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## Community News

**Kenneth D. Colen**

### Ocala Open

This year's Ocala Open event raised \$100,000 which was distributed equally to Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County. Candler Hills once again hosted a playing field of top golfers. The planning that has gone into this event was nothing short of phenomenal. Most of the effort comes down to the 60 days preceding the event. Director of Golf Matt Hibbs, together with the other pros and golf course staff, worked very hard getting the word out to potential players and the Florida Professional Golf Tour coordinators.

Director of Golf Course Operations Andy Jorgensen, and his staff did a great job in getting Candler Hills in terrific condition and able to withstand the rigors of three days of hard play. As the technical aspects of course condition and tournament organization go, we were in great shape. Many thanks to Margarita Rosario for overseeing the VIP tent and guests. That said, nothing would work as well as it did without the coordination of resident volunteers. Many thanks to the entire Ocala Open employee committee for the hard work that goes into this tournament and special thanks to Head Golf Professional Denise Mullen who oversaw volunteer coordination. We can't say enough about the support we get from our volunteers. They make our tournament a great success!

The amount of work required by our marketing department, led by Linda Massarella, was extensive. Mark Hoover and Jamie Sneider, food service operators, and staff did a great job on the food and beverage service for the Pro-Am roundup, as well as all three days of tournament play. Of course, none of this would have been possible without all the partners. A special thank you to our platinum partner: 360 Wealth Management Group of Raymond James; as well as to our gold partners: Lamar, Clear Channel, Marsh, CS&L CPAs, Delta Faucets, and Salser Construction; silver partners: Stearns Weaver Miller P.A., Barkley Tree Services, MHS and Ally Building Solution, Crime Prevention (CPSS), Florida Designer Cabinets, Inc., and JCH Consulting Group. We look forward to 2025 and repeating this success.

### Development Update

The Recreation Center pool was completed by the end of March. This is the community's oldest pool, and we ran into a few unforeseen tasks that required some additional attention. We hope to see you enjoying this newly refinished pool in April.

The Summit, in Longleaf Ridge, has broken ground and is well underway, and when completed will include a clubhouse, two pools and shaded outdoor cabanas. Projected completion date is late summer 2025.

The Balfour amenity concept design is complete and we are working on the construction design. This exclusive Candler Hills amenity will focus on fitness. We are hopeful to be able to share more details about this project soon.

New gate house off SW 80th Street is in rough concept design. This building will be located between the temporary gate house and the intersection of SW 90th Terrace Road.

The Candler Hills Community Center will be under renovation beginning early April. The building will be closed during renovations, however the pool will remain open. Portable outdoor restrooms will be provided for resident use. The duration of this project is projected to be around two months. This will include an update of the entry, card room, kitchen, and the restrooms.

### Controlled Burning

February through April is the controlled burning season in North Florida. Controlled burning is a very important practice from several perspectives. First, a controlled burn reduces the chance of wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon to have fires started by lightning in Florida, which brings me

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OUR WORLD

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SECTION A

## Candler Hills Golf Club Secures Coveted Spot

By Hailey Rodgers

Candler Hills Golf Club proudly announces its exceptional achievement, securing the ninth position on GolfPass' esteemed list of the "25 Best Public Golf Courses in Florida - Golfer's Choice 2024." This recognizes the club's unwavering commitment to providing an

unparalleled golfing experience amidst Florida's picturesque landscapes. Candler Hills is one of three community golf courses residents enjoy, and the only one that is open to the public.

GolfPass evaluates courses across the Sunshine State to curate its annual list



## Pump Up the Pump!

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

Learn how to pump up the pump! On Wednesday, April 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center, the Colen Built Development safety department will be instructing a "CPR hands only" class to residents of On Top of the World. This is a very special class. Why? Because this is the class that Colen Built Development will be introducing to the Florida Department of Health in Marion County to secure our HEART-Safe Community certificate for On Top of the World, with only one other city in Florida having earned this prestigious certificate. Just one. In the entire state. It's a big deal.

Along with this being the regular, monthly, resident CPR hands only class lasting 45 minutes, supporters of this training who are scheduled to attend include dignitaries such as Lieutenant Paul Bloom, director of the Public Information Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office; Fire Life Safety Educa-

tor James Lucas from Marion County Fire Rescue; Public Information Officer Bill Thompson from the Florida Department of Health in Marion County; Deputy Secretary Mark Lander from County Health Systems; Elizabeth Walker, owner of E&B Health & Safety and training director for HCA Florida Ocala Hospital in cooperation with the American Heart Association; and Development Director of Marion County Mallory Sealey of the American Heart Association. Also, representatives from the American Heart Association Orlando and all the officers from Colen Built Development, including Kenneth D. Colen, will be in attendance. Even Orlando's WESH 2 News will be there to shoot this monumental event.

This supercharged, special event is the brainchild of Colen Built Development's Health & Safety Training Compliance Officer Jonathan Miller. This guy, along with his dedicated team,

of top destinations based on community reviews of course conditions, value, layout, friendliness, pace of play, and amenities. Candler Hills Golf Club's inclusion among Florida's elite is a testament to its dedication to excellence, service, and course quality.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as one of the premier golfing destinations in Florida by GolfPass," said Matt Hibbs, director of golf at Candler Hills Golf Club. "This achievement is a reflection of our team's hard work, dedication, and passion for delivering an exceptional experience to every golfer who walks through our doors."

Home of the Ocala Open golf tournament, the Candler Hills Golf Course is a beautiful Par-72 semi-private championship golf course that has eight sets of tees ranging in length from 4,877 to 7,233 yards creating a rewarding experience for golfers of various handicaps. With a Palm Springs-style landscape, every round at Candler Hills is a harmonious blend of challenge and beauty.

What sets Candler Hills apart is its commitment to providing a welcoming atmosphere for players of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer to the game, the club's friendly staff and top-notch amenities ensure an unforgettable golfing experience.

In addition to its championship course, Candler Hills Golf Club offers a driving range, putting greens, and chipping areas. Golfers can fine-tune their skills under the guidance of experienced PGA and LPGA golf professionals or simply enjoy a leisurely round with friends and family.

As Candler Hills Golf Club celebrates this prestigious accolade, it looks forward to welcoming golfers from near and far to experience the magic of Florida's ninth-best public golf course in 2024.

For more information about Candler Hills Golf Club, visit [candlerhillsgolfclub.com](http://candlerhillsgolfclub.com).

pulled this all off in the span of, well, since October of last year. This took a tremendous amount of determination, dotting of the i's and crossing of the t's, communication, and heartfelt presentations of this grand event to supporters. For example, the original goal was to confirm 250 attendees to the event. Well, that number is ticking upward as I type. Jonathan Miller wants a huge, spectacular On Top of the World crowd when we say to the Department of Health - "we have made it to the mountaintop, and we want our HEARTSafe Community certificate (please)."

Think about it. Having the knowledge of, and confidence in your training and ability to perhaps save a life is quite powerful. And to know that your friends or neighbors also possess the same skill, well, that can be personally comforting. So, bring your hearts and hands to Circle Square Cultural Center on Wednesday, April 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. As Jonathan said, "Everyone who crosses the door seal to join this class/event will also be able to be on the training CPR hands only list, making you a part of history." Let the beat go on.

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## Is It Legal?



Coleen &amp; Wagoner, P.A.

**SCAM ALERT #1:** A client of mine told me that he'd got an email informing him that his email account had been hacked and the hacker got hold of all his contact lists and controlled his entire computer, or something like that. 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 pass this on to anyone.

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.

**SCAM ALERT #2:** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) wishes to remind all of us that scams against seniors are growing and growing. We must always be on the alert. My tip to you is to make up your mind that you just won't download anything from anyone on social media (Facebook, X, Instagram, etc.). For that matter, make up your mind that if family members want you to read an article, or see a photo, they must send it within the email so that you won't have to download or open it.

**Q.** What's coming up in your lecture series at Master the Possibilities?

**A.** Here's my upcoming Tuesday schedule:

- April 9: "Medicaid Planning in Florida"
- May 14: "Homestead Rights in Florida"
- June 11: "Prelude to War"

To register, please visit [MasterthePossibilities.org](http://MasterthePossibilities.org).

**Q.** Am I correct that in your lecture on "Estate and Probate Administration," you said that I could not leave my home-

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stead to friend?

**A.** I did not say that. To be specific, what I said was that a married person who owned a homestead in his or her name, alone, and was survived by his or her spouse, that married person can either leave a life estate to his or her spouse or leave the entire property to the spouse. An exception is if there were a signed, valid homestead waiver. The devise of homestead is a very complex area of Florida law. If a couple are 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.

**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 have read your column and been to your lectures and love them all. However, I can live wherever I want and with whomever I choose. And I don't know why I can't.

**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 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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September	08/12/24	08/22/24	08/29/24
October	09/12/24	09/19/24	09/26/24
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## GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



**Don't apologize if you're lucky.**



Photo by Fran Calhoun

Missing man table ceremony with Charles Calhoun, Tim Simpson, Dexter Vance.

## Veterans Club



**Charles Calhoun**

We often say honor, duty, and service. I use these words often because I am surrounded daily by men and women who have served and continue to serve with honor to this country and this community. It was our duty to serve our country in uniform, some for a few years and some for a lifetime of service.

In the last month alone, I have witnessed five color guard services. These services bring awareness to our community of the deep love and devotion of our members. We love this country with every breath in our bodies. They are also a learning experience that we plan to record for posterity and show in our school systems.

Two members of the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard held a missing man table ceremony. It was the most insightful telling of why we perform this ceremony that I have ever witnessed. Thank you, Master Chief Dexter Vance, and Chief Warrant Officer Tim Simpson.

The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard also performed over a dozen services most at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, but several were local.

Several members of our group started a veteran information service called Vet Resource Center Inc. This organization has caught the attention of a national

group and may be spread nationwide to help thousands of veterans.

On Tuesday, March 5, the Veterans Administration announced a sweeping expansion of the eligibility for all prior service members exposed to toxins. This greatly expands the VA healthcare system to many previously denied.

The Veterans Club and our community contribute on a regular basis to many local charities including Interfaith Ministries, Vets Helping Vets, and Operation Shoebox. We now have a team collecting for these charities at our monthly meeting. I ask all to bring something to our meeting so that we can continue to support these worthy endeavors.

On Thursday, May 16, there will be a Memorial Day Tribute featuring Travis Mills at Circle Square Cultural Center at 6 p.m. Travis Mills, 82nd Airborne, is a recalibrated veteran, motivational speaker, author, actor, and advocate for veterans and amputees. All proceeds from this event will go to the Travis Mills Foundation. Tickets go on sale on Friday, March 29, at 11 a.m. at CSCulturalCenter.com. For more information about the Foundation, visit travismills-foundation.org.

The Veterans Club continues to grow and show the world what a beacon of honor and service truly means. Please join us at our monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV.

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March 22   Folk Rock Streetlight Cadence with Nicole Equerme	April 26   Country Roberta Lea with Noah Hunton
March 29   Reggae Jah Movement with Ace Wynn	May 3   Soul/Gospel The Sensational Barnes Brothers with Mwiza
April 5   Heavy Metal Metalachi with El Trio Rosal	May 10   Root/R&B Kyshona with Jenna Clark
April 12   Irish Punk Clover's Revenge with Irish Dance by Gainesville Dance Academy	May 19   Funk The Rumble feat. Chief Boudreax Jr. with Central Florida Community Arts

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to my second point. Fire in the upland habitats is necessary to healthy succession of native plant communities and animal habitat. Much of the local plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire to break down the seed coat to germinate. Intrusive and competitive species are also reduced allowing for less competition with more established native plants.

On Top of the World did not conduct controlled burns in February. Pre-burn precautions include the annual plowing of wide fire breaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as significant heavy equipment to contain the burn area. Florida Forest Service conducted significant controlled burns at the Greenway property, Withlacoochee, and Goethe State Forests in February. We believe that the massive smoke in the area

on Wednesday, Feb. 28, drifted in from the fires in Texas. Fortunately, the event was of a very short duration.

### Travel Season

If you are willing to venture out for a journey, the summer travel season is right around the corner. We know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip to avoid possible disasters in your home when you are gone. Below is a short list of things to do:

- Leave your contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of the home checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor, friend, or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in regularly with the trusted neighbor or friend while away.
- Arrange for a regular irrigation check if you are going away for an extended term.
- Turn down the heat setting on your hot water heater to conserve

energy.

Make sure the air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.

Leave the thermostat set at between 78 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit, this helps regulate humidity in the home and prevent the occurrence of mold or mildew.

Make sure your homeowner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, wa-

ter, and mold. In most cases this is now an added rider on the policy.

If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold, and mildew may result and become a serious problem. Please remember that the proper maintenance or repair of your HVAC unit, water heater and drain pan, and ice maker line (if any) is always the owner's responsibility.

class options this month, helping ensure participants stay comfortably cool indoors. In fact, there are over 215 diverse classes to select from, providing abundant learning opportunities right here at our Education Center.

Take snorkeling, for instance. Were you aware that Master the Possibilities provides a class on snorkeling and even scuba diving at the indoor pool located at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa? That's correct. There's no need to purchase or gather all the equipment to acquire these new skills. The class fee covers all equipment usage and instruction by a certified scuba diver. Moreover, since this is a shallow pool, individuals who may be apprehensive about learning elsewhere can feel at ease knowing that the bottom is just a stand-up away.

Experience the beauty of Indian classical dance by registering for attendance at the gorgeous Circle Square Cultural Center on Tuesday, April 16, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. During this special presentation, Miss Binal Wala will provide insight into the Bharatnatyam style of Indian classical dance through her lecture-demonstration. Delving into the history, she will showcase the moods, movements, melodies, and costumes of this captivating dance form. Participants will also have the chance to engage with her, gaining insights into her journey of learning, practicing, mastering, and teaching the art form. Wala, with over three decades of experience, is an accomplished performer, choreographer, and teacher of Bharatnatyam. The cost to attend this Circle Square Cultural Center sponsored event is \$3 for members and \$8 for the general public.

Back by popular demand, visiting speaker, Cathy Salustri, will be offering two distinct presentations on Wednesday, April 17. The first presentation, scheduled for 10:30 a.m., will delve into the exploration of Florida's Springs, while the second event at 1 p.m. will focus on discovering the charm of five Florida towns that "embody the true essence of Disney Springs." Discover why Florida springs hold significance, explore their abundance in the state, and embark on a virtual tour to some of Salustri's favorite springs.

Following lunch, join Salustri on a tour to uncover the unique charm of five Florida small towns that capture the essence of old-fashioned Florida and, according to her, "out-Disney Disney." For more details on these presentations, please visit our website at [masterthe possibilities.org](http://masterthe possibilities.org) or refer to page 72 of our current print catalog. Admission to each lecture is \$8 for members and \$13 for the general public. Reserve your spot now for an enlightening and enjoyable experience.

For those who may not have had the opportunity to visit our Education Center yet, stop by and ask for a tour of our facility. Our team will be delighted to talk more about the learning possibilities while walking past classes in action. For registration assistance, contact our office by calling 352-861-9751 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Around the World

Mary Anne Lynam  
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Just like I said, the first quarter of this year was in a hurry to leave and now it is April! Well, at least spring is here and so are my allergies! What did I find out about April? You are going to love this – April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. Also, April comes from the Latin verb “aperio,” which means “to open” or bloom because plants really begin to grow now.

Interesting days in April are April Fools' Day on April 1; National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day on April 2; National Beer Day on April 7; International Moment of Laughter Day on April 14; Titanic Remembrance Day and Tax Day are both on April 15.

## Reminders

Please ensure that contractors working on your home modification(s) pick up all associated debris during and at completion. They must haul it away and not place it in community dumpsters.

## Safety

If you are driving on our streets and golf cart paths, for your safety and the safety of others, please adhere to all traffic signs. Failing to stop, improper or no use of turn signals and speeding can only end badly.

## Spring Zoysia Maintenance

For owner-maintained homes, give your Zoysia a low cut for the first mow of the spring. Keep it mowed between one to two inches for the remainder of spring. Fertilize your lawn using a slow-release fertilizer applying no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 feet; two and a half pounds of potassium. Don't overwater. In the spring growing season, Zoysia needs about half an inch of water per week from natural rainfall or irrigation. In the active growing season, Zoysia needs about one inch of water per week from natural rainfall or irrigation.

Apply a broad-spectrum insecticide to prevent spring insects from appearing or to control any current spring insects like chinch bugs or white grubs. Apply a systemic fungicide at a preventive rate to keep disease from taking hold of

your lawn. If you see circular patches of brown or dead grass, do not apply fertilizer until you've applied a systemic fungicide at a curative rate and your grass has recovered. For the health and safety of your lawn, please consult with a landscape professional before applying chemicals.

## Watering Restrictions

Please don't forget that watering restrictions changed with daylight saving time. You may now water twice per week. Please visit [ontopoftheworldinfo.com/watering-restrictions](http://ontopoftheworldinfo.com/watering-restrictions) for your scheduled days.

## On Top of the World (Central) Re-Roofing Schedule

The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days: 2410 Units A-G, 2445 Units A-D, 2174 Units A-C, 2427 Units A-D, 2472 Units A-E.

Schedules are based upon several factors: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority. Due to unforeseen weather conditions, we cannot provide specific start dates.

## Resident Services

Resident Services may be reached at 352-236-OTOW (6869) or [otowservice@otowfl.com](mailto: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.

Resident Services is 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.

You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit [OTOWInfo.com](http://OTOWInfo.com) > Maintenance Request and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting and click submit. Please note that this method may not be the best in order to report the full details of your request due to a limit in characters allowed, however, you may also call, email or come into the Resident Services office. In addition, this is also a good time in which to use the AppFolio portal to submit a service request. In this way, you will be able to track the progress of your request.

When you closed on your home, you became eligible to obtain up to two resident ID card(s). These ID cards expire

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## Something to Take With You

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## Friendship Connection

Ellen Lee



Exciting things are happening in the Friendship neighborhoods! Spring is upon us, and what a great time to be outside talking to neighbors and walking or riding around our beautiful tree lined streets. Be sure to wave at those of us enjoying the clear skies and fresh air from our porches too! Friendship Colony, Friendship Park and Friendship Village all share one thing: friendship. We move in as neighbors, but quickly

become friends.

You will want to get out your calendar and reserve Saturday, June 8, for the Friendship Connection ice cream social! As the summer sun starts to heat up, what could be better than enjoying some tasty cool treats with your neighbors? Friendship Connection committee members are hard at work planning this exciting event so be sure to watch for more information soon.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village. For more information, email us at [otow-friendshipconnection@gmail.com](mailto:otow-friendshipconnection@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW)!

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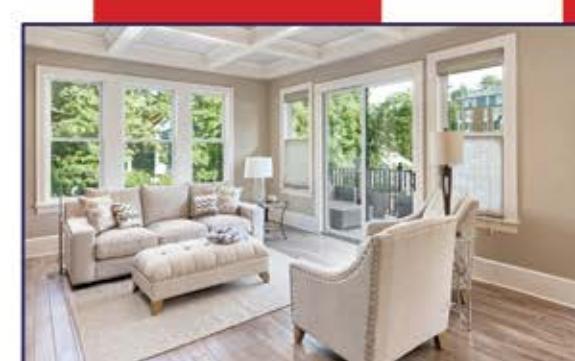
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**Indigo East Social Committee**

Janice Liberton



time, the committee is working with a caterer, and nothing has been finalized. As with all the events the luncheon committee sponsors, the luncheon should be a fun time.

In the month of April, there are many holidays to celebrate besides Passover and the week after Easter. I often wondered how April Fools' Day came to be, so, thanks to the internet, I was able to come up with the short possible version of how prank day came about. April Fools' Day in France, dates back to 1563 when France, as per the Council of Trent, changed calendars from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox on April 1. Some were slow to get the message and failed to recognize the new year that was moved to Jan. 1. These people became the butt of jokes. Pranks on April 1 included poisson d'avril - April fish whereby pranksters placed paper fish on the backs of those that were not celebrating the new calendar holiday. The fish symbolizes an easily caught fish and a gullible person. Eventually April Fools' Day and pranks caught on through many countries throughout different centuries.

Passover begins April 22 and ends on April 30. Traditional Easter Sunday was celebrated on March 31. This year, orthodox churches celebrate Easter on May 5. Enjoy all holidays and events in the month of April: Chag Sameach - happy Passover, Easter - Happy Easter and the orthodox greeting - Christ has risen. As usual, I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood during this beautiful season.

The Indigo East Social Committee will not hold any events in April, June, or July. The Indigo East ladies luncheon committee's St. Paddy's Day luncheon was a fun and fantastic event attended by many Indigo East ladies. The meal included a baked potato along with a soup and dessert bar.

In addition, the Indigo East ladies luncheon committee is planning a Cinco de Mayo party on Thursday, May 2. At this

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Longleaf Ridge ladies introduce whimsical fashion trends – Robin Waselewski, Gloria Emmons, and Nancy Kiziu.

### Longleaf Ridge Friends

Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, Debra Vitale & Judi Walsh



It's no surprise that Longleafers have a fascination with the sky. We welcome the morning with breathtaking sunrises and wind down the day with brilliant sunsets. Many of us gather outside to observe space launches from Cape Canaveral. We have an excellent vantage point. Many follow lunar phases and gather to celebrate the full moon each month. It was a small but hardy group who gathered for the February howling. Thanks to Jack and Linda Prather for hosting the howling with a warm fire and plenty of snacks on their cozy backyard patio.

Social activities continue to abound in Longleaf Ridge. Our ladies lunch out (LLO) group has been a great success, thanks to the coordinators, Robin Waselewski and Donna Siegfried, and the individual group leaders. The past month, Pat Wright's LLO group dined at the Mellow Mushroom, Linda Webb's group at Ayuttaya Thai Cuisine, Arlene Loepp's group at The Club at Candler Hills, and Debbie Vitale's at The Crazy Cucumber. Another neighborhood ladies monthly lunch group met at Mimi's Cafe with their largest attendance so far.

Vicky Ludwig performed with the Ukulele Club for a pop-up concert at the Veterans Park. Members of the club perform at several events throughout our community.

Longleaf Ridge neighbors attended a fun-filled Super Bowl party hosted by

John and Michelle Marcinek. Everyone in attendance had their fill of delicious food while socializing and watching the Kansas City Chiefs take home the win!

Neighbors enjoyed a wonderful concert at The Lodge at Candler Hills in support of two of our Longleaf Ridge residents, Celeste Crosse and Marshall Madow, and the Area 81 band. The Area 81 band, organized less than a year ago, is comprised of lifelong musicians who found each other here in On Top of the World. The group has gained popularity after just a few public performances. Having found synergy in their present form, the group performs music from the '70s through the '90s. They will be performing at Happy Hour events in May and August.

Our bocce league is nearing the end of the season. Tom Mave's team is leading the Red Division and Ray Meyer's team is leading the Green Division. Although we've had many "bocce kisses," Tom and Karen Moyer had our first "double bocce kiss!" That means that two balls were touching the pallino, which is an amazing feat.

The men's group met for lunch in the Derby Room and John Schoenherr, president of the R/C Car Club and Longleaf Ridge neighbor, gave a presentation on the various types of racing cars, the cost of the sport and how to get started, just as he did three years ago.

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



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**Candler Connection**

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All events and ticket sales take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills (unless otherwise noted). Ticket sales take place 10 a.m. to noon.

The Spring Sock Hop is a bring your own beverage event on Friday, April 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be a pizza buffet from Pasta Faire and ice cream sundae station, hula hoop, jitterbug, and twist contests with prizes for the top winners. Tim Hargis will be spinning the tunes. Come dressed in '50s to '70s attire (or not). If you need tickets, please check with Karen Gemberling at

352-789-8259, Deb Keirn at 352-414-5737 or Linda Agerty at 413-262-1985 to check availability. Let's reminisce, dine, and dance with friends and neighbors from Candler Hills.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m. and it will be "memory lane" dishes from the '50s through '70s. Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a side dish or salad; I-P a dessert; and Q-Z a main dish. Please bring the requested dish for 12 to 15 people and provide the ingredients to help those people with food allergies. \$1 at the door covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Please RSVP to Deb Keirn by phone at 352-414-5737, text at 814-571-7908 or email [arthurkipdeb@verizon.net](mailto:arthurkipdeb@verizon.net).

Sunday, May 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. is a bring your own beverage Cinco de

Mayo Mexican buffet with food from La Hacienda (chicken and beef tacos and fajitas, black beans, rice, queso dip, salsa, and chips) with jukebox bingo as entertainment. The \$20 tickets go on sale on Tuesdays, April 2, 9, and 16, and Thursdays, April 4, 11, and 18.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! The first ice cream social is on Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day), and the second will be on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. Choose from vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, salted caramel, and no sugar added moose tracks from Scoops. Purchase tickets on Tuesdays, May 14, 21 and 28, and Thursdays May 16, 23 and 30. Buy tickets for both socials in May or wait to buy tickets for the August social in July. Top your ice cream with a variety of toppings and/or you can have root beer or orange floats. You can even go back of seconds at the bargain

price of \$6 per person.

Below are the dates for upcoming events:

- Thursday, July 4: Independence Day pool party and picnic.
- Saturday, Sept. 14: Island party.
- Sunday, Oct. 20: Oktoberfest fall picnic at the softball field pavilion.
- Friday, Dec. 13: Holiday party catered by Pasta Faire and entertainment by Kathleen Kane.

Sign-up at [candlerconnection.org](http://candlerconnection.org) to receive The Happenings and/or join our Candler Hills closed Facebook group to learn about our activities.

The next regular board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, at 4 p.m. in Meeting Room 1. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood and at future events.

**Newcastle Social Committee**

Nancy Monaghan



Happy spring everyone! Newcastle residents have been busy with spring cleaning and sprucing up their yards after winter. Everyone is tending to their lawns, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, and constantly cleaning the never-ending pollen off everything. Everything.

By the time this issue is published, Newcastle will have celebrated our third annual Easter potluck. Over 70 reservations have been made and the wonderful cooks and bakers of Newcastle are sure to create a fantastic buffet. Sharing holidays and celebrations with our neighbors is a very special part of life in Newcastle.

So, what does Newcastle do when not enjoying parties and activities within our community? Travel - Newcastle loves to travel. Neighbors, if you'd like to share your travel experience(s) for a fun, upcoming article, look for an email about this topic - coming soon.

Newcastle residents, please contact Charles Dodge if interested in taking First Aid/CPR/AED training. Charles is leading the way for 50% of Newcastle to receive this important and potentially lifesaving training.

The next club meeting will be held Thursday, April 4, at 6 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Ongoing activities include pickleball on Fridays, at 7:30 a.m.; samba on Mondays, at 4:30 p.m.; and mah jongg on Tuesdays, at 2:30 p.m., both held at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

As Leo Tolstoy said, "Spring is the time of plans and projects." Spring forward Newcastle!

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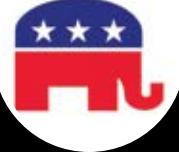
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## Republican Club

Elizabeth Woodard



including Linda Dodge as treasurer and Margaret Nodine as secretary.

Upon completion of the brief business meeting, the membership appreciation event began with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres catered by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. Entertainment was provided by John Goulet and Nancy Martinez with smooth sounds from the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

Members had been asked to bring items for Operation Shoebox which provides ditty bags for our military men and women. To show our appreciation for members' overwhelming generosity toward this endeavor, they were each given two complementary raffle tickets for a chance to win one of ten gift certificates, which included restaurants, gasoline, bookstore, Amazon, etc. This late afternoon event provided time for everyone to enjoy each other in our common political bond and love of our country.

Club President Woodard, Robbie Stevens, and Maggie Kohler gave their time to working the Republican Club table during the recent Club Fair. A great deal of interest was expressed by many residents who visited the table and 21 of them attended the membership appreciation event and joined the club.

The Republican Club meets the second Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.) in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Upcoming Friday meeting dates: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8. Come join the stimulating, positive political conversation with like-minded, friendly, and patriotic people.

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2024 Republican Club officers: President Charles Dodge, Treasurer Linda Dodge, Secretary Margaret Nodine, and Vice President Elizabeth Woodard.

## Kestrel Knowings

Elaine Morrison



The Kestrel social committee held an extremely productive meeting on Monday, March 4, which resulted in some exciting plans for upcoming events. The core group of 13 members, who originally came together to foster neighborly friendships more than two and a half years ago, could become a template for how like-purposed committees should operate. With Jan Eaton's guidance, any group would look good. We are so fortunate to claim her.

The spring season kicks off with another favorite jukebox bingo game on Friday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. in The Lodge at Candler Hills ballroom. Bring your own beverages and snacks to share. The large 50/50 payoffs are becoming legend, so remember to bring a few bucks with you. Contact Jan at [jeaton1000@comcast.net](mailto:jeaton1000@comcast.net) for tickets which are \$10.

On Sunday, May 19, a new game night will be held in The Lodge at Candler Hills ballroom. There will be contests in cornball and ring toss, as well as the popular left, center, right game, a giant Jenga game, a poker Reno table, and a Connect 4 contest. Bring your own beverages and snacks to share. Tickets will be \$10 and again, contact Jan Eaton for information.

The idea of a neighborhood talent show met with great enthusiasm for a late summer event, and plans are underway for a murder mystery dinner in September.

A new type of holiday gala is in the planning phase and promises to be very entertaining and memorable. The cookie swap, which was so successful, will be repeated in December.

Your input and comments are always appreciated and welcomed. We are so fortunate to have a wonderfully diverse neighborhood with so many special residents. Please feel free to contact Jan with your ideas.

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## Crescent Ridge Happenings

George Ostrom



Greetings all, April is upon us, and spring has sprung. Flowers are blooming, trees have been budding and dropping leaves seems like a never-ending

## Williamsburg Neighbors

Nancy Meininger



It's fun to play with your neighbors! In Williamsburg, we play bocce every Wednesday. We look forward to the friendly competition under the guidance of Carmel and Dave Kessler, the exercise, and the camaraderie we've found.

A group of neighbors also play billiards. This group is growing with the enthusiasm of Edi and Dave Piasecki and Dawn and Steve Allen.

Every other Monday, we play cornhole. Some play and others watch and cheer us on. No matter what it is, either way, the result is fun!

Many hands can accomplish many things. Our 2024 steering committee has proven that already. Thanks to Earl Cook who activated and energized our neigh-



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cleanup job. The temperatures have been climbing and will continue as we roll into summer with the day time showers; I guess I should say afternoon and evening storms.

At our last gathering we had the Dulcimer Group provide top notch entertainment for our enjoyment. We thank them so much and thank those who came out and supported the gathering and a chance to listen to the Dulcimer

Group play for us. Great music was enjoyed by all.

If you have any thoughts or know of some more entertainment, please let us know. Which brings up the next idea, if you would like to set something up for our gathering such as a poker run, or some other activity be sure to let us know.

We continue to get new neighbors and our new neighbors are encouraged to join our Crescent Ridge email database to receive notices and information by email. Just send Carol Lewis an email at [crneighbors@yahoo.com](mailto:crneighbors@yahoo.com). The emails will only be used for Crescent Ridge

news. We also have a Facebook group (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors).

Our social gatherings are the second Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion (except for April, we will meet at the softball field pavilion).

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our gift baskets, remember you choose what goes in them. Are you a writer? Step up and volunteer to write our column in the World News.

When out and about and you pass a neighbor wave or say hello to them with a smile. Until next time, enjoy life one day at a time.



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Lori Lund



Spring has sprung and the Active Newcomers Club has some new and exciting things to offer its membership. We are now a member of Grouper, no not the fish, but a radically beneficial new form of healthcare. Members may be covered by their health plan for having fun participating in club activities.

Grouper is a form of social fitness that involves physical, mental, and social health. Grouper partners with large Medicare Advantage and supplemental health plans. Once the Grouper Health Network confirms the members' health care network is a participating member of the Grouper network, eligible club members can have their Active Newcomers membership dues reimbursed by Grouper. More details will be emailed to our membership.

Our small group activities are blossoming at a beautiful rate. Our bunco group meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III at 1 p.m. This extremely easy to learn dice game is a fun time for those who participate. If interested just email [activenewcomers34481@gmail.com](mailto:activenewcomers34481@gmail.com).

Our mah jongg group offers two types, American and Siamese. Our beginner American group plays on Tuesdays, except the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:15 p.m. in the Activity Center Card

Room III. There is also a Friday beginner group at 1 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The Siamese group plays on Fridays, at 1 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Space is limited so sign up early by emailing [activenewcomers34481@gmail.com](mailto:activenewcomers34481@gmail.com)

Other small groups that are ready to go are men's golf, foodie group, hiking group, book club, craft group, game group, lunch bunch, dinner group, and wine group. As with all groups, watch for emails or Facebook postings of meeting times. These small groups are a great way for you to meet new friends with similar interests as you. The tag line of this club is "Where Friendships are Made." Though small group and large group activities we hope to provide our membership the opportunities for lasting friendships as they become more acclimated to living in On Top of the World.

Our first large group activity of the year was held last month, called "Spring Fling." We had a great turnout to partake in the catered meal from Pasta Faire and we danced to the music by Howlin' at the Moon. The next large group activity for members will be a "Rock Out" pizza party on Friday, May 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills where we will have DJ Tim Hargis to entertain us.

Then on Saturday, June 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. we will have a picnic with a food truck at the Veterans Park. More details to follow via Facebook and emails.

Finally, we would like to welcome Teresa Armstrong as our new membership director.

**Avalon  
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Women of the World Fashion Show models featuring Dillard's spring fling wear.

## A Successful Fashion Show

By Colleen Rocafort

Women of the World is a community minded club. In lieu of a regular March meeting, we held our 21st Fashion Show and Luncheon for Hospice of Marion County, and we thank everyone involved in making this event a tremendous success! Special thanks to Guided Medicare Solutions for their support which enables us to have our Fashion Show at Circle Square Cultural Center. The spring fling wear fashions were provided by Dillard's and the models were Women of the World club members. The food was catered by Mojos. Other sponsors

for the event were Paola Sharkey from Coldwell Banker Ellison Realty and Family and Friends of Barbara E. Martyn.

This was a sold-out event! We donated \$4,000 from ticket sales to the Nancy Reinhart Center for Dementia Education. We are still tallying our basket sales at the time of this writing. We had over 125 baskets donated for the event! A big thank-you to all who contributed a basket! 100% of all raffle ticket sales is donated to Hospice of Marion County. We will be presenting a second check from the basket sales at our April meet-

ing to Cindy Moody, executive director of Hospice of Marion County. Women of the World is so proud to provide this support year after year. Thanks to all for your continued support!

Our next member meeting will be on Thursday, April 18. Linda Norman from Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL) is our featured speaker and VOCAL is also our featured charity. VOCAL is about pet adoption and dedicated to ending homeless pet problems. VOCAL provides spray/neuter, vaccine and specialty surgical procedures, a pet food bank and rescue and adoption programs for both cats and dogs. The club will be collecting food, toys, cleaning products, and soap for pets in need.

At this meeting, our members will be voting on which charities will receive monetary donations from Women of the World. Let your vote count, the top six charities will receive between \$500 and

\$1,000 donations.

Our last member meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16. Yvonne Phillips from the Feng Shui Institute will speak to us about Feng Shui and clutter clearing. Our featured charity is Share the Love, an organization which provides summer camps for local youth in foster care.

We must also discuss the remainder of the year and especially ask for members to take up the running of the club since the current board will be retiring at the end of this year. If you are interested in running the club, please contact Betty Thayer at 352-361-1313. The new board has the summer to plan for next year.

The club is open to all women with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. If you are interested, please join us as our guest and see what the Women of the World is all about.

## Upcoming Solar Eclipse

By Jim Di Paolo

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14. The meeting started with Larry Isenberg presenting the club's financial report and informing members that the club roster is currently at 77

members.

Cammie Fairburn gave a presentation titled "Astronomical State Flags." Some of our state flags display astronomical features and she pointed out the flags for Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, and South

Carolina.

Doug George did his monthly night sky report for March. He talked about the current position of the planets, Moon and the possibility that Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks may be visible with the naked eye by the end of March in the evening sky to the west. Doug reviewed some of the constellations that are currently viewable and showed members images of the figures they represent in

the night sky. He displayed a chart that listed upcoming International Space Station flyovers for the month.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, did a presentation on how to build a Sun Funnel to safely view solar eclipses. He also shared photos of past solar eclipses he viewed over the years.

Larry informed members that the Moonstruck Astronomy Club invites residents to join the club in viewing the upcoming solar eclipse at the R/C flying field. Residents in Ocala will not be able to witness a total eclipse but will view the Sun being eclipsed to a maximum of 61%. The eclipse will occur on Monday, April 8, starting at 1:45 p.m., reaching maximum at 3:02 p.m. and ending at 4:17 p.m., a total duration of two hours, 32 minutes. The club will have over a half dozen telescopes set up to safely view the event. The club will have solar glasses to pass out to members for safe viewing.

Larry reminded everyone that you should never view a solar eclipse without the proper protection.

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](mailto:moonastroclub@gmail.com). More information is always available at [moonstruckastronomyclub.org](http://moonstruckastronomyclub.org).

International Space Station transiting a partial solar eclipse.



Sampling of the 14 kugels brought to Kugel Fest by members at the Jewish Club meeting in February.

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### The Jewish Club

Bruce Kanner



Immortalized in the movie "Field of Dreams," the line, "if you build it, they will come," was of course referring to the baseball players who appear magically on Kevin Costner's Iowa cornfield. Taking poetic license, we could say, "if you have kugel, they will come." The club held a Kugel Fest and set a record at the February meeting with 14 kugels donated by our members.

The 14 broke the club record for kugel donations which had stood at eight since the 2023 Break the Fast.

The line for kugels extended for blocks – alright not blocks, but it was long – which gave members a chance to catch up with old and new friends. About 75 attendees munched on all sorts of kugel from traditional, apple, sweet, savory, potato, nutty, Jerusalem, sweet potato, and noodle kugel muffins. Many of the kugels were next to their recipes so any members who wanted could take a picture and prepare one on their own.

Our moment in time was delivered by Gene Wolotsky and Bruce Kanner who spoke on the origins and nuances of kugel and rugelach respectively. Both dishes are Ashkenazi in origin, both made the figurative trek from Europe to the United States, and thanks to the hospitality committee, we know both are yummy. For those at the meeting who weren't totally into the carb-laden kugel and rugelach, the committee also had assorted fruit, nuts, and a sampling of cheese.

Also, in February, 12 club members played Mah Jongg (American and Siamese) and 20 members enjoyed lunch at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen.

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 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](mailto:gl4010@gmail.com).

### Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



### Joy in the Mourning

Deb Thompson



Ladies, are you merely surviving the complex challenges of widowhood? Do you wonder if it is possible to grow through grief and even thrive? Are hope and healing attainable?

Only you can answer the first question. A resounding "yes" answers the last two questions.

The purpose of this group is to help provide ways to combat grief rather than letting grief control you. Encouragement and compassion are available to any courageous woman desiring to overcome loss.

Join us as we journey this road together every Tuesday, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information, contact Deb at 352-445-4860.

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**Genealogical Society**

Ron Niebo



ly review several European census genealogy resources. Enjoy this informative review and learn how and why certain questions were asked, and how and who collected this census information.

Paul is our president and the genealogy support person who helps future candidates wishing to qualify for membership in the Ocala Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Census documentation plays a significant role in Paul's assistance. SARs overall efforts are directed towards serving our community.

Genealogy members have been watching the latest advances and applications associated with artificial intelligence (AI). Especially new tools such as Google's Gemini, OpenAI's Chat GPT, and Microsoft's CoPilot. In the past, primary genealogy software suppliers have applied emerging AI tools to search and analyze billions of online genealogy records and DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) genetic information. I particularly like the AI functions associated with text/script recognition, language translation,

auto-writing, photo recognition/colorization, mapping, and family tree applications.

A question a member recently asked is: Will these new AI tools continue to make our research easier? The consensus of accredited genealogist is ... yes, but we are not there yet ... soon. The main concern seems to be ... AI searches can include validated/document genealogy sources plus public databases that can contain biased or erroneous information. The documentation associated with AI searches must adhere to the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). All AI generated information must include appropriate reference where the user can validate the AI information before accepting it. That concern is significant. The inclusion of bogus results in your family records will only perpetuate that

error. My suggestion. Try these new AI tools, but only use results where you have validated them using GPS.

The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on helping 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 [wkelymt@outlook.com](mailto:wkelymt@outlook.com).

**Technology Club**

Chris Kilbride



Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Ocala Tech Club meets for an hour through our weekly online Zoom meetings. We discuss Windows and Apple issues regarding software and hardware. Our [OcalaTechClub.org](http://OcalaTechClub.org) website will give lots of great information about our group.

Gone are the days when a set of encyclopedias in our home gave us a valued resource of information, but they were only as up to date as the last set purchased. Today we don't even go to the library, just onto the internet. With over a billion websites, how do we know which are reliable sources?

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Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on [OcalaTechClub.org](http://OcalaTechClub.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 one-on-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.

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Rhode Island Group.

**Rhode Island Group**

Judy Parisi



The Rhode Island Group met for lunch at Sammy's Italian Restaurant and Pizza on Friday, Feb. 16. We welcomed new members to the group and introduced ourselves to one another. As usual, Sammy's did a great job in serving us delicious food. Many opted for a signature Italian dish which while not up to the cuisine of "The Hill," was still very tasty.

Rhode Islanders and New Englanders tend to be spoiled by the wonderful food from that area. There are numerous Italian restaurants, but many other ethnic specialty restaurants. And of course, there's the seafood. Being coastal, Rhode Island has quahogers going out in all types of weather to capture the special Rhode Island version of the clam used in chowder, clams casino, stipples, steamers and more. And there are the ships that sail out of the port of Galilee some to the canyons of the North Atlantic to get those wonderful, sweet lobsters and crabs.

This past summer we visited a farm to table restaurant that specialized in oysters. We learned that the oyster is really an environmental superstar which cleans surrounding water and prevents erosion when reefs of them are formed as barriers to storms. In addition, they are a tasty, nutritious protein source. These unassuming mollusks can be baked, fried, broiled, steamed, or eaten raw – though from a food safety standpoint cooking is typically advised.

**Finding Zen**
Robert Coleen  
info@sholompark.org

As April unfolds, Sholom Park bursts into life, offering a breathtaking display of blooming flowers, lush green spaces, fragrant scents, and cultural activities. This vibrant season is the perfect time to explore our miles of paved trails, where delightful weather, singing birds, and the beauty of nature await. April at Sholom Park offers a sensory delight with blooming crape myrtles, confederate jasmine, banana shrubs, blue plumbago, tibouchina, and more. While the azaleas conclude their glorious run, the fragrance trail invites you to immerse yourself in the delightful scents of nature.

If you haven't visited Sholom Park lately, you're missing out on the serene beauty of our one-acre Japanese-style Zen Garden, unveiled in September 2023. This contemplative space provides quietude for those seeking peace and enlightenment. We encourage you to explore its symbolic elements guiding you on a meaningful journey.

This April, Sholom Park also transforms into a cultural hub in Marion County featuring the highly anticipated "Strings of Passion" concert on Saturday, April 13. Renowned Spanish strings guitarist, Don Soledad, headlines this enchanting event, blending soulful melodies with the captivating movements of a flamenco dancer, joyously enriching our community with artistic expression.

To enhance your experience, Chef Pablo from Paella Anywhere will be onsite, tantalizing taste buds with authentic Spanish cuisine. Please note that food and beverage purchases are separate. The event starts at 4 p.m., with gates opening at 3 p.m. Tickets are available through Master the Possibilities. You can find more information at SholomPark.org.

The restaurant was located on Potter Pond in Matunuck. In addition to eating at the restaurant, you can book a tour of the oyster beds and learn more about aquaculture and fisheries on a local and global scale. Their raw bar had a variety of cherrystones, littleneck clams and of course the locally grown oysters often accompanied by herbs and vegetables grown in their organic vegetable farm. They also featured traditional seafood dishes.

Visitors to Rhode Island will find an array of wonderful food opportunities and fresh seafood stands out as particularly delectable. We always enjoy a lunch of "chowda" and clam cakes, along with a lobster roll brimming with large pieces of lobster from the claws and tail. It is especially enjoyable when it's served on the patio of a restaurant overlooking the bay.

The Rhode Island Group meets for lunch several times during the year at different restaurants where we can enjoy a meal and reminisce on our time in Rhode Island. We hope that those who have lived, worked, studied, or served in Rhode Island will join us at our lunches. Please contact judith.parisi@gmail.com to have your name added to our email list.

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## SPCA of Marion County

Heather Tahan



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In response to the public's robust response, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their overwhelming generosity. We continue to receive many donations, and donors make a real difference in the lives of pet owners with limited means or foster pets waiting for their forever home. Ocala is very lucky to have residents like you!

This month's topic is the impact of spaying and neutering your pet. When you spay or neuter your pet, not only are you making a huge difference in reducing pet overpopulation but are also taking a positive step toward improving your pet's health, welfare, and lifespan.

The tables were busy with gamers all night. If you were not at the tables gaming, then maybe you sat with friends and enjoyed the food from Wawa and Walmart or maybe you were taking time to purchase some of our three different raffle tickets. One lucky attendee won the 50/50 drawing of more than \$300 and another took home a wagon full of liquor, mixers, and other bar items, minus the wagon and there were 11 beautiful baskets raffled. This event helps our club raise funds to help our community with our focus on children and veterans.

The gamers were "paid out" in white raffle tickets, our last drawing of the night which included prizes donated by a variety of sponsors including an electric adult tricycle from Walt Krum of Walt's Breaks; a 65" smart TV from Chelsea and Bonnie of the Ciesla Team at ReMax Realty; a one-person folding kayak with all the accessories donated by Nancy Jackson; a \$200 money tree from Lion Lora Rossi; a Michael Kors bag and a basket full of scratch-off tickets from Lion Mary Wilcox; a man's watch from Lion Duane Covert; a Dillard's gift basket; a Tommy Hilfiger bag from Lion Charlie Hassett; and a cross stitch Afghan from Dottie Cook.

According to The Humane Society of the U.S., intact cats and dogs are far more susceptible to some cancers and uterine/prostate diseases, as well as more apt to exhibit aggressive behaviors such as biting, inappropriate urination, and breeding drive.

SnapUS.org estimates that one unaltered female cat can produce a minimum of 4,948 kittens in seven years. However, this calculation is higher in warmer climates due to an extended breeding season. The number of female cat heat

cycles is higher in Florida because heat cycles are directly proportional to sunlight and warmth. A female cat can go into heat at the age of four months and, if left unaltered, can go into heat every two weeks until impregnated. That can add up to a lot of homeless cats.

To learn more about our organization, please visit [SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com](http://SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com) or follow us on Facebook (Marion County FL SPCA).

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

## Lions Club

Gail Morris



It's over for another year! Thank you to all those in our community who supported our Lions Club Casino Night on Sunday, March 10. It was a very successful event from all reports. Those attending enjoyed themselves and had a great time socializing not to mention winning a variety of prizes.

The tables were busy with gamers all night. If you were not at the tables gaming, then maybe you sat with friends and enjoyed the food from Wawa and Walmart or maybe you were taking time to purchase some of our three different raffle tickets. One lucky attendee won the 50/50 drawing of more than \$300 and another took home a wagon full of liquor, mixers, and other bar items, minus the wagon and there were 11 beautiful baskets raffled. This event helps our club raise funds to help our community with our focus on children and veterans.

The gamers were "paid out" in white raffle tickets, our last drawing of the night which included prizes donated by a variety of sponsors including an electric adult tricycle from Walt Krum of Walt's Breaks; a 65" smart TV from Chelsea and Bonnie of the Ciesla Team at ReMax Realty; a one-person folding kayak with all the accessories donated by Nancy Jackson; a \$200 money tree from Lion Lora Rossi; a Michael Kors bag and a basket full of scratch-off tickets from Lion Mary Wilcox; a man's watch from Lion Duane Covert; a Dillard's gift basket; a Tommy Hilfiger bag from Lion Charlie Hassett; and a cross stitch Afghan from Dottie Cook.

As with any fundraising event there

are always those sponsors supplying extra funds and products to offset costs which included Scott Cameron at State Farm Insurance, The Ciesla Team of ReMax/Foxfire (Bonnie and Chelsea), First Federal Bank, Robb Harrison Realty, Sunshine Living Central Florida, Walt Krum at Walt's Brakes, Dr. Paul Urban from CVI, Lion Lorna and Colleen of Keller Williams and Louise Castelli, EA.

Thank you to our community partners for product and personnel: Walmart Supercenter (SR200), Walmart Neighborhood Market and Wawa. Also, a great big thank you to all our members who helped make this event such a success.

The Lions Club is always looking for residents who want to help others and give back to our community, especially children and veterans. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Come visit and see what we are all about.

Contact P.D.G. Estelle Michelson our membership chair at 352-861-7358 for more information.

## Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow



Our meeting on Tuesday, March 5, was small but lively. The Dulcimer Group entertained us, and boy have they grown. They have guitarists and a fiddler and different types of dulcimers that add a lot of dimension to their music. Did I mention that they also sing and invite the audience to sing along? What a great group! Besides the typical Appalachian Mountain music, they like to play songs that we know. A few that they played for us were "Danny Boy" (it was March, you know), "Blowing in the Wind," "My Little Runaway," and closed with a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The Southern Club only has two meetings left in this club season, but we invite anyone interested in a social dinner group to join us on Tuesdays, April 2, or May 7, to check us out. You do not have to be from the south to come join our social gathering and potluck dinner. If you want to come, just show up at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. so you may want to get there a few minutes early to check in and get your drinks. We furnish coffee, tea, and lemonade. Bring a dish to share (meat, casserole, salad, vegetable, or dessert). You will need to show your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass.

Our entertainment in April will be the Toppers Banjo Band. They have not played for us before, but they come highly recommended (by a member of the Dulcimer Group). We are looking forward to another lively evening of music and song. Following the music, we must have a short business meeting, that had to be postponed last month, to vote for a new board. The installation will be in May at the last meeting for this club year. The new board has the summer to plan for next year. To end the evening, we will have a 50/50 drawing for those who feel lucky.

I hope to see you there. If I can answer any questions you may have about the Southern Club, please call me at 352-615-8997.

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Wearing of the green with Celtic music by the Dulcimer Group.

**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

Michigan Club celebrates the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby on winners Sunday, May 6! The meet and greet will take place at 5 p.m. at Arbor Conference Center Studios I-III. Ladies are encouraged to wear decorated Derby-style wide-brimmed hats and bring mint juleps to toast to the best coifed Michigan madam!

Our potluck theme is the "Run for the Roses - Winners Circle" food. If your name begins with A-G, please bring a vegetable or a salad; H-R a protein dish or casserole; and S-Z a dessert. Also, remember to bring a place setting for yourself and your spouse and the drink of your choice (alcohol permitted).

Our speaker for the event, presented by member, Michele Pravado, is Kerry

Elkins, museum specialist for the Appleton Museum of Art. Kerry will share with us the wonders of Appleton, including highlights of the equine collection which includes horse racing!

Popular as ever was our salute to the Detroit Tigers Coney Island barbecue picnic held at the Veterans Park. Michiganers lined up for the "national coney sauce" and onion topped Michigan made "Koegel franks" from all points in the Mitton State! Grilling the wiener was Terry Champion with side kick, Tom Meininger. Serving and set up helpers included Linda Champion, Sandy Mandincea, Terry Anne Dewey, Carolyn Abramovich and Sherry and Alan Irwin. Music was provided by Dee Jay, Brian McDonald.

Michigan Club takes a break for the summer. Our next meeting will be our Oktoberfest, Sunday, Oct. 6. Watch this column for more info on what to bring for this much anticipated fall event which will feature a popular local band!

For more information on the club, call or text Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757.

**Texas Connection Social Club**

Kathy Cornell



The Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios were once again transformed into Armadillo Downs Racetrack for our annual Irish Sweepstakes stick horse races that are a mash-up of superstitious Irish and a little Texas. Jockeys and horses were matched by drawing names. Dice throws determine the horse number, and the number of furlongs the jockey advances.

Our first race "Irish I Was in Texas" was won by Jerry Tidwell riding Greenville Gus. This was Jerry's redemption ride. Last year his horse, Leaping Liam, couldn't get out of the gate.

In race two, "Irish I Wasn't Superstitious," Ansty Annie, ridden by Linda Byrd, made it first to the finish line. Antsy Annie must like ladies named Linda because last year Annie won the same race but with Linda Jones as her jockey.

For our third race, "It's a Charmed Life," Lucky Sevens was ridden by John Zanazzi. A perfect roll of six enabled Lucky Sevens to leap out of the gate and go straight to the finish line. Now that's some luck!

Our fourth race, "Irish I Wasn't Still Superstitious" was won by Linda Jones riding Panicky Patty. Linda must have a way with skittish horses, having won last year with Antsy Annie and now with Patty.

In race five, "Irish Delights" all horses

were named for Irish food or brew. Gary Lauer won with Whiskey (the horse). Coincidentally last year's Irish Delights race was also won by Whiskey, but with Bill Lomerson as jockey. In an unexpected turn of events, a perfect roll of six enabled Whiskey to also go straight to the finish line, proving that Whiskey the horse and the drink are both strong and can hit fast.

Our last race "What's in a Name" had the winning combination of Lori Owens riding Ginger Snap. Ginger redeemed herself with Lori. Last year Ginger didn't even get out of the gate.

The winning jockeys received a bag of money (actually candy coins and chocolates wrapped in fake bills) and since racing horses is dirty work, they each got a bar of Irish Spring soap, too.

For our Sunday, April 14 meeting we're having a pizza party and game night. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. A headcount is needed. Members will be contacted by email. We generally stick to card, dice or domino games that are easily learned and many already know. Please bring your own beverage (alcohol is now permitted) and money for the 50/50 if you choose to play.

Texas Connection is a club for residents who have a connection to Texas, usually by having spent time there for a variety of reasons. For more information about the club contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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## SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



Our semiannual meeting occurred on Saturday, March 9, and was a resounding success. We had several new members join. Most of them signed up for our monthly activities and many were interested in the special events that are scheduled for the upcoming months.

Before the meeting, we had Michael Riley come and talk to us about the latest up-to-date information on advanced directives. The talk was very informative and helpful to many of our members! Also, Michael was kind enough to bring snacks, coffee, and orange juice for the

## Active Singles Club

Kathleen Flynn



As we move into spring, the Active Singles Club has several interesting outdoor activities planned. These range from picking blueberries to playing golf. A few of them are listed below.

Thursday, April 4: Blueberry picking at Abshier Blueberry Farm in Belleview, Florida. You can pick your own berries, which are priced by the pound. The farm also offers berries that are already

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membership! This gesture was much appreciated! Thanks for giving up your Saturday morning, Michael!

Lunch out for March was held at the Yummy House. Carol Seidman was the hostess for the first one on Tuesday, March 19, and Carol Trexler was the second hostess a week later Tuesday, March 26. Cecelia Adams hosted dinner out at Cody's on Thursday, March 21. All these outings were well attended and enjoyed by all!

Many "thanks" to Carol S., Carol T., and Cecelia for arranging these outings for the SWANS. These events don't happen without our volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lois Nix! She will be very happy to sign you up!

We have several events and outings planned for the first half of 2024. In April, we will be going to Biloxi - an an-

nual event! Also, in April Carol Berta arranged a tour of the Haile Homestead in Gainesville with lunch at The Cheesecake Factory afterwards. We have reached capacity for this trip but will be doing this one again! Be on the lookout for more information!

On Wednesday, April 10, Renee Turner and Betty Pane arranged for speaker Will Barker-Palenik to come and talk to us about the history of Ocala, the Seminole Indians, and Fort King. Please contact either Renee or Betty if you would like to attend. This will be a bring your own lunch and drink at the Hobby Building Event Room. Dessert will be provided.

On Saturday, May 11, we will have a spring barbecue at the pavilion by the softball field. Also, in May, we will be heading to Daytona Beach for one of our three outings to Daytona each year.

Of course, our new groups will start next month! These groups will be together for the next six months. Some wonderful friendships have started in these groups! Enjoy them ladies!

The generous SWANS support women and children in need all over Marion County. Our support has been given to the Domestic Violence Center, Interfaith Emergency Services, Brothers Keeper, Arnette House, Romeo and Dunnellon Schools, Helping Hands, Ina A. Colen Academy, The Rock, Operation Shoebox and Hospice of Marion County.

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. SWANS are never alone and never forgotten!

picked. Since this is an outdoor activity, bring water, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and long sleeves. Restrooms and picnic tables are available. This activity will be cancelled if raining.

Saturday, April 6: Appleton Museum of Art - The first Saturday is free and an opportunity to enjoy the monthly changes at the museum. This month, join Martha Strawn for a free tour of her solo exhibition, "Across the Threshold of India: Photographs by Martha Strawn." Meet in the museum lobby at 10:45 a.m. for the 11 a.m. show. Gather for lunch at Culver's afterwards.

Tuesday, April 9: Baseline Road Trailhead is one of Ocala's nicest parks featuring five miles of paved walking trails with access to the Cross Florida Greenway, a playground, and picnic facilities. We will be walking the designated 5K (three mile) marked walking route. The trail is mostly sunny. After the hike we will have lunch at Flying Boat Tap Room in Bellevue, Florida. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and a hat. Restrooms are available.

Wednesday, April 17: General membership meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. New member sign-up begins at 5:30 p.m. After our meeting, we hold a happy hour, so members have an opportunity to socialize. Bring your own alcoholic drink and a snack to share if you like.

Monday, April 22: Friends of the Library spring sale is the largest book sale of its kind in Florida. More than 500,000 books, records, games, CDs, DVDs, audio, paintings, posters, prints, puzzles, and

magazines have been donated for the sale! The selection includes large-print books as well as hobby books and puzzles. Most prices range from \$0.25 to \$4. We will carpool to Gainesville, Florida. It is approximately 100 miles roundtrip.

Monday, April 22: Come play a nine-hole golf scramble on The Tortoise & The Hare. Must rotate players for best drives. Tee times will be after 2:30 p.m. and you will be notified six days prior to the scramble date. Come in your golf cart if you have one. Players must arrive 30 minutes (2 p.m.) prior to tee time to pay their own green fees. Players will meet in The Pub following the scramble to validate the scores. This is limited to 20 players. You must register by Sunday, April 14, at 6 p.m. Please take the time to review the informative pace of play video, which was made by our very own golf professionals.

Be sure to sign up for Sunday lunches at Cody's Original Roadhouse. This popular event fills up fast.

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## Eco Gardeners

Phil Karcheski



Who are the Eco Gardeners? We are the gardeners located at the intersection of SW 99th Street Road and SW 98th Street. We were formerly known as the 99th Street Gardeners, however, we changed our name to coincide with our goals to enlighten, assist and inform people who are looking for alternatives to vegetables grown in industrial settings.



Photo by Phil Karcheski

Jeremy Rhoden of UF/IFAS Extension Marion County reviews Phil Karcheski's garden.

## What's Cookin'?

Nancy Grabowski



## Bean Salad

Layer in glass bowl one can each of drained green beans, wax beans, kidney beans, and hominy.

Mix 1/2 cup chopped green peppers, 3/4 cup sugar, 2/3 cup vinegar, 1/3 cup salad oil, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon pepper, and 1/4 cup chopped onion.

Pour over beans, stir, refrigerate overnight, and enjoy.

## Raspberry Mousse Brownies

Use your favorite brownie recipe, even one from a mix, and then follow the directions below.

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
3/4 cup whipping cream  
3 tablespoons red raspberry jelly or jam  
1 cup cream cheese frosting, canned or home-made  
1-1/2 teaspoons whipping cream  
Fresh raspberries, if desired

Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Grease bottom only of 8-inch or 9-inch square pan with cooking spray or shortening. (For easier cutting, line pan with foil, then grease foil on bottom only of pan.) Make brownies as directed. Cool completely, about 1-1/2 hours.

Reserve two tablespoons chocolate chips for drizzle. In medium microwavable bowl, place remaining chocolate chips, 3/4 cup whipping cream and 3 tablespoons raspberry jelly/jam. Microwave uncovered on high 2 to 3 minutes, stirring once every minute, until chocolate is melted. Stir until mixture is smooth (there may still be a little undissolved jelly). Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Add frosting to chocolate mixture. Beat with electric mixer on high speed one to two minutes or until well blended and fluffy. Spread over cooled brownies, smoothing top.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave reserved two tablespoons chocolate chips and 1-1/2 teaspoons whipping cream uncovered on high 30 to 45 seconds, stirring once, until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in a few additional drops of whipping cream to thin chocolate, if necessary. Drizzle over frosting mixture. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours or until set.

Cut into nine squares; cut each square diagonally in half to make triangles. Garnish with raspberries.

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Eco Gardeners share ideas on alternatives to synthetic herbicides and pesticides, utilize best practices on cultivating heirloom vegetables, as well as our garden experiences, be they good or bad. We also participate in seed sharing programs, garden walks, and talks with On Top of the World's Master Gardeners, speakers from UF/IFAS Marion County Extension, and guest organic gardeners.

In February, Jeremy Rhoden the urban and residential horticulture agent and master gardener volunteer coordinator for UF/IFAS Extension Marion County was the guest speaker. Jeremy emphasized the importance of pH, the measurement of acidity or alkaline in

soil, and how it affects the growth and fruit production to increase or decrease the ability of the plant to absorb vital micro nutrients.

Eco Gardeners are encouraged to use water conservation measures such as drip, low flow, and micro sprayers. Synthetic pesticides and herbicides are discouraged. Members share experiences and techniques using alternative including organic controls. To combat nematodes, a persistent parasite that attacks plant roots and ultimately kills the plant, we can use neem oil a product grown in Florida derived from the neem tree. Marigolds and beneficial nematodes are also utilized. Marigolds deter nematodes when planted near vegetables susceptible to them and attract pollinators.

Early or late tomato blight is a disease caused by fungus-like organism that spreads rapidly through the foliage and fruit of tomatoes in warm, wet weather causing collapse and decay. Natural remedies some gardeners employ are compost extracts, compost teas, hydrogen peroxide, baking soda or Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt), a unique bacterium

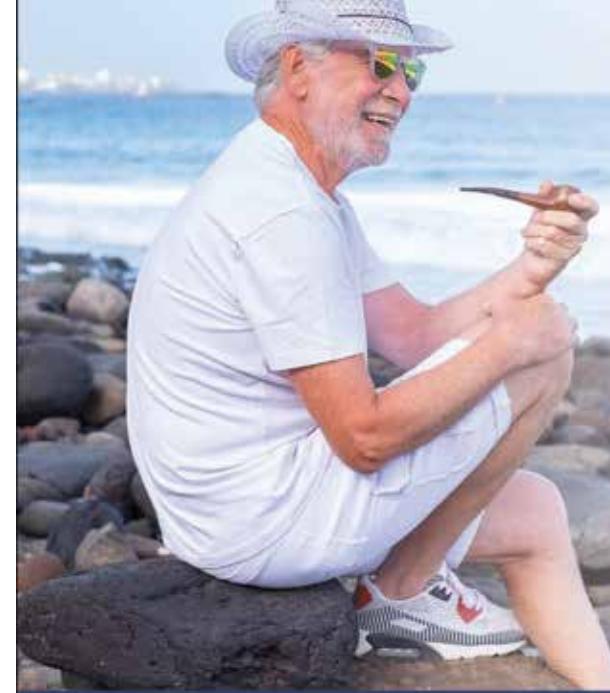
that can also be used to control insects. Bt is safe for humans and is the most widely used environmentally compatible biopesticide worldwide.

Powdery mildew is another problem Florida gardeners must contend with. It attacks the leaves of plants including, squash, artichoke, beans, beets, carrot, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce, melons, parsnips, peas, peppers, tomatoes, and turnips. The acetic acid present in vinegar will change the fungus pH, killing the disease effectively.

A trend in organic controls of pests and diseases is a resurgence of forgotten treatments that have given way to the convenience promoted by companies offering manufactured synthetic products. Today organic gardeners may employ old school remedies like baking soda, vinegar, oils, hydrogen peroxide or milk to prevent, control and fortify plant growth.

The Eco Gardeners website ([eco-gardeners.org/](http://eco-gardeners.org/)) and Facebook page (OTOW Eco Gardeners) contain information related to vegetable gardening and various other topics.

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R/C LadyBirds luncheon at The Depot.

## Travel Toppers

Mary Lamp



Reservations for Travel Toppers trips can be made Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the coordinators listed for each event. Reservations can be made for only two people at a time and guests will go on a wait list. As this is a resident club, the board wants to give the opportunity to attend first to our own residents and if there is availability, a guest from the wait list will be asked if they are still interested in attending the trip.

Waitlisted Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater trips are the Saturday, April 6, performance of "Cats" and the Sunday, May 12, performance of "South Pacific." If interested in being placed on their wait lists, call Marilyn Wilson at 828-699-7587 for the first and Allan Rickards at 352-390-3075 for the second.

Diane Knox is taking reservations for a Mt. Dora boat cruise on Lake Dora and the Dora Canal on Saturday, April 27. The price is \$68 per person. There will

be time for shopping and lunch on your own before the cruise at 2 p.m. This trip includes transportation, the boat ride, and tips for both the driver and the boat personnel. Allan Rickards is still taking reservations for our Father's Day St. Johns River cruise on Sunday, June 16. The cost is \$98 per person. If interested, call Allan at 352-390-3075.

All our trips are to be paid by check only and are nonrefundable unless there is a wait list.

Still available is our trains and balloons trip to Colorado and New Mexico for Monday, Oct. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 19. The trip includes the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. If interested, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880. Also available is our 2025 Valentine's Day cruise aboard the Celebrity Constellation from Feb. 9 through 16, 2025, leaving from Tampa with ports of call in Mexico and Belize. Linda Hein is also your contact for this trip.

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](http://traveltopperstours.com) for up-to-date information regarding our trips.

## R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



Ten LadyBirds enjoyed a luncheon on Wednesday, March 6, at The Depot in downtown Ocala. Our server was fantastic! The food and the comradery were great!

The next luncheon will be in April at Southern Pig & Cattle Company. Details to come. Keep an eye out for emails regarding outings and more luncheons that will be set up in the future.

Gloria Scicluna has arranged for our group to see Jimmy Buffet's "Escape to Margaritaville" on Saturday, May 11, at

2 p.m. at the Ocala Civic Theatre. The tickets are \$30, but the club will provide \$10 for any member who chooses to attend. The upfront \$20 from each member is due as soon as possible to secure our seats. Contact Gloria for more information at 352-237-7439. We are planning either an early lunch before the show or an early dinner afterwards.

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. For the 2023-2024 season, we will meet the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. Please come, bring your choice of beverage, and join us! Our dues are \$10 per year. We are working on setting up adventures and guests for the coming year!

Our next meeting is Friday, April 12, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room.

Scandinavian travels and subjects of general interest.

What a great opportunity to meet new people, share stories and experiences, and have a great time. We meet from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room every fourth Tuesday.

Whether you have a Scandinavian background or not, if you feel Scandinavian, join us for the fun. For more information contact Arlene Chilcott at [chilcottarlene21@gmail.com](mailto:chilcottarlene21@gmail.com).

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## Kyudo: The Path of the Bow

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

As a 16th generation, avid fly-fishing Marylander, with a master's degree in education and a background in riding and training horses, Brenda Foster, being hooked on the hook, moved from Maryland to Central Pennsylvania because of its abundance of tempting fly-fishing locales.

But then it was time to move on. Considering her background with horses and our proximity to nature and the coast, she explored eight retirement communities from Tampa to Orlando, eventually settling here in 2021 to On Top of the World. Interacting with people within the same age range and being

blown away by all the activities available here sealed the deal as she now is active in tennis, table tennis, POP tennis, teaching fly fishing, a meditation group, and as a 30-year student of it, teaches tai chi here. Phew! My keyboard struggles to keep up with her path.

Brenda explained that tai chi is a martial art, one that professes an "inward journey" and transforming one's ways of thinking. The absence of thought, really, allowing the body to simply move "without thinking about it ... just doing it." Her tai chi instructor once said to her that the best time in life to learn the art is before seven, and after 70 years of

age because tai chi is not about muscle strength.

While practicing Zen in Pennsylvania and having admired Japanese and Chinese philosophy and arts for most of her adult life, her teacher made her aware of kyudo. She attended kyudo lessons in Eustis, Florida, loved it, and hired a teacher in Ocala for private lessons. So now, one might ask, okay, what is kyudo?

Kyudo is one of Japan's oldest and most honored martial arts, being the traditional Japanese martial art of archery. The basic parallels between kyudo and tai chi are almost identical, both demanding inner strength, spirit, and controlled enthusiasm. Kyudo demands that internal self-connect which is expressed through the bow and projected onto the arrow.

"Take everything that you've learned and forget about it. Transfer your inner spirit to the bow, string, arrow, and project the release of the arrow to the target." Brenda explained that "the mastery of

kyudo is not just about technique, but about the development of grace and dignity, as well as the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty since these are major elements in the practice of kyudo. The way of the bow shares much in common with the Japanese tea ceremony, calligraphy, swordsmanship, and Japanese arts that mirror the heart and mind of the Japanese. We do not practice kyudo merely to learn how to shoot a bow or hit a target. The reward comes not from the attainment of perfection but from its unending pursuit."

So, how popular is kyudo in the United States? Well, under 200 devotees practice this martial art form domestically, with only one "7th dan" (out of the highest 10) teacher. A "dan" is a title of expertise, complete with levels consistent with those of martial arts.

Brenda and fellow kyudo and tai chi classmate, Shizuka Campagna (who also teaches Japanese cooking and language at Master the Possibilities), take kyudo lessons at The Arbors, and practice the formal process of shooting with their instructor at the archery range at the Veterans Park. Both being a "shodan" which is similar to the first-degree black belt level in martial arts, they are focused on earning and achieving the next level of their path.

In November 2023, Brenda planned a trip to Japan with friends from New York where she met with a 7th dan teacher who lives in Nagoya, Japan who has a goal of introducing kyudo to the world.

Having attended the group's classroom and range sessions, I will say that I was amazed over the structured ritual of letting an arrow loose to find its target. There is a formal presentation phase, followed by a formal shooting phase that takes about five minutes to shoot just two arrows. The process is mesmerizing. Meditative. Pure and pristine. Focused and balanced. The same, each and every time. And this perspective comes from a guy who loves to watch Dick Butkus videos. Trust me, kyudo is all that Brenda described. She pointed out that "On Top of the World is fortunate to have an excellent Archery Club that has embraced kyudo and encouraged my practice."

Oh, by the way ... it took Brenda 14 months of pursuit until her arrow finally followed - the path of the bow - to meet its target.

Kyudo is listed in the Master the Possibilities catalog on Wednesdays, April 17 through May 8.



Photo courtesy of Brenda Foster

Classroom training.

## R/C Flyers Spring Fly-In

By Ray Ihlenburg

The R/C Flyers is always looking for opportunities to support our community. This month we had 40 members sign up for CPR/AED training at Circle Square Cultural Center on Wednesday, April 3. This not only prepared our members for emergencies at the flying field, but also throughout our community.

On Saturday, April 6, the R/C Flyers will have their annual Spring Fly-In. Club members along with members from nearby clubs will be displaying their planes and flying skills. The planes will range in size up to 100" wingspans. During our lunch break, the club will stage a World War I and World War II Warbird Gaggle (or swarm) of amazing models such as Pups, Mustangs, Jugs, Lightnings, Zeros, Me-109s. They will all be flying at the same time. Spectators can imagine being somewhere in Europe or the Pacific as era models fly overhead. The models are very scale-like and have large engines that really roar. Come experience the flying over the field and a strafing run or two down the runway.

There is no admission, and the event starts at 9 a.m. Plenty of parking for carts and cars and a fabulous cookout is planned. Bring out a folding chair and sun screen and enjoy the show.

The next show will be for the On Top of the World new home sales team. We want them to have first-hand knowledge of our club and our operation, therefore, on Thursday, April 25 (time to be announced) our pilots will discuss and demonstrate the models and our operations with sales representatives. This is a great way to introduce potential buyers who are R/C pilots to our club.

On Friday, Feb. 2, there was a bit of a gusty crosswind. Most everyone at the field that morning was treated to a great show when this writer waited too long

to abort a landing and just as the power was being poured on a gust from the north got under the port wing and sent the good old Alpha into the fence. So, after at least 200 flights - RIP (re-kitted in

pieces).

Several days later, on Friday, Feb. 16, the writer maidened his Balsa USA 1/6 scale Sopwith PUP. The airframe was beautifully constructed by Wayne Nelson. He said it wasn't going to be fast enough for him, so Ray Ihlenburg completed and covered the model. It weighs 7.5 pounds with a Cobra 4120/14 710 Kv motor. A 4S 5000mA LiPo slides in from the cockpit. Test flight was tail heavy as

the CG is difficult to find for a biplane with staggered wings, but Wayne kept the model under control with a bunch of down trim. Additional weight was added and the plane flies very realistically behind the 15x4E propeller.

For safety reasons, there are signs posted that direct spectators to leash their dogs and remain behind the spectator fence. In addition, never walk at the east or west end of the runway.



Maiden dawn patrol in the logbook.

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## Upcoming Events

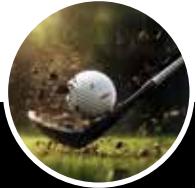
- Monday, April 15: Spring Fling at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Saturday, April 20: Par 3 Event at The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare.
- Monday, April 29: Ladies World Cup.

April has finally arrived, which means it's time for The Masters. Who will win the year's first major championship? I would like to provide everyone with the On Top of the World Golf professional's picks: Matt Hibbs - Viktor Hovland; Denise Mullen - Justin Thomas; Russ Smith - Scottie Scheffler; Trey Rath - Will Zalatoris; and Kelsey Hummer - Rory McIlroy. Stop by the Golf Shop and let us know who you think will win this year's Masters.

The 2024 Ocala Open was a huge success benefitting over \$100,000 split between Hospice of Marion County and

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**Rick Pettit**



to John Evans who was our drawing winner at the February lunch after golf. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Now for the winners from the past few weeks.

## Two of Four Stableford

**Jan. 30**

88-Jeffry Holmes, Don Ropel, Pat Whitley, Richard Ross. 87-Tom Presnick, Larry Smallwood, Dennis McCourt, Paul Randles. 86-Brian Bennett, Tom Zimmer, David Metzger, John Evans.

## Scramble

**Feb. 6**

Flight 1: -17-Tim Carlisle, Robert Walker, Bill Truby, Ron Pratt.

-16-Bill Gurbisz, Jon Hill, Tom Presnick, Brian Bennett. -15-Lonnie Page, Ron Lombardo, Ron Wages, Don Ropel.

Flight 2: -15-Rick Schriewer, Don Edmond, Tim Clarkin, Virgil Jajalla. Tie at -14-Greg Hill, Doug Buckler, Jim Weaver, Steven Gersten and Ray Christ, Larry Smallwood, Brad Best, Howard Gluckman and Greg Hofmann, Joe Aldridge, Rusty Zarrell, David Metzger.

Flight 3: -15-Ken Zweiback, Gregg Keidel, Kevin Hermida, David Green. -14-Rick Deroven, John Evans, Bruce Rothenberg, Donald Huston. Tie at -13-Henry Hunt, Omer Fannin, Jim Nicholson, Paul Randles and Gerry Messenger, Tim Beaty, Robert Dellapenna, Thomas Kujawa.

## Low Net

**Feb. 13**

Flight 1: -2-Dave Falcone. -1-Jeff Richardson. +1-Tim Carlisle.

As another reminder from last month, do not forget to get signed up for the hole-in-one club. At our March meeting it was voted on that if someone makes a hole-in-one during scramble play or using a tee box which is not your designated placement in a different format of play this will count and be rewarded. See Golf Shop to sign up.

Our next scramble and lunch will be coming up on April 2. One drive will be required by all players on both sides. We have a couple members to recognize for past performance during league play. On February 27 both Jeff Richardson and Hal Levine recorded eagles, Jeff on hole 15 and Hal on 7. Congratulations Jeff and Hal. As of March 1, your membership sits at 153 members so again thank you to everyone for helping recruit new golfers to our CHMGA. Congratulations

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4: Pairings Party.

## World Accolades

**CANDLER HILLS:** Marshall Victor, hole-in-one #17. Edward Rivera, hole-in-one #17. Lowell Kutzbach, eagle #7. Jim Marley, eagle #7. Linne Rollins, eagle #10. Jeff Richardson, eagle #15. Hal Levine, eagle #7. Bill Maxwell, albatross #15. Eileen Gustavus, eagle #7. Joe Schubert shot 71 seven strokes under age. Jill Strey shot her best round at Candler Hills 80. Pat Cioffi, hole-in-one #8.

**THE LINKS:** Kay Budd, eagle #8. Terry Hubbard, eagle #12. John Mayfield, shot 76, under his age. Brian Henderson, hole-in-one #5. Vickie Noltensmeyer, eagle #2. Rudy Normandin shot 77 under his age.

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Betsy Maugherman, eagle #5. Lulu Kerkhoff, hole-in-one #8 and eagle on #9.

## Golf Tip of the Month

Do you ever step up to a shot thinking about all the negative outcomes that can unfold? Then you hit the shot only to dump it in the greenside bunker? This is a big mental problem for a lot of golfers, even the tour players.

The most important thing you can do mentally is give yourself the best chance for success. Instead of thinking about all the negative outcomes focus your attention on what you want to happen. Think about the positive outcomes of the shot and be confident in your approach. Create a pre-shot routine, that is less than 30 seconds and simple, then repeat before each shot. This will help you focus on the shot itself and not the negative outcomes.

As quoted by the great Bobby Jones, "Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course, the distance between your ears."

Flight 2: -6-Larry Gibson, Tie at +2-Joe Schubert, Pat Mezyk. +3-Don Otto.

Flight 3: -1-Bill Gurbisz. +1-Steve Rudolph. +2-Charlie Taylor.

Flight 4: 0-Tom Zimmer and Larry Smallwood. +1-Joe Aldridge.

Flight 5: -1-Tim Clarkin. +3-Jim Weaver. +4-Brad Best.

Flight 6: -3-Tim Beaty. 0-Ken Zweiback. Tie at +4-Howard Gluckman and James McCormack.

Flight 7: 0-Omer Fannin. +5-Gregg Keidel. +6-Bill McElroy.

Flight 8: -3-David Green. Tie at +2-Doyce Mathis, and Richard Ross.

"A bad day of golf is 100 times better than a good day at work." - Unknown

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Jo Della Penna



On Tuesday, Jan. 23, 31 women teed off to start the Players Club Championship Match Play event. Six weeks later, after playing through cold temperatures, rain, and wind, two players took to the course to determine the champion. On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Bobbi Wiener emerged as champion defeating Jill Strey. Congratulations Bobbi! Well played.

Also, on Tuesday, Feb. 27, MJ Strelec aced her fourth hole-in-one on #5 of The Links.

**Best Nine****Feb. 6/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: 36-Gayla Aldridge Carol. 38-Carol Dawn. Tie at 39-Sandy Snyder & Gail Lagrange. Flight 2: 37-Katie Schriewer. 38-Darlene DeBerry. Tie at 39-Maria Fournier & Karen Schroeckenthaler. Flight 3: 36-Lori Anderson. Tie at 38-Joann Della Penna & Marlena LaClair. Flight 4: Tie at 37-Robyn Atwood & Joann Delmar. 38-Marla Bennett.

**Low Putts****Feb. 13/The Links**

Flight 1: 28-VaDonna Hall. 31-Sandy Snyder. 32-Shelly Karsnitz. Tie at 34-Lisa Free & Beverly

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Flight 2: 30-Judy Mc Guinness. 31-Virginia Combs. Tie at 34-Lori Pizzini & Marcella Nunez. Flight 3: 31-Peggy Wiechman. 32-Joann Della Penna. 33-MJ Strelec. 34-Christine McIntire. 35-Marlena La Clair. Flight 4: 32-Roxiann Dwyer. 33-Nancy Zelinski. 35-Nancy Skoch. 36-Joann Delmar.

**ONES (Individual)****Feb. 20/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: Tie at 35-Gayla Aldridge & LuLu Kerkhoff. Tie at 37-Betsy Maugherman & Sandy Snyder. 38-Donna Herberger. Flight 2: 35-Maria Fournier. Tie at 36-Diane Boston & Cho Yulan. 37-Marcella Nunez. Tie at 38-Gail LaGrange & Lori Pizzini. Flight 3: 35-Janette Sheil. 36-Virginia Combs. 38-MJ Strelec. Tie at 40-Karen Schroeckenthaler & Darlene De Berry. Flight 4: 34-Robyn Atwood. 37-Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 38-Debby Wilson & Liz Pruss. 40-Marlena LaClair.

**Forward Tee Scramble****Feb. 27/The Links**

52-Lynn Colomb, Virginia Combs, Christine McIntire, Liz Lang. 54-Gail LaGrange, MJ Strelec, Jane Hall, Robyn Atwood. 55-Va Donna Hall, Paige Falconer, Gretchen Normandin, Carol Carney. Tie at 57-Beverly Ovrebo, Judi McGuinness, Liz Pruss, Jacqueline Randour & Sandra Mansfield, Joann Della Penna, Peggy Wiechman, Susan Yenne. Tie at 58-Mary Ann Livingston, Connie Norris, Debra DeMatteo, Jean

Czchchor & Betsy Maugherman, Mary Dawson, Linda Bervinkle, Gloria Cullins.

If you have ever had a bad hole, remember this golf fact – A week after

he won the U.S. Open, Tommy Armour scored a 23 on one hole. A PGA record. This makes the occasional snowman (or worse) seem so much better.

Way to go, Janelle.

We welcome three new members to the league – Becky Bivins, Laura McMillan and Patty Whitley. We look forward to playing with them.

Our league is open to any woman in On Top of the World. Please contact our president, Lynn Colomb, at coachlynn@aol.com. It's a great way to meet some new ladies and play golf.

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

**Individual Quota (Individual)****Feb. 8**

Flight 1: Tie at 0-Lynn Colomb, Diane Boston, Gayla Aldridge.

Flight 2: 1-Judi McGuinness. Tie at 0-Kathleen Goodwin, Page Falconer.

Flight 3: 4-Joann Dellapenna. 0-Toni Stevenson.

Flight 4: 6-Rosann Ross. 5-Carol Clark. Tie at 4-Carol Carney, Sue Fierce. Tie at 3-Jean Czachor, Roxiann Dwyer. 1-Brenda Hofmann. 0-Anne Dahlen.

**Cupid Blind Partners (Team)****Feb. 15**

Flight 1: 66-Christine Giza, Liz Pruss. 67-Michele Otto, Mary A. Cunningham. 68-Beverly Ovrebo, Joyce Jones.

Flight 2: 69-Diane Boston, Janelle Gluckman. Tie at 70-Faun Doctor, Alexandra Rivera. Lori Pizzini, Jane Hall.

Flight 3: 68-Page Falconer, Virginia Madura. Tie at 71-Virginia Combs, Beth Wolinsky. Katie Schriewer, Cynthia Gersten.

Flight 4: 68-Donna Herberger, Joann Delmar. Tie at 72-MJ Strelec, Roxiann Dwyer. Joann Dellapenna, Vickie Foster. Tie at 75-Mary Dawson, Sue Fierce. Angelita Jingco, Rosann Ross.

**Blind Nine - Two Best Balls (Team)****Feb. 29**

Flight 1: 63-Gail LaGrange, Connie Norris, Christine Giza, Lynn Colomb. 67-Linda Taylor, Pat Williamson, Dawn Carroll, Roxiann Dwyer. Tie at 68-Joy Benson, Maryjo Lock, Joann Dellapenna, Virginia Combs. Ellen Brin, Betsy Maugherman, Judi McGuinness, Paula Lilly.

Flight 2: 64-Brenda Hofmann, Toni Stevenson, Carol Carney, Gayla Aldridge. 67-Beverly Ovrebo, Mary A. Cunningham, Angelita Jingco, Jane Hall. 68-Beth Wolinsky, Vickie Foster, Jean Czachor, Cynthia Gersten. Tie at 69-Jana McElroy, Faun Doctor, Joyce Jones, Anne Dahlen. Karen Schroeckenthaler, Liz Lang, Mary Burns, Nance Zielinski.



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You can also find a link to the new website on the golf scoring app Golf Genius on your smartphone.

Put these upcoming Wednesdays in your calendar:

- April 3: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- April 10: Two Best Balls/Four Man Team (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- April 17: Blind Holes (The Links)
- April 24: Shamble (The Tortoise &

**Bocce Club**

Paula Hammonds



The weather is gorgeous! So, come play bocce!

Our annual bocce banquet on Sunday, March 3, was a tremendous success. Attended by over 180 members and their guests. The excellent food was catered by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. One of the highlights of this gathering was the 70/30 raffle with 17 drawings of \$20 each and several door prizes. It was a great dinner with friends.

At the banquet a vote was taken to accept the new officers and they have taken over their positions as of March 7. New officers are Pam Brown, president; Kathy Nastally, secretary; and Gary Schroeder, treasurer.

Open bocce continues to be one of the

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

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

The league best of bocce will be played at 9 a.m. on Tuesday April 23, and open best of bocce will be played at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

Come by and check out the game.

netto, 39-Thomas Kujawa. Tie at 40-Paul Randles; Tom Mullaly.

Flight 10: 37-Marvin Jendro. Tie at 38-Bob Lang; Leonard Ruble; Bob Lieberman. 39-Doyce Mathis.

**Chicken Day Scramble  
March 6/The Links**

52-John Herman, Rusty Zarrell, James Thompson, Mike Clancy. 55-Michael Almon, Garfield Gray, Louis Heger, Jim Lefaver. 56-Brian Henderson, Fred Visnaw, Raymond Hendrix, David Bauer. Tie at 57-Anthony Morris, David West, D. Wally Wohlleber, Gerald Schneider; Robert Coughanour, Ray Kallai, John Owen, Clarence Higdon; Larry Skoch, Roger

Lukas, Donald Wheeler, Tom Nicholl; Ron Pratt, Gary Bugielski, Richard Deschenes, Paul Randles; Brian Wilder, Joe Aldridge, Paul Snyder, Jim Tolson; Rick Plesea, Joseph Stefani, Bruce Venslavsky, Ralph Norton; Charlie Taylor, John Parnau, Bruce Green, Bob Lieberman. Tie at 58-James McCormack, Roger Sparks, David Emmons, Tom Mullaly; Rusty Rhodes, Sam Feola, David Fosdick, Mike Kurlakowsky; Ruben Alvarez, Mike Ball, Stuart Martin, Paul Rutkowski; Rick Schriewer, Steven Thesman, Howard Gluckman, William York; Robert Walker, Jim Tait, Ronald Grob, Leonard Ruble; Eugene Paradis, Doc Huffman, John Snyder, Tary Bole.



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President Kevin McGuinness presents \$250 checks to Brian Henderson and Rino D'Amico for getting hole-in-ones during recent MGA competition.

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The Sage All-Seeing All-Knowing and Omniscient Carnac also amazingly knows that you think you're a little worried about playing again, thinking that you're not good enough to play in the club, or might embarrass yourself. To this, Carnac has a strong and simple answer: poppycock!

We have a fair number of absolute beginner players, and if even if you're not quite sure yet which end of the cue points at the ball, you'll fit right in here. Over half of our club members play at a novice level, and most of the rest are low-intermediate players. Less than 10%

of the club are at an intermediate level or above.

The key takeaway here is that skill level has absolutely nothing to do with how much fun a player has. The fun comes from several places. First, you make new friends, and socialize in casual games or our club leagues. Our leagues have two divisions, one for stronger players and one for regular players.

Second, you will learn the game, and enjoy a sense of accomplishment from building your skill and coordination. Third, you will sometimes make difficult shots way above your pay grade, and feel an intense pride, while receiving compliments from your friends or teammates. It's a nice feeling. Getting out and keeping your mind active and your body moving is also very healthy for all of us.

The club has social events, and dinner-dances several times during the year, usually with entertainment. Two weeks ago, we had a St. Paddy's Day dinner, with an Irish dancing show. We also host a very nice Christmas dinner each year.

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**Horseshoes Club**

Vern Kessler



The Horseshoe Club will be gathering for an end of season party at the Veterans Park pavilion on Thursday, April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All club members and guests are welcome to attend. Pizza will be provided. Bring your own refreshments. RSVP to Vern Kessler by Friday, April 12.

The club wants to welcome the following new members to the Horseshoe Club: John Illig, Joe Genovese, Don Dewey, and Roger Camarillo. Great to have all the new members with the club.

The club is now meeting at 9 a.m. on

Tuesdays to pitch horseshoes.

If you go to the pits on Thursdays at 10 a.m. you can practice with a few of our club members and see how much fun, we have.

The club reminds residents that the horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park are there for everyone's use any day of the week. Again, the club would like to remind everyone who comes out to the pits for fun, to please remove the white PVC protective pipes from the horseshoe stakes before throwing the shoes. The club continues to find broken PVC pipes at the horseshoe pits.

Contact Vern Kessler with any questions that you might have concerning pitching horseshoes or about the Horseshoe Club. Just text or call at 321-268-3179.

**Ladies  
Shuffleboard**

Lois Nix



Weather did not cooperate again for shuffling in February. However, the weather was in our favor the day for our annual tournament, which was on Wednesday, March 6. Paul Hodges was our tournament director who introduced us to a game called Build a House. It took focus, skill, and technique to play this game. The object of the game was to get one disc in all seven squares including the kitchen. Your partner stood alongside you instead of at the opposite end of the court. We had a fun time! Thank you, Paul.

Shuffleboard is not a game that

knocks out your opponent's disc but one of skill, technique, and focus. We invite all women to join us. We are a fun group of positive thinking women who enjoy the socialization of having fun and who like the game of shuffling. You must present a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to join.

**February**

7-Cari Martin, Marge Adragna, 6-Sally Herrick, 5-Diane Lany, Judy Adorno, Kathy Kloos, Lois Nix, Sandy Welch, Vicki Sanders, Carolyn Helms. 30-plus: 9-Barbara Russell, 8-Cindy Engler, 7-Lois Nix, Sally Herrick.

**Build a House  
March 6**

1: Darlene Clark; 2: Laura Mueller; 3: Ruth Greenfield.

See you on the courts. Happy shuffling.

**Shuffleboard**

Walt Lamp



The next Introduction to Shuffleboard class will be Saturday, April 13, at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Park. Paul Hodges is the instructor. He will highlight the rules, scoring, safety, and the basics of

shooting the disc. Open-toed shoes are not permitted.

**February  
Men/Women**

Monday (a.m.): Charlie Lentz/Vicki Lentz. 30-plus-Robert Shapiro, Debbie Troise and Vicki Lentz. Tuesday (p.m.): Larry Anderson/Barbara Daughtry. 30-plus-Bob Faherty, Mae Gauthier, and Lynn Nelson.

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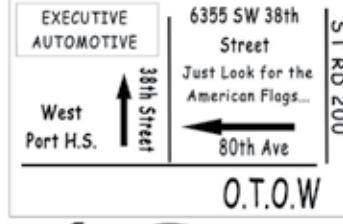
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**\$9.99\***

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Photo by John Schoenherr

Drivers and their vehicles: Tom Murphy-buggy, Doug Stansbury-pan car, Bob Paxson-truck, and Larry Clark-road car.

### R/C Car Club

John Schoenherr



A question often asked by new drivers, "What will this hobby cost me?" The focus is always the cost of a vehicle but there are other costs to consider as well, battery, battery charger, tires, parts, and tools. A good budget to anticipate is \$500 to get started, this includes the vehicle and other costs.

Vehicles can be broken down into three different types: trucks, buggies, and cars. The R/C Car Club only races 1/10 scale vehicles so all costs are for this size. Trucks can range in cost from \$250 to \$500. Buggies from \$200 to \$550. Cars come in a wide range of types and prices. Road type cars cost from \$200 to \$300; touring cars from \$300 to over \$1,000; and pan cars from \$500 to \$700.

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There are many different manufacturers of R/C vehicles. In the R/C Car Club the Traxxas Bandit and the Team Associates RC10 series are the most popular buggies. Other manufacturers are, from the low end in cost to the expensive, Tamiya, Yokomo, Kyosho, Serpent, Losi and Xray. Popular manufacturers of trucks are Team Associates, Traxxas, Losi and Arma. The Traxxas 4-Tec 2.0 is a popular road car and has its own racing class in the club. Touring cars have the widest range in cost with the Serpent S411 available for \$300 RTR and at the high end the Xray X4 starting at \$720 for a kit. Most of the R/C Car Club members who race Pan cars run the CRC Gen-x with a kit price of \$250. Other pan car manufacturers are Serpent, Xray and Roche.

For more information contact John Schoenherr at 608-477-3420

#### February

MudBoss-Paul Beyer. Truggy-Ken Berry. Pan car-Phil Paquette. Traxxas-Bob Paxson. Touring on road-Ron Kaulfersch. Touring 17.5-Tony Severino. Limited touring 17.5-Sheree Johnson. Two-wheel truck-Ron Kaulfersch. Four-wheel truck-Ken Berry. Two-wheel buggy-Phil Paquette. Four-wheel buggy-Ken Berry.

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**Tennis****Jorge Privat**  
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Thinking about getting into tennis? Perhaps like you, many of us played tennis when we were younger, maybe in gym class or through our park district. The Tennis Club is a friendly group of men and women, welcoming you to shake off the rust and get back into the game – or play for the first time!

On the first Thursday of every month there is a free tennis clinic from 10:30 a.m. to noon on court two. This is a perfect time to ease back into hitting some balls again. No need to bring equipment – just wear athletic clothes and court shoes, as balls and racquets are available for your use!

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. are hopper nights. Show up and hit balls with club members. Hoppers, balls, and racquets are provided. Or bring up your game with group lessons by our tennis pro. Cost is \$10 per person with a minimum of two people. Lessons are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Private lessons are available by contacting Jorge Privat at 352-484-4815 and club members are also available to give pointers, hit with you, and introduce you to other players.

Ready to get in the game? We offer organized mixed doubles round robins from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Plan to arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. to warm up and

be assigned to a court based on skill level. We play three sets of 45 minutes each on Monday and Wednesday, while the third set is optional on Friday.

Not sure where you fit or if you are ready for our mixed doubles round robin? Be in touch and we will figure it out together! Have questions? Reach out! You can also contact the head of our club Nicole Eddy at 607-377-6263 or otowtennisocala@gmail.com. Or our tennis pro, Jorge Privat, at 352-484-4815 or jorge\_privat@otowfl.com.

Come visit us at the beautiful courts next to the Arbor Fitness Center to say hello and learn more about what we offer.

**Courtesy**

Important points to keep in mind according to The Code.

Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy from all participants. Make tennis a fun game for all by praising your opponent's good shots and by not:

- Conducting loud postmortems after points.
- Complaining about some shots like lobs and drop shots.
- Embarrassing a weak opponent by being overly gracious or condescending.
- Losing your temper, using vile language, throwing your racquet, or slamming a ball in anger or sulking when you are losing.

**Counting Points Played in Good Faith**

All points played in good faith stand. For example:

- If after losing a point, a player dis-

covers that the net was four inches too high, the point stands.

If a point is played from the wrong court, there is no replay.

If the ball is served by the wrong

player, the serve stands.

If in the middle of a point a player discovers the score is wrong, the point should be finished first before correcting it.

**Top Pickleball Club****Steve Carr**

What a wonderful February! Top Pickleball Club members enjoyed several great social and play events with good Florida winter weather and fun times.

Our pickleball training team has been green-lighted to develop a more robust and complete A to Z training program with the goal to fast-track new club members on the path to better playing and ranking.

In February's meeting, the board engaged a volunteer committee who were given the task of exploring ways that other large pickleball communities dealt with challenges of high levels of court usage during the morning hours, as well as other court usage opportunities.

The committee presented the results of their findings and recommendations to the board members in early March. Their recommendations were well researched and, after careful review, were given a go ahead to be adopted and implemented over the coming weeks with the goal to provide a fair and equitable

way to reduce the waiting time between games in the morning hours on all courts.

Additionally, we added to our social footprint with a YouTube channel to host videos of events and to communicate more effectively with our current members as well as potential new members.

Moving forward, we now have open orientation for all new residents/members/players to the game of pickleball.

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. on the upper courts and the first Saturday of the month, same time, and place. Just show up and we will assist you on your journey to master the game.

This is not a skills training class; it is a basic game and rules introduction to the game of pickleball in the Top Pickleball Club. No need to bring any equipment for this. Just bring something to drink for hydration. Time frame is one to one and a half hours. Also, no need to sign up, there will be a class even if only one person attends, unless otherwise notified (such as holidays, inclement weather, etc.).

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible!

We are looking forward to seeing you on the pickleball courts!

**Weight Loss Group****Laura Gavey**

Are you ready to join a group of your neighbors who are supporting each other to eat healthy and lose weight? The Weight Loss Group is here for you! We share discussions on ways to lose weight, recipes, and tips to help us meet our personal weight loss goals, exercise opportunities and most of all, support for each other.

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. Beth Green 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 Beth at tandbgreen220@gmail.com.

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**Fitness Happenings**

**Cammy Dennis**  
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**What is Tai Chi?**

Tai chi is an ancient form of exercise that brings together gentle movements, a quiet mind and controlled breathing. Harvard Health touts that "This gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life." Due to the low impact exercises, relaxing movements and meditative experience, Tai chi is a wonderful form of exercise for older adults.

Nancy Reich, On Top of the World tai chi instructor notes, "I was going through a difficult time, and I needed something that would require that I get out of my head and back into my body. I discovered tai chi, and I knew after the first class that I had found exactly what I needed. Tai chi is the most complete practice I've encountered. I benefit on all levels of my being, physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual, fully integrated and working in harmony."

Research demonstrates a compelling case for tai chi as an extension to regular health care. A combination of tai chi as an adjunct therapy to primary medical care can help to prevent and rehabilitate many age-related conditions. Many who have taken this approach report an increase in functional capability and overall quality of life. Art Stalbow, On Top of the World tai chi instructor notes, "It is very rewarding to hear from my students, letting me know that their ailment has been reduced or even eliminated. Perhaps the greatest benefit is the realization that each of us possesses the ability to support our own health more than we thought was possible."

On Saturday, April 27, the whole world, including On Top of the World, will join in celebrating World Tai Chi Day and Qi Gong Day. On Top of the World is proud to host this special class, led by Art Stalbow in beautiful Sholom Park. Join Art at 10:30 a.m. under the pavilion at Sholom Park on Saturday, April 27, for a tai chi experience that celebrates harmony through movement and meditation. This event is free and open to the public.

Additionally, On Top of the World offers weekly tai chi classes at the Arbor Fitness Center on Mondays, at 8 a.m. (beginner and intermediate) and Wednesdays, at 8 a.m. (intermediate and advanced). For more information on any of these programs, please call 352-387-7532.

Health and wellness benefits derived from tai chi:

- Strength: Tai chi movements are weight bearing and can improve both lower-body and upper-body strength. According to Harvard Health, when practiced regularly tai chi is comparable to resistance training and brisk walking.
- Mobility: Tai chi's fluid movement patterns encourage large ranges of motion which support mobility.
- Reduced Fall Risk: Proprioception is the body's ability to sense where it is in space, unfortunately as we age this sensory function declines. Tai chi helps to train this sense which is governed by neurons in the inner ear as well as the stretch receptors in the muscles and joints.

**Call of the Wild Sports Club**


**Scott Bloch**

If you haven't been attending any meetings, you have missed a lot. There have been two speakers, Santana Moretto from the Holiday Marine Group in January. For March, Deputy Sheriff Corporal John Remmington from the Marion County Sheriff's Office spoke. Santana talked to us about his boat sharing club as well as bass fishing in central Florida. Deputy Remmington talked to us about gun safety.

On Friday, Feb. 16, we had three pontoon boats full of hopeful freshwater fishermen and women on Lake Harris. On my boat we caught one bowfin and three largemouth bass. For me however, seeing a pair of bald eagles was my highlight. In March, we traveled out to the Gulf for our spring trip on a fishing party boat. If you are interested in fly fishing, we do that too. There are trips being planned for those participating in other outdoor venues.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 3, at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For additional information, call or text President Scott Bloch at 614-806-6738.



## APRIL 2024 FITNESS

### RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	SPARC MAUREEN	STRONG CERIENE	Remix Bootcamp BETSY	STRONG CERIENE	SPARC CERIEN
8:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Zumba® Gold-Toning AMY				Dance Aerobics CERIENE
9:00 am	S.O.S. TRISH	Stretch, Flex & Balance CERIENE	S.O.S. KITTI	Dance Aerobics CERIENE	S.O.S. TRISH
9:00 am Recreation Ballroom			BEAT LORI		Chair Dance AMY
10:00 am	Balanced Body LORI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body TRISH
10:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Chair Yoga SANDRA		Chair Yoga CERIENE		
11:00 am	Chair Dance LORI	Brain Power BP TEAM	Get Fit While You Sit JOE	Move to Improve Parkinson's SUZ	Stretch, Flex & Balance CERIENE
11:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Zumba® Gold JOE		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics LORI
1:00 pm		Chair Chi ART	Punch Out PD POPO COACHES		
3:00 pm	VYP Chair Yoga JOE	Balanced Body SUE	Chair Yoga TRISH	Balanced Body DANIE	
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga KATHY		Yoga SANDRA	

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### ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Beginner/Intermediate Tai Chi NANCY	Warrior MAUREEN	Intermediate/Advanced Tai Chi ART	Kardio Kickboxing MAUREEN	
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion OB	Yoga JOE	Pilates Fusion MAUREEN	Yin Yoga MELANIE
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG OB	Yoga LORI	STRONG JOE
11:00 am	Roll & Recover MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

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6:00 am	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
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9:00 am	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**
10:00 am	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
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1:30 pm	Open Swim	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**				
3:30 - 8:15pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

Open Swim: Saturdays 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sundays 9 AM - 7 PM

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**Arbor Water Volleyball Club**

**Dan Connors**

Most people move to On Top of the World for the weather, opportunity for activity, and having fun with old and new friends. That is why there are a gazillion clubs to choose from.

It is also the reason the Arbor Water Volleyball Club started a couple of years ago. The other factor for the members is the ability to stay active with the neutralizing effect of the water in the pool. This allows members who might have concerns with playing volleyball in a racquetball court or on a sand court to play in the water. The wallyball and sand volleyball players are well respected, but water volleyball is easier on the body and allows more people to play this sport.

If you are interested in considering adding water volleyball to your activities, please stop by. The club plays at the

indoor Arbor Fitness Center pool Tuesday through Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. If you get close you will hear the cheers and enthusiasm of our players.

Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to Dan Connors, president, dan4birdie@gmail.com or 703-263-0667.

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## Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



Planning for the Cornhole Club's annual picnic is well underway. This event is scheduled Saturday, April 13, beginning at noon at the Veterans Park Pavilion.

Our open play sessions continue to be well attended with full-house crowds at nearly every session.

League play kicked off in March with the first competitive matches in the mixed league held on Thursday, March 21, with seven teams in the mix, battling for wins. The ladies group continues competitive and non-competitive matches on Tuesday afternoons.

Another session of our Introduction to Cornhole orientation was conducted in March. Planning is underway for a community cornhole tournament against the good folks from Spruce Creek in April. A great opportunity for our club players to meet and compete against players outside of our community.

**INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE:** Our next one-hour Introduction to Cornhole session will be on Tuesday, April 9, at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Park cornhole courts. Newcomers who are not familiar with this very popular activity can attend to learn what it's all about, and why so many people nationwide are addicted. The club's head coach/cornologist, Bill Ballweg, who conducts the session, will

cover loads of rules, protocol, and practical tips, tempered with an occasional bit of Nebraska humor to keep the session enjoyable. The class size will be limited, and registration is required. To join this session, submit names and email addresses of those interested to [otowcornhole@yahoo.com](mailto:otowcornhole@yahoo.com).

**OPEN PLAY:** Open play sessions times were amended with the switch to daylight saving time. Open play is now held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Because our venue is limited to 20 players at any given time, we generally begin play as soon as 20 players are on site, which may be prior to 6 p.m. Members arriving after play has begun may have a short wait until a lane opens.

Our open play hosts make every effort to ensure that members who come to play will get that opportunity, but some patience may be required. Women's open play concluded at the end of March.

The ladies only open play sessions will resume in May on Tuesday afternoons if sufficient interest exists. Ladies interested in participating in ladies-only open play should contact Vickie Foster at [poo2dog@verizon.net](mailto:poo2dog@verizon.net).

**LEAGUE PLAY:** Spring mixed league competitive matches began on Thursday, March 21, with eight teams competing. Mixed league matches are held on Thursdays, starting at 3 p.m.

The ladies competitive league wrapped up in late March, with Chris Lopez, Virginia Combs, and Barb Daughtry in a tight race for top spot. The outcome will be reported in next month's column.

## Archery Club

Leslie McCormick



All clubs should start their monthly column by thanking the many volunteers who make their club tick. Today we welcome to our board of directors our new club secretary, Jim D'Anna and we are featuring Dan Powell, our director of range operations, and his team of volunteers. Dan feels we have the premier archery range in central Florida.

The group of outstanding volunteers who conduct range maintenance and

operations are the driving force behind this status. Weekly, the team will be seen changing target faces, repairing targets and target stands and maintaining the range grounds. To build and repair the targets they have equipment designed to cut and replace the wood, install the filling material, and press the targets to the correct size and shape.

Two or three times a month, when there is a scheduled shoot, the team uses a series of dollies to move targets to the correct distances for the shoot. Additionally, the team maintains the onsite archery shop with equipment designed to fabricate arrows and align, calibrate, and test recurve and compound bows.

When there are high winds in the forecast the team is also responsible for securing the range and that consists of moving all the targets into the archery shop. That is no small feat! Many thanks again to the 12 team members who provide this outstanding service so that our members have a safe, clean, and professional archery range.

Can you name the various bow types? Most of us remember movies featuring Robin Hood with his long bow and if you watch the Olympics, you will see the recurve bow used. Our members use these bows and many also use a compound bow. In addition to these bow types, hunters may use a cross bow. Something new for our club is a different version of the longbow used in kyudo, the Japanese martial art of archery, a form of training the body and mind. Several of our members have been practicing kyudo and they alternate their sessions between one of the studios at the Arbor Conference Center where they practice entering the room (part one, called "taihai") or at the range (part two, called "hasetsu") when they stand and get ready to shoot. If you are interested in what kyudo is all about, check out the class that is being held at Master the Possibilities in April called "Kyudo - The Way of the Bow."

Next month we will catch up with the results of various off-site shoots that several of our members have competed in over the winter season. Many medals have been brought home to Ocala!

Our club welcomed a dozen new members who signed up for their safety/training session at our last open house. But you don't have to wait for another scheduled event to join! For information, visit [otowarcheryclub.org](http://otowarcheryclub.org) > New Members and download the application form and required waivers. For additional information or to schedule your initial safety/training session, contact Chuck at [chuck-archery@strickland.net](mailto:chuck-archery@strickland.net) or 407-257-9668 or Phyllis at [phyllisarchery@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisarchery@gmail.com) or 606-384-1744. See you at the range!

## On Top of the World NEWS

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## R/C Sailing Club

Gene Mangold



In the midst of the winter season, when the chill in the air invigorates and the winds howl with determination, the R/C Sailing Club eagerly anticipates the challenge ahead. They call it "the winds of fortune" – a series of races where skill, strategy, and a touch of luck intertwine to crown the victor.

The racing course stretches like a ribbon along the north-south axis of the beautiful Tuscawilla Park city pond, ensuring stability in the direction of the wind during the winter months. As the racers prepare their sleek vessels, they know the shifting winds will demand adaptability and precision.

At the start line, tension mounts as the boats jostle for position, their skippers eyeing the ever-changing wind angles. The ideal start is elusive, with the winds never quite perpendicular to the line. But for those who discern the favored side, the opportunity for a strategic advantage awaits.

As the starting gun echoes across the water, the fleet bursts into action, each boat vying for the coveted position of windward superiority. On the weather leg, with the wind defiantly on the nose, the racers execute rapid-fire tacks, zigzagging towards the first mark. Every shift in wind direction becomes a chance to gain ground, to inch ahead of the competition.

The leaders' satisfaction is palpable as they leave the struggling fleet in their wake, their sails billowing with purpose as they surge toward the second mark. With each maneuver, they solidify their dominance, their eyes fixed firmly on the finish line looming in the distance.

As the race continues, the rhythm of the wind and the dance of the sails become second nature to the seasoned racers. They know that being first to round the weather mark is not just a first mark victory – it's a prophecy of triumph, a glimpse of the glory that awaits at the journey's end.

And so, as the boats race towards the final stretch, propelled by the relentless winds of cold front, the sailors hold fast to their dreams of victory, knowing that in sailboat racing, anything is possible – for those who love to chase the winds.



Photo by Cindi Numann

Ducks joined the race.

Racing takes place at Tuscawilla Park downtown Ocala every Wednesday and Sunday, at noon for two hours. For more information, please call or text Gene at 772-678-5101 or Bernie at 816-678-3817.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SideKicks members getting ready to dance at the Valentine's Day party.

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**Sidekicks  
Western Dance**

Judy Sullivan



Valentine's Day party came and went but the love of dancing is still with us.

We are preparing to say goodbye to our snowbird dancers who will be flying up north starting the next month or so. Before you know it, it will be summer! To say goodbye until next season, we will be holding an end of season party on Tuesday, April 9. Pizza, drinks, and desserts will be provided by the club for those who have paid their membership dues. Don't forget to sign up and choose your toppings. If you are bringing a guest, it's \$10 per guest.

Speaking of summer, there will be a slight change to how Judy and Jim's Friday practice classes will be done starting in May or June. We will break up the group into three categories: Absolute Beginners (easier dances), Beginners (medium level dances), and Improver/Intermediate (harder dances).

We will cover the very basic steps for easier dances and learn six to eight beginner dances. This is for people who have never danced or know very little about what each step is. We will review

each dance until you have that in your muscle memory and then we will move on to the next dance. The next level is a step above the Absolute Beginners but not as hard as the more advanced dances, and so on.

When you feel that you want to move up to the next level you are welcome to come to those classes. If you prefer to stay at your current level and are not necessarily interested in learning the harder dances, you may do so. If you want to do both or all three, you may do that too. What we want is for you to have fun and love to dance, whatever level you may be at. If you know all the dances, it'll be an opportunity to have another day of dancing and to help others who require more help.

You do not have to have a Gateway of Services pass to do these classes since I reciprocate the dance lessons at both Indigo East and Recreation Center. If you live in Weybourne and have a Gateway of Services pass, you can dance at either of these locations as well.

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

- Tuesdays (4 p.m.): Beginners class with Peggy and Al in the Recreation Center Ballroom.
- Tuesdays (5 p.m.): Weekly group dance in the Recreation Center Ballroom led by Jim and Judy.
- Fridays (11 a.m.): Teach/review class with Judy and Jim in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.
- Fridays (noon): Absolute Beginners class with Judy and Jim in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.
- Sundays (5 p.m.): Practice/review with Bill and Lois at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV.

**Poms Cheer & Dance**

Pamela Kalamaras



Have you seen the newest dance team perform in our community? We dance and cheer with flashy, metallic pompoms as we move rhythmically to the music. Our outfits and accessories match not only the pompoms but also the theme of the songs.

Poms Dance and Cheer all work together to produce incredible dances and cheer routines. This past month, our team of ladies have choreographed fun dances for our rock 'n' roll theme. We will be performing these fast-paced, entertaining movements at the Windsor of Ocala in June. We are looking forward to developing our patriotic theme routine in time for the Patriotic Celebration at Circle Square Commons in July. More information to follow!

We have a great group of ladies who readily support each other, not only in rehearsals and performances, but beyond. Joining the Poms Dance and Cheer is a great way to meet and make new friends. Although we have limited openings, we welcome newcomers and invite you to come to our Thursday rehearsals and take a peek. You may want to pick up a pair of pompoms and try them out. It's fun to imagine performing on a football field or as a New York Rockette, as you try out a kick line with us.

Poms Dance and Cheer is available for short performances at club meetings, parties, and events. We would love to introduce our talented, hard-working team to the community.

Please contact Pam Kalamaras at [pammykal@aol.com](mailto:pammykal@aol.com) for more information on viewing our practice time, upcoming performances, and new memberships.

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## Line Dancing



Tamara Stanford

The February lad and lassie line dance took place in the Recreation Center Ballroom with the motto, "Let's All Dance and Let's All Smile Social." It was a wonderful event with lots of dancing and plenty of smiles. There were over 100 attendees. In recognition of Valentine's Day, many dancers wore red, white, or pink clothing. The room was beautifully decorated with red heart balloons, Jack and Jean Hester made the arrangements for the decorations and their efforts were appreciated. The dance was organized and led by Kathy Cornell and Donna Gordon.

There was a drawing for prizes during the event. Everyone received a drawing ticket when they signed in. The lucky seven winners were Ed Chasse, Norma Boteler, Steve Brabaw, Sharon Buckner, Connie Filip, Christine Sanden, and Bill Kronstein.

In keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, many of the dance tunes had lyrics about sweethearts, love, and heartbreak. One of the dances was the Billy Ray Cyrus hit "Achy Breaky Heart." It was released in 1992 and the song helped to popularize line dancing. It is hard to believe that was 30 years ago. Line dancing continues to be popular worldwide. The website copperknob.uk.com has a lot of information about individual dance rankings, videos and step sheets for dance instruction.

There are several practice opportunities for club members of the line dancing. In addition to weekly practice, dance workshops are offered on Wednesday, at

## Ballet



Eugenie Martin

When the Ballet Club started in 2006, I was the only teacher. Then, for some years I was joined by a lovely teacher named Julie Sines, who is no longer with us. Nowadays, we have three full-time teachers, each teaching one to two classes per week. Let me give you the training and experience of each teacher, starting with the newest teacher.

Liz Elliott Lieberman, who teaches the Technique class, was born in the United Kingdom. She studied ballet at the Royal Academy of Dance and the Arts Educational School in London. After graduation, she danced with Festival Ballet Company, appeared in musicals in the West End of London, danced in many British TV shows, and the film "The Little Prince." In the U.S., she performed with ballet companies in Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada.

Suzanne Scheraga, who teaches our Beginner and Intermediate class, grew up in New York City, where she attended many ballet performances. As a young mother, she took adult ballet and jazz classes. After moving to On Top of the World in 2015, she joined the Ballet Club, and studied at Pofahl Studios in Gainesville, home of the Dance Alive National Ballet. Suzanne is passionate about sharing her love of ballet through teaching.

I am Eugenie Martin, and I teach the Advanced Beginner classes. I grew up in the Boston suburb of Lexington, Massachusetts, and later attended Brown University. I performed in plays, musicals, operettas, and operas, but never took or performed ballet, even though I had seen many performances in New York City. While I was raising my children in the city, a Russian-trained teacher opened a ballet studio near us. The kids and I attended, and I stayed to dance en pointe until I moved here. The Jean Benson Smith Studio, which had helped draw me to Ocala, had closed, so I opened the Ballet Club.

Here is our class schedule:

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

Newcomers are always welcome. Call me at 352-854-8589 for more information. Happy dancing!

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Photo by Tamara Stanford

February line dance social.

9:15 a.m. prior to the Beyond Beginners practice in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. The Beginner II workshop is also prior to practice on Wednesdays, at 11 a.m. A dance workshop for all class levels is held on Fridays in the Arbor Dance Studios. It runs from 10 to 11 a.m. with a dance request session from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Another great resource for line dancing is webuse.com/otowdance/main. Contact Donna Gordon, should you have any questions about the website. Line dancing instructor Darlene Miller can be contacted at 352-259-3695. Dance passes for May and June go on sale Tuesday, April 2.

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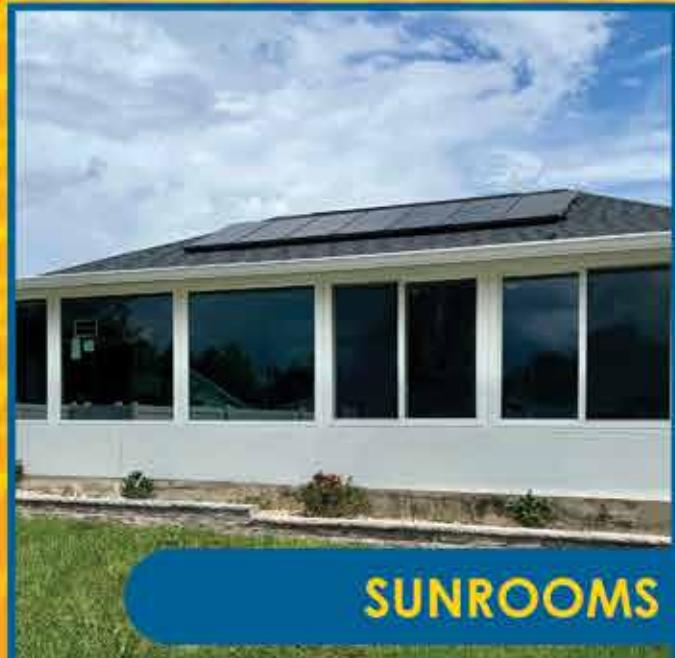
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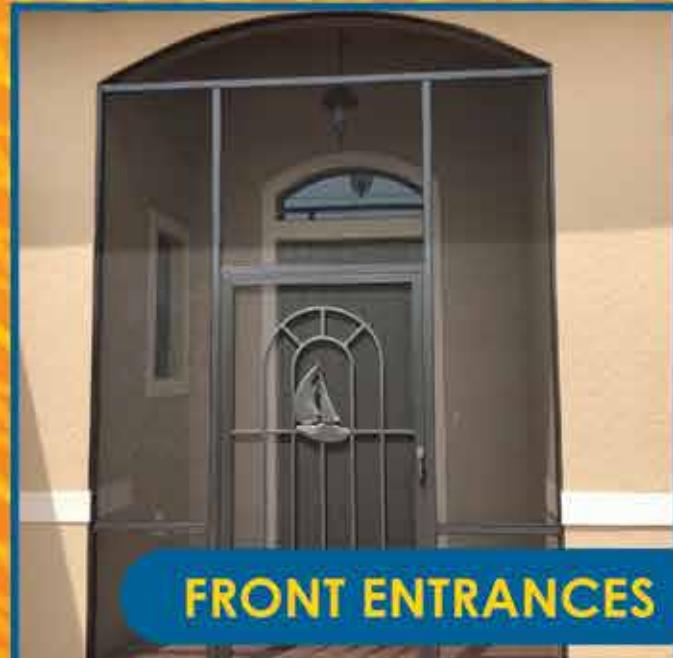
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**Table Tennis**

Athena Drewes



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This gives players four evenings to choose from as well as many daytime opportunities for all levels of playing skills. Beginners doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; singles, Friday 3 to 5 p.m. Ladies doubles/singles, Monday 1 to 3 p.m.; doubles Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; singles, Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. All level doubles, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. All level singles, Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Intermediate/advanced singles/doubles, Wednesday 5:30 to 7 p.m. Advanced, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We all play table tennis for fun and enjoyment. If you are interested in joining, annual membership is \$10, with applications available in the Arbor Conference Center Table Tennis Room. Contact our

**Co-Ed Recreational Softball**

Pat Wilbert



Wow! Spring is here with beautiful weather and temperatures we all enjoy. Getting out in the fresh air and Florida sunshine, that's why we all moved here, right? So, with that in mind, now is the time to come join the Co-Ed Recreational Softball family on Saturdays at 9:15 a.m.

You don't know how to play? That's okay. We will all help you in any way we can. We even have extra equipment for your use should you not have a glove or bat. We are here for fun and meeting new friends. Men and women alike are needed to come and join our fun. We play four innings, and everyone gets to bat.

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director president, Paul Stadterman, [ptstadterman@yahoo.com](mailto:ptstadterman@yahoo.com), with questions.

Here are answers to questions members have been asking:

**Q.** What happens if the player in the act of service misses the ball completely, or it falls directly onto the floor?

**A.** A missed serve is called a "fault" if the server swings and misses the ball. The server may stop the serve by catching the ball and starting over. A player loses a point if he/she fails to make a good serve (e.g. Throwing the ball in the air and failing to hit the ball or failing to hit it onto the opponent's side of the table) or allows the ball to bounce twice on the server's side of the table. If the ball touches the net and lands in, it remains in play and a repeat serve is allowed. There is no limit to the number of net (let) serves.

For a legal serve in table tennis, you must throw the ball into the air at least six inches. You can't just hit the ball straight out of your hand which is common for beginners when first starting to play.

**Q.** Which side to use on the paddle?

**A.** While this isn't always true, in most cases the red side allows the ping pong ball to go faster. The black side is usually known to put a better spin on the ball. Since generally the red is faster and spins a bit less, professionals tend to use

Just to mention how much fun we have; I want to introduce Carlton Chinquee. Carlton moved here from Jamaica and only played cricket. He is now playing with us on Saturdays. He can hit the ball and has an arm. Sometimes he even runs for those who can't, and he keeps on running, sometimes we must stop him. He is still getting used to the game, but he brings us laughter and fun.

So, just remember. Softball is a bat and ball team sport that originated from indoor baseball. It is very similar to life because sharpening the abilities you can learn from the game will help you whenever things get too tough and overwhelming.

"Try not to get lost in comparing yourself to others. Discover your gifts and let them shine! Softball is amazing that way as a sport. Everyone on the field has a slightly different ability that makes them perfect for their position." - Jennie Finch

a red rubber on the forehand. The top Chinese players use a black tacky rubber on their forehand.

**Q.** Can you switch hands during the game?

**A.** Yes! According to International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) there is

no mention of losing the point if you decide to switch your playing hand during a rally. But you can only use one paddle to play with.

We look forward to seeing you. Come play table tennis and have some fun.



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Ladies table tennis players.

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## Art Exhibit Extravaganza

By Marianne Hoffman

It's more than a spring fling. It's an extravaganza of talent. The works of budding and mature artists are on display for you to see. These artists – your neighbors – use an array of mediums to inspire and delight all art enthusiasts.

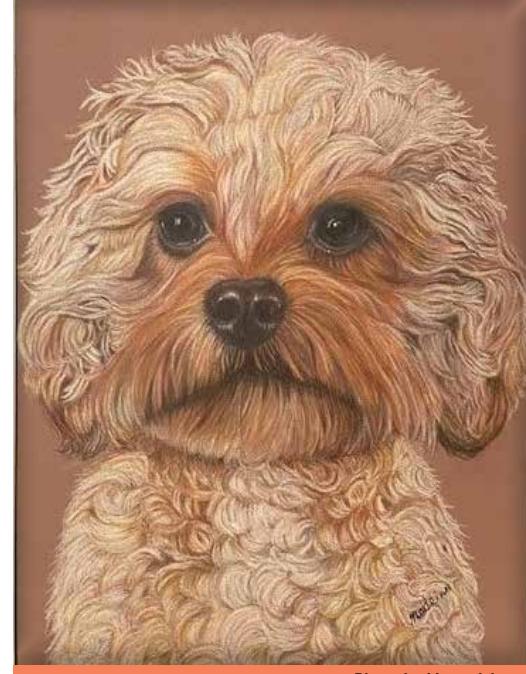


Photo by Maria Adrian

Colored pencil by Maria Adrian.



Photo by Marianne Hoffman

Marquetry by Russ McNulty.

tiles and marquetry – pictures made from wood cuttings, to name a few. Miniature sculptures will also quench your imagination and invoke you to smile.

This is a once-a-year event you will not want to miss. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Hobby Building Art Room.

Show your support for resident artists; please join us for this awe-inspiring display of talent from the Art Group and

the Carvers' Group.

Oh, and if you are an artist, you may want to join the Art Group. There is no cost. Just bring your own supplies and have fun with us in the Hobby Building Art Room on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. and both Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions about the Art Group, contact Freda Klump, director, at 615-336-6863 or fredaklump@gmail.com.



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Tile painting by Pat McNulty.

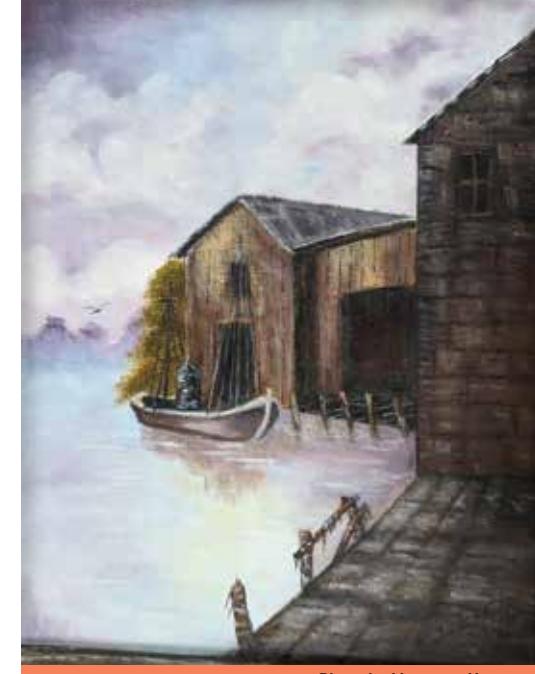


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Watercolor by Freda Klump.

## A Hobby That Reaches Back in Time

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

There are hobbies and there are hobbies. Resident Chuck Brittingham's hobby takes him back to post World War II listening to the sounds coming from a "wire recorder." This was before tape, and well before the ability to record on an iPhone.

Wire recorder hobbyist Chuck Brittingham grew up in a small Ohio town where his dad ran a radio, and later, television repair shop. It was a natural magnet for a young boy who, after completing his homework, would spend time at the store, tinkering and learning. "It was a good time for me," Chuck says, "I learned a lot about electronics, and just as important, what it took to stay focused on completing a single project."

But once out of high school, Chuck looked for a bit of adventure, and what better way, he thought, than joining the Marines. It was a three-year adventure, mostly in Japan, and it gave Chuck – that small town boy – a worldly experience. After hanging up his MP arm band, he returned home, married that cute girl next door, Patricia, and joined Sears Roebuck as a field technician. Promotion followed promotion and Chuck retired as a central service appliance manager in Michigan City, Indiana.

He and Pat settled in On Top of the World in 2002. It was shortly after this that he learned of a relative who had "inherited" several reels of magnetic wire that Chuck's father had recorded while Chuck was overseas. But the missing ingredient for hearing what his dad had recorded, was a "wire recorder." Chuck searched the internet and found a 1947 recorder. He purchased it sight unseen, and when it arrived, he realized that all his experience at his father's work bench would be needed to get the recorder operative. After a few weeks of labor and lots of searching for parts, he and Pat anxiously sat in front of the rebuilt recorder and listened to family revelry. Chuck told us that it was a kick listening to his mom, dad, relatives, and unknown friends, chatting away, telling stories, and generally having lots of laughs.

Chuck got the bug. Since that first playing, he has rebuilt several dozen wire recorders, and he always enjoys listening to wire recordings that often accompany the recorder. They tell stories born in yesteryear. To see a YouTube demonstration, visit youtube/p6Vgt9tNSQ4.



Photo by Ray Cech

Chuck Brittingham and his recently rebuilt wire recorder.

be on full display Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m. as the Original Theatre Group proudly presents the musical theater revue, "Two for One" in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Act I features the musical collaborations of composer Richard Rodgers with lyricists Oscar Hammerstein and Lorenz Hart. Tunes from "Pal Joey," "South Pacific," "Oklahoma," "Babes in Arms," "State Fair," and many others will be expertly woven together by narrator and director, Carole Beauchamp.

Act II pays tribute to the more contemporary "jukebox musicals." Hits from "Motown," "Mamma Mia," and the Carole King musical, "Beautiful" take center stage in this lively and entertaining presentation. Our talented cast will then take a "leave of absence" from the Broadway stage to honor all those who have served the U.S. with the unforgettable and catchy swing melodies of the Andrews Sisters, Benny Goodman, and Glenn Miller as well as a couple of touching numbers, "I'll Be Seeing You" and "We'll Meet Again" that capture the mood and emotion of our nation during World War II.

General admission is \$10 with all veterans paying only \$5 per ticket. Tickets are on sale every Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the upper lobby of the Recreation Center. Check for production and ticket sales updates on Facebook (OTOW Chat Room).

For further information on the Original Theatre Group, contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com.

## Musical Theatre Revue

By Richard Rosen

The brilliant music, class, wit, and power of the Broadway musical will



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"Two for One" cast.

## Recreation



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## Stay in the Know

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

You must be a resident with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to register for a trip or event.

## Recreation Center

## Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. A cash bar is always standing by for your beverage needs. Enjoy the music, dancing, and The Pub. 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:

- April 5: One Flite Up
- April 12: Sandra & Alex
- April 19: MPIRE
- April 26: Linda Sisco

Starting Friday, May 3, Happy Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom will be from 5 to 8 p.m.

## Pool Pavilion Happy Hour

Happy Hour at the Recreation Center pool pavilion is from 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday and Sunday, April 21. 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 dates below are pending based on the completion of pool construction.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Friday, April 5: No Happy Hour
- Friday, April 12: The Mudds
- Friday, April 19: Rock Solid
- Friday, April 26: Reese Morris
- Sunday, April 21: Paul DeRitter

## Cruise-In Mystery Happy Hour

The Cruise-In Mystery Happy Hour is Tuesday, April 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Bring a lawn chair. Bar and food truck will be available onsite. This is a free event.

## Ladies Night

Join us Tuesday, April 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV for Ladies Night Out. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest. Bring your own beverage and food. See you there!

## Karaoke

Karaoke is always a great night whether you're singing or listening! Join us every second Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

## Comedy Dinner Show\*

If you haven't purchased a ticket to the Thursday, April 25, Comedy Dinner Show there's still time!

## Rags to Riches

Find a treasure at the Rags to Riches sale in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Friday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There still may be time to buy a table if you haven't already!

## Ballroom Dance Class\*

Register for this month's class and learn the dance steps to a new type of dance with ballroom instructor Butch Phillips in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Classes are held every second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$30 for three weeks of class per month.

## Dress the PART-y Night\*

The Latin PART-y date was moved from Friday, March 8, to Friday, May 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. with Groove 41 as the entertainment. Your \$15 ticket covers three tacos (choice of beef, chicken, or pork), beans, rice, all the taco fixings and a queso fountain with chips. A margarita cash bar will be available in addition to drinks at The Pub. Get your tickets today! Dress the part! Anyone can join us in for great music and dancing but the taco dinner is only available with the advanced purchase of a ticket.

The Country Western PART-y is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be provided, and tickets are \$15 per resident or \$20 per guest. Everyone is welcome to dance and enjoy this event but if you want to have dinner tickets are required. Come dressed and ready to dance!

*\*To register, visit the Recreation Center Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Payment is required at the time of registration. Resident IDs or Gateway of Services passes must be presented at all events and when purchasing tickets. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. All trip reservations need to be made in person only.*

## The Lodge at Candler Hills

## Happy Hour

Happy Hour will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on the following days:

- Saturday, April 6: Tim Hargis
- Saturday, April 20: Rear View Mirror

Bring your own beverages and snacks. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident. Children under the age of 15 are not permitted.

## Girls Night Out

Come on girls, let's dance! Join us Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. with Automatic Duo. Bring your own beverage and table snacks and have some fun. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident.

## Kocktails &amp; Karaoke

Sing your heart out! You'll feel right at home singing with your neighbors to cheer you on. Enjoy the fun on Thursday, April 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. with Charlie and Kathy Petrosky. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident.

## Music Bingo

It's bingo time with a chance to win cash! Join us on Friday, April 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. with Wendy Peterson for a night of playing music bingo. So, bring your dollar bills and come out to enjoy this fun Friday night. Bring your own beverage and appetizers and have some fun! This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident. Card purchase required to play at \$1 each round.

*\*To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Sunday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 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.*

## Indigo East Community Center

## Happy Hour

Come and join us for a good time with your friends and neighbors from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Bring your favorite cocktails and snacks. Enjoy the upcoming entertainment.

## Trivia\*

Join us in a new way to play trivia with Doug Carbaugh on Monday, April 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo Community Center. Bring your favorite beverage and snack. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

## Karaoke

Sing your heart out! Enjoy the fun with DJ Frank Thursday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Indigo East Community Center. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

## Sassy Ladies Night Out

Join us for two hours of dancing with your friends on Wednesday, April 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. with Fred Campbell at Indigo East Community Center. Bring your own snack and beverage. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Guest must be accompanied by a resident. Ladies, be sure to get your ticket at the door for a prize drawing!

## Music Bingo

Let's play music bingo with Wendy Peterson for a chance to win the money from the jackpot! Join us on Friday, May 3, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Bingo starts at 5 p.m. One card per person. You will need six \$1 bills to play six rounds of bingo. This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident. Seating is limited. See you there!

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



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registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all times and is required when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

## The Landing

## Ladies Night Out

Join us on Wednesday, April 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ballroom. Tony Machicote will be your entertainment. Bring your own beverage and table snacks. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest. Ladies be prepared to dance the night away!

## Pool Party

Have some fun in the sun with pool-side entertainment by Double Trouble on Sunday, April 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday, April 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. with Dan Flok. Bring your snacks and your favorite drinks. Please note no glass bottles are allowed in the pool area.

## Music Bingo\*

Music bingo with Wendy Peterson is a blast! Join us on Monday, April 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom. Music bingo has six rounds; \$1 per round for your bingo card. The money goes into the pot and the winner of each round wins the pot. You can buy more than one bingo card if you choose. This event is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

## Happy Hour

Come join us for a night of dancing and socializing with your friends and neighbors. Happy Hour takes place on Thursday, April 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. Hwy 94 is the entertainment for the evening. Bring your own beverage and table snacks. Let's have some fun! This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when accompanied by a resident.

## Social Hour

Social Hour is a great way to meet new people. Join us on Sunday April 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the ballroom with musical guest Alex & Sandra. There will be light refreshments (while supplies last) by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. Bring your favorite beverage. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

*\*To register, visit The Landing office Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident ID must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a Weybourne Landing resident.*



## BUS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

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

MORNING DESTINATIONS		
Freedom Library (Tues/Thurs only)	Ollie's	Arrival and pick-up times for morning destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.
Jasmine Square	Paddock Mall	
VA Hospital	Walmart	
Dillard's/Kohl's	Target	
Sam's Club	Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	
Home Depot	Gaitway Plaza	

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

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

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS		
Friendship Center	Bravo Supermarket	
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## Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam



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The first step in the solution was to create another track called a siding or passing track, long enough to hold an entire train along-side the main line. Control (switch) towers were built near the sidings and were in communication with each other via telegraph lines using Morse Code.

The semaphore signal was patented in the early 1840s by Joseph Stevens. The semaphore consisted of a pole with a colored "arm" that could pivot to different angles. The base of the arm had two (or three) colored lenses with an oil/gas lamp for illumination. The movement of the arm was accomplished by a lever system from the switch tower to the semaphore. If the arm was horizontal (red/stop), the train must stop and await further instructions. If diagonal (yellow/approach caution), the speed must be reduced to the extent that the train could be stopped prior to a collision. If the arm was vertical (green/clear), the indication was full speed ahead.

On the siding, or passing track, there was another semaphore positioned where the entire train could stop and was clear of the main. This train must wait until the semaphore displayed the diagonal (yellow) "approach caution" signal.

The evolution of the semaphore saw the modifications to the arm in size, end structure and number of arms. The oil/gas lamps were replaced with colored light bulbs powered by electricity. The movement of the arm was converted to hydraulic or pneumatic power.

In North America mechanical signals are almost gone from the main lines. The semaphore system has been replaced by direct radio signals to the cab of the engine and GPS devices, which now provide the most precise positioning.



Photo by Jim Lynam

Train controlled by a Semaphore Signal.

In today's world the old semaphore has disappeared, but in our world in the train room, the semaphores are busy controlling train movements every day!

During the week of Easter, the Hobby Building Train Room will be open for visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. on both Good Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30.

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

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. Our next club meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822. Happy Easter to all!

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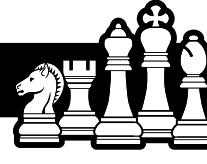
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## Bingo



Nancy Grabowski

## Bridge



One of the longest standing traditions in our community is Wednesday night bingo! It was started in the early days of the community by founder, Sidney Colen. He always wanted activities that merged the neighborhoods into cohesive units.

We continue to carry out his mandate and add an extra incentive this month, too! April 17 is super bingo with super prizes; 16 games pay out \$75 each and four jackpot games are slated for \$250 each. No guests are permitted at super bingo and resident IDs are required.

Prior to the start of the games, a 70/30 raffle will be held. Strips of tickets are sold three for \$1 or 10 for \$3. A winning pull puts \$20 into the lucky ticket-holder's hands. The raffle tickets go on sale, beginning at 4 p.m.

Bingo cards are sold, beginning at 4:30 p.m. For super bingo only, they are sold in lots of three with each lot priced at \$5. Cards can only be purchased in lots of three. State of Florida gaming rules prohibit alcoholic beverages in the Recreation Center Ballroom during bingo; beer, wine, and mixed drinks must be consumed in The Pub or on the patio.

Mary Beth Bell and her crew will be selling homemade goodies, including some sugar-free offerings, before bingo and during intermission (if anything is left). The proceeds of the bake sale will be donated to the Marion County Honor Guard who will be present to lead the opening ceremony.

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For additional information, contact Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski.

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Photo by Cynthia Scholl

Concert Chorus alto section.

**Concert Chorus****David Wesenberg**

The rehearsals are done. The hard work is over. Now it's show time on Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Our program centers around

music of the USA from all genres – show tunes, blues, country, rock 'n' roll and patriotic tunes – by our 60-member chorus under the direction of Joanne Houston and Cheryl Richardson.

We have a great group of singers, many of whom are new. The Concert Chorus has a wonderful collection of voices, be they soprano, alto, tenor, or bass.

As for our wonderful audiences, you will be in for a treat when you attend our

performances of "Made in the USA." Some of our numbers are from past choruses and many are new tunes made possible with support from our loyal audience. We thank you!

The Concert Chorus will be seeking new members for our winter program

starting in September. If you plan to join us, contact Mary Ann Majni at [flmam68@aol.com](mailto:flmam68@aol.com) for further information. Believe me when I tell you the result will be worth it.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents and Gateway of Services pass-holders. Our dues are \$15 per season.

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## Fun with Golf Carts

Susan Pulling Robinson



Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now over 550, so it is no wonder that the parades are getting bigger and better! If you have a golf cart, please consider jazzing it up (or not) and joining in as we "parade for a cause." Each parade benefits one or more local charities. For more information and to receive emails about this club, please email [otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com](mailto:otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com). We all have a lot of fun cruising around in our "mini-floats."

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

## Paradise Players



Liz Elliott Lieberman

they finally reach the City of Entertainment, to see a big show featuring some fabulous and talented singers, dancers, comedians and musicians. So, we wonder if these indomitable gals will heed the slogan "What happens in Las Vegas, stays in Las Vegas!"

Our grateful thanks go out to the talented Woodshop Club for their professional and truly wonderful set!

Show times are Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, at 1 and 5 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Recreation Center Ballroom entrance every Thursday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. through April 25. Cast members are also selling tickets!

Prices are \$10 for general seating and \$20 for premium seats.

For more information, please contact Lee Smith at [otowparadiseplayers@gmail.com](mailto:otowparadiseplayers@gmail.com).

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**Karaoke Friends****Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**

In an AARP article titled, "The Extraordinary World of Music," the mystery of music was revealed with different songs. A song can remind you of past days. A song can give you comfort. It can make someone who has memory issues sing again. Music stimulates the brain's memory. Singing is good for the soul.

We would like to highlight one of our newer singers this month. Here is what

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On Thursday, March 7, Nancy Ledding presented a new way of creating cards! We used ephemera and all sorts of scraps of plain and printed papers. We also used different textured materials to create an eclectic card front. Nancy wanted us to use all types of papers/materials to open our minds to new ideas in card making, without buying expensive tools/stamps/dies. It was a very creative experience for all of us!



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Rose Dmidon wanted to share with you. "It was March 9, 2023, when my husband, Dale, and my two Filipino friends, Ted, and Tess, decided to stop by the Recreation Center Ballroom. We were going to just watch karaoke. What happened was Kathy came to us and asked, "Who is the singer?" My husband pointed to me. I had no plan to sing but I did even though I was a little bit nervous. That did it."

In the Philippines, I taught religion from first grade to high school. I was also in the choir and loved to sing and play guitar at mass. I thank God for the talent that he gave to me! He gave me a blessing to come here to the United

States. I came in 1994 and have not been back home for 30 years. I was so happy when we moved to On Top of the World almost two years ago. Now I enjoy singing and mingling with nice, kind, and beautiful people here in On Top of the World. Thank you, Kathy, and Charles for doing this for me! I really appreciated it!"

You can come and meet some of the beautiful people on the first and third Mondays of the month. Singing starts at 5:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. We meet in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. This month we will meet April 1 and April 15. Hope to see you there.

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

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

Our next class is Thursday, April 4. Alternate Thursdays are technique sessions.

Until then, keep on stampin'!



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Rose Dmidon.

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Originally meant to be sewn into a soft book, it was converted into a beautiful and colorful quilt. Great job! Created by Dwight Bartholomew and Charles F. Jacobs.

### Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo



During the months of January and February we distributed 208 quilts, toys and pillows to several agencies that assist children. 208 disadvantaged boys and girls will be wrapped in the warmth and love of these quilts.

### Poetry

Barbara Scales



### Happy is the Bird

Happy is the bird on limb which is lifting off to flight  
Upon winds up drafting wings more by day than night.  
The bird soars over God's wonders he sees them far below.  
The beauty experienced of its world is of taste, sight, and sound.

Happy is the bird nestled in the nest  
Tucking straw and twigs about itself 'til heads breach the crest.  
Therein it snuggles down, pledged as husband or wife  
The bird is promised a home for the remainder of its life.

Happy is the bird sitting upon the egg  
Awaiting the cracked moment of that beloved day.  
Then parenting the fledgling to sing the lullaby  
With ancient wisdom it also teaches the young how to hunt and fly.

### Poetry

Linda Toner



### Too Much of Everything

I came home from shopping  
and he says what did you buy?  
A pair of shoes  
is my reply.

"You have too many shoes is what he says  
"I've had the same five pairs my whole life and by the way,

You have too many clothes,  
and jewelry too.  
Why do you have  
something new?

Fashions change  
I want to look up to date,  
Why don't you  
give me a break?

He's always so proud  
when I get compliments  
on how I look,  
so he should stop the nonsense.

He's not gonna change me,  
let me be me.  
I always like  
to look unique.

### Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



Did you know that March was National Crochet Month? A little research into this shows that knitting is also included in National Crochet Month. While March has passed there are still a few "days" in 2024 that are yet to be celebrated. Saturday, June 8 is National Knit Day. Thursday, Sept. 12 is National Crochet Day. Best of all, I Love Yarn Day is Saturday, Oct. 12. Let us also celebrate World Embroidery Day on Tuesday, July 30. It goes without saying that Happy Hookers regards every day as a good day to celebrate all hand crafts done by our members.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet on Mondays, from 1 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 with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidery, 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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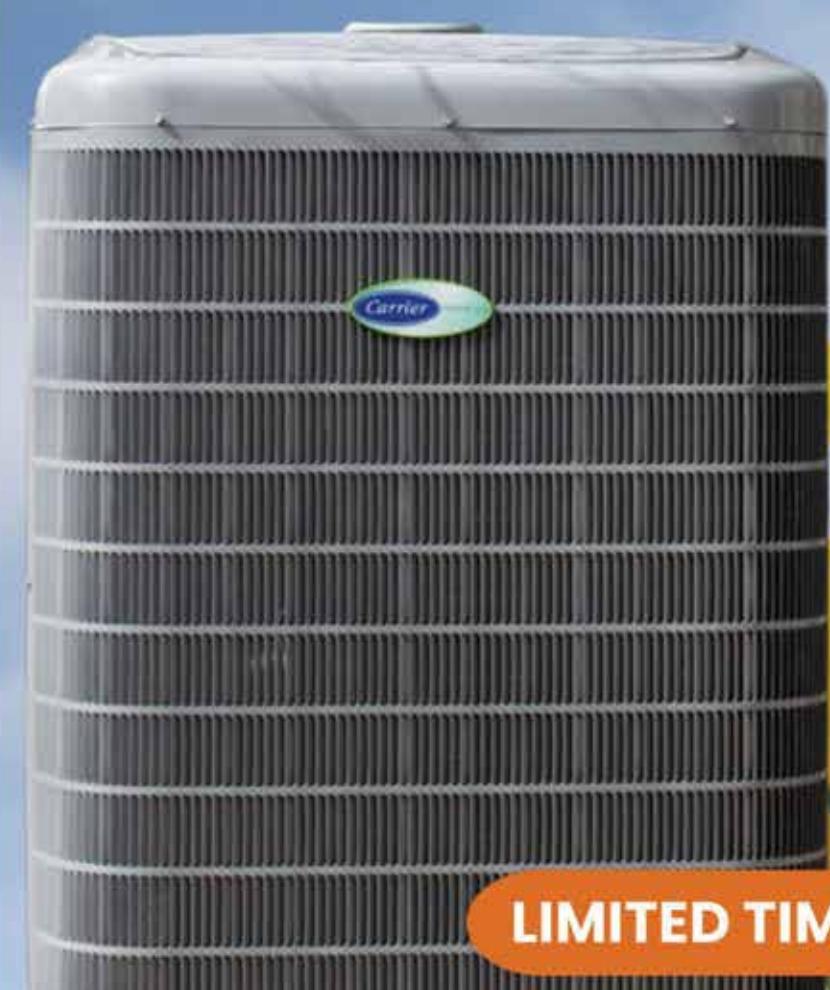
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**ShutterBugs Photography**

Connie Filip



ShutterBugs are proud to present both our blue-ribbon winning photos by Gordon Daniels in the action category from our 2023 photo contest.

Gordon says, "During one of my morning walks in 2022, I passed the driving range at the Candler Hills Golf Course and wondered, why all the portable lights? It was the morning practice for the Ocala Open. So, in 2023 I went back with my camera and got this image at 7:07 a.m. before the tournament started. I always like to photograph in

unusual light situations, sometimes it works out."

About his winning rodeo photo, Gordon says, "I read about this event, Florida High Schools Rodeo Competition, that was being held at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala. High school students across the state were eligible to enter. Access was great since there was hardly anyone in the bleachers. Light coming from the right highlighted both student and animal."

Heads-up! Dave White will have a unique photo display this month in the lobby of Master the Possibilities.

Dave says, "My presentation was inspired by a recent cruise to the Aegean Sea. My hope is to show you images of ancient civilizations that date back to the Stone and Bronze Ages that exist near today's modern cities that may spark an interest in your curiosity."

"These are societies that were built along the shores of the Aegean Sea where humanities struggled to thrive in their meager environment only to perish by wars or volcanos. Cultures such as the Ottomans, Byzantines, Minoans, Mycenaeans and the Romans all lived in this area only to fade away."

"I hope my 21 pictures will spur your imagination to travel to new and old worlds and let your mind wonder. Stop by in April and maybe you will be inspired."

If you missed seeing our photo contest display, you can still view all our entries at otowspc.com.

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

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## The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



The New Pretenders continue to ride a high from our three sold-out shows this past February! We had such fun in part due to the enthusiasm and vivaciousness of our audiences. They had as much fun as we did, and we can't wait to do it all again!

Of course, February 2025 is a relatively long way off, but as we are working on the master plan, I'm reminded of the "Sound of Music" lyric, "Let's start at the very beginning." For us, it is the music committee which consists of five people, representing all aspects of our organization. They listen and watch the wealth of material that is available in search of a good mix of entertainment. We look for vocal as well as instrumental arrangements representing different genres, styles, and eras; comedy; and especially, the unexpected! When this formidable task is whittled down to 60 some songs, the director weighs in to assist in making the final cuts. Whew! Show size! Moving on to the next step: putting an order to the lineup while matching it to our troupe members. The most difficult part of this task is providing time for costume changes.

Oh, yes! Then there's costumes! What a fun activity. We are fortunate that our costume closets hold an amazing array of choices. Naturally, some choices are augmented by new purchases. You can just imagine the good times shopping for these!

And we're not done yet! Our decorations committee must hatch an idea that supports the overall theme of the show and implement that design, turning it into reality on our stage.

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Randy Schmid, Linda Meyer, Judy Singer, and Dale Wright.

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Chris Kilbride



The weekly Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon through May.

Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. The group started back in the early 1990s, and the show has grown from seven crafters to over 50 on Tuesday, with even more online for their visual 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 Terri Bushnell from New York, who as a child, was a member of the craft of the month club. She was surrounded by talented grandmothers who taught her sewing, knitting, crocheting, and needlepoint. Later, she expanded to ceramics and excelled at painting. At 16, she would analyze items she saw at craft shows and make them herself. With her father's \$500 encouragement, she set off to a local warehouse for dried floral and silk flower wreath supplies. Using her mother's sewing machine, she also made very popular bunnies with dresses, wall hangings, ornaments, and floral arrangements, as sales supported her crafting habit and financial freedom.

While at her job at West Point, she was asked to make the largest yellow ribbon, which was placed at the front entrance of the hospital to show their support for the service members who were deployed during Desert Storm. After meeting her future husband through Army friends, she found a quilting shop and bought her first quilt sewing machine and an embroidery machine, starting another avenue of her artisan life making flags and tailored clothing. Then in their move to a Korean base, she taught quilting classes and took classes in Korean papercraft and calligraphy, and even got to travel to China, Australia, and Japan. After his Army retirement, they spent seven years in Abu Dhabi and continued touring around the world until landing in Florida. Living in all those exotic places allowed her to pick up different fabrics, craft items, local art, and experience the world from a fabulous perspective of meeting all types of creative people.

Terri recently got into creating handbags, purses, and wallets, purchasing a heavy-duty machine to get the results she needed. She discusses with the customers all the quality details, new styles, vinyls, leathers, cottons, and patterns available. Each item is unique, and special orders are always welcome!

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, so you can see everyone's crafts even if you can't get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements for you to purchase items throughout the week.

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A colorful array of fashionable and functional handbags made by Terri Bushnell.

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## Dance Troupe Performs

By Colleen Rocafort

At the February meeting, Women of the World had our own tap and Broadway dancers join us for an exciting performance of "Broadway Moves" with Penny. This group of beginners through advanced dancers, who practice several times a week to perfect their performances, gave a wonderful, sensational performance.

Penny Berton and her dance troupe performed six dances: One Night Only, Wake Me Up, Love Train, Throwback Love, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, Red Light, and In the Mood as their finale. They added so much enthusiasm

to each dance that the audience was tapping their toes along with this wonderfully talented group.

Penny Berton has been a professional tap dance instructor for over 30 years. She has received extensive training from New York's finest including Gregory Hines, Brenda Bufalino, Jan Mickens, Savion Glover, and Phil Black. Penny owned a successful dance studio in New York for over 20 years and has taught tap in numerous venues for all ages. Penny currently teaches eight different Broadway and tap classes at On Top of the World and Master the Possibilities.

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**Appliance:** Microwave oven, 20 c.f., 1200 watts, \$75. 954-226-8213.

**Appliance:** Omega 8004 extraction juicer. 352-445-4860.

**Automotive Accessory:** Rooftop cargo luggage carrier. 352-445-4860.

**Computer Equipment:** HP Envy (5661) printer, wired or wireless, prints, scans and make copies, \$10. 570-660-1011.

**Electronics:** Bose radio/cd player. 352-445-4860.

**Furniture:** Leather recliner, teal color, \$50. 352-873-8565.

**Golf Cart:** 2023 E-Z-GO Liberty Elite, lithium battery, clear windshield, custom front and rear seats, black extended top, black sunbrella valance curtain, and much more. 419-308-7548.

**Holiday Décor:** Grandeur Noel 2003 decorative Christmas metal fireplace screen of Santa Claus, 36" trifold, \$75. 352-509-7147.

**Home Décor:** Hand-stitched rug, 5' x 8', \$95. 352-346-8898.

**Misc. Items:** Australia Luxe Collective women's closed mule slippers, size 9, \$20. Crane personal steam inhaler and warm mist humidifier, \$35. White wire closet shelves, 5 shelves measure 16" x 8', 1 section measures 12" x 5', includes hardware, \$40. Generac 6500-Watt portable gasoline powered generator with operator's manual, lubricating oil, and connection cable, \$500. 570-660-1011.

**Misc. Items:** Coolaroo Sydney shades for lanai, beige/tan color, filters out approximately 90% of sun. Will fit in Arlington or Argyle (69 1/2" x 8', 69 3/8" x 8', 68 3/4" x 8', 58 5/8" x 8', 58 " x 8', 79 5/8" x 8' and 38 7/8" x 8' (covers outside screen door)), \$400. 309-530-0303.

**Misc. Items:** Gandy professional pool table, playing field 46" x 92" with rigid folding cover. Nancy Drew, complete 56 volume set, \$130. 352-816-3024 (after 1 p.m.).

**Misc. Items:** Generators. 954-226-8213.

**Misc. Items:** Texas Roadhouse \$50 gift cards (2), \$40 each. Pumpmaster Classic air rifle by Crossman Corp., 1.77 caliber includes 250 pellets, \$35. SOG pocketknife, razor sharp, 3-1/2" blade fielder, \$20. 352-873-8565.

**Musical Instrument:** Epiphone Les Paul Studio Deluxe electric guitar, wine red, \$250. 352-346-8898.

**Musical Instrument:** Telecaster-style electric guitar by Indio, \$60. 352 509-7147.

**Sports Equipment:** 2-person Sea Eagle 333 inflatable kayak with 2 paddles, 2 inflatable seats, foot pump, carrying bag, small repair kit, 3 adult life vests, child life vest, \$125. 203-535-5886.

**Sports Equipment:** Women's Fuji comfort bike. Dave Hall Cellerciser Rebounder. 352-445-4860.

**Tools:** 24' extension ladder, metal, heavy duty, \$80, 16' extension ladder, \$60. 8' heavy duty ladder, \$75. 6' ladders (2), \$40 each. Or best offer for all. 954-226-8213.

**Tools:** Stanley tape measure, 25', \$10. Woodburning pens (3) plus accessories, \$10. 352-873-8565.

**Tag Sales**

**Saturday, April 6:** 9017 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 9117, 9121, 9124, 9169, 9250, 9282 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. • 8935 SW 85th Loop (Stirling Meadow), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • 9309 SW 92nd Lane (Williamsburg), 9 a.m. to noon • 8916, 8920, 8934, 8951 SW 85th Loop (Stirling Meadow), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 9108 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 9049 SW 83rd Lane, 9028, 9044, 9124 SW 84th Lane, 8382, 8410, 8470 SW 90th Avenue, 8444 SW 90th Court (Balmoral), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • 8864, 8874 SW 85th Loop (Stirling Meadow), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • 9105 SW 90th Street (Williamsburg), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • 9286 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13:** 8676-A SW 95th Lane (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to noon • 9239 SW 102nd Avenue Road (Longleaf Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20:** 8929-E SW 94th Street (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Services**

**Airport Drop-off/Pick-up:** Orlando, Tampa, and others. Newer vehicle, dependable, safe, friendly service. Call for rates/availability. Keith 352-239-8765 (resident).

**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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**Applied Pressure Exterior Cleaning:** Pressure washing for your house, roof, driveway, and lanai. Special - \$69 house wash with the purchase of a driveway cleaning. 352-444-9552. [appliedpressure.org](http://appliedpressure.org).

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**Cleaning by Evelyn Lee:** House & deep cleaning, move-outs. Licensed, bonded & insured. Sunshine Cleaning Service of Ocala, LLC. 352-286-6055.

**Computer Help:** Arthur Burditt, 352-875-7878. House calls, \$40/hour. Tutoring, setups, installations, Windows upgrades, PC cleanups, security software, internet connections, email access, printers, wireless devices.

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**Handyman:** Repairing sliding glass door rollers/tracks, sliding garage screen doors, window balances, sliding shower doors/guides, doors & locksets, door seals. Installing handicap grab bars. One call does it all! Steve, S&T Quality Services 352-207-8682.

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**Painting & Drywall:** Interior painting & drywall repair. Experienced, affordable & professional. Insured. Free estimates. References available. Visit [josephdonofriodrywallandpainting.com](http://josephdonofriodrywallandpainting.com) or call 352-857-8367.

**Rikki's Cleaning Service:** For all your domestic needs - cleaning and organizing to errands. Call today for a free estimate 352-509-4488.

**Tax Preparation:** Enrolled agent (EA) with 40 years tax experience. Federal and State returns e-filed. Louise 941-661-5079 (resident).

**The Tidy Tribe, LLC:** Residential & commercial cleaning & lawn care services. Licensed & insured. Call 352-230-7143 or email [hello@thetidytribe.us](mailto:hello@thetidytribe.us) for a free quote.

**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.

**Weed Pulling:** Yard work, mowing, topsoil for lawn/garden and haul away. Insured. 352-454-2009.

**Wanted**

**Assistant:** Scheduling, cleaning, organizing, budgeting, errands, and computer skills helpful (Apple preferred). 10 to 20 flexible hours per week. Steve 216-577-5400 (Americana Village).

**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 [btspriigg@gmail.com](mailto:btspriigg@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](mailto:brucetwiss@yahoo.com).

**Pet Foster Parents:** Temporarily open your home to a pet in need. Call SPCA of Marion County at 352-362-0985.

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