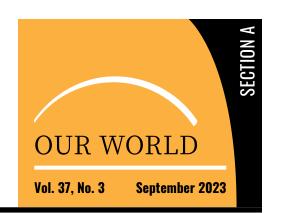


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Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Summer is Winding Down

As this beautiful, wet summer is winding down, the ramp up for fall and winter is moving into full gear. September seemed to get here very fast. From the property management perspective, the push is to catch up the last of any rain-delayed work in the community and get lawns and landscaping ready for what little winter we enjoy around here.

Community Updates

Longleaf Ridge is going full bore on construction of new homes in Phases IV and V. Phases VI and VII are in land development. This neighborhood offers a limited number of Estate Series homes fronting on The Links Golf Course. Premier and Carriage Series homes are also available in this gracious, maintenance included neighborhood.

The Longleaf Ridge amenity is finishing up design and permittable plans. I anticipate that this project will be permitted by mid-December. Then again, I never know what to expect from the

building department and state agencies.

The newest neighborhoods in Candler Hills are Ashford and Balfour. Sales of these Estate Series homes have been strong. Site development work will bring us a total of 341 homesites in Ashford and Balfour when completed. Select homesites and move-in ready homes are still available in Ashford. The Balfour

amenity is in the design stage.

Sales continue at a brisk pace in Weybourne Landing. Weybourne Landing Phase 1C is nearly 98% sold. Phase 1D is 50% sold; and Phase 2 is ready for home construction. The community dog park is nearing completion.

Home sales across all neighborhoods are moving along at a very good pace, despite interest rates. Interestingly, over one third of sales have been move-in ready homes. Demand remains strong, despite the many challenges we are facing in this catch-up economy. To better match demand with supply and production, homesites are released in blocks that align with delivery capability. This method is the best way to assure that home construction avoids supply bottle-

necks to the greatest extent possible. **Recycling Update**

It is worth reminding all residents that plastic bags do not recycle. If you bring your aluminum, metal cans, and newspapers to the recycling containers or in the curbside containers in plastic garbage bags, empty the contents into the recycling bins and dispose of the bags in the household garbage. Doing otherwise only contaminates the entire recycling stream and it will be directed to the landfill. A convenient container has been placed near recycling to dispose of the plastic bags.

Recycling works and has saved the Associations money in the long run. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Hurricane Season

September is generally the peak of hurricane season. The recent NOAA update on the 2023 hurricane season was concerning to say the least. 17 to 21 potential Atlantic storms must be taken seriously. It has management reevaluating their resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure they are ready for the challenge serial storms may pose. Generally, management is able to persevere in its ground's maintenance responsibilities, despite the month of July and August posing challenges with rain and extreme heat.

It seems that every time the mowing crews get caught up, a long cycle of showers pushes them behind. I congratulate our crews for working so hard to keep up under the grueling temperatures and rainy conditions. Granted, we need the rain to replenish the groundwater, but it does come with a price.

As we move into peak storm season, focus is shifting to storm preparations. Management is positioned to move fast on sometimes less than 24-hour notice, to secure buildings and equipment from possible wind and rain damage, as well

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Oktoberfest - Prost!

By Dave DeAngelis **World News Writer**

Hallo Nachbarn! Wie geht's? Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Hey, after last year's fabulous Oktoberfest, maybe some folks decided to study the German language. Nein? Okay, we'll do this with minimal translations. Hello neighbors! How's it going? Do you speak German? No prob-

There was so much camaraderie at last year's Oktoberfest ... well, it was almost Woodstock-like. Cordiality, friendliness, brotherhood (Gemütlichkeit) and foot-stompin', Stein-raisin' music, not in Bavaria, but at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons right here in On Top of the Alps ... er, World! If you were there, you know zactly what I'm talkin'

Oktoberfest was such a success that we were thinking of having it again this

year. Now wait – oh, we are! On Saturday, Sept. 23, we're baaack.

From 5 to 9 p.m. at The Town Square, schunkeln over to the music of three great bands with a Bavarian DJ entertaining between band performances. Food trucks will supply you with much needed energy to burn. Ham it up at the selfie station. Heck, bratwurst it up at the selfie station. Sample (not chug) different beers while supplies last. Dance

your Birkenstocks off!

The popular Polka band, Northern Sounds, will kick off the evening from 5 to 6 p.m., a band that specializes in original and traditional polka music (German, Polish, Slovenian). Beyond Oktoberfest, they play a variety of other musical genres such as Irish, Italian, waltz, foxtrot, ballroom, swing, Latin (cha-cha, rumba, and tango), line dances, country, ballads, oldies, rock 'n' roll music and more.

Up next, from 6 to 6:15 p.m. is the regular, effervescent entertainer here at On Top of the World, a man who wears many hats, Bavarian DJ Ron. Oh, we're

just getting started.

Northern Sounds will then polka waltz back onto the stage from 6:15 to 7 p.m. to add sauerkraut to your bratwurst. Wunderbar! Then, get ready for German folk dancing as Orlando Schuhplattler Gruppe enters the room, presenting you with Alpine traditions and customs, Schuhplattler folk dances, and comradeship from 7 to 7:25 p.m.

"Schuhplattler is a traditional style of folk dancing that became popular in the southern regions of Germany and Austria. It's considered a courtship dance that copies the wooing behav-

ior of the Auerhahn (a very flirtatious bird)." Hmm ... if you're looking for an alternative to Match ... just sayin'.

And from 7:25 to 7:40 p.m., forget it ...

no chance for a breather here because DJ Ron injects even more oom to your pah. And it ain't over yet!

From 7:40 to 9 p.m., Orlando's I-4 Band will have no mercy on your Birkenstocks, hitting you with their array of dynamite Top 40 music. And the survey says, "I-4 Band is Orlando's hottest dance band that gets the audience moving and shouting for more." I say, keep on truckin'! Oh yes, the kiosk will be serving German beer, wine, water, and soda, all this taking place on Saturday,

Sept. 23, from 5 to 9 p.m. Having attended last year's Oktoberfest, I can say that it was high-spirited to say the least. Great fun and in anticipation of this year's event. For me, everything was enjoyable except for dancing. I don't dance. Just won't do it. Not a chance. On second thought ... maybe the Schuhplattler.

In clogs, Birkenstocks, Skechers, whatever ... come and enjoy this year's Oktoberfest! Eat, dance, or just sit and enjoy. It's free and open to the public here at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons! Wunderbar!

For more information, follow Circle Square Commons on Facebook (@csctownsquare) or Instagram (@cscommonsfl).

Meet Chef Ralph Cipollo

By Hailey Rodgers



Ralph Cipollo is the new director of food and beverage.

Deserving of a warm welcome, Chef Ralph is our new director of food and beverage and will oversee food service operations at On Top of the World. These include The Pub, The Club at Candler Hills, Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, Fresh Plates Catering, and a "soon to be named" food truck that will be making its appearance at several upcoming

Ralph comes from a military family and served in the U.S. Air Force. He received his culinary training in Portugal through a culinary apprenticeship program and worked for several other stellar companies including the Ritz Carlton, Boca Raton Resorts, and Club Med Resorts International.

Exciting changes are coming to the food and beverage operations here at On Top of the World. Not only will The Club at Candler Hills be receiving a new chef, but it will also soon be revitalized with a new menu! Lunch and dinner menu options will be introduced, as will an "early bird" dining option starting at 4 p.m. These menus will be refreshed every four months along with rotating featured items and dining events. A separate bar menu will also be available for those who want simpler options.

Chef Ralph is excited about implementing the changes that he believes guests are looking for, as well as creating a livelier environment for both guests and staff. His goal is to ensure that all venues focus on quality food, prompt, and friendly service, and providing a more comfortable, casual, and social atmosphere for everyone. Ralph wants his guests to know that he is very approachable and looks forward to interacting with them. On Top of the World is delighted to have Chef Ralph here as a part

of the team!

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Is It Legal?

Colen & Wagoner, P.A.



Upcoming classes at Master the Possibilities are as follows:

- Sept. 12: "Patriot Day: A Look at the Founders of the Country."
- Sept. 26: "A Reprise of Homestead in Florida.
- Oct. 17: "Wills vs. Trusts. What's
- Best for You?" Nov. 14: "Medicaid in Florida"
- with John Beck
- Dec. 5: "COVID and the Judicial System What Happened?"
- Dec. 19: "Should You Put a Child's

Name on Your Property?" Sign up at MasterthePossibilities.org.

SCAM ALERT #1: A client had his email account hacked, and the hacker had his contact list and controlled his entire computer. The hacker said he had special software that gets around anti-virus systems. The hacker said he/she caught my client visiting "certain sites" and had a video of him and if he didn't pay some \$1,900 bitcoins to a bitcoin account, the video(s) would be sent to all my client's contacts. There was a comment that he was not to tell anyone about this. Of course, a message that says, "don't tell anyone," is a cue that you've got a scam-

Folks, this is a common scam and it's particularly dangerous because it doesn't matter whether someone has or hasn't visited various sites. The purpose is to frighten you. Do not be frightened. Block the email domain. Under no circumstances should you reply. Say nothing. Just delete.

SCAM ALERT #2: The Federal Trade Commission reminds us that scams against seniors are growing. We must be on the alert.

Make up your mind not to download anything from anyone on Facebook and Twitter, even if it's from family members. Have the photo or email sent within an email so you won't have to download or open it.

Q. Am I correct that in your lecture on estate and probate administration, you

said that I could not leave my homestead to a friend?

- **A.** I did not say that. What I said was that a married person who owned a homestead in his or her name, alone, and was survived by a spouse, can either leave a life estate to the spouse or leave the entire property to the spouse. The devise of homestead can be a very complex area of Florida law. If a couple is married, but title to a Florida homestead is only in the name of one spouse rather than in both, Florida law limits how the homestead owner can pass that homestead to heirs through a will or a trust. An exception is if there were a signed, valid homestead waiver.
- **Q.** I am a single woman who has been separated from my husband for many, many years. I live in Florida, and he lives elsewhere. I read your column, attend your lectures, and love them all. However, I can live wherever I want and with whomever I choose. So, if you say otherwise, then I really disagree.
- A. If I'm reading you correctly, you are not a single woman. You are a married woman. Being separated, no matter how many years it is, does not make you single. It makes you still married. You have a husband. Yes, you can live where you want and with whom you want. However, since you live in Florida, and since you are married, this state's laws have a significant impact on your ownership of Florida property and in your ability to sell it or leave it to someone on your passing. Maybe you should discuss this with a lawyer.
- **Q.** Are you as skeptical as you sometimes seem to be?

A. Yeah.

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Your photographic memory has never developed.

Finding Zen

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The ongoing heat wave in Central Florida has us all wishing for fall. The triple-digit feels-like temperatures have made outdoor activities uncomfortable and dangerous. Staying indoors is the only way to beat the extreme heat. But we have some good news. Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer and the official fall season will begin Saturday, Sept. 23. The long hot summer will soon be replaced with shorter days and cooler nights. With that in mind, we thought we would share Sholom Park's event forecast so you can plan to enjoy the outdoors again this fall. Mark your calendar and join us for a season of educational and entertaining outdoor activities.

We have all been patiently waiting for the completion of the new Japanese Zen Garden. Well, the time has come. It will officially open to the public on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 20. You'll finally be able to journey down the pathway to Zen and create your own unique Japanese Zen Garden experience.

Fall is full of fun festivals, and Sholom Park's HAPI Harvest Day is one you do not want to miss. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of fall-tastic live music with country singer-songwriter Patrick Gibson. Visit one of our interactive and educational trick-or-treat stations or go on a painted pumpkin hunt throughout Sholom Park.

You can even participate in a spooktacular costume contest and win a prize. Don't miss this fun, family-friendly fall ovent

The Park After Dark Concert Series is back, beginning Thursday, Oct. 19, with an all-American music tour, featuring some of the best-known musical cities throughout the United States. Experience the sounds that define the musical heritage of each city and state with live entertainment on the Sholom Park stage. Enjoy dinner from a participating food vendor, serving iconic local dishes that share the city's history and define its geography. First class registration for all three events is sold out. However, you can still register for coach and jump on board as we visit through the art of music: Nashville, Tennessee, Louisville, Kentucky, and Detroit, Michigan.

Kentucky, and Detroit, Michigan.
Also, beginning this October, you can learn, explore, appreciate, and focus at Sholom Park's educational L.E.A.F. Series. Our special guest speakers will share their expertise on topics connected to nature, wildlife, plants, trees, or the park's mission of finding inner peace. Join us for an interactive outdoor learning experience on the third Friday of each month through May 2024.

Due to limited space, all educational and after-hours events require advanced registration. Parking and registration fees support the enriching, educational, and family-friendly events hosted year-round by Horticultural Arts & Park Institute, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For more event details or to register, please visit sholompark.org/events. Follow Sholom Park on Facebook or Instagram for up-to-date park information.



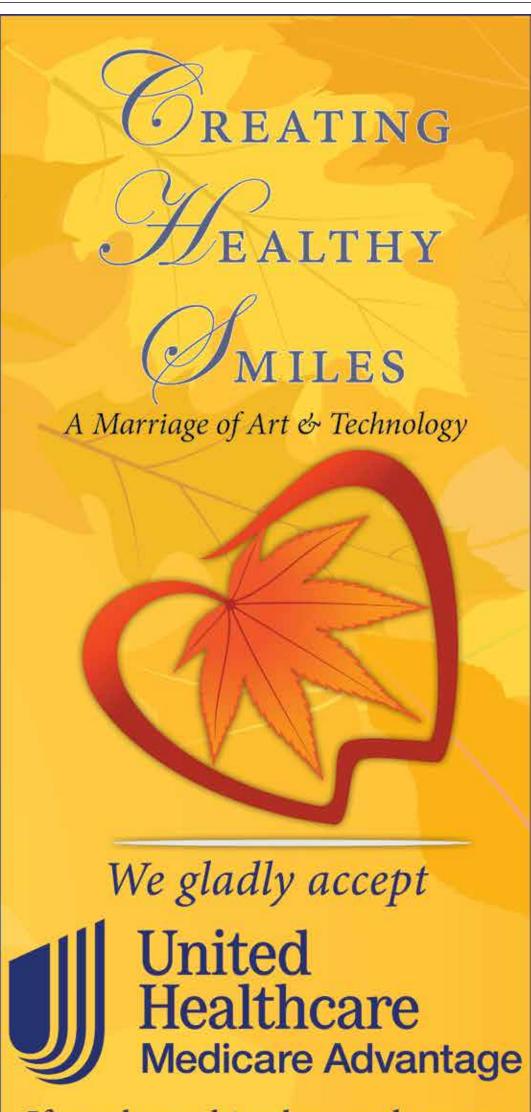
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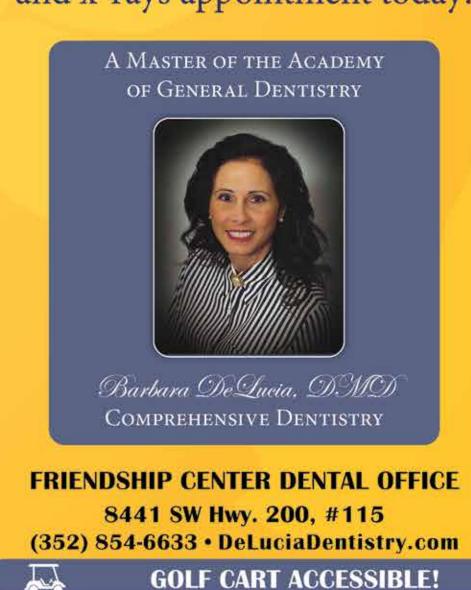
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as making sure everyone is clear on their post-storm responsibilities for recovery and clean-up.

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Home Modifications

Residents of all neighborhoods require approval from the Association prior to adding any addition to the exterior of the home. One of the largest factors considered in the review and approval process is the wind rating on any proposed addition. Many aluminum products have an inadequate wind rating. Naturally, these types of products will not be approved by the Association. Check with Resident Services for details. Finally, don't forget to update your homeowner insurance to ensure any additions to the original structure are included in your policy.

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Lifelong Learning

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Master the Possibilities has exciting news to share with our participants. We will be going live with ed2Go classes this month, giving our participants another way to stay abreast, learn new skillsets, and become involved. What is ed2Go? It is an online educational provider that focuses on more skills-based and certificate driven courses.

What this means is a person will soon be able to take a class through Master the Possibilities to help earn a certificate that is a job requirement, or hone on more in-depth computer skill needs. These courses will be provided virtually, and participants may choose to take a pre-recorded class, or a virtual event that puts them in a classroom (from home) with other participants and an instructor. Visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org for more information on this new, exciting learning opportunity with our Education Center.

There are even more exciting events happening at our Education Center this month. Visiting speaker topics for September include the "History of Ocala" with the Historic Ocala Preservation Society on Wednesday, Sept. 13, with Brian Stoothoff from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., and "Birds in Our Lives" with world traveler Reinier Munguia on Friday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to noon in Live Oak Hall.

Munguia has delighted our audiences many times before and is returning by request to present on birds and their involvement in helping shape humankind. Part of his presentation will touch upon birds serving humans in multiple ways, from the kitchen table to the latest in surveillance. Cost to attend this event is \$11 for members and \$16 for the general public

For those who may be new to the community and have not yet had the chance to experience a class or presentation at Master the Possibilities, this is a great month to visit and get involved. Our Education Center is hosting more than 200 courses this month. A great event for newcomers to register for is the Golf Cart Safety course, offered September 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Classroom 4.

Colen Built Development Corporate Health and Safety Training Compliance Officer Jonathan Miller and SCA Golf Maintenance Superintendent Andy Jorgensen will educate golf cart drivers on how to prevent injury to pedestrians, utility cart operators, and their passengers. "Golf Cart Safety" will include important topics like safety devices, operating procedures, laws, operator accountability, and enforcement. This is one of those must-attend events that takes place Monday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. Cost to attend is \$3 for members and \$8



"Birds of Our Lives" takes placed Friday, Sept. 11.

for the general public.

Since our Education Center is busy with multiple classes and topics, I would recommend visiting our website at masterthepossibilities.org for a complete list of upcoming topics, along with new events that have been added since the print catalog. Registration is available 24/7 on the website, or registration assistance may be given by our Main Office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

sent to do a damage report in our re-

spective neighborhoods. (We don't do

this until the storm has passed. Safety

tors, others will use various forms of radio communication and cell phones,

pected. And this will give us a realistic

expectation of how long it will take for

Some of us will be ham radio opera-

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave

The Community Emergency Response Team will be "called up" in our next monthly meeting as a drill to evaluate our efficiency in responding to any area-wide emergency which could overwhelm first responders.

We'll show up at our headquarters with our equipment, check in, and be

to report damaging or compromising situations. In fact, texting is particularly handy when phone lines are tied up. So, we'll test our communication/coordination skills in case some equipment, or some people, don't work as well as ex-

first.)

us to cover our neighborhoods. So, if you see someone in a green and yellow "CERT" t-shirt and hard hat busily taking notes, say "hello." And think

about joining us!

The (volunteer) Community Emergency Response Team is about helping you help yourself, your family, and your closest neighborhood. Come to a meeting to look us over. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Give a call to Debra at 412-443-2930 to confirm the next date.

Apply to receive the free training by the Marion County Sheriff's Office at marionso.com/emergency-management-volunteering. They will contact you before the next training session.

Community ham radio operators can assist us from home by tuning in to Simplex frequency 146.565. When deployed during a disaster event, we need neighborhood reports on building damage, blocked roads, medical emergencies, and other vital information. Our designated command center is the Hobby Building Art Room, where ham radio operators establish contact with Marion County Emergency Management. For more information, contact brucetwiss@yahoo.com.

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Around the World

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September is here! Finally. The heat of the last two months has been off the charts! There are some interesting days this month, such as National Lazy Mom's Day and Emma M Nutt Day on Sept. 1; Emma Nutt was the first female telephone switchboard operator in Boston in 1878. She was hired by Alexander Graham Bell (yes, the inventor of the telephone).

Labor Day is on Sept. 4. Labor activists in the late 19th century pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions of workers to America's strength, prosperity and well-being. President Grover Cleveland had the task of deciding when the holiday would be celebrated. He chose the first Monday in September.

Golf Cart Courtesy Caught

Look who was caught doing the right things while operating their golf carts. Our thanks to Steve and Marsha Schneer, George Moore, and Tim Beaty. They also received a gift card for Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. Will it be you next month?

Resident Services

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, 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



Watch for school buses

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

When you closed on your home, you became eligible to obtain up to two resident ID card(s). These ID cards expire five years after date of issuance. Nonowner resident ID cards expire every three years. Every third or fourth resident in a household are required to pay an annual guest fee. A gate decal is free to the first owner on a deed; the second owner is \$15. Any additional gate decals issued per household are \$75 each.

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-OŤOW (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 per-

Golf Cart Registration

It's a must to update your golf cart registration this year. To expedite that process, we will hold the registration in the parking lot near SW 80th Street, behind Cypress and Live Oak Halls. The calendar delineating how and when you will be served is printed on page 11A and posted at OTOWInfo.com.

School is Back in Session

Now that schools are back in session, please be cognizant of buses and walkers. Our traffic flow has increased, and accidents are increasing. Please watch out for the children and yourselves. See left for an illustration of when to stop for a school bus.

Something to Take with You

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Health & Safety Operations Manager Danny Childress with residents, Marsha and Steve Schneer, and Health & Safety Compliance Officer Jonathan Miller



George Moore, resident, Health & Safety Compliance Officer Jonathan Miller, and Health & Safety Operations Manager Danny Childress.





Active **Newcomers Club**

Lori Lund

Active Newcomers Club lives up to its name - active! Last month, we held our doing donuts morning get-together at the Veterans Park pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 12. This was a time for current members to mingle with new residents for less than four years.

This month the main get-together activity is our chili cook-off on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. Contestants agree to provide a minimum of four quarts of chili in a crockpot in one of four categories. The four categories that will be judged are spiciest, best all around, most unique, and vegan (meatless). The winner of each category will receive a prize. This event is a member only event with a \$5 admission fee paid at the door. Members can bring their own beverages and the club will provide chili toppings, crackers, and paper prod-

Our small group activities are growing, and the enthusiasm is fantastic. Our monthly dinner groups have new members added each month. We are up to 80 interested members enjoying meeting at different restaurants and getting to know each other.

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Another small group that has taken off is our wine group. This group started out with 12 in March and now the group is topping 50 members. This group formed with people interested in sharing wine and snacks together, while getting to know their neighbors. They are not wine connoisseurs, just folks who enjoy wine and want to meet new resident members. The wine group meets in homes and each family unit brings a bottle of wine, in the theme chosen by the host, with some food that pairs well with the chosen wine. The themes thus far have been wines from Spain, Italy, California, and "crazy wine labels." The host provides water, paper goods, and napkins. Some hosts have added 'getting to know you" games and even prizes for the most popular wine of the

The get-togethers are held the second Friday of each month, generally from 5 to 8 p.m. If you are interested in being a part of the wine group, please contact Claire Metzger and Terri Albright and they will get you included in the group. All you need is a love of wine, interest to meet others, and a willingness to host

once or twice a year.

Our annual Halloween hootenanny will be held at the Recreation Center Ballroom on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. This is a member only catered Halloweenie hot dog bar with a variety of toppings, side items, and of course candy. There will be a costume contest, DJ, and dancing all for only \$10 per person. Watch social media for RSVP dates and as always, you can email us with any questions you have regarding membership at activenewcomersclub@outlook.





Active Newcomers wine group enjoying getting to know each other at Marilyn's home.

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Lt. Robbins of the Marion County Sheriff's Office speaking at the Veterans Club.

Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun



Heroes are those among us who put the welfare and safety of others before themselves. Many have said that our military veterans are our heroes. I agree with that and have been honored to meet, serve, and work with many military heroes.

The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, which several of club members belong to, was privileged to meet, and honor several World War II veterans at the TimberRidge Center for Rehabilitation and Healing. Then we honored many Purple Heart recipients and Agent Orange survivors at a special ceremony at the Ocala/Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.

We take every opportunity to meet, thank and honor our military heroes. All gave some and some gave their all.

The number of military heroes is di-

minishing. During World War II, the military was over 12% of our population in the United States. During Vietnam it fell to less than 5%. Now it is less than 1% (1.3 million active-duty military personnel). Today, many of our heroes are first responders. An estimated 4.6 million people serve as career and volunteer firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics in the United States.

We need people who think of the safety and the well-being of others before themselves. I look to people like our speaker, Lt. Robbins of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

With 9/11 approaching, the club will be memorializing our first responders and the military who joined shortly after that fateful day.

I cherish our military veterans and thank them every day. If you want to join us in supporting veterans, please attend one of our meetings and see what you can do to help us.

The Veterans Club meets the third Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV at

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The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity sent the following memo: The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season began June 1, and all Floridians are encouraged to have a plan. If you do not have a plan and need help making one, please visit FloridaDisaster.Biz.

Following the impact of a hurricane, residents may lose access to basic services, such as power and water, and be subject to limited or a lack of access to essentials, like food, drinking water, and medicine. With these situations in mind, all individuals and families are encouraged to stock up on essentials and build a disaster supply kit to last for a minimum of seven days.

For information about how to create a plan, what to include in a disaster kit, where to find storm updates, and many other subjects, please visit the resources listed below.

FEMA: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster preparedness website contains detailed planning guides for families, businesses, pets, and special populations, as well as detailed information about disasters and emergencies. > fema.gov/ emergency-managers/nationalpreparedness/plan

Florida Division of Emergency Management: The Florida Division of Emergency Management's website is the best resource for Florida specific evacuation maps, shelter information, and storm updates. > FloridaDisaster.org

Florida Department of Financial Services: The Florida Department of Financial Services provides a printable Emergency Financial Preparedness Toolkit available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. > myfloridacfo.com/division/consumers/storm

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OneBlood **Bloodmobile**

Sara Sommer



The Big Red Bus® was here Monday, Aug. 7. It was a truly fantastic drive. We had 30 whole blood units and eight double red blood units. Each unit can save up to three lives. As essential persons, donors have great powers.

It is also time for our Friday blood drive. The Big Red Bus® will be here Friday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Here is your chance if you are unable to donate

on Mondays.

Then the next drive will be Monday, Oct. 2. The Big Red Bus® will be parked at the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to eat a good meal and drink lots of water before and after donating. Please bring a picture ID. Mark your calendar. Let's see if we can top the previous amount of dona-

Walk-ins are always welcome, but you can make an appointment. The schedule is online about two weeks before the drive. Simply log on to OneBlood.org/ donate and look for the On Top of the World drive. Pick your time and you are all set. Appointments are usually taken first to try to keep on schedule. You will be sent a confirmation by email as well as a reminder when the time comes.

There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can make a difference. Please give.

There is another date to remember. The semi-annual Club Fair is taking place on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. OneBlood will have a table there as usual. Please stop by to say hello. We will be there to answer any questions you might have. If we don't know the answer, we will direct you to a place

See you on the bus and at the Club

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Democratic Club

Mark Miller



In case I haven't mentioned this previously, the Democratic Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV at 6 p.m.

Our August meeting featured representatives from our main charity of choice, 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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. and will feature a presentation by Democratic State Committeewoman Joyce Blake. That will be a good meeting to attend if you'd like to learn about the actions and functioning of the Democratic Party of Florida. We are honored to have her speak to our

group!

Following are the most-needed items for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village: pillowcases, twin size sheets, twin comforters, 1.7 cubic ft. refrigerators, small microwaves, men's razors, men's deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, men's shaving cream, and toilet paper. Food items needed include canned meats, canned chili, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, microwaveable rice, boxed milk, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, individual snacks, and coffee. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our

If you can't come to the meeting, let us know and we'll do our best to get your donations to the Ritz, or you can drop them off before the meeting starts!

For more information, contact Mark Miller at 443-848-8549 or demclubotow@ gmail.com.

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September is here already. Time flies when we are having fun. This month we celebrate Labor Day and the start of autumn. Although, our temperatures will remain hot, fall may bring back some fun memories for us. Let's enjoy the hot summer days together at our beautiful pools and indoor events.

Line Dance Party

Put on your dancing shoes and join us Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Tim Hargis will provide live entertainment.

If you are new to line dancing, just follow each other to learn and have lots of fun. Bring your favorite snacks and drinks to enjoy. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per non-resident. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

Join in the fun with DJ Frank and sing your favorite song or cheer on the singers on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. Bring your favorite snacks and drinks to enjoy. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Pool Party Bash*

Enjoy the beautiful Florida weather with friends and neighbors on Monday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Indigo East Fitness Center. We will have live

entertainment by Fred Campbell and Fresh Plates Creative Catering will offer cheeseburgers, hot dogs and relish, baked beans, coleslaw, assorted chips, cookies, and strawberry lemonade. Ticket cost is \$16 per resident and \$18 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Social Hour

Join new and old friends, enjoy easy listening music, and take the time to socialize together on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Indigo East Community Center. We will provide cheese and fruit platters. This is a free event for residents, and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo Community Center. If the weather permits us to be outside, we will be at the Indigo East Fitness Center. This is a very popular and fun event. It is a good time to unwind, dance and socialize with fellow residents and friends. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident. Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy.

Our live entertainment lineup is as

Sept. 1: Debbie Owen and Tony

Sept. 8: Robert France

Sept. 15: Charity

Sept. 22: Kurtis Mae Sept. 29: The BadKitty Band

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

The Lodge at **Candler Hills**



September is the last true summer month in Florida. This state's gorgeous climate makes it spectacularly warm. We are busy planning activities for our residents at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Pull out your calendar and mark the dates so that you don't miss out.

I want to thank all the residents for the support, encouragement, and laughter you have contributed to my life for the past 12 months as your coordinator.

Please take a moment to stop by the office to say hello to Jerra Chitwood our new coordinator.

Holiday Hours

On Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day), facility hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pool will remain open until dusk.

Live Poolside Entertainment

Join us for live entertainment poolside, listening and dancing to the music by Cherokee on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. This event is free for residents

and \$5 for guest(s) accompanied by a resident. Bring your own beverages and enjoy your time with friends and neigh-

Social Night

Join your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Sandra and Alex. Bring your favorite beverages and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last). This is a free event to our Candler Hills residents. Guest fees of \$5 apply to those who attend with a resident.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place the third Saturday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 16, Crossfire will be here for your entertainment. Bring your own beverages, snacks and enjoy dancing with friends and neighbors. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest(s) accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Sing your heart out on the fourth Thursday of every month at karaoke. The next event being held Thursday, Sept. 28, with Charlie and Kathy from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own drinks and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. Guest fees of \$5 apply to those who attend with a

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



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Weybourne Landing

Valerie Muriel



I would like to welcome all our new residents and extend an invitation to join our upcoming September events. Enjoy the pool, music, games and meet some new people while you're having

Happy Hour

Come join us for a night of dancing and socializing with your friends and neighbors. Happy Hour takes place every second Saturday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in The Landing Ballroom. On Saturday Sept. 9, your entertainment for the night will be Sal & the Gal. Bring your own beverages and snack and enjoy. This event is free to residents and \$5 per guest(s) accompanied by a resident.

Trivia

Trivia takes place the first Wednesday of every month. On Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. join us for a fun-filled night of mind-boggling questions. No smartphones, please. A trophy and bragging rights will be presented to the winning team. This trophy will then be returned the following month and awarded to the next winning team. Every three months the overall best scoring team will take the title of master trivia winners. We will have a pizza party one hour before the last game for all trivia participants. This is free to residents and \$5 per guest(s) accompanied by a resident.

Social Hour

It's time to unwind, sit back and relax with the sounds of Long White Cloud on Sunday, Sept. 24, 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your own beverage, snacks, and maybe meet new people. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest(s) attending with a resident.

Poolside Entertainment

Relax in the sun and enjoy live entertainment on Sunday, Sept. 17, with smooth music of The Mudds. Feel free to bring your favorite poolside beverage and snacks.

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Holiday Hours

On Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day), facility hours will be 9 am to 5 p.m. The pool will remain open until dusk.

*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 register event. Resident ID must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a Weybourne resident.



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Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard



The Republican Club held its monthly meeting on Friday, July 14. Fiona Bowling offered the opening prayer, and members were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem led by County Commissioner Kathy Bryant. The club's military veterans were recognized and 17 new members were acknowledged and presented with a pocket Constitution of the United States. County Commissioners Kathy Bryant and Michelle Stone were introduced, as well as Charlie Stone, former four-term Florida House of Representatives, 22nd District.

The entire meeting was devoted to the featured speaker and resident, Dr. Alan Altany. He earned the Ph.D. in religious studies from the University of Pittsburgh; his dissertation was on the poetry of the 20th century Catholic monk Thomas Merton. He was a tenured, full professor of religious studies at Marshall University in West Virginia and currently teaches comparative religions at the College of Central Florida in Ocala and the Ocala Center of St. Leo University.

Professor Altany delved into the origins of political Islam and shared the history of its original leader. Due to time constraints, he was unable to fully explain the complexities of this subject. Because of the overwhelming positive response of the club members and their desire to learn more, he agreed to conduct four study sessions regarding this subject. These sessions will be conducted outside of regular meeting times. More information will be provided soon.

Vice President Charles Dodge gave a brief overview of the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard of which he is a member. The local Marion chapter has

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Resident and featured speaker Dr. Alan Altany at the Republican Club.

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Marshall and Ellie Richards displayed information on Operation Shoebox. The club encourages membership participation in this endeavor. Please contact Marshall Richards at mcr1010@yahoo. com for more information.

In addition, at every meeting, Tom Hauck 352-414-2535 or thauck 3775@aol. com offers a supply of Deterra, the safe disposal kits for unneeded prescriptions (opioids), as well as refrigerator door File of Life emergency cards. Marion County EMS are trained to look for these cards during emergency calls. He also provides instructions on how to sign up for AlertMarion.com for emergency warnings in the area. These services are free to all Marion County residents.

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 are Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10. For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at 518-534-0201; your

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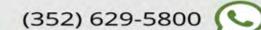
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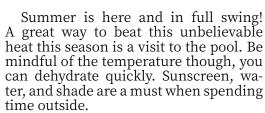






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Ballroom Dance Lessons*

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 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: September–Rumba; October–Foxtrot; November–Cha-Cha; and December–Waltz.

Tropic Trivia Night*

Trivia is very popular for those open to mind puzzling challenges. Our next

Tropic Trivia will start back up in September. Get a team together and don't miss out on a great night with lots of challenging questions.

Please note that beverages, water bottles, and/or cups are not permitted.

Sign-ups for play are currently being accepted through December. 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.

1: Factoids; 2: Just for Fun; Tie at 3: La Triviata &The

Mockingbirds.

Karaoke

Come join the karaoke fun as Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will DJ on Thursday, Sept. 14, 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.

Club Fair

The Club Fair will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see what's new, join a club or two or more. All residents are welcome.

Social Hour

Relax and socialize with friends and neighbors on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Music provided by Saxman. A cash bar and refreshments will be provided (while supplies last). This is a free event for residents and guest fees of \$5 apply to guests 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 and on Sunday, Sept. 10. Should inclement weather be predicted, the outdoor entertainment will be cancelled. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind are permitted at the Recreation Center veranda, pool, or pool pavilion.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Sept. 1: Nathan Leslie
- · Sept. 8: Jo Jo
- · Sept. 10: Dynamic Duo
- · Sept. 15: Kurtis Mae
- · Sept. 22: Sal and the Gal
- · Sept. 29: Palomino Blonde

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Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. 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.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- · Sept. 1: Groove 41
- · Sept. 8: Disco Night with Pure Magic
- · Sept. 15: Cruise-in with Dave
- Shepard Band Sept. 22: Rock Solid
- · Sept. 29: Solid Gold

The Cruise-in Happy Hour will take place in the Recreation Center parking lot and front lawn on Friday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the Dave Shepard Band outdoors. Browse the spectacular automobiles showcased. We will have a food truck onsite for your enjoyment. This event is weather permitting. BYOB is not allowed. Our next Cruise-In Happy Hour is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 20.

Upcoming Ticket Sales*

Rags to Riches tables go on sale Wednesday, Sept. 6, and New Year's Eve Celebration will go on sale Monday, Sept. 11.

Community News

Room booking guidelines that have been in place have been reviewed with subsequent changes effective Sunday, Oct. 1. You may pick up a copy of the changes at the Recreation Center office. Please reach out to us with any questions.

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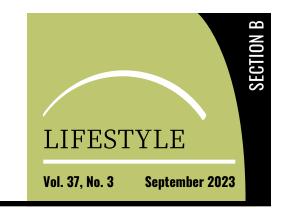
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ing in the "Great Cycle Challenge." It's

a national event around the country that takes place every September. Fundrais-

ers ride their bicycles raising money for

research hospitals devoted to finding

cures for this disease affecting our children. In the eight years that the Great Cycle Challenge has been fundraising, they have raised over \$63 million.

Last year, Barbara Pukstas signed up to contribute. That September she rode her tricycle more than 47 miles and

raised \$408. Barbara has raised the bar this year and set her sights on raising at least \$500. To contribute to this great cause, go to the bottom of this story. Barbara's dedication to this cause

started a few years ago – really? Okay maybe more than a few. When Barbara Jones was attending Waterford High

School in Connecticut, one of her class

projects was raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. By way of a thank-you, she and her classmates

were invited to a show hosted by Dan-

ny Thomas in Hartford, Connecticut. Barbara was thoroughly taken by what Thomas and the hospital were doing for

children. She is sure it influenced her decision to attend the Yale New Haven

After graduating, she continued her work at the Yale New Haven Hospital, and of course, went into pediatrics work-

ing with children, ages six through 12.
Then, nurse meets math teacher,
Chris Pukstas. They married and moved

to Waterford, Connecticut – then to Westerly, Rhode Island. There, Nurse

Barbara continued her work in pediatrics, and eventually in labor and deliv-

dog treats for those pups that come out and bark, "good morning." Her rides are keeping her in shape for the Great

Cycle Challenge beginning this month. If you would like to help Barbara meet

and exceed her fundraising goal, please stop by 9745 SW 95th Loop.
Good riding, Barbara!

Barbara and Chris left the frigid north eight years ago and settled in Windsor. She rides her tricycle every day from 8 to 11 a.m. and is sure to have a bagful of

School of Nursing.

Trikin' For a Cause

By Ray Cech World News Writer



Photo by Ray Cech

Barbara Pukstas ready to roll on her trike for children.

Lion Barbara Scales and her committee have continued to be a constant with the "shoebox" project, purchasing clothing, and shoes for those elementary students who are need and preparing them for distribution to several of our Title 1 schools. It is amazing how this helps the students feel better and learn better.

All of September, Barbara and her tri-

cycle will be seen riding around On Top

of the World neighborhoods, once again raising money to fight children's cancer

and save young lives. She is participat-

Of course, our club is continuing with Box Tops for Education (BTFE). The On Top of the World Library has been assisting us with this project. The library has been collecting residents' grocery and Walmart receipts to provide a central location to drop your receipts for scanning into the Box Tops application, in case you don't have the time or the desire to scan them. Lion Barbara's outreach

on this project has several clubs here in our community participating. Why throw the receipt away when it might just contain an item that donates five or 10 cents to a school in need? If you want to participate but have concerns, please contact Lion Barbara at 315-440-0142 or barbarascales58@hotmail.com.

Our membership has grown, and we are so proud to say they are active participants which helps our club continue its success. We are always looking for new members and our membership chair, Lion 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.

Photo by Estelle Michelson

Lions Club Donates School Supplies

By Gail Morris

Well, for those who do not know, opening of the Walmart on SR200 on Fri-Marion County Public Schools resumed classes on Thursday, Aug. 10, so our members were busy in July purchasing school supplies and 40 backpacks to help students in need start the school year off right. Members gathered at Lion Estelle's house to stuff the backpacks and then they were delivered to Dunnellon Elementary for distribution.

We also were on hand at the grand re-

day, Aug. 4 at their request. Our club has partnered with Walmart for those extra helping hands we need with our fundraising and community projects. The managers, Karel Basulto and Elizabeth Metts, presented the club with a \$2,500 grant for our continued efforts with combating childhood hunger programs as well as our support of our veterans' projects.

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Walmart Check presentation with Karel Basulto, Lions Club President Ken Vaudo and Elizabeth Metts.

Backpack party with Lions Joy, Lorna, Moses, Harry and Leona.







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Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi

Often when we see streams and rivers, they evoke a bucolic feeling. The banks might provide a nice area for a picnic or a comfortable area from which to fish. However, back in the late 1790s and 1800s prior to the development of steam engines, the water power that was harnessed from the rivers was critical for many commercial operations.

In Pawtucket, Rhode Island, along the banks of the Blackstone River is the historic Slater Mill. This was a water powered textile mill modeled after the cotton spinning mills of England, and the first in America to use the Arkwright system of cotton spinning.

Slater Mill was constructed in 1793 and is considered the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution. The founder, Samuel Slater, was born in Derbyshire England and at an early age served as an apprentice for the owner of a British cotton mill. He rose within the company and became familiar with the mill machines designed by Richard Arkwright and memorized the plans for the equipment. At the time British law forbade textile workers to share technological information or leave the country.

Slater however emigrated to the United States and used his knowledge of the machines to build America's first water powered cotton spinning mill, with the support of a Quaker merchant, Moses Brown. By 1791 a waterwheel powered the machinery that carded and spun

cotton into thread. While considered the founder of the American Industrial Revolution in the United States, Slater was known in Britain by the pejorative "Slater the Traitor" for smuggling out the technological information on the machines.

Today the Slater Mill welcomes visitors. You can view the mill and get a good understanding of the set-up of the equipment and method of transferring power from the water wheels to the machinery. In addition, they have other buildings to tour to provide an understanding of life back in the 1790s.

Adjacent to Slater Mill is the Wilkinson Mill, built in 1810 by Oziel Wilkinson. It was the first mill in Rhode Island to have a backup steam power source, built by David Wilkinson They built machines and parts for Slater Mill and other textile mills in the Blackstone Vallary

Samuel Slater and his brother John also founded America's first planned mill village in 1803 in an area of North Smithfield known as Slatersville. This was a mill along the Branch River where the river dropped over 40 feet in a mile. Unlike in Pawtucket, they needed a village to house workers. The Slaters built worker housing, a company store, and a church in addition to the mill itself. This model was replicated in many other areas

The Rhode Island Group will be meeting again this fall. Anyone who has lived, worked, studied, or served in Rhode Island or their families are welcome to join us. If you are not on our contact list, please send your information to judith. parisi@gmail.com and we will add you to the email distribution list.



Melanie Vittitow



For those of you who follow our column, I want to let you know that the little Yorkie that we featured last month, Joey, has been adopted. We got his leg fixed and he is learning to use it again. I am sure he is enjoying his new home and they are enjoying him because he is just a lovebug.

I also need to let you know that our regular meetings will resume Thursday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481. We hope you will come to learn how you can help us help the animals in need. If you need to contact us before then, you can reach us by phone at 352-362-0985. We will also be setting up our table again at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market starting Thursday, Sept. 7.

Since we are a rescue group, I wish to discuss a few things you can do to make things go more smoothly when you adopt a rescue dog. Most often their background is unknown, so you have to be very observant and understanding when you bring them home. This is especially true if the animal is coming from a shelter rather than a foster, who

can usually give you a few hints from their observations. Patience is the key!

You must realize that everything is new and strange. He may not feel like eating or he may gobble it up fast. He may pee on the floor (it wasn't a problem at the kennel), and he may flinch when you reach down to pet him. He may choose to sleep on the floor instead of that soft bed you bought for him. Give him time to realize that he is safe now and learns to trust you. Dogs are very resilient and most adapt very quickly, but here are a few hints to help this along.

Don't force the dog into new experiences thinking that will make him adjust faster. Just the opposite; he may withdraw even further. Along that line, let him decide if he wants to be petted. Feel free to tell your neighbor to wait to pet your new dog until he greets them, and then do it on the side of the muzzle, not on top of the head.

In the home, routine is the key. Stick to a schedule for feeding and walks so he'll know what to expect. Let your new pet know when you are pleased with his actions, so he'll learn what you want of him. Try to keep the atmosphere in the home calm and positive, in your words and actions (turn down the volume on the TV, and no shouting!). These are just a few of the ways you can show your new pet the love he deserves.

In closing, "Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."



J. Ashi Olshan



True freedom starts with your right and ability to think for yourself, as opposed to following the constraints of crowd rule or tribal dictates. The Freethinkers Club is where we learn and practice how to respectfully "live and let live" together, as independent individuals, via civil discourse.

In our community, all kinds of people from many states peacefully enjoy retirement together. The Freethinkers Club provides a haven to respectfully discuss topics laced with courtesy, integrity, compassion, and truth-seeking.

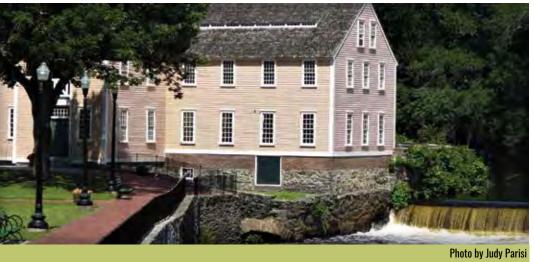
At our July 23 meeting, after introductions and before open conversation, we watched an enlightening video by Seth

Andrews, author and creator of the podcast, The Thinking Atheist, explaining, "What Happens When We Have Facts, But Not Context or Perspective?" and how that affects our perception. Followed by energized conversations, we enlighten each other without heated debates and animosity.

Our community is a great example of red and blue peacefully living in harmony together, so purple is the perfect color for the words of our club logo. Join us Sundays, Sept. 3 and 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. (alternate Sundays year-round) in the Hobby Building Event room. If you have any questions, please email freethinker-sotow@gmail.com.

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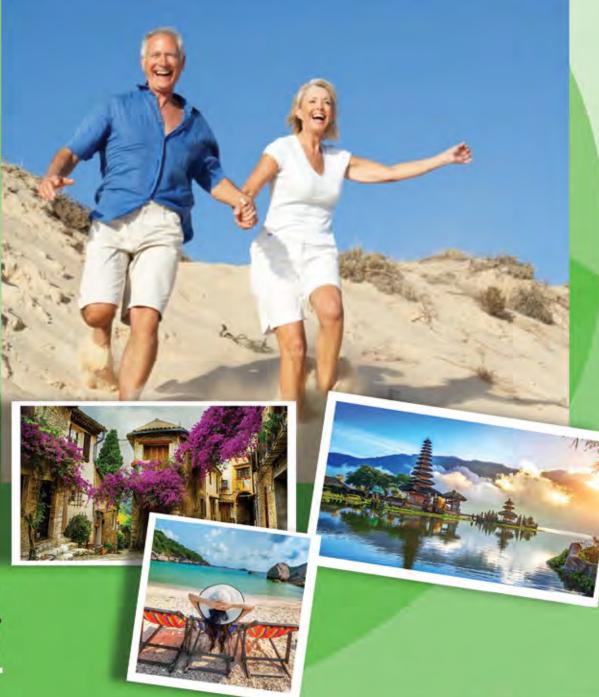
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Travel Toppers

Mary Lamp



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To update our Valentine's Day cruise on the Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas from Feb. 10 to 17, 2024, at present there are only two cabins (four people) remaining at the offered price of from \$2,345 per person based on double occupancy. This price includes the cruise, all fees and taxes, shipboard gratuities, travel, protection insurance and motor coach to and from the Port of Miami. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your cabin and final payment will be due Sunday, Nov. 12. For questions and reservations, call Linda Hein at 352-861-9880.

There are only eight spaces available for our trains and balloons trip to Colorado and New Mexico from Oct. 7 to 19, 2024, including the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The trip starts with three pre-nights in Denver, then includes three train rides in Colorado before the Fiesta in New Mexico. The tour prices are \$5,402 per person for twin; \$6,992 for single; and \$5,052 per person for triple. A \$250 deposit is refundable until May 2024. Insurance of \$359 per person is non-refundable. Final payment would be due Aug. 10, 2024. Prices for the airfare and two Denver tours is not yet available. If interested, you need to call Linda Hein at 352-861-9880.

Gail Ambrose is taking reservations (two at the maximum) for our trip to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 21, to see "Tootsie." The price is \$94 per person (check only) and includes the dinner, show, transportation, and driver tip. She can be reached at 954-614-0898.

Beginning Sept. 5, Sharon Stetson will start to take reservations (two at the maximum) for "White Christmas" which will also be at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theatre. We will attend on Saturday, Dec. 16. The price is also \$94 per person (check only) and includes the dinner, show, transportation, and driver tip. Reach Sharon at 207-838-3776.

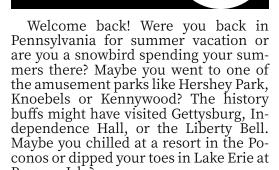
Other productions, the date we have booked, the date a Travel Toppers representative can begin taking reservations, and their telephone number follow: "Beautiful Carol King" Jan. 20, 2024 (Oct. 9, Diane Knox, 352-390-2386); "Cats" April 6, 2024 (Jan. 8, 2024, Marilyn Wilson, 282-699-7587); and "South Paris" of "No. 122-2024 (Feb. 2024 Jin. 8). Pacific" May 12, 2024 (Feb. 5, 2024, Lisa Adams, 407-325-9863). Please note that all tickets for plays are non-refundable unless we have a wait list and any guest you may want to invite will be placed on a wait list.

Trips sponsored by Travel Toppers Tours are open only to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Any non-resident who participates must be a guest of a resident club member. Please visit traveltopperstours.com for upto-date information about our current

trips/tours.

Pennsylvania Club

Lacinda Hobbs



Presque Isle? Did you put on your hiking boots and trek over the Appalachian Trail or check out the 24 waterfalls at Ricketts Glen State Park? Maybe you explored unique architecture at Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, the Cathedral of Learning at Pitt, or Henry Mercer's Fonthill Castle?

Did you see the herds of elk in Benezette or more exotic animals at the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia zoos? Baseball fans might have taken in a game at the Pirates or Phillies stadiums or the Little League World Series. Maybe you just took a bucolic drive through Amish country and indulged in unique Pennsylvania Dutch foods such as shoofly pie, Lebanon bologna, or scrapple. Our state has a lot to offer to residents and visitors alike.

The Pennsylvania Club welcomes you back for the 2023/2024 season on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. The club will enjoy a light meal prepared by the members, our usual 50/50 drawing and card bingo (with prizes). Future meetings will include guest speakers and/or other activities. We will also be participating in the Club Fair at the Recreation Center on Thursday, Sept. 14. Come join us ... whatever your Pennsylvania connection may be.

Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



For our September meeting we'll be swapping howdys and catching up after taking a little summer break. Hopefully we will also be welcoming some new folks for our special brand of Texas fun. Our activity will be a game called "Tales of Texans." This is kind of a "have you ever" type game where each table is a team and scores points based on the experiences of the players.

Each table needs a team recorder, so bring your reading glasses if you are se-

lected for that duty.
Our meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 10, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Feel free to start moseying in after 5:30 p.m.

This is a "bring a snack to share" type gathering, so please contribute an easy appetizer, munchy, or dessert for the group and bring your preferred beverage for yourself. Alcohol is now allowed in the facility.

Please also bring your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. Our 50/50 drawing will take place as usual. If participating in that, small bills are appreci-

Next month we're going to strap on the feedbag with an Oktoberfest. We'll be talking about food and who can bring what during our September meeting. For November, we'll be entertained by Dee Collier who will be bringing Annie Oakley to life for us.

If you have a connection to Texas by having spent time there even if it was just for vacation, military training, competitions, professional meetings, etc., please consider joining us. If you have family there, we welcome you too. We strive to have a Texas element or theme to our activities but in a way that anyone can feel comfortable participating. Those of us who were born and raised there or were there for work, college or military service will happily share our Texas experiences, culture, and cus-

For more information about our meeting or about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-2801, or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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R/C LadyBirds

We meet September through May and

Our club is open to all wives and sig-

look forward to meeting new members

nificant others of the R/C Flyers. We

will meet, for the 2023-2024 season, the

second Friday of each month, Septem-

ber through May, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor

Conference Center 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

Linda Lohr

this month!

Fall colors are a Michigan favorite!

Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

There is something in the air. You can sense it. The preparation for the seasonal changeover has begun.

The forest animals are in step with it. Squirrels have picked up the pace, foraging for food. The deer come out to graze now in the afternoon sun as well as in the early morning and twilight. They no longer fear us. We have become part of their environment.

The birds are no longer building nests. Their young now fly with the flock. The morning air is crisp. Dew gleams like diamonds scattered across the grass. It clings to flower petals where the hummingbirds drink.

Pine trees have shed their cones making way for bright green fingers to poke through each feathery bough.

The sun is warm, but not intense. It has shifted position in the sky, as if clearing the stage for the next performance. At night, the sky is clear, filled with stars like tiny lights that illumine the darkness.

The hardwoods are dappled with traces of color. Soon they will wear a coat of many shades, made brighter as the nights grow cooler and longer. The wind now comes out of the north bringing with it, autumn, the time for Oktoberfest!

Join with the Michigan Club as we celebrate the opening of our 2023-2024 season with a lively Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. Music is included plus Publix fried chicken provided by the club. Bring sides to compliment the event. Also bring your choice of beverage (can be alcohol) and your place setting for your meal (plate, cup, fork, knife, spoon, and napkin.)

Gather up your summertime Michigan memories to share. Please text Nancy Meininger if you plan to attend at 352-554-0757. See you there!

Southern Club

Beth Green



The Southern Club took a break this summer, but we are ready to "kick off" our meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 5, with a tailgating party/meeting. Please come on out and join in on our fellowship, food, and fun! The meeting will be held in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. We will start at 5:30 p.m., so we ask that everyone arrive a few minutes early to find their seats, get a drink, and to have time to chat. We furnish coffee, tea (sweet and unsweet), and lemonade, but we do ask you to bring your own plates and utensils.

Since this is a "tailgate" theme, please feel free to wear your favorite college or NFL football team attire. Also, we ask that you please bring a covered dish. You may want to bring a tailgate-themed dish, but feel free to bring any type of dish you would like, as we always begin our meetings enjoying a potluck dinner. Also, at this meeting, we will have an election of officers and go over our bylaws.

You don't have to be from the south to join us. Being a resident of Florida makes you an honorary southerner. Come as a visitor and bring your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass and join. The dues are \$10 per club year. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. We hope that you can join us on Sept. 5, and maybe bring a friend. If you have any questions, please call Melanie Vittitow at 352-615-8997.

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New York/New Jersey Club

Eileen Stewart



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The club has dined out two months in

The club has dined out two months in a row as we prepare for a move to our new meeting space and time. The July dinner at Milano's Italian Grill drew 52 people. We met some new members and caught up with others.

Our next meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 19, we will gather at our new meeting place the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I-IV at 6 p.m. Meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of each month except December which is our holiday party and is to be determined.

Our president, Brian McDonald, and the new planning committee have an activity filled calendar for the upcoming year. We look forward to costume parties, chili cookoffs, karaoke, poker run, game night, dancing, potlucks, barbeques, and ice cream socials.

Please stop by our table at the Club Fair in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Thursday, Sept. 14. Hope to see you there!

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Tech Tips

Shane Bobson & Intent **Technology** info@mybridgenet.com

Intent Technology

The future of intent technology is a topic that has been gaining a lot of attention in recent years. With the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, intent technology has become an essential tool for businesses looking to understand their customers better and deliver personalized experiences. In this column, we will explore some of the trends and predictions for the future of intent technology.

One of the most significant trends in intent technology is the integration of AI and machine learning technologies. With the help of these technologies, businesses can process and analyze vast amounts of data quickly and accurately, providing insights and recommendations that would be impossible to uncover manually. This trend is expected to continue in the coming years, with more businesses adopting AI and machine learning to improve their marketing and sales strategies.

Another trend in intent technology is the use of natural language processing (NLP) to understand customer intent better. NLP is a branch of AI that focuses on enabling machines to understand human language. By using NLP, businesses can analyze customer conversations, feedback, and reviews to gain in-

sights into their needs, preferences, and pain points. This information can then be used to create more targeted marketing campaigns and improve customer experiences.

The rise of voice assistants such as Amazon's Alexa, Google Assistant, and Apple's Siri has also contributed to the growth of intent technology. Voice assistants use NLP and machine learning algorithms to understand user queries and provide relevant responses. As more people adopt voice assistants in their daily lives, businesses are looking for ways to leverage this technology to improve their customer interactions.

Another trend in intent technology is the use of chatbots and virtual assistants. Chatbots are computer programs that can simulate human conversations using NLP and machine learning algorithms. They can be used to answer customer queries, provide product recommendations, and even complete transactions. Virtual assistants are like chatbots but are designed to perform more complex tasks such as scheduling appointments, booking flights, or making reservations. As these technologies become more sophisticated, they are expected to play an increasingly important role in customer interactions.

Finally, the future of intent technology is closely tied to the growth of big data analytics. Big data analytics refers to the process of analyzing large datasets to uncover patterns, trends, and insights. By using big data analytics tools,

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actions with no link to your personal or

businesses can gain a deeper understanding of their customers' behavior and preferences. This information can then be used to create more targeted marketing campaigns, improve product development processes, and enhance customer experiences.

In conclusion, intent technology is a rapidly evolving field that has the potential to transform various industries and sectors. By leveraging AI, machine learning, NLP, voice assistants, chatbots, virtual assistants, and big data analytics tools, businesses can gain valuable insights into their customers' behavior and preferences. As these technologies continue to evolve, we can expect them to play an increasingly important role in shaping the future of business.

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Apple, Google, and Samsung smartphones offer payment apps for online or in-store purchases, where a payment token replaces your real account number. So that is another similar and secure option. You could even set up a virtual card to work within your smartphone apps.

Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowcomputerclub.org will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., members enjoy in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building or online oneon-one instruction, discussing their Windows or Apple computer, smartphone, or tablet issues. On our website, members may list any computer-related hardware for sale or to give away.

We keep the meeting fun and offer suggestions and possible solutions to help our members.

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Chris Kilbride



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

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could purchase an item securely that hides your real credit card information? Get excited, because that technology is already here, maybe you just haven't heard about virtual credit cards.

In the world of temporary, that is

financial information. You still will get fraud protection and spending reports. The only options to use this virtual card are online or over the phone since there is no physical card in your hand. To avoid having lots of plastic cards, you can link a group of virtual card numbers to a single credit, debit, or charge account. This way your wallet in your pocket is less bulky, and it seems that many of us often purchase online more than driving to a store any-





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Moonstruck **Astronomy Club**

Jim Di Paolo



Carol Himes opened the meeting by reviewing the club's financial report. Jim Di Paolo, club president, told another one of his time travel jokes and played a video clip from a comedy show that guest -starred astronaut Mike Massimino. Members were informed that the club's current roster is at 81, three more than the previous month.

Members were informed about the next upcoming NASA webinar featuring Dr. Danielle Simkus. In this talk, she will share the story of OSIRIS-REx's journey to the asteroid Bennu, the collection of samples from Bennu's surface, and the return of those samples to Earth.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, offered up a presentation on astronomy collectables. Dean Rehpohl did his presentation called the "Moon Minute," sharing some fun facts about Earth's

Jim informed members about two upcoming solar eclipses. The first is the annular solar eclipse that will take place on Oct. 14, and a total solar eclipse that will be on April 8, 2024. Viewers from Ocala will only witness partial eclipses from both events. Eclipse viewers need to wear solar eclipse glasses, compliant

with ISO 12312-2, and CE certified, for eye protection.

In anticipation of the upcoming Perseids meteor showers on Aug. 12 and 13, Jim informed members how to photograph meteor showers and explained the difference between a meteoroid, meteor, and meteorite. Samples of actual meteorites were passed around for members to examine.

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



Phil Karcheski



It is early August as I write this column. Growing vegetables is a bit of a challenge now. You can normally expect hot weather in Florida this time of year but not the record-breaking temperatures we are having this year. It is not just Florida, other states are experiencing warmer temperatures than us, particularly Texas. I spent two weeks in Alaska, which normally is beautiful and comfortable this time of year. Instead, it was cool, overcast and drizzled most of the time. Stopped into Wisconsin and it was much warmer and more humid than normal this time of year. We may have to relearn how to grow if the trend

I have been reading the planting charts from the UF/IFAS extension for September in zone 9b. I did not plant any of the recommended vegetable seed or transplants recommended for August yet. In my opinion we are getting to be more like 9c southern Florida. Hopefully the weather will change, and I will get started. I'll let you know how that worked out in my next column.

The planting recommendations from the Master Gardeners and UF/IFAS Extension for September are to start from seed: beans (bush, lima, and pole types), carrots, cucumbers, bunching onions, radish, squash, and turnips. Recommended and considered easy to transplant include arugula, beets, broccoli,

Brussels sprout, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, endive, kale, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, strawberry, Swiss chard, tomatoes, tropical spinach, and sugarcane.

I hope by the time you read this you will be turning the dirt, adding nutrients, and putting seeds or transplants in the ground and treating them with ten-

Remember to water only as necessary, identify insects and diseases before treating. Only 20% of bugs found in gardens are detrimental; the rest work in our favor often eliminating the other 20% that cause problems.

Try planting heirloom variety vegetables, use organic pest and diseases controls and natural fertilizers. Lastly, try companion gardening; all these recommendations can be found online including planting charts.

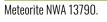
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Hospitality co-chair, Lois Trepper, serves pizza at the Jewish Club pizza and pool party in July.

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The Jewish Club

Bruce Kanner



There was no better place to be in Ocala Monday, July 24, than at the Jewish Club pizza and pool party at the Recreation Center pool pavilion.

Although it rained twice earlier in the day and again at night, the weather parted so more than 50 club members could enjoy pizza from Little Joey's, cold vegetables prepared by the hospitality committee, and assorted cookies for dessert.

The event was the club's first summer activity in several years and was prompted by responses to the membership survey last spring in which members indicated a desire for more yearround activities and social events.

Members won't want to miss the annual welcome back brunch and meeting featuring bagels from The Villages and real lox. The Jewish Club annual welcome back brunch is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10, and is included in membership for all members.

Following the brunch and the Jewish High Holy Days the following weeks, the club returns for its October meeting Sunday, Oct. 15, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Prospective members are wel-

Club 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. The Jewish Club is a reciprocal club meaning it holds meetings in both The Lodge at Candler Hills and in the Arbor Conference Center.

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

Genealogical Society

Ron Niebo



Hurray! Arriving soon - cooler fall weather and opportunities to travel, visit state archives, and attend genealogy conferences. Which reminds me ... place a hold on your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 11. On that date, our club and five others will sponsor the free Seek > Find > Connect > Genealogy Conference at the Ocala Family History Center. Online registration is now open and is being managed by the Marion County Genealogical Society of Ocala (1831 SE 18th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471). Please visit mégsocala.org/.

On Monday, Aug. 21, an open discussion was conducted by Membership Coordinator Sid Levine where members could request assistance from more experienced members regarding genealogy problems that occur periodically. These open discussions are a key part of our research buddies support activity. Members discussed genealogy software and tools, educational webinars, domestic and foreign resources, creating genealogy story books and sharing family

Our next educational meeting is Mon-

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MR. AND MRS. BLINDMASTER \$50 value. Must present coupon. Not valid with any other offers. day, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. It will be a presentation by genealogist and historian Karen Fortin. Her topic is how to extract information from death records. Besides the questionable details third parties provide on death certificates, there is other information to consider. This includes newspaper obituary listings, city sexton reports of burials, burial permits, memorial cards, deed/land records, census mortality schedules, and

Okay, you have located a death certificate ... but you cannot read the doctors' scrawled cursive description of the cause of death. Also, what is the meaning of that three to five digit number shown on the certificate? Poor handwriting or an archaic medical term can be a real problem. However, your savior might be that number.

In 1883, the first listing of diseases and their associated code number was created to support worldwide classification of diseases. It is known as the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). The United States officially adopted it in 1898. The World Health Organization manages it today, and it has been updated 11 times. (Note: Make sure you are using the revision in effect on the date of the death.) The original ICD and its subsequent revisions can be obtained at wolfbane.com/icd/index.html.

But wait, you still might not understand what that historical (archaic) medical term means today. Fortunately, historical to modern-day conversions of medical terms do exist. Two references are raogk.org/encyclopedia/illness/ and usgennet.org/usa/ar/county/greene/olddiseases1.htm.

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

All residents can join. New members are welcome - beginners as well as experienced genealogists. Individual yearly dues are \$20 or \$35 for a couple. For membership information, contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at wkelleymt@outlook.com.

Scandinavian American Club

David Wesenberg



After taking the summer off, the Scandinavian American Club will resume meeting at 1 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios.

Anyone with a Scandinavian ancestry or an interest in Scandinavia can join this fun congenial group for an exciting and engaging look at Scandinavian life past and present.

Each meeting has a meal, presentation, and fellowship time to trade stories about Scandinavians in both Scandinavia and America. Last year we had presentations about Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland.

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SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



We have been often asked, "What does this group of active single women do?" Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established about 18 years ago for active single women to socialize, establish friendships, and be supportive to other single women in their time of need. We support many non-profit agencies. We are a diverse group of women of different ages, backgrounds, likes/dislikes, from different parts of the world, but we do have the same future journey of being single.

Our social gatherings are appetizers, lunch-in and dinner-in which take place in our homes. We only have two membership meetings a year and we do not collect dues. Our meetings are necessary to establish groups for our in-home events, to have volunteers to sign up as hosts for our breakfast-, lunch- and dinner-out events, to meet old friends, make new friends, to plan our mini-vacations, our cruises, other trips, etc. Membership forms must be turned in at these meetings, so we have a true count of members. If we do not receive these forms, names are deleted from the master list. We welcome new members at any time of the year. Our fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-III. Signup sheets will be set up at that time. Please bring your completed membership form with you to the meeting.

Several SWANS are preparing to go to Daytona Beach for a mini vacation in September. The sign-up sheet for our November trip will be available at the membership meeting. Many of us are going to the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October. We can't wait for this exciting trip!

During the month of August, we went to Brick City Southern Kitchen for lunch and Outback for dinner. Once again, all these outings were well attended and enjoyed by all.

We are still limiting these outings because most of the restaurants do not have the servers to handle our larger groups. So now we do two groups of 15 each month to the same place.

A change that we made in August was to have brunch-out instead of breakfastout. Renee Turner was our hostess at Red's. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and had the added benefit of sleeping longer before having to get up and get dressed to go out!

Thanks to Denise Moore, Betty Pane, Cel Adams, Jennifer Bashaw, and Renee Turner for hosting these events. If you would like to host a SWANS outing, please contact Lois Nix to volunteer.

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. See you Sept. 9!

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Active



The Active Singles Club did its best to "beat the heat" this past month and is looking forward to more outdoor activities as we approach the fall and slightly cooler temperatures.

August brought us to the Appleton Museum of Art where we enjoyed a wonderful picnic lunch provided by Norma,

This was followed with a tour by artist Charles Eady on his exhibit "The Unseen South" which reveals the history and courage of free people of color living in the pre-Civil War South prior to the Emancipation Proclamation. It was amazing!

The club also started a once-a-month evening of Mexican train and an afternoon of trivia. Of course, we have our regularly scheduled activities like bowling, bocce, and darts.

September brings us another great hike at Ross Prairie East which is part of the Cross Florida Greenway followed by lunch at Reds. Our annual pool party is coming up in a few weeks and is bound to be filled with food, fun and games at The Lodge at Candler Hills. We have a 70-person occupancy limit so if you haven't signed up, now is the time to do

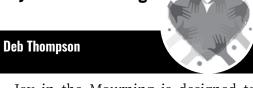
October heralds the club's anniversary month. Beginning our seventh year of operation, we celebrate with an annual picnic filled with delicious hamburgers and hot dogs right off the grill. Later we have a day trip to Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando which includes a walking tour and highlights of this 23acre oasis in the middle of a bustling city, a swan ride, and a stroll through an enormous farmers market followed by lunch.

Then we are off to the races, boat races that is ... as we take off for a glass bottom boat ride at Silver Springs State Park to check out the wildlife and learn more about the history of the springs. If you haven't visited yet, the springs are serene and mysterious, with everything to amaze and delight you including monkeys, alligators, manatees, and a beautiful bird population. This group has the option of heading to Mojo's for lunch! If you haven't ordered the nachos, you are in for a culinary treat! Bring your ap-

Finishing the month, consider joining us at the Lakeridge Winery, which is a beautiful afternoon of fun, friends, and a live band on the pristine grounds overlooking the vineyard. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy the outdoors, take a free tour of the winery and gift shop, and then take advantage of the great food trucks and their very own soft serve ice cream stand!

Please visit otowactivesinglesclub. com to become a member and to sign up for events. Interested but not sure this club is for you? Our next monthly general meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. followed by a happy hour and opportunity to talk to club members and make new friends in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV.

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Silver Rainbow Club

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cember, 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 SilverRainbow-Club.com, and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

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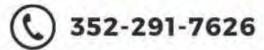
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India is a fascinating country with some amazing history. Today, we are going to get a small taste of what is available to see. A virtual visit to Rajgad Fort just might whet your appetite for a trip

Rajgad Fort is in southwest India, about 78 miles southeast of Mumbai, and about 30 miles southwest of Pune. Each city has a population of about seven million people.

Rajgad Fort has existed since at least 1490, but its history is best known beginning in 1630 when the King of Bijapur, Adil Shah, got control of the countryside in India that included the fort. The fort later was captured by the Mughal Empire in 1703. The Mughals then ruled over most of India until the mid-1800s, however, they lost the Rajgad Fort area to the British in 1808.

The location and architecture of the fort make it almost impregnable. At an elevation of 4,514 feet, the main portion of the fort is built on a plateau at the top of a mountain. This is where the royal family lived in their palaces and temples for many years. Other sections and pro-

An aerial view of a portion of Rajgad Fort, located in India.

tecting walls are built on the steep slopes approaching the plateau. The fort's base has a diameter of about 25 miles, so it is huge. Structurally, the fort is built in a series of four walled sections, each of which circumnavigates the entire complex. There are abundant caves available within the complex for protection during times of warfare and to use for the storage of food and supplies. Large cisterns and small lakes also were built on the plateau for esthetic purposes as well as to collect and store copious amounts of water that could be used during longterm sieges.

Today, the fort is one of India's major tourist destinations. This one, however, is for the hardy travelers amongst us. Once you get to the site, you must go to the fort by foot. You can choose from several hiking trails to the fort, ranging from moderate to difficult. It will take you from two to three hours to walk to the top. Interestingly, you can even camp inside the fort complex, although that requires you to haul in a tent, sleep-

ing bag, and assorted camp supplies. Once inside the fort, you can wander around as you like to take in the beauty of two temples, the remains of the palaces, the manmade lakes and gardens, and marvel at the architecture. With the elevated position of the fort, you can enjoy wonderful panoramic views of the verdant and mountainous countryside.



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.

We hope you had a great summer! We look forward to having you join us for the 2023-2024 club year beginning in September!

To kick off the start of the club year, we will have a tabletop display at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please stop by and say "hi!" We will be accepting membership club dues at the Club Fair.

If you are unable to attend the Club Fair, then please do come early to the Thursday, Sept. 21 club membership meeting to pay your \$15 annual dues. Also, please remember to bring your resident ID or Gateway of Service pass. You will be required to show these cards prior to signing up.

We have a treat for our members in September, as we step into the world of historical character actor and dramatist Dee Collier, who has dedicated her life to educating others about strong women in history. From her days as an elementary school teacher to becoming a beloved performer, Dee brings the past to life through her engaging portrayals and thoughtful narratives. Over her career, she has taken on nearly 30 personas in the name of education. At our Sept. 21 meeting, Dee will portray Irene Mabee, Al Capone's business manager.

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Our featured charity for September is Operation Shoebox, a non-profit organization based in Belleview, Florida that sends care packages with needed items to our deployed U.S. troops around the world. Ellie Richards, our Women of the World Operation Shoebox liaison coordinator, will provide an overview of what you can do to help the organization. She has provided the following troop wish list of items to donate: breakfast bars, instant oatmeal, cookies, crackers individually wrapped, drink sticks (for water bottles), fruit gummies, peanuts, beef jerky, candy, writing paper, envelopes, pens, quart size Ziploc® bags, personal hygiene travel size products, lip balm, etc. Also, entertainment items such as crossword puzzles, Sudoku books, playing cards, new or used handheld games and DVDs, and all sizes of new batteries.

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at the Recreation Center Ballroom starting at noon. The club is open to all women residents, including Gateway of Services passholders. If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us on 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.



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Christian Women's Group

Sandi Kemp



Please join us for our next potluck Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month for food, fellowship, and fun!

We have new ladies join us every month and some of them are willing to share their special talents with us! One of the new attendees is Marijane Darnell, who is a talented musician and will be leading us in a sing along this month and will be lending her talents in future

We are so blessed to have Arlene Chil-

cott bring her beautiful piano music every month and Fiona Bowling offers a lovely prayer each month. We love hearing her beautiful English accent.

Tina Reid is coming from Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) to tell us about all the wonderful help they provide daily. In August we brought donations for IES, and we are going to continue to bring donations every month!

We always have a short game of bingo for the door prizes and of course, the best potluck that you can imagine - it gets better every month!

So, again, I encourage you to come to the next potluck. We start at 11:30 a.m., but we ask that you arrive by 11:15 a.m. so that we can start on time. No reservations are needed! Hope to see you there!

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Enjoy a Cup of Cheer

By Mary J. Romano

Poms Dance and Cheer Squad is a new club that formed in July, when at our first meeting over 65 residents signed up to join the fun. We meet twice a month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Yes, that much space is needed to accommodate the enthusiastic, pom shaking, dancing friends that we have become. Every practice comes complete with new cheers to practice and more dance steps to learn.

Cheers come under the direction of Marcy Kollbaum, a former cheerleader and cheerleading adviser. Dance steps are choreographed and taught by Pati Bean; a dance instructor familiar with many types of dance.

Many of us are former cheerleaders from our high school and college days, however we also have members who are experiencing the fun of cheer and dance for the first time. The squad is looking forward to opportunities to show our moves and share our joy along with our newly learned routines.

We anticipate having a table at the Club Fair in the Recreation Center Thursday, Sept. 14. Stop by and say hi! Although enrollment is closed for the summer months, we will be opening our enrollment again at that time. You don't need any experience, just a positive cando spirit. We welcome all!

For more information, contact Director Marcy Kollbaum at 712-574-6153 or marcykollbaum@yahoo.com.



Members practicing their first number – "Hit Me with Your Best Shot."

Photo by Marcy Kollbau

Archery - On Point

By Mark D'Addario

On Top of the World has provided our community a beautiful archery range and a wonderful amenity, located in the Veterans Park, for all residents to enjoy. This facility is controlled and managed by the Archery Club. Due to safety and insurance requirements, use of this fa-cility requires membership in our club. If you have any interest in the sport of archery, you should come and check it

The range is open for members' use from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year, except for a few hours of maintenance every Monday morning. It is fully secured and has16 targets with distances from 10 yards to 80 yards, so you can choose your challenge or fun level. The club provides

all the equipment you will need, initially. Shooting takes place from a concrete shooting line for sure comfortable footing. You can shoot whenever it fits your schedule and competitively or just for

Archery enhances your fitness routine with an upper body workout to shoot and lots of steps to retrieve your arrows. When you need a break there is an 80-foot porch with six overhead fans to help keep you cool, plus a refrigerated water cooler/bottle filler with cups to keep hydrated.

What? You don't have a bow? You have never shot one before or "it was so long ago I was a teenager at summer camp." No worries, it's an easy

process to get started. Every new member takes a one and a half to two hour combined safety orientation and instructional session conducted by a certified archery instructor. This class, held at the range, includes introduction to a simple step-by-step method to prepare you for your first "shoot" for 30 to 45 minutes at the end of this session.

We have two levels of club member-

A resident associate membership (try before you buy), which is only \$15 and covers your initial training as well as three additional shoots at the range within the next 60 days.

After that period, you can apply the \$15 to an annual full club which is \$60 per membersmp, calendar year (\$40 for the second family member) and entitles you to full use of the club, all equipment, classes, all social activities and the ability to bring your guests to the range.

To get started on your archery journey, visit otowarchery.com > New Members and download an application form with the required waivers. You will also find lots of information on the website about the club and many of our activi-

For additional information about the club or to schedule your initial safety/ training session, please contact Mark D'Addario at rmarkdad06@gmail.com or 352-360-3436 or Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or 352-877-3144. **Club Shoot "600 Round"**

Aug. 5

40-50-60 Yards Compound Bow: 520-Tom Weiss. 519-Jerry Hoppe. 511-Sam Scarbrough. 492-Charlie Dove.

20-25-30 Yards Recurve/Barebow: 542-Floyd Scott. 441-George Parrett. 431-Joe Hawkins.



Archery Club members enjoying the range.

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Tucked away on the serene waters of Tuscawilla Park's west side in downtown Ocala lies a hidden gem for sailing enthusiasts. Here, the spirit of camaraderie and the thrill of competitive racing come together as R/C sailors set sail, showcasing their skills with an array of boats on the sparkling pond.

As the sun glistens over the water, an impressive fleet of one-meter-long R/C sailboats, lines up at the starting line,

ready to embark on a series of exhilarating races. Among the boats gracing the waters are the DF95, Joyways Focus, Soling, Seawind, and Victoria – each with its distinct design and character.

The racing schedule is set for Wednesdays and Sundays, at noon, ensuring that participants and spectators can witness the spectacle. With the stunning pond as the stage and the four orange buoys marking a visible rectangle race course, the excitement builds as sailors prepare to harness the wind and outmaneuver their competitors.

The R/C Sailing Club embraces sailors of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned racing veteran or a novice eager to embark on your first regatta, the club

offers a welcoming atmosphere and ample opportunities for learning, competing, building, and fostering friendships.

Street parking, just a few yards from the shore, makes it easy to unload sailboats and equipment. With a lawn chair set up, you can enjoy a leisurely afternoon picnic while cheering on your favorite sailors.

Each race brings its drama, with sailors tactfully navigating the challenging course. Typically there are 10 races with eight to 12 boats and a single start, each lasting approximately 10 minutes. The races keep the atmosphere charged with anticipation. The competition can be fierce, but the sportsmanship and camaraderie among sailors shine brightly,

making each event a memorable experi-

Photo by Gene Mangold

Whether you're a competitor, a sailing enthusiast, or simply looking to enjoy a delightful afternoon, the RC Sailing Club invites you to join their regatta and immerse yourself in the beauty of sailboat racing.

Discover the joy of R/C sailboat racing at Tuscawilla Park on Wednesdays and Sundays, at noon. Boats racing include DF95, Joyways Focus, Soling, Seawind, and Victoria. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon picnic by the water.

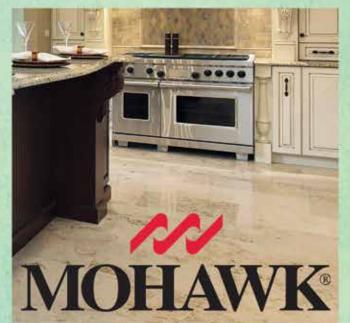
If you have any questions, contact Gene Mangold by text message or voice at 772-678-5101.



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Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



"Keep your sense of humor. There's enough stress in the rest of your life not to let bad shots ruin a game you're supposed to enjoy." – Amy Alcott Sometimes it's a challenge to keep

a sense of humor on the course. Especially when battling puddles and gnarly rough, and even rain cancellations. But, take heart, fellow golfers, summer is winding down, and dryer, cooler days are ahead! Soon the courses will be without water hazards and we can swing away without a care.

To usher in fall events in a spectacular fashion, the LGA-18 will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 19. On that date, the annual Member/ Member tournament designated a special celebration to honor our founding mothers (Elly Rapacz, Harriet Brower, and Jan Juhlin), league presidents, and league and match play champions. The tournament will be followed by a luncheon with some surprises, as well as a photo display. Members are encouraged to bring photos to add to the remembrances of fun over the decades. It will be a great day filled with reminiscing, laughter, and golf!

For 40 years, our league has continued to grow. This month, we welcome

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR Pick up after your pet.

new members Robyn Atwood and Sandra Mansfield. We look forward to seeing them on league Tuesdays.

Low Gross/Net (Individual) **July 18/The Tortoise & The Hare Gross**

Flight 1: 79-Vadonna Hall. 81-Sandy Snyder. Flight 2: 86-Lynn Colomb. 88-Linda Taylor. Flight 3: 87–Karen Schroeckenthaler. 92–Joann Dellapenna.

Flight 4: 92-Janette Sheil. 95-Jill Strey. Flight 5: 99-Liz Lang. 103-Nancy Zielinski.

Flight 1: 73–Gayla Aldridge. 74–Lori Pizzini. Flight 2: 76-Gail Lagrange. 78-Vickie Noltensmey-

Flight 3: 74-Katie Schriewer. 76-Connie Norris. Flight 4: 76-Liz Pruss. 84-Robyn Atwood. Flight 5: 75–Pam Brown. 80–Darlene Keebler.

Three, Two, One (Team) Aug. 1/The Tortoise & The Hare

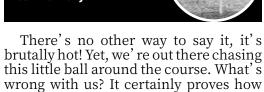
145–Sandy Snyder, Marcela Nunez, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Liz Pruss. 146-Maria Fournier, Virginia Combs, Nancy Zielinski. Tie at 147-Lisa Free, Linda Taylor, Roxiann Dwyer and Vadonna Hall, Kathleen Goodwin, Katie Schriewer, Iro Lisinski. 149-Gayla Aldridge, Bev Ovrebo, Cynthia Gersten.

Black Tee Shamble Two Best Ball Aug. 8/The Links

111-Sandy Snyder, Linda Blewitt, Nancy Zielinski. 118-Vadonna Hall, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Molly Lucieer. Tie at 124-Maria Fournier, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Marilyn Davsko and Chris Giza, Marcela Nunez, Jean Czachor, Gerry McKenzie. 125-Lisa Free, Ellen Brin, Virginia Madura, Pam Brown. 126-Linda Taylor, Sandra Mansfield, Sandy Chase, Peggy Benedict. 129-Mary Jeannotte, Debra DeMatteo, Liz Lang. Renee Anchors.

Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



much this game is loved by the players. The third Summer Survivor event took place Thursday, Aug. 3. The format was alternate shot, which made for a faster round in the heat. It was a fun time, as always. Don't forget to sign up for the final Summer Survivor event in September.

We welcome new member – Sandra Mansfield – to the league.

We also welcome a new member – Sandy Snyder - to our board, a tournament director. Thank you, Sandy.

Golf can be the most frustrating sport at times, yet we keep coming back. It's sinking that 35-foot putt or chipping the ball next to the pin that keeps drawing us back into the game. Perseverance is required as we all try to improve. New technology helps us to better our game. From the design of the clubs and the use of the GPS, tech has changed how we approach golf.

If you wish to join the Candler Hills LGA-18, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail. com. It is a good way to meet some new ladies and play golf.

Finally, please hydrate, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

Summer Survivor Two Person Scramble (Team) July 13

Flight 1: 65-Shelly Karsnitz, Gayla Aldridge. 66-Sandy Snyder, Patti Kelly. 68-Page Falconer, Lori Pizzini. Tie at 70-Beverly Ovrebo, Mary Jeannotte.

Christine Giza, Gail Lagrange.

Flight 2: 71-Jean Czachor, Cynthia Gersten. 76-Nancy Zielinski, Karen Schroeckenthaler. Tie at 77– Sue Fierce, Kathy Zunica. Liz Lang, Mary Burns.

Blind 9 (Individual) July 20

Flight 1: 35–Christine Giza. Tie at 37–Lisa Free, Lori Pizzini, Gayla Aldridge, Sandy Snyder. Flight 2: 34–Linda Taylor. 35–Karen Schroecken-

thaler. 36-Katie Schriewer. Tie at 37-Lynn Colomb, Beverly Ovrebo.

Flight 3: 33–Beth Wolinsky. 36–Janette Sheil. 40– Mary A. Cunningham. Tie at 42-Virginia Madura, Liz

Flight 4: 36–Carol Lark. 36–Kathy Zunica. 39–Pam Brown. 41– Sue Fierce.

3s & 5s (Individual) July 27

Flight 1: Tie at 32–Gayla Aldridge, Gail Lagrange. Tie at 35–Mary Ann Livingston, Shelly Karsnitz. Flight 2: 31-Virginia Combs. Tie at 32-Maria

Fournier, Judie Anderson, Lynn Colomb. Flight 3: Tie at 29-Karen Schroeckenthaler, Janette Sheil. Tie at 35-Katie Schriewer, Connie Norris. Flight 4: 34–Jana McElroy. 35–Vickie Foster. 36–

Flight 5: 33-Beth Wolinsky. 35-Brenda Hoffman. Tie at 36–Eileen Gustavus, Kate Beaty.

Flight 6: 29–Cynthia Gersten. 31–Kathy Zunica. 36– Anne Dahlen.

Summer Survivor-Alternate Shot (Team) Aug. 3

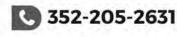
Flight 1: 69–Christine Giza, Maria Fournier. 72– Shelly Karsnitz, Gayla Aldridge. 73-Lisa Free, Joy

Flight 2: 75-Virginia Combs, Vickie Foster. 76-Beverly Ovrebo, Mary Jeannette. 78-Linda Taylor, Judie

Flight 3: 75-Liz Pruss, Katie Schriewer. 77-Jan Christ, Susan Martin. 78–Paula Lilly, Kathy Zunica. Flight 4: Tie at 78-Kate Beaty, Brenda Hoffmann. Cynthia Gersten, Jean Czachor. 81-Pam Brown, Roxiann Dwyer.

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Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



The time of year is upon us when the Men's Golf Association begins to see the return of our many snowbird members who spend the summer in cooler climes.

This typically means fuller events and slower play. Make sure you are following

"ready golf" etiquette:

wħen ready. ers don't have to follow strict teebox order; whoever is ready to hit safely first, can do so.

Putt continuously. You don't have to wait for others to hole out; keep putting until you're done.

Park carts strategically. Don't drive to each player's ball if you're within walking distance. Park the cart halfway in between and walk to your ball.

Play provisional balls quickly. If you think your ball may be out of bounds, hit a provisional instead of looking for it first.

You may hit your ball while others search for another if it's safe to do so and you're not in their range.

Of course, get ready for your next stroke while others are hitting to help save time.

Keep pace with the group ahead of you. Your group should always be within firing range of the group in front of you.

Limit practice swings to keep play moving.

Play smarter, not harder. Consider laying up vs. swinging for the green on Par 5s if there is room in front of you.

Mark these upcoming Wednesday events in your calendar:

Sept. 6: Chicken Day on The Links.

Sept. 13: Shamble - Three Drives Each on The Tortoise & The Hare.

Sept. 20: Three Best Ball (Team) on The Links.

Sept. 27: Quota Points (Team) on The Tortoise & The Hare.

Chicken Day Scramble Aug. 2/The Links

52-Tim Carlisle, Joe Aldridge, Tim Williams, Lance Davsko. Tie at 54-David Clune, Don Edmond, Steven Rowell, Gerald Schneider; Larry Newbold, Mark Beauchamp, Louis Heger, Doyce Mathis; Dwight Weirich, Bill Wallenstein, Paul Randles, Thomas Kujawa. 55–Ron Pratt, Gerry Messenger, James Thompson. 56–Tom Neville, Doug Buckler, Joseph Dunnack, Rick Schriewer. Tie at 57– Brian Wilder, Ken Zweiback, Donald Wheeler, Alan Theusch: Matt Raies, William (Bill) Truby, Bruce Green, Thomas Norris. Tie at 58-James McCormack, Mike Key, Dan Goggin, William York; Garry Gerlach, James Gourlay, Raymond Hendrix, Phil-ip Petrozella; John Spielvogel, Art Olerud, Carl Zeiler; Paul Stoecklin, Mike Romano, Roy Coombes, Loren Magsam; Rusty Zarrell, Joe Wilks, Danny Newby, David Bauer; John Parnau, Anthony Morris, Joe Pruss, Michael Dwyer; Garfield Gray, Mike Altomare, Bigelow Robinson, Paul Silliman.

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Golf

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September and fall are finally here! This happens to be my favorite time of the year, because not only the temperatures begin to fall but football season swings into full effect. As most of you may already know, I'm a huge Pittsburgh Steelers and Ohio State Buckeyes football fan. I'm looking forward to good seasons from both of my teams. Stop by the Golf Shop for some friendly banter about our favorite teams.

On Top of the World will host the annual World Labor Day Golf event Monday, Sept. 4. The format is a four-person team scramble. Each team will be flighted based on team handicap. The event will be held on The Links and if a second course is necessary, we will utilize Candler Hills with teams randomly selected to play on each golf course. Registration is \$25 per player, which includes a \$5 donation to Folds of Honor. Folds of Honor Foundation provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women.

The annual Candler Hills Club Championship will be played on Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30. This is for golf members only. Good luck to our defending champions David Steel, Sandy Snyder, and Brenda Hofmann. Contact the Golf Shop for more details.

Please be sure to read the Golf Membership Handbook to stay abreast of all the rules and regulations of your golfing membership. We would like to put an emphasis on the Membership Medical Suspension Request Procedure. As stated in the membership handbook, "Should a current annual golf member of one of the On Top of the World golf courses become incapacitated during that year, there are several conditions that must be met before receiving consideration to obtain credit for this time period towards the following year's membership fees:

1. Within two weeks of sustaining an accident or a medical condition, the member must submit paperwork describing the condition which prohibits golf activity to the director of golf.

2. The severity of the accident or medical condition must prohibit play for a minimum period of 150 days

3. A physician's statement must be submitted stating the nature of

the accident or medical condition including when treatment began and when the patient was released.

4. The director of golf will notify the member if the condition warrants a credit of membership fees towards next year's membership

5. No golf or driving range use may be played during the time of membership suspension.

6. The director of golf must be notified before the member returns to any golf participation.

All requests for credit will be reviewed by the golf department and must be approved by this department before any credit for the following year will be issued. No refunds will be issued for a membership suspension, except in the event of death for a current golf member. If there is a couple membership, the remaining member will receive a credit towards the following year's membership fees."

Just like knowing the USGA rules, it can pay to know the policies and procedures in your Golf Membership Hand-

book. Don't miss out on the credit you deserve.

Upcoming Events

· Monday, Sept. 4: World Labor Day on The Links/Candler Hills.

Monday, Sept. 11 through Thursday, Sept. 14: The Links closed for aerification.

Friday, Sept. 29 & Saturday, Sept.
 30: Candler Hills Club Championship.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Brian Bennett, shot lowest round 74. Gregory Lemieux, hole-in-one #8. Jeff Richardson shot lowest round 65. David Metzger shot lowest round 76.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: John Mayfield, shot his age 74. Charlie Dove, holein-one #15. Joe Wilks shot his age 68. Greg McDowell, hole-in-one #8.

THE LINKS: Gayla Aldridge, eagle #10. Roger Lucas, hole-in-one #5. Art La-Grange, hole-in-one #6. Leigh Fricke, hole-in-one #5. Dennis McNeeley, eagle #16.

Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



Eat, sleep, bocce ... repeat! Open bocce continues to be the game everybody wants to play! Anyone who shows up can play. Open play is Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 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. Once you have played on three occasions you are expected to join, pay dues, and sign a Release and Hold Harmless consent form. Dues are

\$12 and they cover the cost of liability insurance and the annual banquet.

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

League play remains on hiatus throughout the summer. The new season for league play begins again on Tuesday, Oct 3. If you are interested in playing, please contact the league rep for the time you are interested in playing: Tuesday, 9 a.m. – James Wolfer 732-580-4915; Tuesday, 11 a.m. – Jerry Piccola 973-534-2970; Thursday, 10 a.m. – Bill Weir 267-255-5726.

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

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Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



We are looking forward to the start of our new season and cooler temperatures. Monday, Sept. 4, begins our shuffling season for 2023-2024. This will be our eighth season of shuffling. Pre-registration is on Friday, Sept. 1, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. Dues of \$10 and a completed registration form, which also contains a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, will be due at this time. Please also bring your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass.

Our scheduled reserved days of shuffling are Mondays, at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. We ask that you arrive at least 15 minutes early. We have chips that are used to determine who you shuffle with, which court you will play on, and which position you play at.

Šhuffleboard is a game of skill and technique and many of our women have succeeded playing this way. No opened toed shoes are permitted. Always bring water. Come join a great group of women who enjoy shuffling. Happy shuffling. See you on the courts.

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Horseshoes Club

Vern Kessler



The Horseshoe Club continued to meet and pitch horseshoes at the Veterans Park during July.

Pitching continues every Tuesdays, at 9 a.m. We pitch against each other and work on developing, not just skill levels, but also the fun side of horseshoes.

The Horseshoe Club has a tradition of being a competitive club. Since the club's inception in late 2005, the club has participated in the tri-county traveling league. Participation during the years of 2008, 2012, 2013, 2019 and 2020 resulted in three first place and two second place championships.

It is this winning tradition that the club will continue to strive to maintain. What is needed is more participants to join the Horseshoe Club and join us in continuing this tradition of winning.

We have members of the club who practice on most Thursdays, at 10 a.m. They welcome anyone who is interested in pitching horseshoes.

The following are the basics of pitching horseshoes: the pitching grip; stance; footwork; pendulum swing; follow through; and timing and rhythm.

Vern Kessler will answer any questions that you might have concerning pitching horseshoes or about the club. Just text, or call 321-268-3179.

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



Our 36th season will officially begin on Monday, Sept. 4. Our three regular games will be every Monday, at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, at 1 p.m.; and Thursday, at 9 a.m. The captains are Robert Shapiro for Monday, Jane Boyer for Tuesday, and Jim Vail for Thursday. Teams are chosen at random, but scoring is done on an individual basis.

The very popular Ten Pin game takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. This fun game is more a team sport than individual.

Shuffleboard is not a very physical game. It requires shooting the disc.

Teams are randomly chosen.

We got through a really hot summer up at Veterans Park, where our courts are located. We have a box of sticks and discs available to anyone who wants to just play with friends or start to practice and maybe join our group. It is outside and behind the shack.

We also have a free class on shuffleboard every second Saturday of the month. That makes Saturday, Sept. 9, the first class of the new season. You will learn rules, scoring, safety, and basics for shooting the disc. Open toed shoes are not permitted. This is a great way to see whether you might be interested in taking the game to another level. It is conducted by Paul Hodges.

If you need any other information, contact either Jane Boyer, president, at 352-509-7142 or Walt Lamp at 352-304-8711. We hope to see you soon.

Cycling Club

Dennis Baker



With cooler weather right around the corner, now is the time to dig out that bicycle hidden away in the garage, dust it off, tune it up and get rolling. Be sure to check out the frame, tires, brakes, and drive train – or better yet, have the bike serviced at a local bike shop! Be sure to check your helmet as well; if it's more than three years old, replace it with a high-quality multi-impact protection helmet – you only get one brain so it's worth protecting.

There's a lot of great cycling available in and around our community, so don't

hesitate to get out there and enjoy.

If you'd like to find friends to cycle with, check out the Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club. All residents and guests are welcome regardless of experience and/or ability. The club meets 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. Most rallies originate from the Power Park on SW 90th Street across from the dog park near the four-way stop.

We currently meet at 8 a.m. to avoid the heat, but as the weather cools, we'll meet a bit later in the morning.

For information, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088, or join the club Facebook group (Wheeling Around the World).

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R/C Flyers Club

Ray Ihlenburg



Once again, on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., our club will have a large presence at the semi-annual premier Člub Fair to introduce all residents to the wide range of clubs available to join. We typically have a large static display of the stage. Then, in front of the stage, we set up a demo with plane and transmitter to introduce the "feel of the sticks" and another with a computer simulator when crashes don't hurt. We invite everyone to stop by the main stage and talk with our pilots and try some hands-on action.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will host the 21st annual Fall Fly-In. This event typically brings pilots from our club, but most importantly, from several other R/C flying clubs that join our flyers to display and fly their latest or favorite airplane. In the past the event has drawn lots of spectators interested in the action over the field and the cookout lunch prepared by the cooking team. During recent fly-ins, our members put on an interesting half-time show during the lunch break ranging from Superman to head-to-head combat flying. Final plans will be made before the next edition of this column, so stay

The 23rd annual General Chuck Yeager Warbird Fly-In is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, for military aircraft. It is always a nice gesture to support the Tri-County R/C Club since they have supported our club in the past. The Rainbow Café will be open for morning coffee and lunch. The event is a blast.

At the August business meeting, a new rule addressing the use of the club's R/C drone track was passed. In a nutshell, small fixed wing models with a maximum ready to fly weight of 0.55 pounds, can utilize the drone field with the understanding that rotary wing (drones or helicopters) shall take precedence over fixed wing. No flying during R/C Car Club racing and there are specific flight boundaries. Common sense and courtesy should be exercised for the safety of all who use this amenity. Please read this specific rule, in total, to be knowledgeable about this change.

The maiden of the month is John Workman's 1/10 scale F9F-8 Cougar. The model is from Freewing, and beautifully detailed, especially the CNC manufactured retractable landing gear. The fullscale aircraft was a carrier-based fighter aircraft for the Navy and Marine Corp designed by Grumman Aircraft when their previous F9F-2 Panther series proved to be too slow to fight the Mig 15s in Korea in the early '50s. John's model weighs about seven pounds (with battery) and is powered by six-cell LiPo battery and an inrunner motor turning an 80mm 12-blade fan. It has a built-in gyro and John says the 41-inch wing with wide fuselage and wing fairings help to make it a very good flyer.

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John with his F-9F Cougar after maiden flight.

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Please continue to hydrate and lookout for one another during the high heat indexes. As Clint Eastwood would say, 'A man should know his limitations.

Once the temperatures cool down a bit, we will plan a trip to the USTA National Campus and a barbecue at the Veterans Park.

At the professional level, there are several tournaments leading to the US Open. Please, follow some of the players who have a similar style of play as yours and see what you can learn from them.

The tennis tip of the month will be particularly helpful to beginners and in-

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termediate players. Hitting a tennis ball begins with the way you hold the racquet, so using the correct grip for a particular stroke will improve your game.

Grips on Ground Strokes

If you hold the racquet correctly, your technique will come along more quickly. You have several options. On the forehand, anything between eastern and semi-western is fine. On the one-handed backhand, I prefer the Eastern backhand grip. For the two-hander, your dominant hand can hold the racquet anywhere from the continental to the eastern backhand grip, and your off hand should be in a semi-western grip. To find the correct grip, hold the racquet with the face perpendicular to the ground.

- Continental Grip: Place the base knuckle of your index finger one bevel to the right of the top of the handle (one to the left for lefties).
- Eastern Forehand: Place the base knuckle of your index finger two bevels to the right of the top (two to the left for lefties).
- Semi-Western: Move your base

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the left for lefties) from the eastern forehand grip.

Eastern Backhand: Place the base knuckle of your index finger on the top of the racquet.

The basic three types of shots you usually hit in tennis are the flat, top-spin and the under-spin (slice) ball.

For the flat ball, you hold the racquet with the continental grip, meet the ball squarely with no spin. This will give you power, but very little control.

For the top-spin ball, you hold the racquet with the eastern or semi-western grip and brush the ball from low to high.

For the under-spin ball, you hold the

knuckle one bevel to the right (to racquet with the continental grip, tilt the racquet back slightly and brush the ball from high to low.

Learn the forehand first. It's the most natural stroke to learn. If you move well, you can cover two thirds of the court with the forehand and limit how much you rely on your weaker shots.

Keep your hands loose. If your arms and hands are tense, you won't have smooth strokes. When learning the grips, don't choke your racquet. If 10 is squeezing as hard as you can, you don't want to press harder than a three when you're not actually hitting the ball, at contact, you can squeeze up to eight.

See you on the courts!

Candler Hills **Men's Golf**

Rick Pettit



Welcome September! Please bring us a bit of cooler weather than July and August! While it has been extremely humid our play during Tuesday morning has remained high thanks to you all. Our lunch after golf on Aug. 1, was a huge success, thank you to Dave Falcone and Danny Ball for all their hard work to make everything go perfect.

Thank you to all who continue to play

on these warm muggy Tuesday mornings. Your board of directors would like to again thank all players who have adjusted very well to our new formula for getting the tee box assignments correct for all players based on your age and handicap index.

As per our by-laws these are looked at both July 1 and Jan. 1. If you feel you are due an adjustment from age change or higher index, please fill out the form located in the golf shop. Please remember this will happen at the nearest July

or January meeting. If you feel you have an exception due to medical condition or recent surgery which is affecting your game, please fill out the form and we will look at that and not wait for the two dates slated above.

Two-Man Best Ball July 18

Flight 1: 65–Dave Falcone (blind draw), Tim Hunt & Greg Hill.

Flight 2: 65–Jeffrey Holmes and Larry Gibson. Flight 3: 62–John Parnau and Bill McElroy. Flight 4: 67–Ken Zweiback and Carl Forsberg & Brad

Best (blind draw). **Candler Cup** July 31

196-Dave Falcone. 194-Joe Jingco. 180-Bill Scholp. 178-Ken Zweiback.

Two Best Balls Four

Aug. 1 123-Tom Presnick, Michael Brajer, Doug Buckler & George Isaac. 127-Brian Henderson, Larry Gibson,

Congratulations to Dave Falcone for his eagle on #12 Tuesday, July 18!

I leave you with this powerful thought, "A golfer has to train his swing on the practice tee, then trust it on the course.' Dr. Bob Rotella.

Monday Night Bowling

Johanna Forceno



It's not too late to strap on your bowling shoes and join the Monday bowling league. Weekly league play begins Monday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. and runs for 30 weeks of fun and rewards. No experience required; just a desire to have fun and meet new people and see "old" friends again. The league starts with a practice session at 1:50 p.m. with "official" games beginning at 2 p.m. every Monday at Bowlero Lanes (1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala). Don't miss out on learning a new sport or refining your bowling skills in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, please contact Johanna Forceno at sectreasurer2023@outlook. com or at 352-216-0264.

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Falls are one of the most serious health risks for older adults. A fall or near-fall often produces a psychological fear of falling. This can lead to a decrease in activity, which results in a greater risk for falls. In many cases, falls are caused by a loss of balance or the inability to maintain the body's center of gravity (COG) over its base of support (BOS). There are two types of balance: static balance, which is the ability to control strong, upright posture while standing; and dynamic balance, which is the ability to control COG as the body moves and the environment changes. Dynamic balance includes maintaining balance while walking and stepping over or around objects. Balance is a skill that older adults can train to improve.

FIT TIP #1 MARCH & TAP: Stand tall with your feet hip-width apart and hold on to the back of a chair. Lift your right foot until your knee is parallel to the floor and then tap right foot on the floor, repeat this exercise 10 to 15 times and then switch to the left foot and repeat. Eventually you should be able to perform two

FIT TIP #2 SIT TO STAND: Stand tall with your back facing a sturdy chair and your feet hip-width apart. If needed, hold on to a wall or a sturdy piece of furniture for balance. Then sit back into the chair, lower your hips onto the seat as gently as possible. Pause, and then without swinging your arms stand all the way up by pushing through your heels. Perform this exercise 10 times. Eventually you should be able to perform two sets.

FIT TIP #3 SINGLE LEG STANDS: Stand tall with your feet hip-width apart and hold on to the back of a chair. Now lift one foot about an inch off the floor while keeping your torso straight and without leaning toward the foot on the floor. Hold for 10 to 15 seconds, and then slowly return your foot to the floor. Repeat this for the opposite leg. Perform five single leg stands for each leg.

If you need further instruction or would like to set up an appointment for personal training, please call me at the Recreation Center Fitness Center at 352-861-7638 x7531.





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Diane Harsh is the new full time personal trainer at the Arbor Fitness Center.

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New Personal Trainer

Diane is our new full-time personal trainer at the Arbor Fitness Center. Diane is certified with the National Academy of Sports Medicine and brings years of personal training experience to On Top of the World. Here is what Diane has to say about wellness, working with active agers, and living a long healthy life!

Q. What drew you to become a personal trainer?

A. I have always loved sports and fitness. Growing up, I played volleyball, basketball and was on the track team. I have always enjoyed watching sporting events and my favorite teams include the Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Lightning. In addition to my love of sports, the human body has always fascinated me, and I wanted to learn more about how it works. I know that exercise has a positive impact on the body, mind and spirit and I wanted to help others with this. As I got older, I realized how important exercise is to maintain good health. I wanted to be able to pass this on to others in a fun, encouraging and motivating way.

Q. What do find to be the most rewarding thing about working with the "active aging" population?

A. Training active agers to find confidence with exercise and helping them achieve a high quality of life is very rewarding to me. I love helping people accomplish their goals. This is especially gratifying if they thought they were not able to do so. I help build their confidence and their belief in themselves. I have trained clients who were preparing to travel and wanted to build stamina and strength, I love it when they come back and tell me, "I was able to do everything I wanted to do, and I had a great time!" People are living longer, and I can help them live stronger.

Q. What advice to do you have for our residents when it comes to aging optimally?

A. Keep moving! Try new things. Adopt healthy eating habits. Include social interaction as often as you can and

Weight Loss Group

Laura Gavey



We missed you at the party! Our two groups got together on a Sunday for food and fun! Yes, food! Just because you are on a weight loss journey doesn't mean you can't have food and fun too! Want to join us for the next party? Join one of our Weight Loss Groups. Over 35 of your friends and neighbors are already attending one of the groups, making better choices with their food, exercis-ing, and reaching their goals! We get together once a week to share ideas on weight loss, healthy cooking, exercise, and tips to meet our own personal goals. Follow the food plan that works best for

There are two opportunities to meet each week. On Mondays we meet in the Hobby Building Art Room. Weigh in starts at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5 p.m. Linda Sisco is the leader. On Tuesdays we meet in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Weigh in begins at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Gail Hopper is the leader.

Visitors are always welcome. Come and join us for a meeting and see if our

group will work for you! For questions and additional details, please email Linda at ljsisco@comcast. net or Gail at gbhopper@yahoo.com.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Zumba Gold-Toning	STRONG	Remix Bootcamp	STRONG	Dance Aerobics
9:00 am	S.O.S.	BEAT	5.0.5.	Dance Aerobics	S.O.S.
10:00 am	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit	Brain Power	Get Fit While You Sit	Move to Improve Parkinson's	Get Fit While You Sit
11:00 am	Zumba Gold		Zumba Gold		Dance Aerobics
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*	Punch Out PD	Balance Assessment*	
3:00 pm	VYP Chair Yoga		Chair Yoga		
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga		Yoga Septe	

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ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

- 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Beginner/Intermediate Tai Chi	Warrior	Intermediate/Advanced Tal Chi	Warrior	
9:00 am	Yoga	Pilates Fusion	Yoga	Pilates Fusion	Yoga
10:00 am	STRONG	Yoga	STRONG	Yoga	STRONG
11:00 am	Yoga		Yoga		Stretch, Flex 8 Balance
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

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

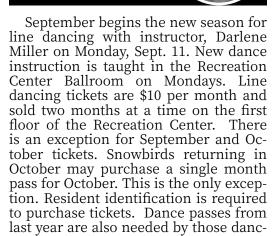
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 am	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 am	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
8:00 - 9:00 am	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 - 10:00 am	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**
10:00 - 11:00 am	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
1:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm	Open Swim	Water Volleyball Club	Water Volleyball Club	Water Volleyball Club	27.72.20
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**	1:30 - 3:30 pm	1:30 - 3:30 pm	1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
6:00 - 8:15 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

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Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



ers who participated last year. There are three levels of line dancing -Absolute Beginner, Beginner Level I, and Beginner Level II/Improver. Each Monday class is 60 minutes.

Absolute Beginner (AB) is an introduc-

tion to line dance and begins at noon. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used in dances at this level.

Entry into Beginner Level I requires a completed year in AB. Dancers have some experience and are familiar with basic line dance steps and patterns. Easy dances with different step patterns are introduced at this level. This class begins at 2:30 p.m.

Beginner Level II/Improver class begins at 1:15 p.m. Dance experience is required to attend this class. A solid foundation of Beginner Level I is required. The dances include low impact movement to different rhythms, tempo, and complicated step combinations. New step patterns are taught as needed. Current popular dances are taught. Line dancing also provides 60 minutes of dance practice for each class on Wednesdays in the Arbor Conference Dance Studios II-IV. A resident ID must be scanned in order to enter the studios. All dancers are required to have their line dance passes with them. On Top of the World staff will audit the classes for compliance to the rules. Wearing a lanyard with the pass visible is recommended.

Absolute Beginners Wednesday practice begins at 1 p.m. Beginner Level I dance practice begins at 11:50 a.m. Beginner Level II/Improver starts at 10:30 a.m. Each class has dance practice instructors who donate their time to support line dancing.

The safety of the dancers is of utmost importance. Please wear appropriate shoes. Sandals must have a strap around the heel.

Thursday dancing continues at The Town Square from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There is a large variety of dances and music on Thursday to fit almost all line dancer interests. Join us for dancing to fun music and visiting with your neighbors. For detailed information about line dancing, contact instructor Darlene Miller at 352-259-3695.

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Planes, Trains, Automobiles, & Walking

By Dave DeAngelis World News Writer

Recently, I splurged and took a muchneeded trip, one filled with solitude, staring at sights and (cough) photo taking. Did I say much needed?

From June 5 through June 12, I drove the east and west coasts of Florida, staying at beachfront hotels, languidly doing absolutely nothing other than lounging and walking miles on the beach, and taking a bunch of uninteresting photos. Oh yes, and my very first drive through the Everglades where I was excitedly expecting to see, well, you know - Godzilla. Come on, we're talkin' the Everglades! The Lincoln Vail Everglades! (Look it

But all living creatures, except for this writer, were hiding from the intense heat, probably chuckling at the sight of me with my telephoto lens, scouring the landscapes and seeing nothing but flourishing green growth. Heck, I can see that in and around Ocala.

When I returned home, I had the good fortune to meet Rosalina Norita and her husband, Leonard. Rosalina is originally from Bali, Indonesia and Leonard from Philadelphia. Go Eagles! (She likes the halftime shows.)

Married fifteen years ago, they met while attending a convention at the San Diego Convention Center. With a background in hotel management, Rosalina was a promoter of Indonesian tourism as well as fine art. Finding On Top of the World online, they moved here three years ago. Wanna hear about a real trip? A well-calculated journey filled with sights to exhaust your camera? How about this.

Rosalina and Leonard embarked on a journey through Camino de Santiago. "The Camino is not only a spiritual journey but also a cultural and personal one that can offer moments of solitude and reflection." They walked over 70

miles during their seven-week trip and traveled by land, sea, and air.

The Camino de Santiago, The Camino Walk or El Camino Spain is a classic walking tour following in the footsteps of pilgrims since the Middle Ages. Whatever route one chooses to follow, you can be sure to soak up regional Spanish culture and visit historic cities which Rosalina and Leonard certainly did. Along the way they dined on fresh seafood (enjoyed buckets of mussels) and regional classics, all washed down with local beverages.

To give you an idea of their spectacular trip, it spanned from April 23 to May 31, which included a 14-night transatlantic cruise from Port Everglades, Florida to Spain, France, and Italy.

The various ports of call included visits to Basilica de la Sagrada Familia, Basilica Notre dame de la grade, Cathedral de la Major, Eastern Army monument, old harbor Marseille, Calanques and fishing port at Cassis, France.

They were also able to attend mass St. Peter Basilica Vatican and explored the city of Naples.

After their cruise, they traveled to Croatia and visited the many churches and the well-known Venetia of Croatia, and the Etnographic museum.

Then their travels took them to Slovenia where they explored the beautiful village of Bled Island, and the charming city of Ljubljana.

May 15 began their first phase of Camino de Santiago. Braga is the religious center of Portugal. It was marked by the influence of the clergy who were provided with numerous palaces, chapels, and churches. Here, they visited the Capela dos Coimbra, Church of Sao Marcos, and Baroque church of Santa Cruz.

The journey continued with a visit to the Bom Jesus Sanctuary, the most spectacular sanctuary in Portugal. It emerges at the top from a large Baroque set of steps which represent faith, hope, and charity.

The second phase of Camino de Santiago began by leaving Porto to Valencia by train and crossing the border to Spain. They walked Camino from Tui to O Porrino (eight miles); then Camino from O Porrino to Redondela (12 miles); then Camino from Redondela to Pontevedra (16 miles); then Camino from Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis (14 miles); and finally, Camino from Caldas de Reis to Padron (16.25 miles).

The walk continued from Padron to Santiago de Compostela (14.3 miles) arriving in Santiago de Compostela.

After some much-needed rest, the exploration continued to the port of Muros, Dumbria, the waterfall, Cape Finisterre, port of Finisterre as well as Our Lady and the monument of O Km in Mucia and the beautiful village Ponte de Maceira, Spain.

They then visited museum of Santiago de Compostela, city of Santiago de Compostela, the winery Sanxenxo, Porto de Grove, took the boat to a mussels farm, visited the church of shells at Paque de Toxa, and fisherman's village Poio (Toxa island).

Then they were off to their final destination – Madrid – where they explored the city, the Cathedral church and Royal palace.

Now that is a trip, eh? A real journey. Currently, Rosalina is a travel advisor for international organizations, most recently for the 2022 "G20 Summit" in Bali. She loves swimming, yoga, and gardening, while Leonard, an accountant, enjoys chess. Both love kickboxing and took Muay Thai martial arts lessons. "This martial art is very intense and cardio demanding. We learned self-defense, focus, emotional control with general health benefits through vigorous exercise. We were very much in peace after an exhausting training session." I sure hope they like this story!

Thanks, Rosalina and Leonard, for sharing your wonderful journey with us.



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Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



Our open play sessions have managed to draw full-house crowds on most occasions. When outdoor play was not possible, our hard-core group of avid club members set up boards under cover and played competitive matches.

We are expecting cooler temperatures and fewer weather disruptions in September which will bring our open play sessions back to normal.

The Cornhole Club's "Introduction to Cornhole" classes will resume in September. Efforts continue to resurrect league activity. Hopefully, we can field competitors for men's, mixed, and ladies' leagues.

At the recent National Senior Games in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, two of our members successfully defended their national championship in ladies' doubles cornhole for the 65-69 age group. Congratulations to Virginia Bruce Combs and Vickie Foster returning as gold medalists for the second straight year.

INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE: Throwing a one-pound bag 27 feet sounds easy, but this is a challenging sport that requires skill and persistence. If you are interested in learning the basics of cornhole, the Cornhole Club is once again offering our free one-hour fundamentals session at the Veterans Park cornhole courts on Monday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. We will explain scoring, how to hold and toss the beanbag, and many more fundamentals and techniques of the sport. To provide individual attention, group size is lim-

ited, and registration is required.
To register, email name and contact info of individuals interested to otowcornhole@yahoo.com. Sign up now to attend this one-hour session and start having fun with this exciting and very popular sport! You may be a cornhole

OPEN PLAY: Open play sessions continue Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with Monday and Wednesday normally attracting full-house participation, while Thursday continues to be a bit slower. Although we advertise a start time of 6:30 p.m., we will generally start play as soon as 20 players are on



Gold medal winners, again!

site. This avoids any unnecessary wait for those ready to play and lessens any wait for those who may arrive after play has begun. The open play schedule will be amended in early October.

LEAGUE PLAY: Efforts to re-establish league activities are continuing, although interest as of early August has been less than enthusiastic.

One brave soul has stepped forward to administer ladies league activities. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 3 p.m. there will be an open play session for ladies new to cornhole and those who just want to have fun, and maybe improve their skills. We plan to begin the competitive ladies league at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. If you are interested in either group, email Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon.net. Work on mixed and men's leagues are continuing. Interest in the mixed league appears sufficient, while interest in a men's league is less enthusiastic.

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT

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Sidekicks Western Dance

Judy Sullivan



I can't believe the summer is coming to an end and what a summer it was! We began the summer practice class for Absolute Beginners (AB) on June 2, and we had a huge turnout. By the second week, we had a total of 18 brand new couples who have never danced with us before. In addition, four couples from last season's beginner's class joined in to continue practicing during the summer break. Even with people going on vacations, we averaged between 28 to 36

dancers during our weekly practices. Many of our AB dancers have never danced these partner dances and did not know any of the steps. By end of the summer, they've learned 10, yes 10, new dances (can you believe it?), as well as our signature dance, Sidekicks, which is not such an easy dance. You can't imag-ine how proud I am of our dancers! My heart is full.

Sidekicks will begin the membership renewal process on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the Recreation Center Ballroom with a welcome back party. Snowbirds or those away on vacation can wait until they return to renew the membership.

If you've never danced or would like to dance but feel that you have two left feet, this is the perfect time to join up and see what you're made of. We have had much success in replacing those two left feet! Jim and I will go over all the basic steps to do the easier dances. Once you feel comfortable with the steps and moves, we will begin adding more danc-

For those who have been in AB class with me from earlier, I encourage you to come to the 11 a.m. practices as well, if you can. We will start with the easier dances and increase the difficulty as we learn more. If you feel that you want to continue coming to the AB classes, it's a great time to re-learn or perfect those dances. All the dances we practice on Fridays, we will dance with everybody on Tuesdays at our regular dance time at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

You do not have to have a Gateway of Services pass to do these classes since I reciprocate the dance lessons int both Indigo East and Recreation Center. This allows residents to dance at both locations without the pass.

For any questions, please email Paula at Sidekickspartnerdance@gmail.com, or Judy Sullivan via Facebook messenger or text 973-903-8719.

- Tuesday, Oct. 3: Beginners class with Peggy and Al at 4 p.m. for members.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19: Weekly dance as a whole group at Recreation Center Ballroom at 5 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 6: Practice class with Judy and Jim at 11 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.
- Friday, Oct. 6: Absolute Beginners with Judy and Jim at noon in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.
- Sunday, Oct. 1: Practice with Bill and Lois at 5 p.m. for members.

MAINTENANCE REQUEST

WORK ORDERSVisit OTOWInfo.com > Resident Information > Maintenance Request Complete and submit form.

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sandra Byczek



Co-Ed Recreational Softball Club participation is growing in popularity. We would like to encourage more women to participate in the Saturday games. Just show up at the softball field at 8:15 a.m. If you don't have your own equipment, we have extra equipment like gloves and bats for all player levels. Also, if you are not interested in running the bases, we can assign a substitute runner for you.

Because of the heat, we decided to change the starting time to 8:15 a.m. for stretching and 8:30 a.m. for game time. When the cooler weather arrives, we'll adjust the start time to later in the morning

There's a lot that needs to be done to prepare the field for play. Before any of us arrive at the softball field, we have some dedicated team members who get there extra early and prepare the field. They set up the bases and rake and chalk the field. These dedicated team members are Bernie Bossert, Robert Foster, and Danny Dean. A special thanks goes to these behind-the-scenes workers for arriving early and making co-ed softball playable on a well-marked and prepared playing field.

As a Co-Ed Recreational Softball Club, we have access to the softball field from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Our games usually go four innings and take approx-

imately two hours.

If you are interested in playing, please arrive at 8:15 a.m. to participate in light stretching. Following stretching, two team leaders are selected and the participants are divided into teams. The team leaders will ask each participant if they have a preferred field position they want to play and try to accommodate their request. Finally, the batting order is set. Everyone on the team gets to bat each

The most significant modified rule for co-ed softball is that everyone in the lineup gets to bat in each inning. Even if three putouts are made, all players get to bat before taking their positions on the field. We use the traditional four balls and three strikes rule. For the new participants who haven't played in years, we are a little more forgiving if they need additional pitches to hit the ball while batting. The game winner is the team that scores the most runs. What really matters though is that everyone has

fun playing with friends and neighbors. If you are interested in participating in the Co-Ed Recreational Softball or finding out more about it, please come to the softball field on Saturday mornings. The game begins at 8:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please send an email to otowcoedsoftball@gmail.com.

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Softball





quickly register at otowsoftball.org.
For all our military veterans, the second annual Veterans Day Classic Softball Tournament is being planned for Friday, Nov. 10. The day's events include posting of colors, opening ceremony, softball tournament between Marines, Army, Navy, and Coast Guard as they challenge the reigning Air Force team. So Yummy food truck will serve the best barbecue

in town, while watching a home run derby, and award presentations. If interested to play, register at https://sites.google.com/view/otowvcst by Saturday, Sept. 30. Visit the softball field bulletin board for more details.

There will be a whole host of activities at the ball field during our two-week break (through Tuesday, Sept. 5) between seasons as On Top of the World constructs a new score keeper enclosure behind the home plate backstop and conducts comprehensive grounds and field maintenance projects. The field will be accessible, but please avoid if work crews and engineers are present. Thank you to management!

A warm welcome is extended to new residents wishing to relive the fun of yesteryear playing ball on the diamond. The process starts with participation in our new player orientation (NPO) program. NPO takes place every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (see our website or bulletin board for more details).

The club is really excited about the cooler fall temperatures as a greater number of spectators visit and cheer us on while we play our games each morning Monday through Saturday. Spectators will be able to enjoy Men's National Division, American Division, Co-Ed Recreational, and Diamond Divas action on the ball field.

The board wishes to thank all club members who participated in the general membership meeting in August. The board summarized the club's treasury, capital improvement, fall registration and draft timelines and standings. Members are asked to be on the lookout for future emails regarding the new fall game schedule and 2024 board of director (BOD) nomination and election process. BOD is also seeking club members to volunteer as Special Olympics Unified

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email petefeliciano352@gmail.com.

Elite Men's Softball

Bryan Tully



We are pleased to announce the inauguration of the Elite Men's Softball Club, the latest addition to the numerous sporting activities available in our community.

Historically, the various activities offered here start off as a recreational assembly of individuals who share a fondness for various sports. Not unlike the handicap in golf, when enough participants emerge with a higher proficiency for an activity, almost inevitably a new division will be created to accommodate them. This has occurred in several sports, such as pickleball, water volleyball, wallyball and tennis.

Similarly, our club seeks to take a step up from the recreational softball historically offered and is geared to a more competitive, tournament style of play. In addition to resident competition, there will be games played home and away versus teams from other communities; the club being included in the schedule of the Sun & Fun Tri County Senior Softball League, renowned in central Florida for over three decades.

Initially, membership in our club will be by invitation; the minimum age to join (55) coincides with residency. There is no maximum age parameter; residents who wish to join will simply be required to participate in a brief skills evaluation which will determine their status.

When the club's inaugural schedule is finalized, it will be posted in this column and on our Facebook page (OTOW Elite Men's Softball).

For devotees and fans of the batted ball, our community is the place to be. With four levels of play available, spearheaded by the Elite Men's Softball Club, there's a good chance On Top of the World will be a major destination on the Florida softball map.

Please direct inquiries or comments to Kevin Thompson, president, at 978-873-5233 or papertiger1961@gmail.com.

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Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



We wish club members best of luck as they play in the upcoming Florida Senior Games: Jim Swift, Michael and Karen Lowe, Penny Wilson, Lynne Dickson, and anyone else planning on going! Feel free to attend and support our members on Oct. 14 in Gainesville at the Alachua County Sports & Events Center.

The Senior Olympic Games started in 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri with the formation of the United States National Senior Sports Organization. Its vision was to promote healthy lifestyles for seniors through education, fitness, and sport. The first games started in 1987 with 2,500 competitors. A change of name occurred in 1990 making it the National Senior Games Association (NSGA) due to objections from the United States Olympic Committee to the use of the word Olympic. NSGA remains today a nonprofit organization still dedicated to motivating active adults to lead healthy lifestyles through senior games.

Another challenging question from members! What are the official colors of table tennis paddles?

Since 1986, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) requirement has been black on one side and red on the other. Before 1986 there were several colors that were legal, and as far back as the 1970s most players had the same color on both sides (either black or red). Instituting the use of two colors helped to lessen deception by players as to which side was used when serving. Back then players would have two different types of rubber, such as long pips on one side and smooth inverted rubber on the other side, with both sides the same color. Not knowing what type of rubber struck the ball made it much harder to know what spin was on the ball, and this was hurting the sport for players and

Starting Oct. 1, 2021, new ITTF regulations went into effect making it mandatory that one paddle side must have black rubber and the other side must be a contrasting color, with both sides being matte finished. The colors now allowed for the non-black side are blue, green, pink, and violet (purple). These are currently the only acceptable colors for the second side, along with red. However, the ITTF has left the door open for more colors in the future. Since generally the red rubber is faster and balls spin a bit less, professionals tend to use a red rubber on their forehand and black on their

backhand.

Come join us and have some fun! Our schedule is beginners doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; singles, Friday, 3 to 5 p.m. Ladies doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; singles, Friday, 1 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.

Membership dues are now only \$5 through Dec. 31! Applications are in the room. Contact Paul Stadterman, president, about club membership at ptstadterman@yahoo.com.



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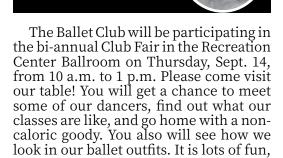
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Penny Wilson displaying her Senior Games medals.

Ballet





and everyone is very nice.

Before moving to Ocala, I visited twice, and both times I took classes at a fine ballet studio. I also continued taking classes there once I moved to On Top of the World. After the studio closed, with the help of a photographer and some dancers, I decided to start ballet classes here at On Top of the World. In 2006, we started with four dancers taking two classes per week. Today, we have approximately 50 dancers and offer five classes per week.

Our classes are in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. If you do not have ballet clothes, just wear exercise clothes and socks on your feet. And bring a bottle of water. Here is our class schedule:

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

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Ageless Adventures -What Fun!

By Ray Cech **World News Writer**

Maybe this time, Master the Possibilities out did themselves. The one-week event was a time for children and their parent or grandparent — of all ages, to spend meaningful time together. 322 boys and girls as young as four and up to 13, participated in the many different

games and activities. What was unique about the week of "adventures" was that a parent or grandparent participated side by side with their charges.

And, who had the most fun? Well, as they say, "you had to be there."

There were 25 games and activities.

They included balloon twisting (lots of dachshunds); painting your own T-shirt was popular (no, you can't wear that to school); the "mad" science lab was truly maddening; and decorating cookies and cupcakes proved to be a moveable feast. Then there was origami (Is that a butterfly? No silly, it's a Tesla); fun with drones was popular (It's a bird. It's a plane. It's a ...).

Of course, there were water balloons, and underwater races at the Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training facility. Finally, though, it all went to the dogs at The Town Square when children and grandparents were introduced to the

Marion County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit. The well-trained dogs showed off their skills that dazzled young and young at heart alike.

At the end of the fun filled week, the children wanted more, and the adults wanted a rest. But all agreed it was a wonderful opportunity to narrow the generation gap in this inter-generational week of working and playing together.

Master the Possibilities extends a big thank-you to the sponsors who helped make Ageless Adventures a truly successful adventure. Sponsors included Candler Hills Golf Club, On Top of the World Golf Club, and The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa.



Ageless Adventures teamed up with Candler Hills Golf Club to offer "Let's Try Golf."

Weekly Craft Show Resumes

By Chris Kilbride

We start back Sept. 5, at the weekly Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to noon, and continues through

Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented back in the early 1990s, and the show has grown from seven crafters to now 50 on Tuesday, with even more online for their virtual presence. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month we feature Lin Baumgartner who started her crafting adventures by buying an electronic cutting machine to cut stencils for painting. Not being an artist, she finds it relaxing to make cards for family and friends. Having joined an online Facebook group dedicated to makcrafters and artisans. The group started ing projects with electronic cutting machines, she found another one owned by a graphic artist who makes beautiful designs that you can cut and layer the card stock in a shadow box to get a 3D effect. There are so many different things you can make and frame giving you a unique and beautiful gift or piece of décor. With

her husband's encouragement that she was making quality products, that's when she opened an Etsy store. Lin also makes things using sublimation ink and a heat press to put a design on a wooden sign, t-shirt, tea towel, or just about any medium, so that it looks like it was printed on the product. One of the critical features of heat sublimation is that it doesn't fade or wear away with time.

The beauty in Ocala has inspired her various projects featuring golf, horses, flowers, butterflies, and birds. The priority craft supplies include a lot of card stock since that is her main medium, plus glue, double faced foam tape, shad ow box frames, blank signs, sublimation ink, Cricut cutting machines, sublimation ink printer, and a heat press. Having just bought a laser cutter, she is thrilled to start learning to use it. Moving here in 2018 with her husband, her former 20-year career in Cincinnati, was in broadcasting at a local radio station, then for an NBC-TV affiliate. As traffic controller, she scheduled the programs and commercials that aired on the station. Besides her Etsy store, she can also be found at additional local area craft shows.

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

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Fun with Golf Carts

Susan Pulling Robinson

Our Labor Day, "the working person" parade will be on Saturday, Sept. 2. Jazz up your cart with everything that represents the job you had, or the job you always wanted! The supported charities this month include Interfaith Emergency Services, Bears and Blankets, and Voices of Change Animal League (VO-

Our club motto is "parade for a cause." The parade starting point serves as a location for donating to the local charities that we support. Residents

congregate to make donations of cash and supplies, and then they watch our parade head out. We all have a lot of fun

parading around in our "mini floats."

Our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now at 500! If you have a golf cart, please consider decorating it (or not) and joining us. For more information and to receive emails about this club, please email otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com.

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



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Bingo

Nancy Grabowski



Some things never change, and bingo is one of those constants. We gather in the Recreation Center Ballroom Wednesdays. We play there every week until Thanksgiving and after a break, resume the first Wednesday in January.

Raffle tickets are sold prior to the games. A small investment guarantees each lucky winner \$20. The small investment is the purchase of three tickets for \$1 or 10 tickets for \$3. The tickets can be secured from 4 to 5:30 p.m.; the drawings begin shortly thereafter. Anyone with some luck can win more than once. Good luck!

Playing cards for the bingo games are simply \$1 each. We cannot accept loose change or bills larger than \$20. A resident ID is required at each session. Guests are signed in by the resident accompanying them. Sales commence at 4:30 p.m. and are completed at 5:45 p.m.

State laws set the minimum age as well as the alcohol-free zone requirements. Bingo policy sets safety above all else so no one is permitted into the room until maintenance personnel have completed moving tables and chairs. We remind you that no chairs should be tipped forward as it presents a tripping hazard. One seat, other than your own, may be saved.

We play more than just straight line bingo to keep things lively and interesting. The specific configuration is displayed on the big board. Each number, as it is called, lights up and flashes until the next number pops out of the machine. The timing of the machine is permanently set which is helpful when more than one card is being played. If you think you have bingo, call it out as loud as you can and let our runners verify it for you.

When bingo finishes for the night, we ask that you return your cards, face down, to the collection table at the front of the hall. Bring along any "attention grabbers" and place them in the storage box. Please be sure to check for all your belongings prior to leaving. Use the sidewalks rather than the roadways as you return to your vehicles. The elevator provides easy access to a flat walkout if the hill is too difficult to navigate.

Volunteers are the backbone of our success and we've had five new workers join us. Our workers arrive early to set up, fill various positions throughout the evening, and remain afterwards to return all the equipment to storage. We wouldn't be able to continue bingo without our volunteers! We are more than willing to put more of you to work with us ... just talk with Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski! Join us! Come for the cool, come for the fun!



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Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly

July 10

1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch; 4: C.J. Daane & Carolyn Higgins; Grand Slam Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

July 17

1: Mar Valchin & Bruce Ğillett; 2: Donna Peters & Rad D; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 4: Judy Mackowick & Phyllis Silverman.

July 24 1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Dean Samuels

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Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus

The 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 and allow us to set up the game for the size of the group. Bring your partner and \$0.50 per person.

The boards are scored after the game and the results emailed 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 Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525.

July 18 North/South

1: Bob Kraus & C.J. Daane; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal.

East/West

1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Gary Moses & Diane Turkin; 3: Bill Ryan & Linda Ryan.

July 25

North/South 1: Bob Kraus & C.J. Daane; 2: Caryl Rosenberger and

Barbara Heller; 3: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal. East/West

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

Aug. 1 North/South

1: Bob Kraus & C.J. Daane; 2: Sophie Redman and Jean Krueger; 3; Dan Hall & Jeff Bell.

East/West

1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Paul Agarwal & Dan Lack; 3: Virginia Collins & Diane

Aug. 8

North/South

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Diane Turkin & Virginia Collins; 3: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

East/West 1: Bill Ryan & Linda Ryan; 2: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 3: Mar Valchin & John Baru.

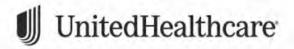
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Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

July 5

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Rik Saffol; Cons: Bruce Gillett.

July 12

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Billie Ándersen; 3: Joe McKeown; Cons: Marlyn Valchin.

July 19

1: Craig Ford; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

July 26

1: Vern Sieber; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

June 1

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Michael Meirick; 3: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Betty Morris.

June 8

1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Steve Sekac; 3: Pat Quinn; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Carolyn Higgins.

June 15

1: Judy Mackowiak; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Carolyn Higgins; 4: Rik Saffol; Cons: Craig Ford.

June 22

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Judy Mackowiak; Cons: Bruce Gillett.

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Judy Mackowiak; 3: Marlene Floeckher; 4: Rik Saffol; 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.

July 13

1: Jeff Bell; 2: John Baru; 3: Al Whitford; 2 Prize: Bob Durst.

July 20

1: Pam Bell; 2: Dave Dickerson; 3: Bob Durst.

July 27

1: Jean Krueger; 2: Betsy Brody; 3: Larry Bernier; 2 Prize: Mike Brody.

Aug. 3

1: Jean Krueger; 2: Dave Dickerson; 3: Paul Agarwal; 2 Prize: Brent Powell.

Bunco Babes Social Group

Michelle Malsch



Bunco meets in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Sept. 26. 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

Although our name 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

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

The cost is \$3 per person (please try to have exact change) and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes. Please bring your own beverage and snack if you wish. There is a short intermission after the first three sets have been played.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please

call Micki Malsch at 352-615-2790. Stay healthy and be safe until we meet again!

Euchre



Friday Night By Mary Bloch

We play every Friday at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. We play eight rounds of eight hands, and a dime is charged for the kitty every time you get euchred. We do not give prizes, but winners are posted in this column every month. When the kitty grows, we have a treat for the players. Please come join us and have some fun! If you need information about our game or need some help learning to play, con-

July 14

tact Mary Bloch at mary.bloch@yahoo.

1: Pete Jacob; 2: Karen Jacob; 3: Jim Wells.

com or 614-806-6737.

July 21

1: Nancy Kowsky; 2: Karen Jacob; 3: Pam Brown.

July 28

1: Bob Moravec; 2: Lawrence Remer; Tied at 3: Gary Whittaker & Jim Wells.

Mah Jongg



American

By Angela Brady

This weekly game of American Mah Jongg is open to all eligible residents. All skill levels are welcome. While the game will not be taught during this time, players are willing to help beginners. The games begin at 1 p.m. every Thursday, in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. Please arrive a few minutes early as we will draw chips for table assignments. After three or four games, we will switch tables so we can make new friends and change up the game play. Come join us for a couple hours of

For more information, please contact Angela Brady at 407-403-0861 or agbrady@peoplepc.com. Jokers to ya!

Junkies

By Joan Castellucci

Come join us for a day of Mah Jongg Junkies Šaturday, Oct. 7, at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. Doors open at 9 a.m. but you're welcome to come any time during the day. Doors close at 4 p.m., but you may leave at any time.

You're welcome to bring your lunch or dine out if you prefer. If you bring a bagged lunch, be sure to clean up after yourself and take all leftovers home.

Bring your set and your Mah Jongg card. We play according to National Mah Jongg League rules; regular, and Siamese. You're welcome to make your own group of four. No perfumes or scents, please.

Please call Joan at 352-304-2149 if you have questions. Hope to see you then.

Pinochle

Herb Katz.



Tuesday Night By Herb Katz

July 11

1: Lee Freehauf; 2: Larry Black; 3: Bernard DiGregorio. July 18

1: Bud Alderman; 2: Mike Romano; 3: Edna Frye.

July 25 1: Charlie Budd; 2: Bud Alderman; 3: Ray Kallai.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

July 14 1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Edna Frye.

July 21

1: Judy Black; 2: Joe McKeown; 3: Debbie Martello. July 28

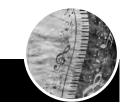
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Aug. 4 1: Judy Black; 2: Bob Moravec; 3: Larry Black.

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

Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



The excitement begins when the Concert Chorus meets at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, for our first rehearsal for our December holiday program. As each member comes in the door, they will line up to pay their winter season dues of \$15. Then they will sign in to receive their music in a brown envelope with a big number on the front, their number for music for the season.

As we take our music out of the envelope, we look it over and then place it in a performance notebook, ready for our first rehearsal. We will then sit down in sections for sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses

Our directors, Randy Schmid, Peggy Bumatay, Cheryl Richardson, and Joanne Houston will introduce themselves and give us our starting notes about how we will conduct our rehearsals and performance. They will identify the accompanists and officers.

Then it begins, 13 rehearsals until our evening performance at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3. We sing our first song, and our first notes, on the journey from beginning to final performance. It feels so good to sing with everyone there, hearing the beautiful music for the first time this year. If you love to sing this is where the rubber meets the road.

Come join us and share the wonderful musical experience, comradery and fun. We enjoy singing for our wonderful audiences and our friends.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents. Please be sure to bring your resident ID card or Gateway of Services pass to every rehearsal.

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

Toppers Banjo

David Wesenberg



Toppers Banjo meets every Thursday, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. We play and sing a wide range of music from the Civil War to today.

We have enjoyed playing for folks as they come in to listen to our music. It is a pleasure to play and discuss music.

The club has been growing and has added three members. If you play banjo or are hoping to learn, come and join us if you want to accompany us, play the banjo, acoustic guitar or bass.

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.

Any resident may join the band. You must, however, present your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass.

Call ahead to see if we will be there.

Call ahead to see if we 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.

Poetry

Linda Toner



Friendships

I have a friend who is very smart. I hold him close to my heart.

The knowledge he has in his mind.
He shares that knowledge he's ever so kind.

He'll help you out he'll go the extra mile. He always is kind and all the while.

He imparts his knowledge in such a way. That you know more than yesterday.

He's kind and he's gentle He is my good friend. A relationship that will never end.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR Pick up after your pet.

Theatre Arts Group

Liz Lieberman



After their well-received and hugely successful original play, "Living in Paradise," the Paradise Players are spending the summer writing and preparing for their next production that will continue the saga of the Platinum Girls as they discover new friends and neighbors at the over 55 resort of Out of this World.

Things take a hilarious turn as they endeavor to take a trip to Las Vegas, that whirlwind city of non-stop entertainment where "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." Or does it? Maybe the ever amorous and beautiful Blanche Devereaux will meet her match in Sin City! Will Dorothy ever find true love? Will dear, sweet Rose ever get over her past at St. Olaf's-on-the-Withlacoochee? Or will Sophia's witty comebacks, comeback to haunt her?

Stay tuned for more tidbits of the adventures of our four lovely, sarcastic, funny, and compassionate Platinum Girls

As we begin our progress into the fall, we will be holding auditions for male and female actors, singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, theater technicians, stage management, writers, set designers, painters, marketing specialists and all creative souls. We are also searching for a vocal coach who will receive a small stipend.

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I at 3:45 p.m. to meet and greet, and rehearsal begins at 4 p.m. Our first meet and greet will be on Wednesday, Sept. 9, and we welcome all to come and learn more about this exciting, fun and creative group.

Education is a big part of our mission statement, so we welcome all to come and experience the enticing world of theater. After all, as Mr. Shakespeare once famously said, "All the world's a stage!"

Please contact Lee Smith at otowparadiseplayers@gmail.com for further information.

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Original Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



The Original Theatre Group is holding open auditions on Monday Sept. 11, and Tuesday Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room for its Sunday, Dec. 10, production of "Boiled Peanuts"

"Boiled Peanuts" takes an amusing and whimsical look at Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy and the whole Peanuts gang as they reach their mature years.

For those who wish a major singing role in the play, please prepare a two-minute musical solo of your choice. We have a piano for those who can accompany themselves, or of course you can use your phones or other devices. We will provide a Bluetooth speaker. If neither piano or recorded music are possible, au cappella is fine.

If you wish a non-singing or small choral role, you will be asked to read some short scenes from the script, or you may prepare a two-minute monologue or reading of your choice.

We will be rehearsing most Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in various locations. Those with major roles will most likely need to come to all rehearsals, while choral and smaller speaking roles will need to attend fewer rehearsals. We update who is needed for each rehearsal every weekend. Group communications are done only by email.

The Original Theatre Group prides itself in a professional, organized approach to our work. We have an ensemble of 20 dedicated performers, and we would love to have new members join us for the 2023-2024 theatrical season. To learn more about The Original Theater Group, stop by our booth at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 14, or shoot an email out to either Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com, or Wayne at wdilts@hotmail.

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



It's hot outside but nice and cool in the Hobby Building Art Room. On Mondays, the room is filled with lots of good conversation and lots of creative projects being worked on. If you've seen our Happy Hookers Facebook page, you have seen some of the beautiful blankets that have been made for the Bears and Blankets program as well as hats and scarves created for various agencies that support kids and the homeless in Marion County.

In August, a group of us had a great lunch at Yummy House.

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, or 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 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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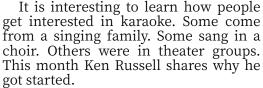
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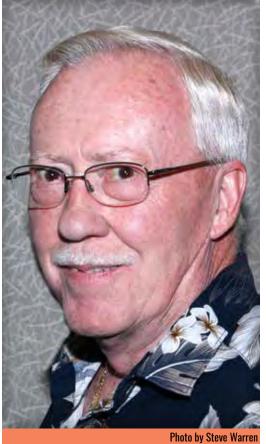
Kathy & Charlie Petrosky.

Karaoke Friends





"I moved to Sanctuary in 2019 with my partner of 41 years. Although I moved from Atlanta, Georgia I consider Norfolk, Virginia as my home. I retired from the Norfolk Public Schools District after 28 years as a teacher and district administrator. During that time, I performed in 13 Broadway musicals at the Norfolk Little Theater and the Tidewater Dinner Theater. Through these experiences I developed a love for singing and performing. Without any formal training in music (in fact I can't even read music) I discovered a new world of creativity and expression I never knew existed.



Ken Russell.

Soon after settling in, I began exploring all the clubs and activities available. I joined the Polymer Clay Club, Art Group, Original Theatre Group, Democratic Club, and Silver Rainbow Club. I saw an article about Karaoke Friends and thought I would give it a try. There, I found a great group of people who loved getting together and singing. The focus was not on ability but just having fun, and either singing or listening to all kinds of music.

I was hooked. I joined Kathy and Charlie's Karaoke Friends Group and can be found at the Arbor Activity Center Music Room singing some of my favorites by Streisand, Liza, Bette Midler, Josh Groban, Sinatra, Dean Martin, and many other Broadway show tunes. Between performing with the Original Theatre Group and Karaoke Friends, I have found a new family of like-minded friends who have enriched my life and brought joy to my golden years."

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If you want to join in the fun, come to the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. We meet on the first and third Mondays, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Clappers are welcome. We will not meet Labor Day. We will meet on Monday, Sept. 11.

Art Group

Joanie Ford



The Art Group was founded 25 years ago. I have been a member for seven years

I enjoy the Art Group for many reasons. It is a place where I am always welcomed and encouraged about my art. I have made some great friends there. Artists are usually caring, compassionate people and I find that is true of the members of this group who meet in the Hobby Building Art Room to do their drawing, painting, and visiting.

drawing, painting, and visiting.

I asked some of the members what the group meant to them.

Maria explained that joining the Art Group has elevated her pencil art to a new level. The Art Group provides insight on all aspects of art. She is truly grateful for all the art knowledge the

group shares.

Rose shared that the Art Group provides a wonderful place free of distractions for doing her art and sharing ideas. She said, "It's motivating to see what others are doing. Over time, friendships have developed doing something we all love."

Elizabeth explained that the Art

Group has evolved over the past five years. Elizabeth said, "It has been very interesting as well as a growing experience." She reminded me, "We' ve had some great Christmas parties, lots of idea-sharing, and interactions with likeminded folks, who enjoy one another's company." She enjoys seeing the many different types of art that we create. She added that it's great to have a no-competition type of atmosphere in our gatherings

Carole shared, "When I stopped teaching, my desire to share my art knowledge continued because of the Art Group. The group allows me to share my art knowledge and talk art with people who understand and share their knowledge."

Virgina told me that one of the reasons she and her husband retired to On Top of the World is because they offered a place where artists could meet, socialize, and paint. She explained, "It is my happy place where I have made lifelong friends who are so special to me."

Freda is the director of our group. She said, "Art is my passion and so is the Art Group. We share our ideas and are always learning new techniques." She invites you to come join us. We meet on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have questions about the group, contact Freda at 615-336-6863.



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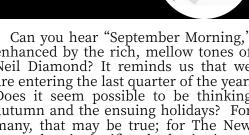


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The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



enhanced by the rich, mellow tones of Neil Diamond? It reminds us that we are entering the last quarter of the year. Does it seem possible to be thinking autumn and the ensuing holidays? For many, that may be true; for The New Pretenders it signifies the beginning of a hectic but organized schedule. That schedule will enable us to prepare our

We've put our creative juices and ideas into selecting music and the people to perform each number, energy has been added to the mix choosing costumes and stage decorations, and we've spent some time practicing. A few of those practices were informal group meetings while the majority took place in the shower or car! We know this works because The New Pretenders have been at it since 1991; a different group called The Pretenders preceded us and retired.

When the production opens on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at 7 p.m., the Recreation Center Ballroom will have been transformed into an entertainment complex. The performance will be repeated on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m., followed by

2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. We are adding a little twist to the proceedings by having a "pre-show" warm-up, emulating professionals across the world of entertainment. The New Pretenders thrive on surprising our audiences so no more on the pre-show just yet.

However, if you're intrigued by the teaser, be sure to get tickets beginning Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. Troupe members will be in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. selling \$10 reserved seating and \$8 general admission tickets. Sales continue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the month, ending on Jan. 31, 2024. It's vital to note that no tickets are sold at the door.

We have managed to retain ticket prices while still anticipating the yeary charitable donations we are eager to make. It allows us to recognize local Marion County charities. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

The semi-annual Club Fair will take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This affords us the opportunity to meet new residents and greet our favorite fans! We value the chance to tell each of you about our program, perhaps enticing you to become a member.

More information is always available by contacting any of our members or Nancy Grabowski, the director, at 352-209-4699.



Connie Filip



Through October, I'm continuing a discussion of the pros and cons of using a smartphone or a camera to take pho-

It's been said that the best camera you have is the one you have with you. Smartphone image quality has improved, in part due to its artificial intelligence software. I've found my phone takes better photos indoors and in dim light than my camera, which needs a flash or tripod. You can also improve your smartphone photos by tapping on app Settings and "More." I just found one new to me: using a voice command to snap a photo! Or, if all you want is to click and shoot, well, look no further.

Practicing with a smartphone can give you immediate feedback to improve your composition, focus and exposure. You can also hone your creative skills in how you frame your shot.

Now, ask yourself these questions: does image quality matter to me, do I want the opportunity to be more creative and what will I do with the images I've taken?

You'll create better resolution prints and enlargements with a camera because cameras have larger sensors and better lens optics than a smartphone. The artificial intelligence in smartphones can reduce your ability to make adjustments. Some shots, such as capturing an eagle with a fish in its talons, freezing a fast-moving sport shot, or blurring a background is limited with a smartphone.

Last, if you prefer the convenience of simply editing and uploading from phone to internet, for example into Facebook, then uploading from a camera adds a step.

In September, if you want to see what a creative smartphone user can do, please visit Ann Schneider's smartphone photo exhibit in Master the Possibilities lobby.

Ann says of her photo "Sandhill Cranes," "I was walking with my grandsons near their home in Land O'Lakes. At first glance, they looked like Siamese twins; one body with two heads!" Her Samsung phone allowed let her to snap without losing the moment. Plus, she

says, "With Google phone editing, I can crop, enhance, adjust and even erase objects from my pictures.

"My upcoming display at Master the Possibilities features the beauty of nature with some unusual rock formations, skies over On Top of the World, and scenery from vacations with my husband. I hope you will enjoy the views and even smile at a few!"

ShutterBugs Tuesday, Sept. 12 field trip, will be to Sholom Park for the continuation of macro photography as presented by Robert Wester at a recent ShutterBugs meeting. Many smartphones have this ability and as well as DSLR cameras with a 55mm lens. Supplemental camera attachments will also be available.

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

We generally meet for field trips the first week of each month, show-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.



Sandhill cranes.

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The New Pretenders band.

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Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler

Do you like the sounds of September? There are Labor Day parades, parties, and celebrations. Football is just beginning, with fans cheering for their favorite teams. NASCAR roars as its season draws toward its final races. And, on cooler days we hear more neighbors out and about enjoying our beautiful neigh-

With cooler days in the future, we hope to see more people back at the bocce courts on Wednesdays, at 4 p.m. We create teams and enjoy playing for about an hour or so. What a wonderful way to meet people, stretch and share some laughs!

Monthly dinners are another way to meet new people and enjoy great food and conversations. Linda McDonald is scheduling these dinners. Please check our Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW) or williamsburgneighborsotow.com for further informa-

Looking for something new to do? Join neighbors from all neighborhoods for chair exercise class on Mondays, at 11 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio. You may also like to try adult coloring, which is a wonderfully

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relaxing hour every Thursday at noon at the Arbor Conference Center. Williamsburg neighbor Lynn Phelps leads both classes. Bring a friend if you would like and come have some fun!

Our fall poker run is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. The rain date will be Sept. 15. Please join us with your golf cart for a fun event. The cost is \$10 for one to three people, and \$20 for a cart of four people. The run starts at the empty lot on SW 91st Circle East at the intersection of SW 92nd Place Road. The run includes five stops, where each team will receive a playing card. The team with the best poker hand will receive a cash prize. Be sure to bring some extra dollars as there will be a surprise ending! The run will conclude with a make your own ice cream sundae social. Please RSVP by Monday, Sept. 11, to Gwen Fabian at 330-207-6954 or gwen. fabian@gmail.com. Money will be collected at the start of the run.

Star your calendar for a fun Halloween gathering at the Veterans Park on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Costumes are optional and always fun! There will be music and Halloween trivia and food shared by neighbors. Further information will be coming. Stayed tuned!

The Williamsburg holiday fest will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio. Enjoy an evening of good music, great food, and fellowship with your Williamsburg neighbors. Tickets will go on sale at the Halloween gathering. If you would like to volunteer for this fun evening, please text Gwen Fabian at 330-207-6954 or Carmel Kessler at 336-253-1250.

Welcome new neighbors! Please contact Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger.com or Carmel Kessler at dkes22@aol.com so that we may add you to the master email list. Periodic blind emails are sent to keep neighbors informed of Williamsburg happenings.



Cards presented by Marcie Miller.

Rubber Stamp **Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr

Our presenter for Thursday, Aug. 3, was Marcie Miller. She offered four dif-ferent cards, all of them adaptable for any occasion. We thank Marcie for providing all the materials and instructions to complete these great cards!

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

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

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

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Connie Press at connie.rubberstampclub@gmail.com. You can also find the information for each class on our Facebook page. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft.

Until then, keep on stampin'!







Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo

We are looking forward to the cooler weather and welcoming back our snowbirds. It certainly has been hot, but that has not slowed us down. We have been hard at work making quilts, pillows, drawstring bags, clothes, and toys.

A great big thank you to all our bees - whether you create at home or in the Hobby Building. Your dedication to this group allows us to bring joy and love to the disadvantaged children we serve in Marion County.

Meet Mary Wright. Mary has been living in here for over five years and joined the Sewing Bees shortly after her move from York County, Pennsylvania. She learned to sew as a child and has been

quilting for over 25 years.

Mary creates the embroidered pillows that are included with many of our quilts. She selects and cuts the fabrics to be used and machine embroiders a whimsical character on each pillow. In just over five years she has created over 1,200 of these pillows. Mary loves bringing joy and happiness to these children. She especially loves the creative part of picking the right fabrics and characters. În addition, Mary also volunteers making quilts at Joy Lutheran Church, who donates to various charities. Thank you for your dedication to the Sewing Bees.

Join our Facebook page (Sewing Bees Club Inc.) and see what magic takes place at the hive. Stay up to date on what we are working on and what our current needs are. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Questions? Call or text Marsha Schneer at 813-920-3487 or Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178.



One of our very talented quilters, Mary Wright displaying three of her handmade embroidered pillows.

Friendship **Connection**

Carron Janssen

Ah, September when temperatures hopefully cool off, when we keep hoping for no hurricanes, when people are returning from vacations, and snowbirds are about to come back for the winter.

The Friendship Connection planning committee has been busy planning our final event for 2023. Our annual Halloween Spooktacular will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. This event will be a potluck. This time, however, we are asking for every ticket purchased please bring a main dish/entrée, enough for 10 people. Couples, please bring enough for 15. The committee will bring sides and salads. Dessert, water, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase in The Pub.

Tickets for this event are \$10 cash and will be sold the weeks of Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. You will find the ticket seller on those weekdays only in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Please show your resident ID.

As has been our custom, there will be a costume contest so start thinking about your costume now. As always, there will be raffles and 50/50.

Thursday, Sept. 14, is the Club Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Our table will be in the

same spot as last time, right outside the door to The Pub. Please stop by to say hello. You also can buy your ticket to the Halloween Spooktacular there, earlier

Are you interested in finding out how we plan our events? Do you have fresh lounge off the Recreation Center Ball-

Friendship Connection is open to all

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

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Sunshine Quilters





I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Joyce Utley. Joyce is one of our newer members to the Sunshine Quilters. She comes from Jacksonville and has lived in Miami and Ocala. She moved to On Top of the World in 2015. Joyce has had many exciting careers while living in Florida.

Joyce currently lives in Candler Hills and has been sewing since her early teens. She has made men's suits and other fine clothing as well as doing up-

holstery and drapes.

Joyce is looking forward to sewing again and being creative. She says she is interested in starting with a lap quilt and going from there. She recently bought a new Janome sewing machine and is taking time to learn new skills on it. She shared that she likes watching videos and has a favorite that is "men sewing'

and states, "They are very creative!"
Since Joyce has joined, she has met a lot of ladies. She is excited about being

part of our club. The quilts she has seen so far are very creative and beautiful. Joyce says, "I hope I can create similar presentations as I learn more about quilting.

than our regular sale dates. We hope to see many old friends and meet new resiideas for us to explore? The Friendship Connection planning committee is always looking for more people to share ideas. Please consider joining us at our meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the

room for one hour. residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only. Our events are scheduled quarterly, on the second Saturday of the month, from

page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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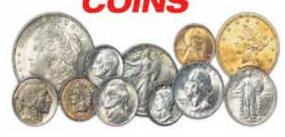




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Longleaf Ridge Friends

Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, Debra Vitale, & Judi Walsh

Longleaf Ridge neighbors can always find a variety of indoor social activities to keep out of the summer heat.

The now popular game of bunco, an uncomplicated dice game, originated in England and was called "Eight Dice Cloth." Longleaf Ridge residents have been meeting the game's purpose – "to gather and socialize." The game was imported to San Francisco during the Gold Rush and re-named bunco, to mean "swindling game or scheme." After the Civil War, bunco evolved into a popular game played in bunco parlors. The actual chance of throwing a bunco is 1/216.

Longleaf Ridge residents come from all over the United States! A large map was displayed during Debra and Kimberly Lynch's driveway chat and guests were asked to pin their home state. Deb's "margarita ice pops" added additional fun to the meet and greet.

Book clubs continue to have spirited discussions at the monthly meetings. A group of ladies enjoyed good food and conversation during their monthly luncheon at Elevation 89. The men's group welcomed speaker Director of Golf Matt Hibbs to their monthly luncheon. He gave an informative overview of the three golf courses here in On Top of the World as well as golf-related amenities.

In other news, neighbors enjoyed a "Tropical Night" at the Arbor Conference Center. Delicious food was catered by Mojos with non-stop entertainment including a guys and gals hula contest, a karaoke competition, and dancing to DJ music.

When the weather permits, a group of ladies play pickleball on Monday evenings and the pedal power ladies continue to meet on select Thursday mornings.

As our neighborhood grows, we look forward to welcoming all the many new neighbors to Longleaf Ridge. Please remember to join our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends) and provide your phase and lot number/address. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.



Labor Day in the park.

Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam



Labor Day celebrates American workers and their past and current contributions to the success of our country. The first Labor Day took place on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. The Central Labor Union organized a parade of thousands of union members from all trades that culminated in a picnic for the members and their families. This form of celebration gained popularity across the country. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law officially making the first Monday of September a national holiday.

Arguably, the history of the railroad system in the United States vividly portrays the use and abuse of the labor force. Many workers contributed to the construction of the railroads. On the East Coast, laborers came from every ethnicity and immigrants were recruited to work on the railroad. Railroads varied between fairness and harshness in their dealings with the workers. Some executives believed in paying a living wage and accepted the right of employees to form labor organizations and bargain collectively. Others took the view that labor was a commodity to be purchased at the lowest cost without regard for the individual. To counteract the low pay and long hours, strikes, riots and violence began to occur in 1887. In 1916 the United States Congress passed the Adamson Act which established the standard workday of eight hours. In 1954 Pennsylvania railroad workers voted to

join the Transportation Workers Union of the AFL-CIO.

The railroads epitomized the concept of labor. Workers in nearly every category were needed to plan, build, operate, maintain, and supervise the daily functions of the industry. Further, because the railroad represented transportation, farmers shipped their products to the east, and factories shipped their farm machinery to the mid-west. And so, it was throughout the United States. The workers produced products that were marketed and shipped by railroads to every corner of the country.

Labor Day represents the celebration of the "American Dream" of the dignity of a fair wage, fair working conditions, vacation, and pensions or IRAs for retirement.

The Model Railroaders invite you to visit the train room to view our demonstration of the necessity for a labor force. From the yard, roundhouse, freight and passenger stations to every factory and small business, workers are extremely busy receiving and shipping goods made by the labor force. But on Labor Day, they will be relaxing with their families and enjoying picnics in the park, flying R/C airplanes, playing sports, boating, fishing, hiking, rock climbing, spelunking and enjoying their favorite beverage.

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, Sept. 6, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

Happy Labor Day to all!



Robin and Don Waselewski enjoy Longleaf Ridge tropical party.



Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

We have three major events and the monthly potluck dinners planed for the rest of the year.

All events and tickets sales take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills (unless otherwise noted). If you need tickets after the sell dates, please contact Karen Gemberling at 352-789-8259, Deb Keirn at 814-571-7908 or Linda Agerty at 413-262-1985.

Friday, Sept. 15, will be the fun hunt from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and chili cook-off from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Music will be by the Petroskys. Shredded cheese, sour cream, onions, crackers, and desserts will be provided. The three categories for the chili cook-off contest are hot/ spicy; sweet/savory; and mild. Enter the chili contest or just come and enjoy an afternoon of fun hunting, socializing, dancing, and chili with all the fixins'. Tickets were sold in August.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 5:30 p.m. with a theme of "breakfast for dinner." Please prepare your dish for 12 to 15 people as follows: A-H - main dish (examples - egg or French toast casseroles); I-P - side dish/salad, (examples - quiches, breakfast potatoes, fruit salad); and Q-Z - dessert (examples - coffee cake, donuts). \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Our pancake

flippers will be making fresh pancakes. Please RSVP to Deb Keirn by text at 814-571-7908 or email to arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. Please label your dish with its ingredients to help those with allergies.

Sunday, Oct. 22, will be the annual picnic at the softball field pavilion from 3 to 5 p.m. Please bring your own beverages. You can choose two of the following items: hamburger, hot dog, or chicken. We will have a team grilling that afternoon and will complement the meat items with baked beans, salads, and desserts and condiments. Food will be served from 3 to 4:45 p.m. only. The \$10 tickets go on sale on Tuesdays, Sept. 19, 26, and Oct. 3, and on Thursdays Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of picnic food and socializing.

The holiday party will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. This is a bring your own beverage event and will be catered by Gourmet Affair Catering. Music will be provided by Tim Hargis. \$35 per person tickets will go on sale Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Thursdays, Nov. 9 and 16. The menu will be mixed green salad, dinner rolls, roast beef, chicken topped with sun dried tomatoes and prosciutto, rosemary roasted red potatoes, ginger glazed carrots, warm cobbler with cream, and coffee.

Signup at candlerconnection.org to receive The Happenings and/or join our closed Facebook group (Candler Connection) to learn about our activities.

Any Candler Hills resident is welcome at the board meeting on Tuesday, Sept.

See you around the neighborhood!

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The Indigo East Social Committeesponsored Craft Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Indigo East Community Center. This event is free and open to all Indigo East residents as well as On Top of the World residents. Guests of all residents are also welcomed.

A Halloween party will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The Indigo East Social Committee is looking for a resident, or residents, willing to host the event. An event host is never asked to fund the event. The Indigo East Social Committee will reimburse the event hosts for all expenses. Hosting an event allows one to put their creative spin on the event. If interested, please contact Beth Griner, chairwoman.

The Indigo East Social Committee has many more fun events planned until the end of the year. They will hold a potluck dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11. The holiday party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 and the Holiday Golf Cart Parade will be on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Indigo East Social Committeesponsored bingo is held on the first Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. A pack of 10 bingo cards is \$5, the pack of cards contains one card for each of the 10 games played during the evening. Beverage of choice as well as snacks for yourself or to share with those around you are allowed. It is suggested one take with them an ink dotter, as the cards require a dotter and a highlighter to outline the game patterns. Ink dotters are sold at the entrance door,

while supplies last.

The ladies luncheon committee will hold a chicken buffet luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Indigo East Community Center. The featured program will include a K-9 demonstration, courtesy of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and an officer from the Department will address scams and personal safety awareness. As usual, the luncheon will be a lot of fun. Tickets will be sold on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 12, 5 to 6 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There are a couple of significant spe-

cial days in September. Labor Day, celebrating the American workers, falls on Sept. 4. Also, Sept. 4 is Eat an Extra Dessert Day. As a point of reference, the actual fall season begins on Sept. 23, however, Florida will not experience the cooler weather or the leaf foliage change, as the northern states, early in the fall season. Florida's fall will not begin until late October to mid-November. Other September observances worth mentioning are Grandparents Day on Sept. 10. Grandparents Day is always observed on the Sunday after Labor Day. Rosh Hashanah begins on the eve of Friday, Sept. 15. Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Sunday, Sept. 24.

Enjoy the month of September and, as usual, I'll see you around the neigh-

borhood.

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Kestrel Knowings

Elaine Morrison



A year has passed since the formation of the Kestrel social committee. At a recent meeting, the members happily recalled the successful events they hosted in the neighborhood during that time. They are now busy planning even bigger and better programs for the future.

A recent talk by Lt. Paul Bloom of the Marion County Sheriff's Office on personal safety was attended by 50 residents. Two more talks are scheduled for Thursdays, Sept. 14 and Oct. 5; the first will focus on what to do in an active shooter situation and the latter will discuss self-defense.

Invitations for the Friday, Sept. 29 sock hop have been sent. The fun evening will feature a DJ and a catered meal. There is certain to be a lot of hilarity when the air guitar and hula hoop contests get underway. Tickets for this event are \$25.

Another jukebox bingo night is being planned for some time in November along with a cookie swap and a food drive. And be sure to mark your calendar for the big holiday party on Monday,

For tickets and further information about any of the events, please contact Jan Eaton at jeaton1000@comcast.net.





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Crescent Ridge Happenings

Patti Doty



September brings Labor Day! A public holiday or day of festivities is held in honor of working people in the U.S. and Canada on the first Monday in September. It also traditionally marks the end of summer vacations, but for us Floridians it marks the beginning of some of the best weather of the year!

I hope everyone has noticed that the posted speed limit on SW 98th Street and SW 94th Street has recently been reduced from 30 to 25 miles per hour. Please monitor your speed. On Top of the World is a very active 55+ retirement community with residents enjoying all sorts of outside activities - walking at all hours (sometimes with an actual walker to assist them - slow and steady), bicyclists (two wheels, three wheels, all sorts of configurations), golf carts, residents walking their pets, and much more. Why put your neighbor's safety in jeopardy simply because you are in a hurry?

All Crescent Ridge and Crescent Green neighborhood residents are invited to join us at our regular monthly gatherings. These 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, Sept. 10! 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 our email database to receive neighborhood notices, information, etc., by emailing Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@yahoo.com. You can also join our Facebook group (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors). We all enjoy communicating with our neighbors and seeing their posts!

Please consider keeping an eye on your absent neighbor's driveway 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 our next gathering at the Veterans Park pavilion!

View from the Library

Anne Merrick



In her vigorous and moving book, "Florida," Lauren Groff brings her electric storytelling and intelligence to a world in which storms, snakes and sinkholes lurk at the edges of everyday life, however the greater threats and mysteries are of a human, emotional and psychological nature. Among those navigating it all are a resourceful pair of abandoned sisters; a lonely boy, grown up; a restless, childless couple; a searching, homeless woman; and an unforgettable, recurring character - a steely and conflicted wife and mother.

The stories in this collection span characters, towns, decades, and centuries, but Florida, its landscape, climate, history and state of mind becomes the gravitational center - an energy, a mood, as much as a place of residence. Groff transports us and then jolts us an alert with a crackle of wit, a wave of sadness, a flash of cruelty as she writes about loneliness, rage, family, and the passage of time. With shocking accuracy and effect, she pinpoints the moments, decisions and connections behind human pleasure, pain, hope, despair, love, and fury - the moments that make us alive. Startling, precise and affecting, "Florida" is a magnificent achievement.

The book is soft cover, large print and easy to hold and read. The cover design is by Grace Han, the cover image based on a print by W. Panormo in "The Wonders of the Animal Kingdom" by Robert Huish. The book was first published in

This book is not for the fainthearted. The stories are often brutal, psychologically disturbing with some dire circum-

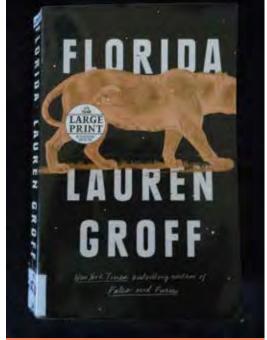


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"Florida."

stances. It does, however, offer deep insights into human behavior and the strength of the will needed to survive in extremely challenging situations. The complexity of Florida flora and fauna, which is found off the beaten path reminds me of the beauty and danger found in nature. There is so much more to this book than can be explained here. "Florida" can be found in the large print section in the library located in the Hobby Building.

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Avalon **Social Group**

Karen Volpe & **Sharon Hall**

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We are looking forward to a great crowd for our annual ice cream social, which will be held Monday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. We've decided on a new twist and will be providing a variety of ice cream sandwiches and treats. The entertainment will be music bingo provided by Imagine Entertainment. If you haven't played music bingo, it's a lot of fun, anyone can do it and you don't have to be a music aficionado. We will be playing six games with each winner receiving a cash prize. Be sure and bring \$1 bills for the 50/50; additional prizes will be available as well.

Ice cream treats will be provided but you may also wish to bring snacks for your table. The cost of the event is \$5 per

The deadline to RSVP is Monday, Sept.

4. Ticket sales began in August. Your \$5 per person pre-paid reserva-

tions may be made at the locations listed below. Please pay in cash only. Please text or call before heading over to buy tickets to make sure someone is at home.

Locations and contact information for reservation payments: Liz Pruss, 10000 SW 90th Loop or 404-433-4219; Ruth Cerio, 10121 SW 89th Loop or 315-870-4304; Sharon Hall, 8808 SW 104th Circle or 270-855-1354.

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FOR SALE, WANTED AND LOST/FOUND

ADS: There is no charge to residents as long as it is not of a business nature. There is a \$500 limit on FOR SALE items. Items valued at more than \$500 (i.e. golf carts) may be listed, but price will not accompany the ad. Auto, apartment, financial service, home, legal, real estate, and timeshare ads WILL NOT be accepted. Ads may be emailed to otownews@otowfl.com.

ESTATE/TAG SALE ADS: There is no charge to residents, however, residents must register their estate/tag sale with Resident Services at Friendship Commons. Visit ontopoftheworldnews.com/ocala and click on "Resident Info" to download the appropriate form for your community and submit it to Resident Services by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

SERVICE ADS: Will be accepted from residents and non-residents and may be emailed to otownews@ otowfl.com. For advertising rates, visit ontopoftheworldnews.com/ocala and click on "Advertising Rates."

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 otownews@otowfl.com or visit ontopoftheworldnews.com/ocala

The publisher reserves the right to reject any ad which, in his judgment, would not be in the best interest of the residents of On Top of the World Communities.

For Sale

Antiques: White Singer Featherweight sewing machine, vintage China and glass, and assorted small antique pieces. 757-572-6888 (call by 9/5/23).

Appliance: Whirlpool (WDT740-SALZO) dishwasher (slide-in). Asking \$275. For photos, email rob8787s@gmail.com. 303-995-7870 or 303-995-7848.

Furniture: Eastlake five piece, double/full bedroom set. \$450. Fine gentleman's chair, \$50. Duncan Phyfe dining room drop leaf table with extension and custom pads, \$175. Dining room chairs (4), \$80 set. Side chairs (2), \$60 set. Governor Winthrop desk, \$175. China hutch, \$150. White wicker chairs (3), \$90. White wicker side tables (2), \$60. 757-572-6888 (call by 9/5/23).

Misc. Item: Outdoor Ooni Karu 12 pizza oven with gas burner. Asking \$220 for both. For photos, email rob8787s@gmail.com. 303-995-7870 or 303-995-7848.

Misc. Items: Teddy bears and other exotic stuffed animals from around the world, \$9 to \$89 each. Two drawer metal filing cabinet, \$20. 352-873-2778 (call mornings by 9/12/23).

Misc. Items: Stadium seats (2), \$8. 3-tier plant stand, \$8. 352-304-8711.

Misc. Items: Twin air mattresses (3) each with an electric pump, \$10 each. Call/text 617-842-9500.

RV Accessories: Gel memory foam RV mattresses (2) with covers, 28"x72"x4", \$20 each/obo. Call/ text 617-842-9500.

Sports Equipment: 2021 WHAOO Kicker stationary bike includes dedicated computer with monitor, keyboard, mouse, computer stand, and fan. Ride in locations around the world using Zwift software. 760-691-9426.

Sports Equipment: Ladies Cannondale Adventure bicycle with stand, \$160. 352-598-3964.

Tag Sales

Friday, Sept. 1 & Saturday, Sept. 2: 9257-C SW 82nd Terrace (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 8 & Saturday, Sept. 9: 9320-A SW 89th Terrace (Friendship), 8 a.m. to noon · 9460-F SW 84th Terrace (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. · 8892 SW 89th Circle (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. · 8896-D SW 90th Street (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to noon · 9664-A SW 94th Terrace (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22 & Saturday, Sept. 23: 9464-C SW 97th Lane, 8 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Sept. 29 & Saturday, Sept. 30: 10574 SW 91st Street Road (Avalon), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30: 7895, 7901 SW 89th Circle (Weybourne Landing), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Services

American Junk Removal & Demo: One call, we haul - one item, room, or total clean-out. Total kitchen & bath demolition. Lawn/ landscape clean-up. Dumpster rental. Call/text Garfield 561-306-6969. Quality work, competitive prices, licensed & insured.

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Handyman: Ceiling fans, lights, TV mounts, faucets, spigots, towel racks, grab bars, pictures, curtains, blinds, shelving, toilets, sprinkler guards, bi-fold doors house painting, furniture assembly, garage ceiling storage. Eric Miller (resident) Handyman Hammer-Time LLC 610-442-0709.

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Jo A. Riveira (352) 266-5073

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Transportation: Doctor's appointments, shopping, hair, surgery center, hospital, etc. Diane 352-854-9999 (resident). Please leave message (no texts).

Transportation: I am still delivering my friends and neighbors to and from Florida airports and cruise ports, as well as other out of town destinations. Safe, secure, and private. Call Terry (resident) at 615-513-8240.

Transportation: Local doctors' appointments, shopping, etc. Anna 352-873-4151 (resident). Leave message.

Wanted

Cribbage Players: Looking to form a group to play every other week in the early evenings for two hours. If interested, email judith. parisi@gmail.com.

Donations: Bicycles for local homeless ministry [Carol 419-601-1322] · Dog or cat food [SPCA of Marion County 352-362-0985] · Electric golf carts in full working condition for use by volunteers for local park. [Barbara btsprigg@gmail. com | · Non-perishable food for food bank, empty ink/laser cartridges and cards for veterans [Anne 843-504-0032] · Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies & small appliances for homeless; pet food/supplies for animal shelters; used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/ veterans; theatrical costumes & props; socks, underwear & men's clothing [Donna 352-237-3062] Yarn for VA hospitals, children, and newborns [352-843-6519].

Ham Radio Operators: Support the Community Emergency Response Team in the event of a disaster. Please email brucetwiss@ yahoo.com.

Pet Foster Parents: Temporarily open your home to a pet in need. Call SPCA of Marion County at 352-362-0985.

Sheepshead Players: Informal men's group plays Thursdays, to 9 p.m. If you have previously played, but need a refresher, we will bring you up to speed. Call/ text 804-387-2388.

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