. Linda Nesbitt got even more than she bargained for while stationed in Subic Bay, the Philippines. She was there for an earthquake, an attempted coup, and a volcanic eruption. Linda Michael, who had never been away from home, ended up enduring temperatures exceeding 111 degrees while deployed in Africa. For Cindy Deatte, her first deployment to Puerto Rico was also the first time she had been on an airplane.

The skills, both learned in the service or practiced before, range from dentist, Linda Nesbitt, to IT and electronic communications specialist, Ila Kowalski, who even accomplished the ability to jack an antenna up to 100 feet by herself, and key punch system operator, Regina Hendrix.

Kristi Hilton shared some humorous experiences she had while in combat in Iraq. She recalls watching mov-

ies while the sounds of mortar rounds whizzed around providing background accompaniment and making hasty retreats via the swimming pool when necessary.

Some of the women met their husbands while serving and went on to be with them when they were sent abroad. Ila Kowalski went on to continue her education while in Italy and Germany, while Linda Michael patrolled the Berlin wall when she was in Germany. Linda Nesbitt met her husband in the Philippines, but they were not allowed to be stationed in the same command. They were able to be together when they relocated to the Tidewater area of Virginia.

Linda Nesbitt had another unique experience involving her family as she progressed through the ranks. Her daughter had the honor of a new placement when she became lieutenant commander, her husband did likewise when she became commander and her parents proudly had that privilege when she became captain.

Almost all the women went on to serve their country after they retired or left the service by working in government jobs. Cindy Deatte worked in immigration. “I loved being in the service,” she said, “you can’t get the mili-

tary out of your blood.” Linda Michael went on to work in posts in the Federal Air Marshal Service and Department of Health and Human Services. Regina Hendrix worked for the North American Aerospace Defense Commission.

Regina Hendrix’s service continues, as she volunteers for Operation Shoebox, filling and sending out more than 500 bags weekly to soldiers stationed in isolated areas. Items needed are personal hygiene products, socks, thank you notes, energy bars and toiletries. Each bag has a star from the flag to be kept close to the soldier’s heart. Contributions are gratefully accepted, and Regina keeps a donation box on her porch at 8951 SW 104th Circle. Donations are so appreciated.

The joy of witnessing an all-female Navy piloted flyover at the last Super Bowl was a spectacular event which highlights the strength and diversity of our female service members. The next time you are in the Arlington area, plan to visit the Military Women’s Memorial where you will be further inspired as you learn more about the trailblazing efforts of our heroic service women. They truly are a force to be reckoned with ... they truly are our treasures.



Honoring our women veterans.  
Photo by Kristi Hilton

# Cruising Around Our World

By Bill Bender

Ken Kerl is the owner of an amazing 1953 anniversary edition F-100. A true lover of hot rods and a drag racer in his earlier years, Ken has been retired for some time, enjoying his hobby of building cool custom vehicles. His current collection includes a half dozen high-end customs at his summer residence in Cuba, New York with this F-100 main-

tained at his home here in On Top of the World.

Ken’s wife, Frances, enjoys the car show scene with Ken, participating in events on a regular basis. As you might expect, their one-of-a-kind F-100 is ensuring that the Kerl family trophy collection continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

Ken found the truck in good shape and the adventure began as a series of discussions with his customizing team, characterized by – How would this look? Do you think this would work? Could we add this here?

Working with Ford’s famously “aerodynamic-adjacent” body, the group was aware there were down sides to tampering with an icon. As a result, they let the truck carefully unfold, allowing it to define its own outcome. Ken describes it as “bouncing ideas off each other to come up with a unique approach.” The result was a truck with an amazingly consistent theme, and dozens of show-winning details.

Augmenting the bones is always a smart initial step. In this case the chassis is from a late model Lincoln, with a Mustang II front end, 2.5-inch drop spindles, four-wheel Lincoln power disc brakes, and power steering. A Mustang 8.8 POSI housing hangs from the Lincoln leaf spring/ lowering blocks suspension and hosts 3.70 gears. The truck’s top was “chopped” four inches to achieve a lower profile.

The taillight adventure began with a cardboard template from the Ford rear fender and Ken spending considerable time in the local Walmart parking lot. He measured dozens of vehicles until he found a match, finally discovering that 2013 Nissan Sentra rear lights had exactly the shape he needed. Once grafted to the F-100’s rear fenders, they produced a one-of-a-kind look. Up front, the grill follows the same theme with high-tech modern upgrades blending into the original Ford grill bar. Located in a custom housing, the LED lights came from a late-model Dodge Charger that combine headlights, running lights, and “angel eye” headlight surrounds.

Power for the Ford happily is also Ford, using a complete Coyote power train taken from a wrecked late model Mustang with only 4,000 miles on it. Since the engine already had just the right dose of Howitzer, no performance upgrades were required on the 420HP V-8 and 4R70W 4-speed automatic but a vast number of innovative details occurred in the engine room. Under the tilt forward, scooped, and pinstriped hood, fabricated inner fender panels highlight the engine, painted in the same black and gold shades as the exterior.

Keep your eyes open and you are likely to see Ken and Fran cruising around On Top of the World in this awesome custom prize.



The Kerl’s 1953 Ford custom pickup.  
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But Decoration Day was not an official holiday. Congress recognized Decoration Day as a federal holiday in 1938. After World War II, the name Memorial Day became more commonplace, but the federal government didn't officially

The club encourages you to visit the Hobby Building Model 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, June 7, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.



Veterans Park on the Model Railroaders layout.



Photo by Chris Kilbride

Rene Beck.

## Chris Kilbride



Rene has passed the leadership baton to Marion Brenon, a talented crafts-person and member for many years. Don't worry, Rene will still be creating new items and selling them at her table in September. We wish them a smooth

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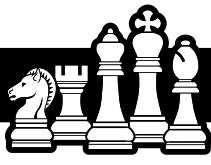


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Bingo

Nancy Grabowski



Super bingo, held on Wednesday, April 19, was a huge success and while the news is old, the message still resonates! The official program began when the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Each of these volunteers spoke briefly about their service and how they were drawn to the group.

The Honor Guard gives freely of their time, providing final services for other veterans which gives them a memorable closure. The Honor Guard bears all the costs: uniforms, flags, transportation. Any interested volunteer should contact Charlie Calhoun, one of the driving forces in our very own Veterans Club.

Mary Beth Bell, a bingo volunteer, held a bake sale at super bingo. The proceeds from this part of the evening were donated equally to the Honor Guard and Melissa Bell’s Rescue. The goodies sold out quickly and saw \$440 given to help the two groups with their chosen work.

With an over-flowing crowd, 45 raffle pulls were next on the program. Each lucky ticket garnered the holder \$20 to take home. Then, the 20 games of bingo were called. Sixteen of those games had a \$75 dollar payout and the other four were gigantic; \$250 each!

The following week, bingo returned to the normal course of events. Raffle tickets open at 4 p.m., playing cards are sold at 4:30 p.m., and the winners are pulled close to 5:40 p.m. Prices remain steady for the raffle tickets (three for \$1 or 10 for \$3) while the playing cards are \$1 per card.

Bingo is played in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Wednesday evening, now until super bingo reappears in November; no games are held in December but do start in January once more. State gaming rules are in effect designating it an alcohol-free zone; age restrictions also apply. Each attendee may enter after the maintenance staff completes set up and may save one additional seat. We do not permit chairs to be tipped forward for saving as it poses a tripping hazard.

The bingo volunteers work hard to make the Wednesday evening entertainment a success. Please help us get the materials returned and trash cleared from your table. We are always looking for more residents to step forward as volunteers; see Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski.

Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

April 10

1: Donna Peters & Rad D; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Judy Mackowick & Rik Saffol.

April 17

1: Carol Johnson & Jack Heller; 2: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillett; 3: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick; 4: Donna Peters & Rad D.

April 24

1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: CJ Daan & Dean Samuels; 3: Donna Peters & Rad D; 4: Barb Heller & Phyllis Silverman.

May 1

1: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 4: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus

Our group meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive about 10 minutes early to sign in.

We score the boards after the game and email the results to our group. The prizes are distributed the following week to the top teams.

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

April 18  
North/South

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Brian Lomasky & Drew Brehm; 3: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

East/West

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

April 25  
North/South

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 3: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp.

East/West

1: Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel; 2: Darleen Fiel & Andrew Fiel; 3: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen.

May 2  
North/South

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Brian Lomasky & Drew Brehm; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

East/West

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

May 9  
North/South

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

East/West

1: Bill Ryan & Linda Ryan; 2: Dean Samuel & Carolyn Higgins; 3: Gary Moses & Diane Turkin.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

April 5

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Mike Meirick; 4: Steve Sekac; Cons: Joan Lord.

April 12

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Billie Andersen; 3: Linda Curtis; 4: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Betty Morris.

April 19

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Linda Curtis; 3: Marlene Floeckher; 4: Craig Ford; Cons: Steve Sekac.

April 26

1: Linda Curtis; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Steve Sekac; Cons: Billie Andersen.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

March 2

1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Judy Mackowski; 3: Steve Sekac; 4: Mary Bloch; Cons: Bruce Gillett.

March 9

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Judy Mackowski; 4: Joe McKeown; Cons: Betty Morris.

March 16

1: Al Kremer; 2: Billie Anderson; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Betty Morris.

March 23

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Joe McKeown; 3: Mary Bloch; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

March 30

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Carolyn Higgins; 3: Phyllis Silverman; Cons: Craig Ford.

April 6

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Mary Mackowski; 3: Craig Ford; 4: Phyllis Silverman; Cons: Betty Morris.

April 13

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Debbie Quinn/Dianne Robinson; Cons: Pat Quinn.

April 20

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Phyllis Silverman.

April 27

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Rosann Ross; 4: Steve Sekac; Cons: Al Kremer.

Thursday Night

By Jeff & Pam Bell

Come join us at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Recreation Center Lounge. No need to bring a partner; we will pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners through the evening.

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

All levels are welcome.

April 13

1: Pam Bell; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Bob Durst; 2 Prize: Mike Brody.

April 20

1: Betsy Brody; 2: Drew Brehm; 3: Diane Turpin; 2 Prize: Bob Durst.

April 27

1: Jeff Bell; 2: Drew Brehm; 3: Betsy Brody. 2 Prize: Betsy Brody.

May 4

1: Jeff Bell; 2: Betsy Brody; 3: Bob Durst; 2 Prize: Betsy Brody.

May 11

1: Maureen Brehm; 2: Paul Agarwal; 3: Bob Durst; 2 Prize: Mar Valchin.

Bunco Babes  
Social Group

Michelle Malsch



We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, June 27. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m.

You do not have to call to register. You need only show up. You may bring a guest. The room is set up for 40 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for our group.

Although the name of our group is Bunco Babes Social Group, we have a few husbands who attend as well. If you enjoy the game, don’t be afraid to be a “bunco dude!”

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

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

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

Euchre



Friday Night

By Mary Bloch

Every Friday at 6 p.m., we meet in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room for a spirited eight rounds of euchre. Each round consists of eight hands, and we change partners at the end of each round. The highest score at the end of the rounds is the winner. We do not have monetary rewards, but one does get bragging rights and their name in the World News. Also, every three to four months, we have a little party for our players.

If you would like to learn how to play euchre, please call 614-806-6737, or email mary.bloch@yahoo.com, and we will set up a quick lesson before we start play. Our invitation for fun is always open! Hope to see you on Friday!

April 7

1: Carol Condino; 2: Lisa Spivey; 3: Edith Kolb.

April 14

Tie at 1: Phyllis Jarskey & Karen Jacob; 2: Jim Rumble; 3: Jim Kelly.

April 21

Tie at 1: Scott Lyons & Edith Kolb; Tie at 2: Jeff Hoelzer, Nancy Kowsky, & Carol Condino; 3: Karen Jacob.

April 28

1: Carol Condino; 2: Jean Gillette; 3: Nancy Kowsky.

Pinochle



Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

April 4

1: Nancy Clarkson; 2: Jae Kallai; 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

April 11

1: Robert Moravec; 2: Bud Alderman; 3: Larry Black.

April 18

1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Edith Bucchi; 3: Robert Moravec.

April 25

1: Marguerite Cox; 2: Edith Bucchi; 3: Robert Moravec.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

April 14

1: Bob Moravec; 2: Larry Black; 3: Jim Magoon.

April 21

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Ed Casper; 3: Jae Kallai.

April 28

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Edna Frye.

May 5

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Jae Kallai; 3: Debbie Martello.

May 12

1: Larry Black; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Jim Magoon.

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"Bunco for Babies" fundraiser was a huge success.

Bunco for Babies

Michelle Malsch



This year’s “Bunco for Babies” luncheon and fundraiser for the March of Dimes was a huge success! 156 residents were in attendance and enjoyed assorted sandwiches and desserts, as they played bunco for prizes. A basket raffle and 50/50 raffle were also held.

This year’s total raised \$5,400, combined with proceeds from the bake sale held at super bingo in November 2022, netted a grand total of \$6,800 in total donations.

This could not have been possible without the help of these residents who made this a huge success: Colleen Rocafort, Barb Martyn, Maryann Matthews,

Poetry

Linda Toner



Bee’s a Buzzin’

I don't know  
what it's all about  
because when you dream  
you kick and shout.

Whatever it is  
you've got to stop  
a punching bag  
I am not.

I certainly don't  
want to get hurt  
but when you are dreaming  
I'm on high alert.

So, I get up  
for a while  
for you to stop  
the sheets in a pile.

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I ask you why  
you tell me then  
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How about some songs about June? We all know, “June is Busting Out All Over.” Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote that song for the musical Carousel. Dean Martin sang “June in January.” Alan Jackson has the song “Rainy Day in June.” The Everly Brothers sang “June is as Cold as December.” Let’s hope that is not going to happen. “Hello, June. Surprise me!” Let us hope June will hold pleasant surprises for us all.

This month we are highlighting Rich Leonte. Here is what he wants to share: “When I was about 10 years old, I started singing with my aunts and uncles at our weekly Sunday dinner gatherings held at my nana’s house. Having my mom as my teacher, I learned to play guitar around 12-years-old. I have been playing and singing ever since. I do occasional driveway concerts and karaoke for our friends in Longleaf Ridge. I also sing and play guitar with the Guitar Group. You will find me at weekly karaoke gatherings.”

We are happy to have new residents come and check out the group. They listen and clap. Very often they become

new singers. Not too long-ago Rich was a new singer to us.

We are planning a prop night for Monday, June 5. That is a night the singers get creative. They wear or bring something to enhance their song. That is always a fun night.

You will find us on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. We would love to see you there.



Photo by Steve Warren

Richard Leonte Jr.

Susan Weir, Jeanne DiPiero, Mary Quick, Sandy Fleck, Cathy Calleri, Beth Green, Nancy Grabowski, Diane Zvolensky, Terri Kidd, Barb Scales, Andrea Hartfield, Paula Hammonds, Barb Gallico, Cari Martin, Cindy Engler, Marsha Lau, Jeanine Hargis, Callie Allison, and Betty Thayer.

Many thanks to the residents for their support and generosity for the March of Dimes, March for Babies. Through the years, your donations have helped to reach a total of \$26,045.

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## Linda Lohr



Our last class was held Thursday, May 4 with Connie Press who offered three great cards. The guy card was made to look like a plaid shirt and will be very useful to all of us, as guy cards are the hardest to create for most of us. The lattice work cards can be varied in so many ways, for all different occasions.

We thank Connie for providing all the dies, stamps, and inks necessary to recreate her great cards!

I will be the presenter for Thursday, June 1.

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



Two cards presented by Connie Press.

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](mailto: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'!



**Photo by Ann Gallo**

Quilts and pillows heading to one of the agencies that assists disadvantaged children in Marion County.

## Sewing Bees

## Ann Gallo



A great big thank you to all those who donated, worked, or made a purchase at our sale. It was a huge success. This allows us to continue our mission of making quilts for disadvantaged children in Marion County.


At the current time, we need 100% cotton children's themed fabric and new shoelaces (at least 54"). We need the shoelaces for the drawstring bags we make. Thank you to all those who have been donating supplies to us.

A very special thank you to Jutta Ricker for donating her extremely large stash of quilting fabric and supplies to us.

An update from our previous column, Kathy Nardone served more than four years as our president before stepping down.

Are you on Facebook? Find us at 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, call or text Marsha Schmeer at 813-920-3487 or Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178.



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### ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip



ShutterBugs are proud to present the blue-ribbon winning photo in the architecture category of last year’s contest taken by Harry Boyajian.

Flying High was taken behind city hall in downtown Ocala. The surrounding clouds enhance this vivid image.

Harry used Photoshop Elements to start his editing process. He also used Aurora HDR by Skylum and Skylum NEO.

The “Flying High” image was not manipulated at all and was taken on a ShutterBugs field trip to downtown Ocala. Harry says, “I liked the image when I saw it because of the clouds and the lines of the base which were accented by a really wide-angle lens.”

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

Here’s your best photo tip, ever: Cameras don’t make pictures, people do.

It’s nice to have a great camera, but that’s not necessary. In the end, here’s what’s key: Think about what you want to capture for others to see and feel.

So, before your press that shutter, think about what you want your photo to say. Try to capture the fun or an amazing moment. Make it more than recording your family’s faces. Look for those action shots, family interactions, or catch that special smile or the inner emotion in their expressive eyes.

Think about your photo telling everyone a story. Remember, you’re the author. So first, decide what you want everyone to see. Create an image that tells a story or invokes the viewer’s emotions.

In June, the ShutterBugs photo display in the Master the Possibilities lobby is my own. I’ve called it “Critters, Near and Far.” These animals have interesting stories to tell you ... from those found locally, all the way to Antarctica.

Our field trip will be to Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens on Thursday, June 8. These beautiful gardens are in Williston, Florida and can be viewed at cedarlakeswoodsandgarden.com.

Want to learn more about digital?

ShutterBug 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-n-tell the third and an educational class the fourth Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. You can find our photo galleries and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

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



Flying High.

### The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



The New Pretenders is moving into one of the most exciting segments of our year! The hard-working music committee is busy selecting the songs to be featured in the performances that will occur on Feb. 2, 3, and 4, 2024. We will be exceedingly happy to reclaim the stage in the Recreation Center Ballroom on those dates.

Tickets for our presentations will be on sale, beginning on Jan. 3, 2024, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. and Sunday starts at 2 p.m. Sales will continue each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the month from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. No tickets are sold at the door; so mark the calendar to get yours beforehand.

Another reason we’re so excited is the return of Bruce Herget to our group. Bruce is multi-talented: he sings, dances, and is a bit of a comedian! When he appeared as “Professor” Herget, the attempt was made to explain how men’s brains function differently than women’s brains. The vignette was hilarious and, if it ever is featured again, you won’t want to miss it.

Bruce, a veteran Navy radio operator, is versed in many other areas as well as the stage. He loves to cook, golf, pickleball, and play cards. He even has his pilot’s license! About the only thing Bruce

cannot do is wiggle his ears! Bruce and his wife, Glory, love to travel with a few places remaining on their bucket list. Bruce can be seen regularly throughout the community but rarely without Diva, his little Yorkie.

Our membership committee has been quite busy, too. They have interviewed several candidates for our troupe and, luckily, Kim English and Renee Schneck have made the commitment which begins with time. We’re so pleased to welcome them aboard. However, the committee continues to hope to enlist a few good men. Therefore, if we’ve piqued your interest, contact any current member. Any one of us will be more than happy to fill in the details for you!

Do you wonder what we do when we’re not performing? Here’s some of what keeps us busy. Once the plans for music and members are finalized, the opportunity opens for the creation of the actual numbers which includes costumes and the themed stage decorations. These folks are just itching to get started, too. While it seems a bit far in advance, the time seems to disappear faster and faster as the new year approaches.

Another avenue for you to consider closer to the performances is adding your help to some vital areas. Working backstage fastening those pesky buttons and clasps is crucial so we can always use some assistance. Ushers are so appreciated, too, because it frees us up for the last-minute tasks we often face.

Hopefully, we have hit a responsive chord with you! Contact Nancy Grabowski, director, at 352-209-4699 for more information.



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Art Group

Joanie Ford



The Art Group presented an art show in April. The work was created by the artists who paint in the Hobby Building during the week. Many show spectators commented that it was a very good show. You might be asking yourself; how does someone make art?

Making art doesn't have to be a complicated or difficult endeavor.

Why? Because all art is subjective. There are all kinds of people and they all like different things.

Making art is one of the easiest human activities. You can make art out of anything. A finished work of art can be traded, sold, or given away. Many times, you may make art and not like it. That is okay, because someone else will see your vision and think it is beautiful.

Art can be made from anything. You

don't need fancy paints, nor know how to draw, nor need to know about color.

Inside all of us is some kind of discerning system that tells us when things don't look right. If you put two colors together, you will feel like they don't belong together.

There are many videos on YouTube.com and online courses that give you directions on how to make simple art.

Come and share your art with us. The Art Group is a safe place to create, get good feedback, and have social contact.

We meet in the Hobby Building Wednesdays, from noon to 3 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We invite you to stop in during those times and see what we do, and if you like, bring some tools to create some art. We have access to lots of tables with good lighting.

We also have other events and shows scheduled for this year. We will let you know about them in a future column.

You may also visit us at [artgroupotow.org](http://artgroupotow.org) or call Freda at 615-336-6863 for more information.



Photo by Anne Merrick

Before the crowds arrived.



Photo by Mathew Corey

Russ Kaye as "Mr. Cellophane."

Original Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



The Original Theatre Group concluded its season at the end of May with four evenings of lively theatrical drama and music with its production of "Comedy Tonight" in the unique intimate atmosphere of our "studio theater" in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

As we close shop for the year, we are both satisfied with our two productions, and we are looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 theatrical season.

Plans for next year include a take on what might have happened to Charles Shultz "Peanuts" characters as they grew to be our age, in the touching and highly amusing musical comedy "Boiled Peanuts."

We will present one of our popular musical theater revues in the spring entitled "Two for One." In this production we will celebrate the musical theater talents of the great Richard Rogers and his

collaborations with Oscar Hammerstein Jr. and Moss Hart in the mini production of "Rogers and ..."

Act two of "Two for One" is called "Pop Goes the Musical." In this section our audiences will enjoy selections from some of the best jukebox Broadway musicals of recent years including numbers by ABBA, Motown, Carole King, and great classics from the swing era!

Our wonderful ensemble is comprised of a group of talented and dedicated actors, singers, and dancers who enjoy raising the bar to present sophisticated, intelligent, and lively theatrical productions. Our group has been intact for the past two years, but we would like to invite prospective new members to join us for next season and beyond. In our group reliability is even more important than ability. So, even if you are a newcomer to theater or a seasoned veteran, there is always room for committed performers in the Original Theatre Group.

You can join by coming to the "Boiled Peanuts" auditions (to be announced) in September, signing up at one of the Club Fairs, or contacting me at [upstage111@yahoo.com](mailto:upstage111@yahoo.com).

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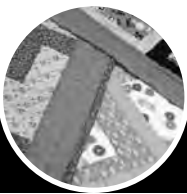


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Sunshine Quilters

Teri Penichet



Our featured member this month is Brenda Huffman. Brenda was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania but also lived in Phoenix, Arizona and Glendale Heights, Illinois before moving to Florida in 1970. After graduating, she enrolled in a home study program with resident training for Atlantic Airline School, which took her to Kansas City, Missouri.

Brenda’s first “real” job was in the worldwide travel department of AAA. She later worked for Tradewinds Tours of Hawaii in their Clearwater regional office, and in 1979 began employment with Delta Airlines in Tampa, beginning a career with them that would last 25 years. Brenda met her husband Larry this same year, and they were married in 1986. Together they enjoy traveling, scuba diving, riding roller coasters around the country, and riding their Harley motorcycles. Brenda and Larry moved to Ocala two years ago from Clearwater.

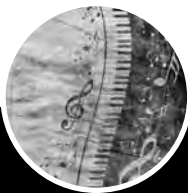
Brenda’s love for quilting began in 1994, when she happened upon a quilt shop displaying a quilt she admired. She immediately signed up for the class to make it and completed a queen-size trip around the world quilt (one of her favorites). Brenda has continued to quilt ever since and has completed many quilts for her family and friends. These have included baby quilts, bed-sized quilts, charity quilts, wall hangings and table runners/toppers. Brenda also loves stitching wool applique pieces by hand.

Identifying herself as an “old soul” with her quilting, Brenda likes choosing traditional quilt block styles and Civil War reproduction/country colors and fabrics for her quilts. Her favorite part of making quilts is choosing the fabrics and piecing the blocks. Her sewing machine of choice is a Bernina (she admits to owning several), but she also has a passion for antique machines, and has a small collection including a treadle, a Singer 201, and a couple of Featherweights among others. When she needs additional quilting information, Brenda consults Google.com or YouTube.com, or asks her quilting friends.

When asked what she enjoys most about Sunshine Quilters, Brenda replied: “I am so happy to be a member. Something special happens when you get a group of quilters together and this group is no exception. It is a sisterhood, and our hearts are all stitched together!” We couldn’t agree more, Brenda!

Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



Have you ever wondered what the Concert Chorus does in the summer? The truth is some of us are very busy. Our fall director, Mike Nagy, is selecting the music and arranging it into a holiday program. Notes must be carefully taken to support the chorus direction during rehearsals.

We typically have 13 rehearsals before our holiday performance. This sounds like a lot of time, but considering the number of songs, and the difficulty of some numbers, it never seems there is enough time.

Performance dates are arranged more than a year in advance and rehearsal times must be reserved for the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. In many cases, new music is purchased, or music is reviewed from our music archives.

Many of these duties depend upon our elected officers and director.

Then on Tuesday, Sept. 5, the real work of rehearsals begins. The Concert Chorus has to pick up their numbered music folder and the music is tried for the first time. Sometimes music will be eliminated right away though we try not to be intimidated by eight and 16th notes as the music looks more difficult than it really is.

Chorus membership is open to all residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Member dues are \$15 which covers the cost of music and concert support.

Does this all sound like fun? 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.

Paradise Players

Liz Elliott Lieberman



The Paradise Players debuted their first production of an original play called “Living in Paradise” on Saturday, April 15, with a follow up performance on Sunday, April 16, in the Recreation Center.

As a brand-new theater group devoted to first class entertainment, it was a whirlwind of rehearsals, costuming, sets, skits, choreography, and acting talent, all under the watchful and inspired direction of Lee Smith. What a time we all had. The proverbial theater family, we all pulled together to create a fun but affectionate parody of life here at On Top of the World.

The audience laughed and sympathized with Dorothy, Blanche, Rose and Sophia, the Platinum Girls, as they encountered the world of resort living for the over 55s. From an annoying ex-husband, Stan, to getting caught dumpster diving, and a waiter looking for love, it left the audience in stitches of laughter and tears.

Backstage, it was the usual chaos of first night jitters, but when we heard the laughter from the audience, we knew we had a hit!

Future shows are planned so stay tuned and come support the Paradise Players. Look out for upcoming auditions that will be posted for aspiring actors, dancers and singers and the all-important backstage staff of stage management, set designers, costumers, props and technical support of sound and lighting technicians. We want you!

Please contact Lee Smith at otowparadiseplayers@gmail for more information.

Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



The donations of yarn and other supplies continue to come through the doors of the Hobby Building Art Room where the Happy Hookers meet. Members of our group take that donated yarn and many times bring it back crafted into the many items that we donate to charity. We continue to be grateful to those who donate, and we continue to be grateful for the skills and talent within our group.

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

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

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Shirley Albers grew up in Bethel, Connecticut. She lived many years in Colorado and joins us from The Villages with



Photo by Dave Kessler

Dawn is from Danbury, Connecticut. Steve calls Milford, Massachusetts home. They, too, enjoyed life in Colo-

For any other questions or concerns please contact Nancy Meininger, president, at [nancy@nancymeininger.com](mailto:nancy@nancymeininger.com).

Our May “sit and chat” was fun! The April notes were read, and we had a nice discussion of how to improve our neighborhood. We played trivia, run by Charlotte Hunt, and ate some yummy snacks. We had some newer residents attend and we’re so happy to include them and

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So nice to sit and visit with our neighbors!

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Longleaf Ridge stick horse run jockeys and their steeds – Mimi Lynch, Sherry Truby (winner) and Pete Kiziu.  
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Longleaf Ridge Friends



Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, & Debra Vitale

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strength to equine bones. To honor the  
tradition, Longleaf Ridge residents gath-  
ered to celebrate with a Derby Party at  
the Arbor Conference Center. The fancy  
hat contest was won by Joanne Lovejoy  
and Tom Maves. The highlight of the  
evening was a stick horse race called  
by our illustrious track announcer, Jack  
Prather.

In other news, Bob and Carol McAlevy  
hosted a driveway chat on a delightful  
April evening. Neighbors enjoyed the  
glow of sunset and a gentle breeze while  
listening to musical entertainment pro-

vided by the Ukulele Group.

The Longleaf Ridge men's group wel-  
comed General Manager Mary Anne Ly-  
num from On Top of the World Commu-  
nities for a Q&A session at their monthly  
luncheon.

Pedal power pals continue to have  
new adventures on the second Thursday  
and fourth Friday of every month.

Special thanks to new residents Dona  
and Wes for opening their home for a  
well-attended driveway chatter.

In the best of bocce tournament, the  
first runner up was the group "Jim's  
Gems." Congratulations to Shirley Aus-  
tin, Lisa and Jim Rasmussen, and Karen  
and Tom Moyer.

A new book club was created and  
scheduled their first selection and meet-  
ing for May.

As our neighborhood continues to  
grow, we look forward to welcoming all  
the many new neighbors to Longleaf  
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Fun with Golf Carts



Susan Pulling Robinson

The Memorial Day parade on Satur-  
day, May 27, was a moving event, with  
music and decorations in honor of those  
who sacrificed all so that we might be  
free. Club members decorated their carts  
and themselves in red, white, and blue,  
to the delight of the spectators along the  
route. Designated charities included In-  
terfaith Emergency Services, Operation  
Shoebox, and Voices of Change Animal  
League (VOCAL).

The Independence Day parade is

scheduled for Saturday, July 1. Every pa-  
triotic cart will be sure to delight!

Our Facebook group is now at 480  
members! If you have a golf cart, please  
consider jazzing it up (or not) and join-  
ing in as we "parade for a cause." Each  
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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



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There will not be a potluck dinner in June.

Let’s celebrate our nation together at the Fourth of July party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased from 10 a.m. to noon June 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22. This is a bring your own beverage and potluck event. You are asked to bring a dish according to the first initial of your last

name: A-F - salad; G-P - side dish; Q-Z - dessert. Burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee will be provided. Hal Dodd will spin the tunes for your dancing and listening pleasure. Come and celebrate the red, white, and blue together.

Friday, Sept. 15, will be a fun hunt from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and chili cook-off from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Petroskys will provide the music. Shredded cheese, sour cream, onions, crackers and desserts will be provided. There are three categories for the chili cook-off contest: hot/spicy, sweet/savory, and mild. Tickets will be sold from 10 a.m. to noon on Aug. 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31 for \$8 per person. Join in the chili contest or just come and enjoy an afternoon of fun hunting and socializing.

Sunday, Oct. 22, will be the annual picnic and Saturday, Dec. 9, will be the holiday party and dinner dance with DJ Tim Hargis and Gourmet Affair as the caterer. Watch for more information in August and September.

New residents of Candler Hills receive “The Happenings” by email by signing up at candlerconnection.org. 1,580 residents receive this publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

1,600 Candler Hills residents are members of our Facebook group. Keep informed about activities and other news items by joining.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, June 6, at 4 p.m. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome.

Unless otherwise noted, all events and ticket sales take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

See you around the neighborhood!

Kestrel Knowings

Elaine Morrison



The week delay for the Cinco de Mayo party made the celebration, which was held on Doce de Mayo, even more special. The great food, a taco bar with all the fixings, the endless margaritas, the games and music and laughter, the camaraderie with neighbors getting to know each other, all contributed to making this a knockout Kestrel gathering. The winners of the cornhole tournament, the 50/50 raffle and the hilarious left, center, right game, went home with some lovely booty, adding to their particular enjoyment of the festivities.

The hard work, put in by the committee, headed by Jan Eaton and Linda Spurlock, was appreciated by all the lucky attendees. And even though the event set a high bar, the next get-togeth-

er, on Tuesday, June 13, promises to be exciting as well. It will be a happy hour “East Meets West” event, encouraging new friendships within the community. Reservations are required for this bring your own beverage and appetizer potluck (for at least 20 people). There will be no fee and it will be at The Lodge at Candler Hills from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Jan Eaton for reservations.

Upcoming on Thursday, July 20, will be jukebox bingo night. For those who do not know this event, it is a bingo game which uses music instead of numbers. This could be theme songs from shows, disco tunes, various music from different decades and so on. It tests your musical knowledge. And as always in bingo, you need to have a lot of luck. This is a bring your own beverage and snack event. Tickets will be \$10.

All fees collected for our events are rolled back into future events.

If you wish to purchase tickets or need further information, please contact Jan Eaton at jeaton1000@comcast.net.

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



Four to six residents are needed to volunteer to host the August ice cream social. Volunteering would only involve the time in planning, shopping, organizing, and serving at the event. The Indigo East Social Committee will fund the entire function as well as help on the day of the event.

Volunteers are also needed to host the Halloween party and holiday party. This is an opportunity to show off your expertise in party planning and hosting. The Indigo East Social Committee always welcomes new ideas.

As a reminder, there will not be any events during the months of June or July.

The board will have several positions open in 2024. If interested in joining the board, please contact Beth Griner, chairwoman.

The month of June has many significant holidays including Flag Day, Father’s Day and Juneteenth. I recently

read up on Flag Day and would like to share what I read with you. In 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress, Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Scholar’s credit the flag’s design to Francis Hopkinson, who also designed the Great Seal and first coin of the United States. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of the national flag.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14 as National Flag Day. However, it wasn’t until 1949 that Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman. Since the first flag was issued, there have been 27 official versions of the flag. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth State on August 21, 1959.

The flag of the United States of America should be treated with dignity and respect. To dispose of a US flag, one should take the flag to an American Legion, VFW, or Boy Scout Troop. They will retire the flag respectfully in their next flag disposal ceremony.

Wishing you a wonderful month of June. As usual, I’ll see you around the neighborhood.

Toppers Banjo

David Wesenberg



Toppers Banjo meets every Thursday, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference

Center Music Room. We play and sing a wide range of music from the Civil War to today.

If you play banjo or are hoping to learn, come and join us. If you like to listen to all kinds of music, come and hear us in a congenial, friendly music session.

The band is always looking for new music. We have added a number of blues and traditional southern music to our repertoires.

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

Call ahead so we all know who will be there. Members of the band have to step away occasionally. If you want more information about the group as either a player or listener, contact David Wesenberg at dwesenberg3@cfl.rr.com.



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# YIN YOGA Workshop



**Arbor Fitness Center**

**Friday, June 16, 2023 11 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Arbor Fitness Center**

Indulge in a relaxing and meditative Yin Yoga class and then learn the science, benefits and philosophy behind this practice. The longer holds of the floor-based Yin Yoga postures encourage the deeper muscles and connective tissue to release. The slower pace also creates space for quiet self-reflection.

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Crescent Ridge Happenings

Patti Doty



Happy June! How is it possible it is already the sixth month of 2023? Happy Father’s Day to all! And June 1 is the official beginning of hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 31.

Thank you to the residents who attended our May event at the temporary location! As always, there was plenty of good food to share, great conversations, and lots of laughter that is always good for the soul.

We welcome residents from all Crescent Ridge and Crescent Green neighborhoods to join us at our regular monthly gatherings. The gatherings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month at the beautiful Veterans Park pavilion. Please mark your calendar for the next gathering on Sunday, June 11. We hope you will attend.

If you have family in town, please bring them! The beautiful playground is just steps away from our meeting location if children are visiting. 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.

If you are new to Crescent Ridge or have a new neighbor, please encourage

them to join the Crescent Ridge email database to receive community 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!

Our Facebook page and email system are very helpful to residents. At the last gathering a resident shared that she was concerned about a neighbor. Another resident picked up their phone and logged into Facebook, sent a message to that neighbor, and within a few minutes the neighbor responded. They had been under the weather and were very excited and thankful that someone was checking on them. Always good to check on our neighbors.

With Florida’s rainy season beginning, if you know of neighbors in need of help around their homes, give a shout out 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 papers, etc., and help us keep our beautiful neighborhoods clean of debris.

We look forward to seeing new and current residents of all the Crescent Ridge neighborhoods at the Sunday, June 11, gathering at the Veterans Park pavilion!

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



Only a little over a week until our June event. I hope you already bought your ticket since ticket sales are over and there won’t be any sold at the door. Remember we have a prize for the “best overall hat” and another one for the “most outrageous hat,” so get your creative juices flowing! We will also have a horse race game, 50/50, and raffle prizes. Stay tuned next month to find out who won!

The music of our lives-themed event will take place Saturday, Aug. 12. It will be music from the 1940s through the 1980s, including Queen. Remember how you dressed when you were a teenager and young adult? Dress the way you did

back then and come join us for fun and memories. Plus, we will include music from each of those decades. More information will be in my next World News column.

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

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, setup, cleanup, or serve please contact Carron Janssen at 847-529-6183 or Cathy Clinton at 860-302-6723, email us at OTOWFriendshipConnection@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

LOST OR FOUND A PET?  
Call the SPCA of Marion County  
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Avalon Social Group

Karen Volpe & Sharon Hall



Our May Ocho de Mayo event had a great turn out! We enjoyed a taco bar from Beef O’ Brady’s and a couple of rounds of “Name That Show Tune” provided by our own Avalon resident, Anthony Elmore. Some of our residents are obviously trivia buffs and could write those answers down within seconds!

Our next event will be held Monday, July 10. We are looking forward to a luau theme with catering by Sonny’s BBQ (always a favorite!) and entertainment by the Ukulele Club, and Anthony also has some plans up his sleeve. More audience participation activities are in the works, but it should be a fun-filled night

that you don’t want to miss. Watch your email and our Facebook group for more information to be provided soon.

Are you new to Avalon or our social events? There are three ways to keep informed of upcoming events: email, our Facebook group, 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.

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Get ready now for the risks associated with stormy weather so you are prepared to act when alerted by emergency officials.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON:

- **Build a disaster supply kit** (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- **Compile a list of medications, including dosage and frequency.** Have a 7-day supply on hand, particularly special needs items like oxygen tanks
- **Those with special needs should register with the Marion County Special Needs Program to receive assistance during a disaster** (marionso.com/special-needs-program or (352) 369-8100)
- **Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind** (bicycles, lawn ornaments, patio furniture, etc.)
- **Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters\***
- **Fill your vehicle’s gas tank and any gas cans you may have**
- **Obey evacuation orders**
- **Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals**
- **Register for emergency alerts at [alertmarion.com](http://alertmarion.com)**

Visit [www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php) and [www.ready.gov/hurricane](http://www.ready.gov/hurricane) for additional information.

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**AD DEADLINE:** Noon on the 12th of the month. If the deadline falls on a weekend, then it's noon on the Friday before. For more information, call 352-387-7466, email [otownnews@otowfl.com](mailto:otownnews@otowfl.com) or visit [ontopoftheworldnews.com/ocala](http://ontopoftheworldnews.com/ocala)

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For Sale

**Appliance:** Farberware stand-alone convection/broil oven. Owners manual with instructions and recipes included, \$45. 352-598-3964.

**Art Supplies:** Table-top easel, holds up to 20" high canvas, drawer for art supplies, folds for easy carry, \$10. 352-873-8565.

**Collectibles:** Breyer horses (52-plus). Selling as a group. 352-207-1799.

**Collectibles:** Dolls from generations past, \$5 to \$50 each. 352-873-2778.

**Collectibles:** Various beer steins, prices vary. 352-873-8565.

**Electronics:** Olympus (VR340) camera. \$30. 352-346-8898.

**Fishing Equipment:** Shimano TLD STAR 20/40S \$60. Penn Spinfisher 706Z, \$60. Fenwick rod 6.5' 30-80 lb., \$50. Diawa, \$25. Ugly Stick, \$50. Tuna jigs, \$3. Pictures available via text. 352-346-8898.

**Golf Cart Equipment:** Wheels with tires (4), 18 x 8.50 - 8, \$85. 352-216-1872.

**Golf Cart:** 2018 Club Car Onward, electric, new rear seat with metal frame. 352-207-1799.

**Home Décor:** 5x8 rug, \$130. Miscellaneous vases & dishes. Pictures available via text. 352-346-8898.

**Misc. Item:** 10'x10' canopy with slanted legs, \$25. 352-300-3229.

**Misc. Item:** Kenmore (model 51) portable automatic zigzag sewing machine, accessories, and instruction manual, \$50. 352-291-8787.

**Misc. Items:** Napoleon Prestige 500 propane grill with infrared side and rear burners, cover, and propane tank, \$200. Rolling cart nest for large Big Green Egg, \$20. Wooden side shelves for large Big Green Egg, \$20. 612-618-1712.

**EMERGENCY AFTER-HOURS PHONE NUMBER**  
352-236-OTOW (236-6869)

**Misc. Items:** Cooler, tools, suitcases, rakes, brooms, picture frames, tea cart and more. [quecheecala@gmail.com](mailto:quecheecala@gmail.com) or 352-414-5424.

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**Misc. Items:** Suitcase 18x10x26, \$20. Silicone diving fins, \$10 and others, \$5. Pictures available via text. 352-346-8898.

**Musical Instrument:** Epiphone electric guitar, \$275. Pictures available via text. 352-346-8898.

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**Yard Equipment:** Neuton cordless electric lawn mower, 14" cutting width with battery, battery charger, and operating manual, \$50. Black & Decker (BV5600) high performance blower/vacuum/mulcher, \$25. 352-304-8104.

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**Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3:** 10081 SW 92nd Street Road, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. · 8892 SW 84th Circle (Candler Hills) 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, June 3:** 9105 SW 90th Street (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10:** 8608 SW 86th Circle (Candler Hills), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24:** 9235 SW 90th Street (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to noon · 8725 SW 83rd Circle (Candler Hills), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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