

## Community News

**Kenneth D. Coleen**

### Development Update

The Candler Hills Community Center renovation is underway. We are planning to reopen this amenity in late June. This project will include a full renovation of the restrooms and kitchen. The lobby and card room will receive new LVP flooring to match the ballroom we added a few years ago.

The Summit is wrapping up most of the site utilities and is progressing on the construction of the parking lot. The building is still on schedule to start this fall. The main building will be over 20,000 total square feet. The Summit will also include two pools, a resort-style pool plus an resistance walking pool. Although the major portions of work that could disrupt the free flow of traffic are behind us, please continue to use extra caution in this area while construction continues.

The conceptual design for the fitness facility which will be located in the Balfour neighborhood in Candler Hills is nearing completion. This amenity will also include an outdoor multi-use pool with lap lanes.

I cannot overstate the impact that we felt on our master planning efforts when Marion County decided to change course on how they treated the major thoroughfares in On Top of the World. Many of our roadway circulation and access control plans had to be completely revisited. As such, we have been extra ordinarily delayed in completing the gated access for SW 80th Street heading westward into On Top of the World. The new gate house that will be on SW 80th Street is in rough design, and we continue to challenge the design team to produce an entry worthy of the community.

We continue to have regular coordination with Marion County regarding the forthcoming four lane expansion of SW 80th Avenue and SW 38th Street. As of April, they anticipate completing design of the corridor and receiving permits by October 2025. If that schedule continues to hold true, it will mean that construction in the area could begin in the first quarter of 2026.

### Landscape Update

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

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

### Practical Preventative Home Maintenance

From June through October, your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance. For a helpful short video on practical things you can do to service your air conditioning system to keep it functioning efficiently visit OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Homeowner Maintenance.

These include changing the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

At least once a year, have your air conditioning serviced by a professional. They will clean the coils in both the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical components.

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## It's Hurricane Season - Let's Get Ready

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

It's that time of the year again when we do our homework on hurricane preparedness. The weather reporter told us this morning that La Nina could bring us some 20 named storms this hurricane season — it only takes one of them to ruin a good day.

As we get closer to the Florida hurricane season, we regularly hear those two magic words, "be prepared." That's easy to say, but getting off the couch and making it happen is another story. Too often we say, "I've lived here through a dozen hurricane seasons and I'm still standing, not to worry." Sound familiar?

To help make the task of preparing for a potential hurricane easier, read on. And if you do what's recommended, you will be just-about as prepared as prepared can be.

Start with, AlertMarion.com. This site, as the name suggests, will have you sign up for notifications should an emergency be imminent. You will give AlertMarion sufficient information enabling them to contact you quickly. You will be notified should there be a threat of a severe storm, flooding, tornado, high winds, hurricane, and any other emergency for which the site deems necessary to issue an alert. Sign up today!

For those with special needs, Marion County Special Needs Program is for residents with specific health and medical conditions, as well as those requiring transportation. The program helps to help in sheltering, evacuation, and transportation for registered residents during a time of potential disaster. All the resources within Marion County are available for this program — and they are significant. The Special Needs Program registry is a confidential listing of those needing assistance and is updated on an annual basis via contact with those registered. Those with medical needs such as nebulizers, oxygen, feeding tubes, or Alzheimer's disease are examples of medical criteria that are eligible for the registry. To sign up with the Marion County Special Needs Program, fill out the application at marionso.com/special-needs-program or call 352-369-8136.

Every hurricane preparation website tells us we should have a plan — a typed out plan of what to do — where to go — where things are — and who to contact. An emergency "survival" kit should be part of that plan. Going into that kit will be any prescribed medications, as well as over-the-counter medications and hygiene basics. Include a written description of your basic health, like allergies, blood type, and any special health concerns that an EMT would need to know. Make copies of your credit cards and insurance documents and keep them close.

At the very first word of a possible hurricane, you should immediately jump in the car, don't pass "go," don't try to collect \$200 or buy Park Place, just

get to a gas or charging station, and fill up. From there, point your car to your favorite ATM — cash is king when the power is out, especially if that includes ATMs. How much you will need depends on the number in your family checking account but think \$1,000.

Now that there's gas in the tank and money in your pocket, check to see if you have a charging adapter in your car for your cell phone, tablet, etc. It's a must if you're going to stay in touch. Back home, check if there's enough charcoal or propane on hand, along with matches and lighter fluid. Be sure to have enough drinking water and non-perishable food for at least three days — more if possible. And don't forget to fill up the tub for washing and flushing. Put cash and copies of all your important (copies of all credit cards) papers in a waterproof envelope and always keep it on your person.

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

Also, remember the little things like flashlights, batteries and a manual can opener. Speaking of manual; now is a good time to practice opening the garage door manually.

Hint ... one or two days before the storm's expected arrival, turn your refrigerator to high. If the power goes out, with careful budgeting of opening/closing the fridge door, you could get up to three days of cold storage.

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

Let's talk pets. The same preparations that get us ready for the hurricane season, apply to our pets, whether it be a dog, cat, bird or ferret. Keep in mind that shelters generally will not take in pets without a crate. And since you won't be walking the dog outside during 70-mile an hour winds and rain, have plenty of "clean-up" items on hand. Check that you have a week's supply of food, water, and snacks. Plan on feeding your pet about 1/4 less than its regular diet — need we say why? Be sure to check with, marionso.com/emergency-shelters to know which shelters will accept pets and what guidelines they have in place for pets. Oh, and remember their favorite toys.

### Disaster Preparedness Tax Holiday

From Saturday, June 1, through Friday, June 14, and again Saturday, Aug. 24, through Friday, Sept. 6, are the dates that have been designated as tax-free holidays. To see what items are included visit floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep. Before you go shopping though, it is best to know what items are included in the tax-free program. Last year, not every store knew exactly what was on the tax free list.

Predictions are as follows:

- Named storms: 14 to 20

- Hurricanes: seven to 10

Finally, additional information on hurricane preparedness can be found at OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Hurricane Preparedness.

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## Is It Legal?



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I need your help. I am asking you to spread the word about "over-55" communities and how ownership of dwellings (units or apartments) such as On Top of the World Communities are affected by that law. I will primarily use the word "dwelling" from now on in this column. This is for both On Top of the World in Clearwater and Ocala.

A few months ago, a client read me a portion of a Facebook post dealing with ownership of dwellings in On Top of the World, which, as everyone knows, is an over-55 community (i.e. senior community). It seems that someone posted something on a Facebook page, devoted to On Top of the World, that said when an owner passes on, if the survivor, or someone who inherits, is under 55, he/she has two years in which to sell the dwelling. Please do not ever pay attention to anything you see or read on a Facebook page. My golly!

First and foremost, the over-55 rule stems from a 1995 federal law, named Housing for Older Persons Act. It is not a rule created by or for On Top of the World. It is a federal law, whose purpose is to make housing available for, well, for "older persons." This applies to On Top of the World because it is a senior community, but it's not only an On Top of the World rule. It applies to senior communities, such as HOAs, condominiums, and co-ops throughout the entire United States. It's a federal law, folks.

In an over-55 community, federal law states that to maintain the senior community status, at least 80% of the dwellings in that community must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older. Notice that the word is "occupied," not owned.

If a dwelling were occupied by a husband and wife and one was 55 or older and the other was younger than 55, there is no occupancy issue and no ownership issue, and both can reside in and occupy the dwelling.

Again, the issue in an over-55 community has to do with who occupies a dwelling, not who owns it. Anyone, regardless of age can own in On Top of the World. Whether he/she can occupy it depends on (a) if the person is 55 or older, or (b) if the person is a surviving spouse, or (c) if the person inherited the dwelling from someone who previously occupied it, or owned it, or owned and occupied it.

If the person 55 or older passes, the surviving spouse even though he or she is younger than 55, can continue to live in and occupy the dwelling for so long

as he/she wants. Or it can be sold. Or it can be leased. Or it can be bequeathed by will or trust, to whomever the surviving person wants. There is no time limit on how long the under 55 person has before he or she must sell the unit. He or she never has to sell it. My golly! From where do such rumors come?

If a person owns a dwelling or owns and occupies it, he/she can bequeath it to anyone. The person to whom the dwelling was bequeathed can move in and can own it or occupy it regardless of his or her age, assuming that person is not a minor.

Example: A 65-year-old woman is married to a 45-year-old man and they both own and occupy a dwelling in On Top of the World. If the 65-year-old passes, the survivor can stay right there in the dwelling. He can keep it. He can sell it. He can lease it. He can leave it in his will to whomever he chooses. There is no requirement to sell it within two years. My golly! There is nothing difficult about that.

On Top of the World is rigid in making sure the 80%/20% rule is maintained. So, how do they do that, and still permit someone under 55 to inherit and occupy a dwelling? It is about that 80% and 20% federal rule. In On Top of the World, they basically reserve that 20% for folks who inherit directly from an owner and, of course, for surviving spouses who might be under age 55.

Example: Someone who is 50 years of age, who seeks to buy a unit in On Top of the World will be refused the right to occupy, until reaching 55. However, if that same person inherited from the owner, he/she can indeed occupy the dwelling. Ownership is not the issue, because federal law requires occupancy to maintain the over-55 status.

Summary: On Top of the World is an over-55 community, as prescribed by federal law. There is no requirement in On Top of the World that a dwelling must be sold within two years of the passing of someone over or under age 55. My golly! (Or did I already say that?)

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## GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Too much rest tires me out.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents and Gateway of Services passholders only.

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## Lifelong Learning



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This is it. The final chance to register for classes for the January through June Learning Outside the Classroom Walls Master the Possibilities catalog, even though outside may already be a bit toasty this month.

Our Education Center offers two weeks of courses before this semester ends. During each of those two weeks, there are approximately 30 classes to choose from, providing a total of 60 opportunities to learn a new subject, explore a historical moment, create a masterpiece, or gain insights into various topics.

Take our June visiting speaker as a prime example. Did you know that Dr. Gemma Fleming, who works at the Florida Aquatics Swimming Training (FAST), is an Olympian? She is also a world record holder and will be speaking to Master the Possibilities students from 1 to 2 p.m. in Live Oak Hall on Thursday, June 6, about her experiences, and how swimming can enhance one's health and fitness journey. She is also going to talk about that Olympic mindset, and how that can be translated into many different facets of life. Cost to attend this unique and invigorating presentation is \$3 for members and \$8 for the general public.

On Monday, June 3, participants have a chance to discover the remarkable women of Florida, including the first sound barrier breaker, a Hollywood

actress thwarting Nazi torpedoes, a Pulitzer-winning society writer turned wilderness chronicler, and a pioneer in women's empowerment through plastic. Join new faculty member Kevin King in exploring how these women, among others, harnessed their potential to change the world. Added to the curriculum, "Florida Women Who Changed the World" will also be held from 1 to 2 p.m. in Live Oak Hall. Cost for this presentation is \$22 for members and \$27 for the general public.

Join representatives from Elder Options on Tuesday, June 4, for a free presentation on "Scams, Schemes & Frauds: What to Do!" This presentation will have special guest presenters from organizations like the Department of Elder Affairs, Office of the Inspector General, and Federal Bureau of Investigation, and will include more information than was included in the March event.

Medicare fraud is a \$60 billion industry impacting health coverage. Elder Options and other representatives will speak about scams perpetrated by family and caregivers, and consumer and industry scams that hit the pocketbook. Join this team of professionals to learn how to combat fraud. Although there is no cost to attend this presentation from 1 to 3 p.m. in Live Oak Hall, registration is required and can be done by visiting [masterthe possibilities.org](http://masterthe possibilities.org) or calling 352-861-9751.

For a complete list of the available June courses, and to register for the July through December curriculum that was just released, visit our website 24/7. There is also a flipbook version of the print catalog online. For a printed copy of our new catalog, visit our Education Center at Circle Square Commons.

erans have given so much to others our entire lives it's time we did something for ourselves.

After that brief time, and I know you won't spend much time on yourself, stop in at one of our monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV at 3 p.m.

There are no dues. Fran usually bakes some nice goodies and has some hot coffee. It's time to reconnect with your fellow veterans.

You will always be our brothers and sisters; veteran family forever.

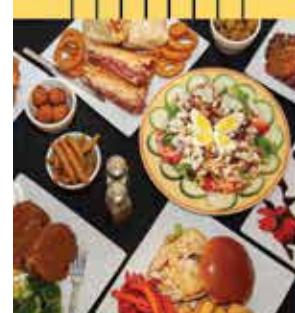
## Veterans Club



Charles Calhoun

It's about time to think about you. We are constantly working to improve the life of others. How about a little selfish indulgence? Do something for yourself; life is short. May I suggest you visit a state or national park, a monument, or Sholom Park. Take time to enjoy what's around you and celebrate life. We vet-

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## Surviving a Hurricane

If you live in a low-lying coastal area or other geographic location where hurricanes could occur, it is imperative that you are prepared.

Make sure you've mapped out an evacuation route. Your destination should be a fortified structure located well inland. Designate as a "post-disaster contact," a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person's address and phone number and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane. Keep hand at least one week's supply of bottled water and non-perishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, flashlight, and battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate. Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

Keep trees and shrubs well groomed so that loose or dead branches won't become lethal projectiles during a hurricane.

Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further damaged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails, and plywood.

Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

When a hurricane threatens, immediately take these steps:

Refill prescriptions.

Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

Tape, board or shutter windows.

Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMs may be closed for several days following the storm.

If you live in a trailer home or are told to evacuate, evacuate immediately.

Here are some suggestions on what to do during a hurricane, whether or not you have evacuated:

Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

Follow the orders of local authorities.

Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom, and use mattresses to protect yourself.

Don't assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

If the electricity goes out, use a flashlight – not a candle or match. You do not want to take the risk of igniting gas from a broken line. Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

After the hurricane has passed:

Don't venture outside until local authorities have issued an "all-clear."

Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

If you have evacuated, don't return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are often times hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

Use the phone only for emergencies.

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer because of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

Don't alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier with all information pertaining to your claim.

Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

Keep records and receipts for all expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

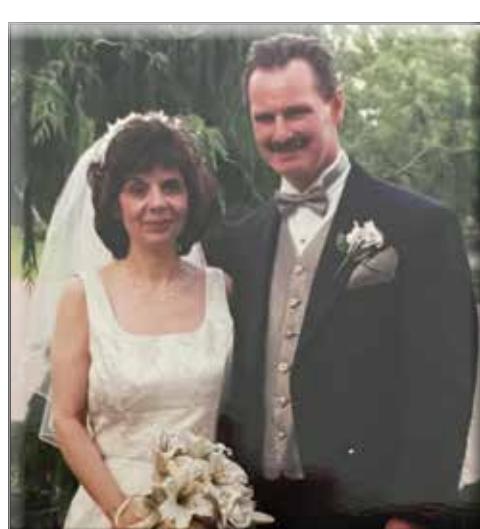
Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

### Additional Resources

- National Hurricane Center > nhc.noaa.gov/
- Hurricane & Storm Tracking for the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans > hurricane.terrapin.com/
- The Weather Channel > weather.com/index.html

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## Around the World

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Summer is here! I will no longer lament the swiftness of this year's passing. It is time for fun in the sun!

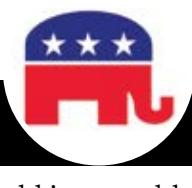
Interesting days in June: National Leave the Office Early Day – June 2; National Iced Tea day – June 12; National Cancer Survivors Day – June 5; National Donut Day – June 8; Donald Duck Day and National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day (that would be my pick) – June 9; Ball Point Pen Day – June 10; Father's Day – June 16; National Kissing Day – June 23; Monkey Around Day (I will leave this one to your imagination) – June 14. Flag Day, a day to honor and reiterate what the United States flag represents, is also on June 14.

## Hurricane Season Begins

The season is from June 1 through Nov. 30. So, for those of you who haven't lived in Florida long enough to experience the hurricanes and tropical storms (even for you who have), we will share

## Republican Club

Walt Lamp



The Republican Club held its monthly meeting on Friday, May 10. President Charles Dodge began the meeting by reviewing the by-laws of our club. A prayer was offered by Margaret Nadine. Tom Hank spoke of the need to be prepared for emergencies and offered tips on how to meet them.

Three local candidates were introduced and spoke at our meeting – Beth McCall (school board candidate), School Board Member Allison Campbell, and County Commissioner Michelle Stone.

A popular topic included the massive

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quite a bit of information to help you "weather the storms." I would recommend that you clip and keep the detailed hurricane preparedness information on page one. Hurricane preparedness information is also accessible at OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Hurricane Preparedness.

## Safety

Golf cart safety is too important to be taken lightly. I have received many complaints/concerns about the multi-modal paths. Reports span from a disregard of those who are walking those paths to close calls that could have resulted in serious injuries. We have stepped up our focus on this in light of recent accidents. Please pay attention to your speed and your surroundings. With summer comes family time. Would you want to be the one whose lack of care while driving a cart caused a serious injury, or worse, to a visiting family member? A resident recently told me that drivers show a lack of care because there is no fear of getting a "ticket" on golf cart paths. That lack of fear can alter lives. Drive safely.

## Pets in Hot Vehicles

Most of the weather reports predict a very hot summer. With that in mind, it's time to remind you not to leave pets

home construction and infrastructure building, around the SR200 Corridor.

Sheriff Billy Woods will be the next featured speaker at our Friday, June 14 meeting.

We meet 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. Look for our banner. The upcoming dates for our 2024 schedule are June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8.

We accept new members and guests at every meeting. In May, we had 133 attendees, which included 17 guests and four new members.

Our membership seems to grow every month. So, we invite you to hear our speakers, come to our meetings, and meet our members in a friendly environment.

in vehicles. Your dog is an irreplaceable member of your family. Their loss in such a manner, would be a preventable tragedy. Even though it may not feel very warm to you, temperatures rise very quickly in closed vehicles. Even with the windows cracked, it only takes a matter of minutes for your animal to get distressed and even perish. Five minutes can turn into 10 and it may be too late when you return to your car.

## Walking Trails

Walking trails are just that – walking trails! Please, no bikes, boards, or scooters.

## Wild Animals

With temperatures warming up, more and more people will be cooking out and enjoying the beautiful weather. Don't forget to thoroughly clean all the food from your grill when you are finished. Leftovers can attract wild animals and rodents. Those dinner guests won't leave.

## 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. You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. If you accessed the AppFolio Owners Portal, you may enter your work order request(s). For those of you who do not utilize the AppFolio Owners Portal, the online access to OTOWInfo.com > Main-

tenance Request will be removed June 1. You may continue to call, email, or come into the Resident Services office.

When you closed on your home, you became eligible to obtain up to two resident ID card(s). These ID cards expire every five years after date of issuance for records update. Non-owner resident ID cards expire every three years. Every third or fourth resident residing in a household is required to pay an annual guest fee. The first decal is free to owners. The second decal is \$15. Any additional gate decals issued per household are \$75 each. Tenants may obtain a free monthly gate pass or purchase a \$75 vehicle decal.

## After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies

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

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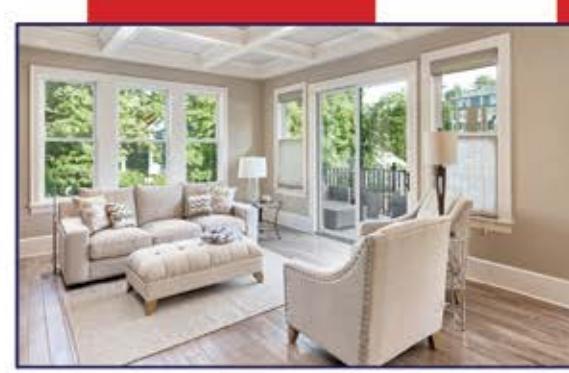
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Speaking of blue lights, we want to introduce you to Deputy Turner of the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). Deputy Turner, while new to MCSO, has excellent credentials from having retired from the U.S. Army, serving as a double-combat ranger and trainer. You want to meet him socially, not professionally, though. His main responsibility is traffic patrol, and in good weather, you'll see him on a motorcycle. Deputy Turner has been charged with reducing accidents and speed for the Southwest District. In the short time he's been here, speeds on SR 200 have been reduced from the 60s and 70s to the 50s! He also patrols in On Top of the World and other 55-plus communities. He's had a noticeable impact on slowing down traffic on all our roads!

As a general caution, Lieutenant Robbins reminded everyone to make sure their cars are locked and valuables kept out of sight. This is good advice whether you're in a shopping center parking lot or your own driveway!

If you'd like to join the Community Patrol and contribute to keeping On Top of the World safe, visit marionso.com for an application. Or, if you'd like to check us out before deciding, please join us at our monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information, please contact Allison Cranmer at otowcommunitypatrol@gmail.com.

## Democratic Club

Mark Miller



The Democratic Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV at 6 p.m.

Our May meeting was packed with information for our members! James Stockton, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives District 6, started our meeting with his presentation and plan of action for the upcoming election.

Our next speaker was Kenneth D. Colen (he, of course, needs no introduction) who spoke to our group about the new development outside of our community. His perspective and information were appreciated.

Our Thursday, June 27 meeting speaker has just been finalized and will be announced later. Hint: change doesn't happen without developing new relationships. Come to the June meeting to get the answer as to who will be speaking. And as a bonus, board member Jill Corel will be speaking about the author,



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Democratic Club members attended the Marion County Democratic Party Fundraiser in Ocala on Saturday, May 11.

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## Finding Zen

Robert Colen  
[info@sholompark.org](mailto:info@sholompark.org)



Heather Cox Richardson, and her latest book. As always, we will be supporting the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with much needed donations. Priority for donations is laundry detergent. The following are the next most-needed items: pillowcases, twin size sheets, twin comforters, 1.7 cubic ft. refrigerators, small microwaves, men's razors, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, shaving cream, and toilet paper. Food items needed include canned meats, canned chili, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, microwaveable rice, boxed milk, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, individual snacks, and coffee. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

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

If you need a ride to the meeting, please call/email the club to arrange that at least three days before the meeting.

For more information, contact Mark Miller at 443-848-8549 or [demclubotow@gmail.com](mailto:demclubotow@gmail.com). Hope to see you at our next meeting on June 27.

and tranquility. Whether attending cultural events or seeking moments of quiet reflection, Sholom Park nurtures a strong sense of community and unity among its visitors.

As stewards of this cherished sanctuary, we are committed to preserving Sholom Park for future generations. Legacy giving presents a unique opportunity to ensure the park's ongoing vitality, allowing us to maintain its beauty and accessibility for all who seek solace within its embrace. We invite you to consider joining us in safeguarding Sholom Park's legacy through legacy giving. Whether you're drawn to leave a lasting impact on our community or simply wish to support a place that has brought joy and tranquility to countless individuals, your contribution will help ensure that Sholom Park remains a beacon of peace and healing for generations to come.

Sidney Colen envisioned Sholom Park as a sanctuary of peace, a place where visitors could find solace and reconnect with nature's healing essence. More than just picturesque landscapes and winding trails, the park offers refuge from life's daily stresses, fostering inspiration and a sense of belonging for all who wander its paths. Amidst its lush gardens and tranquil ambiance, visitors experience a profound sense of safety

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## Active Newcomers Club

Lori Lund



ning of making friends, enjoying music and dancing.

We would like to welcome some new members to our board of directors. Barb Feller is our new treasurer. Our new members-at-large are Noreen Wilson, Sandie Butler, Liz Allen, Linda Baker, and Cora Schlifkin. We are very appreciative these members have stepped up to assist us with providing this club with all the services and activities we provide to our membership. We would also like to send out a heartfelt thank you to Diana Gagliardi, our outgoing treasurer, for all her expertise in keeping our records accurate.

Hopefully those who qualify have signed up for Grouper and have received their reimbursement of their membership dues. We will have a representative from Grouper at our picnic on June 8, to ask any questions you may have regarding their benefits.

Our small groups are growing and are having fun getting to know fellow members in a smaller more intimate environment. The dinner, lunch, and wine groups are the most popular and have gone through a redesign to accommodate the growing interest. The games, foodie, and hiking groups are growing as well. They have posted some great photos on our Facebook page showing us all the fun things they do when they get together. The last of our small groups are crafts, book club, American and Siamese mah jongg and men's golf. If you have interest in any of these small groups just reach out to Nancy Nowacki, our small groups director. She can be reached through our club email at [activenewcomers34481@gmail.com](mailto:activenewcomers34481@gmail.com).

Summer is upon us and what do we think of, but a picnic. The Active Newcomers Club would like to invite anyone who has moved into On Top of the World within the past four years to stop by the Veterans Park pavilion for our club picnic on Saturday, June 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. Curbside Cuisine food truck will be on-site for food purchases if you prefer not to pack your own picnic meal. Just bring your lawn chairs and be ready to enjoy the music of R&R Trio. We will also have a membership tent set up to answer all your questions and fill out membership applications if you are interested in joining. Please bring your resident ID card or Gateway of Services pass.

The next open event for those who have been here four years or less will be "Doing Donuts" meet and mingle on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Veterans Park pavilion. Just bring your own favorite morning beverage and meet current and potential new members of the Active Newcomers Club. More details to follow in the next couple of months.

Last month we had our annual pizza party at The Lodge at Candler Hills which was attended by 100 members. We rocked out to the music from entertainer Tim Hargis. The menu included pizza, chicken bites, salads, and ice cream sundaes. It was a fun filled eve-



Photos by Kathy Repenning

Active Newcomers having fun at the pizza party.

## Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The Indigo East Social Committee sponsored a Memorial Day party on Monday, May 27, at the Indigo East Community Center. 125 residents enjoyed barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, cupcakes, watermelon, and lemonade. There were door prizes, and a great time was enjoyed by all.

The Indigo East Social Committee will not hold any events in June and July.

The Indigo East ladies luncheon committee held a Cinco de Mayo party on Thursday, May 2, at El Mezcal Restaurant. There were four choices of entrees, chips and salsa, dessert and drink specials created for the group. The special drinks were available at an additional charge. The ticket price for the luncheon included tax and gratuity. There were door prizes and a whole lot of fun was had by all in attendance.

June 19 is a federal holiday known as Juneteenth National Independence Day and commemorates the end of slavery. The holiday is called Juneteenth which is a blend of June and nineteen. On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War. Orig-

inating in Galveston, Texas, Juneteenth has been observed annually in various parts of the United States, broadly celebrating the African American culture. Juneteenth became federal law on June 17, 2021, and is observed annually throughout the United States of America.

To all the men in Indigo East, please enjoy these eloquent words given in a speech by President Theodore Roosevelt in Paris on April 23, 1910. This speech has inspired many men, and some athletes, throughout generations. "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Enjoy the merry month of June. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in Indigo East. Until next time, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

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## Crescent Ridge Happenings



Carol Lewis

At the time of this writing, we are about one third of the way through May already. As I am out and about in our neighborhoods, the sweet smell of jasmine blooming tickles my nose. To me May is one of the best months here in our area. The mornings are still cool, the days heat up which makes it great for pool time and other outdoor activities, then the evenings cool back down which makes for a great time to sit out and enjoy the birds chirping or an evening golf cart ride to enjoy our beautiful sunsets.

I have noticed many of our neighbors have already left for their "other" homes or maybe extended travel. As good neighbors and to keep our areas looking lived in, if you see papers in your neighbors' driveways, please pick them up and recycle them. Also, if tree debris has fallen in the street or driveway, lay it

## Williamsburg Neighbors



Nancy Meininger

Williamsburg neighbors scattered far and wide in search of 25 random photos for a scavenger hunt followed by a pot-luck luncheon.

From mailbox #75 to photos of squirrels, the list brought laughter and fun once again to this thriving neighborhood. The "hunt" was created by Carmel Kessler and Gwen Fabian and was attended by about 35 residents. Four carts found all 25 items. Winners included Tina and Randy Ross and Maureen Dunaway and Dave Kessler; Edi and Dave Piasecki, Steve Allen, and Nancy Hultman; Lynn Phelps, Charles Jacobs, and Dwight Bartholomew; Bob Phelps, Jules Hultman and Todd & Dorothy Fazekas, Gail and Earl Cook.

The winners mutually decided to donate their winnings to the Walk for MS hosted by Cathy Stroot, also of Williamsburg.

Our neighborhood has been keeping an active schedule with weekly bocce and cornhole gatherings. Starting in June we will be adding a monthly games night at the Hobby Building Art Room. Contact Lynn Phelps for information on this new event.

Monthly dinners out throughout the summer are being arranged by Linda McDonald who is also host for the neighborhood's new book club.

Planning is underway for a fall golf cart event, bake sale and driveway happy hour.

Earl Cook, the Williamsburg webmaster, invites you to visit williamsburg-neighborsotow.com.

## Kestrel Knowings



Elaine Morrison

Nothing could dampen the competitive spirits of the gamers who showed up for the first ever game night presented by the Kestrel social committee on Sunday, May 19.

The Lodge at Candler Hills ballroom took on the appearance of an adult Chuck E. Cheese, as tables for Left, Right, Center, Keno poker, and 50/50 raffle tickets, along with a cornhole tournament set up, a golfer's putter pool and a giant Jenga game turned the area into a large playroom.

Winners of the cornhole and putter contests went home with very adult prizes, bottles of Patron tequila. All participants agreed it was one of the best play dates they ever experienced.

It was decided to postpone the scheduled July talent show as well as any August event so committee members can fully concentrate on preparing for and publicizing the upcoming Friday, Sept. 6 murder mystery dinner. The theme for this new event will be "Murder in the Country Club." Italian food will be served for this bring your own beverage event. Details about tickets will be forthcoming.

New forms of musical games are being explored for an October event.

Make sure to save the date, Saturday, Nov. 30, for a new, revamped holiday party which you won't want to miss.

As always, questions and suggestions should be addressed to Jan Eaton at [jeaton1000@comcast.net](mailto:jeaton1000@comcast.net).

## TRASH COMPACTOR FULL?

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by the street for Friday pickup.

As new residents move into our neighborhoods, please extend a warm welcome and invite them to join us at our social gatherings. Our Crescent Ridge/Crescent Green social gatherings are the second Sunday of every month and are held at the Veterans Park pavilion from 3 to 5 p.m. We ask that you bring a dish to share and your drink of choice. We provide plates, napkins, and utensils. We have a 50/50 raffle drawing and, if one is provided, a drawing for a gift basket. Also, we welcome ideas for entertainment and other activities to be included at our socials.

To keep up on Crescent Ridge news, you may join our Facebook page (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors) or send an email to [crneighbors@yahoo.com](mailto:crneighbors@yahoo.com) to be on our email list. You will only receive emails regarding Crescent Ridge. You will be asked in which of our communities you live to be sure you are within Crescent Ridge or Crescent Green.

When out and about, give a wave, smile or a "hello" to others. It makes your day better and theirs as well. Until next month.

## Friendship Connection

Ellen Lee



I do hope you are looking forward to our next event, "Hello Summer!" Friendship neighbors will be gathering on Saturday, June 8, to enjoy a fun-filled time and a scoop of ice cream. I'm screaming for ice cream already just thinking about it! I hope to see you there.

To keep up to date on information about this and future events, scamper on over to Facebook (Friendship Connection - OTOW). If you're not already a member, be sure to answer all the questions so that we can get you in the group.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Park, and Village. If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please contact Denise Sherman at 704-650-7066 or [otowfriendshipconnection@gmail.com](mailto:otowfriendshipconnection@gmail.com).

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Crescent Ridge social in April.

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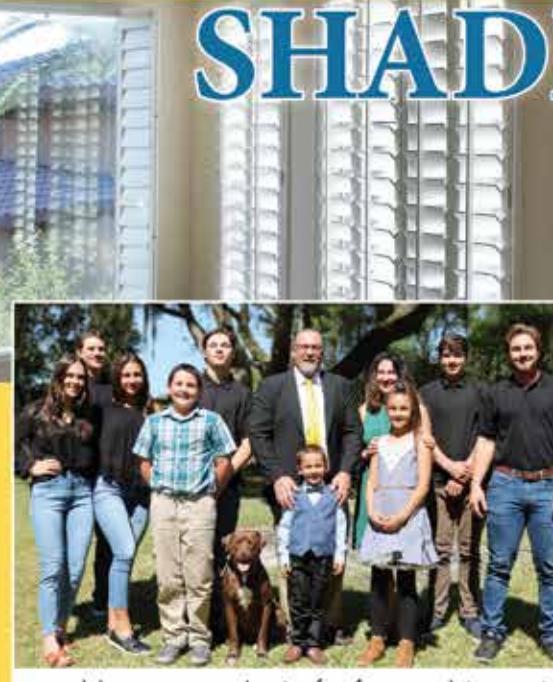
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**Candler Connection**

Debra Keirn



The May 5 Cinco de Mayo event was a huge success. 230 Candler Hills residents and guests enjoyed an evening of good Mexican food and music bingo. Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who worked diligently on this event.

There will not be a potluck dinner in June. The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. Let's have a picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Residents with the last names beginning with A-G should bring an appetizer (no shellfish please due to Deb's severe allergy); H-Q side dish or

**Longleaf Ridge Friends**

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

We held our very first all-inclusive Longleaf Ridge night at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons in early May. The sultry evening was a perfect opportunity to socialize and enjoy ice cream from Mr. B's Big Scoop. Several attendees just moved into the newest phase of Longleaf Ridge and enjoyed the opportunity to meet their neighbors.

Neighbors enjoyed a special event at Tampa Bay Downs, a thoroughbred racing facility. Everyone met at the race-track's Clubhouse Turn Lounge and had a delicious buffet lunch. They enjoyed an afternoon of races picking their favorite horses while relaxing in the controlled climate lounge or viewing the races from the outdoor private grandstand. There were no big winners, but everyone had a wonderful time.

The dining group met at Yummy House for another delicious meal organized by Eric Anderson.

As the season winds down, several events were held before snowbirds took flight. Eighty of us enjoyed a pizza party at The Arbors and welcomed our newest neighbors. Carol Noval won the jellybean jar count challenge, missing the actual number of beans by one! Thanks

salad; and R-Z dessert. Please prepare your dish for 12 to 15 people and provide the ingredients because of food allergies. It is important that you bring the requested dish so that we have the correct amount of food in each category. \$1 at the door covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Please RSVP to Deb Keirn by phone at 352-414-5737, text 814-571-7908 or email arthurkip-deb@verizon.net.

It's hot in Florida so let's cool off with an ice cream social on Sundays, June 16 (Father's Day) and Aug. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. Choose from vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, salty caramel and no sugar added moose tracks from Scoops and/or root beer or orange floats. You can even go back for seconds. Tickets were sold in May for the June and August socials at a price of \$6 per person and will be again sold in July for the August event. To see if tickets are still available, please con-

tact Karen Gemberling at 352-789-8259 or Deb Keirn at 352-414-5737.

The Fourth of July Independence Day pool party and picnic is from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will be catered by Cody's with music by Ross Getek. We'll have barbecue chicken and ribs, garden salad, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls with cinnamon butter, and apple pie with ice cream. Final ticket sales are on June 4 and 6, at a price of \$20 per resident or \$22 per guest.

The island party on Saturday, Sept. 14, is a new event for Candler Connection which will be catered by Cody's with Kokomo Chris as entertainment. There will be chicken skewered with pineapple and peppers, pork skewered with onions and mushrooms, vegetable stir fry, island rice pilaf and pineapple upside down cake. More information will follow later.

Mark your calendar for the following future events:

- Aug. 11: Ice cream social
- Sept. 14: Island party
- Oct. 20: Oktoberfest fall picnic at the softball field pavilion.
- Dec. 13: Holiday party with Pasta Faire as caterer and Kathleen Kane with the music.

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.

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

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

See you around the neighborhood and events.

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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Longleaf Ridge neighbors enjoy a festive pizza party.

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## Be Hurricane Ready for You and Your Pets

By Heather Tahan

The SPCA of Marion County is an all-volunteer organization always looking for volunteers to support our many initiatives and to keep the organization running smoothly. Examples of help needed are greeters at our table at the weekly Circle Square Commons Farmers Market, administrative support in fund-raising, accounting/bookkeeping, computer skills (Word/Excel) and coordinating speakers and activities. If you'd like to learn more about us, please join us (and bring a friend or two) at our monthly meeting every third Thursday at 1 p.m., at the Friendship Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala, FL 34481. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 20.

With hurricane season starting in June, now is a good time to review our personal disaster preparedness plan, including a plan for our pets. Pets left behind during an evacuation will likely not survive, so, it's essential we make plans before disaster strikes. Below are some highlights from FloridaDisaster.org on things to consider when making a disaster plan for your companion animal(s):

Identify a few safe places outside the immediate area that will accept your pets. Make a list of pet friendly motels and/or ask friends/family outside your immediate area if they would take in your pet during an emergency.

Assemble a portable pet disaster supply kit. Have at least seven to 10 days' worth of medications, food, bottled water, and any other supplies ready. Have leashes, harnesses, and pet carriers ready for

use and easily accessible. Have copies of vaccination records in case they're needed for boarding or other kennel arrangements. Know what to do as a disaster approaches. Each pet reacts differently to stressful situations. A scared pet may try to run away or hide. If an evacuation is imminent, move the pet to a smaller, closed area (without hiding places) where you can quickly pop them in a carrier or put them on a leash. Disaster or not, microchip your pets and keep your contact information current. If a pet runs away, a microchip is your pet's best chance to be reunited with its owner.

If an emergency evacuation is called, you will not have much time to react. Having an emergency plan and kit already in place will ensure you and your pets' safety. ASPCA.org has a handy disaster checklist you can download and use as a guide for your plan.

To learn more about our organization, please visit [SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com](http://SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com), follow us on Facebook (Marion County Fl SPCA) or email us at [spca.marion.county@gmail.com](mailto:spca.marion.county@gmail.com). Pet food and supply donations will be accepted on the porch of Evelyn Sarns Holiday at 8880-C SW 94th Street, Ocala, FL 34481. We also donate many items to local Marion County shelters, so, by giving items to the SPCA of Marion County, you are also supporting multiple shelters.

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

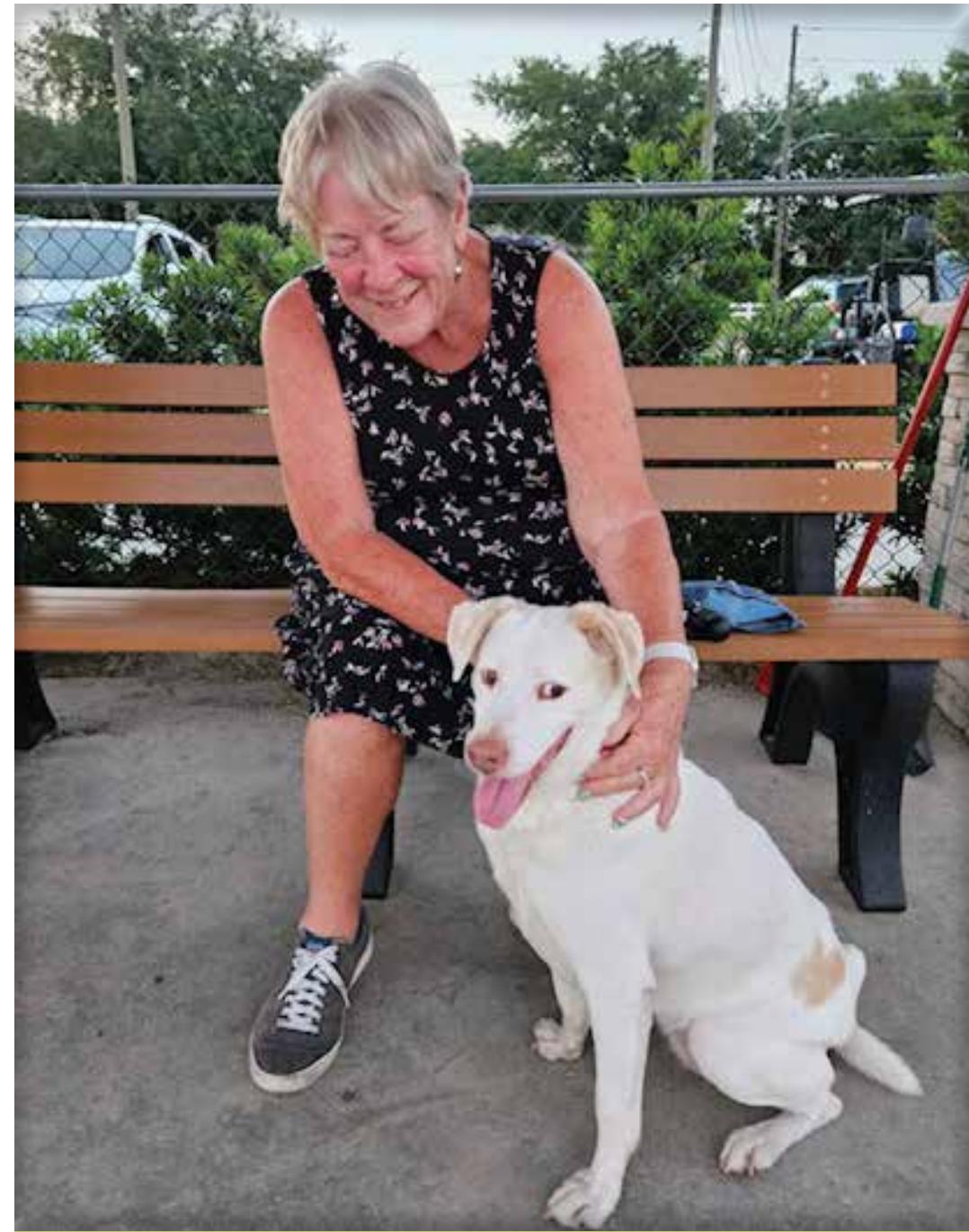


Photo by Dawn Case

When Shadow's owner moved to assisted living and could no longer take care of her, the SPCA placed her with a foster mom. As often happens, her foster mom fell in love, and is now Shadow's forever mom!

## Beach Bound

By Sandi Dickerson

Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) is an organization that welcomes all single women living in On Top of the World. We have existed for about 19 years and pride ourselves on being a support system for all single women here in our community. We have many social activities every month for women who are interested in meeting and mingling with other women in the same circumstances.

The SWANS were very busy during the month of May! Lunch out was held at Akita Sushi. Bonnie Schirmers was

the hostess on Tuesday, May 21. Dinner out was on Thursdays, May 16, and May 23, at Golden Spoon Diner. Pat Nice and Laura Laskey served as hostesses. A good time was had by all! Thanks to Bonnie, Pat, and Laura for serving as hostesses. We cannot do these organized outings without volunteers, so we really appreciate these ladies who step forward and set them up. If you would like to volunteer, call Lois, and let her know.

Once again, some SWANS made their way to Daytona Beach for a few days during the week of May 5. Several ladies did

some shopping while there, but many spent their days sitting around the pool or strolling the beach while enjoying the gorgeous weather!

On Saturday, May 11, we had our spring barbecue at the Veterans Park pavilion. Laura Meuller and Denise Moore set it all up and planned the barbecue this time. We had to limit the number of attendees to 60 but those who did attend had a great time! Thanks to everyone who set up and cleaned up. We appreciate all of you! Great job, Laura and Denise. On Tuesday, May 14, Nancy Rizzo led a group of SWANS to the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. The garden is beautiful this time of year. After touring the gardens, the group went to Piesano's for lunch. Thanks, Nancy, for setting this trip up!

On Sunday, May 19, another group of SWANS went to Cross Creek, the home of author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings for a tour. This place is fascinating as it has been preserved as it was when Rawlings lived there! Many of her books' characters were her neighbors! Afterwards, the group went to The Yearling Restaurant for lunch. The menu is very different as you can get deer and other native foods. The restaurant itself is very rustic and has tons of books and stuffed animals. The alligator is particularly impressive. 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!



Photo by Sally Herrick

SWANS in Daytona Beach, Florida.



Photo by Sam Ferrara

One of the many lakes in Fiordland National Park in New Zealand.

**World  
Traveler**

Bill Shampine



Today's World Traveler is going to visit New Zealand, arguably, the most beautiful place on the earth. This column,

which will tell you where it is and how it got such a stunning landscape, will be part one of a two-part series.

The New Zealand archipelago is in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, about 1,000 miles southeast of Australia. It consists of two relatively large islands, called North Island and South Island, and over 700 smaller islands. Because they are so isolated, these islands were not settled

by humans until the late 13th century. At that time, Polynesians, with a lot of faith and grit, used outrigger canoes to paddle more than 2,000 miles across open ocean before they found some land. I bet finally finding some habitable land was a huge relief for them.

The first European to see this archipelago was a Dutch explorer in 1642. It was another 127 years (1769) before Captain James Cook, a British explorer, became the first European to set foot on any of these islands. New Zealand became a colony within the British Empire in 1841, and gained full independence in 1947, although they retained the British monarch as their head of state.

New Zealand is noted for its stunning landscapes, including mountain ranges, fjords, forests, and beautiful coastlines. If you have ever watched any of the Hobbit movies, you will have a feeling for the beauty of the country because those movies were mostly filmed in New Zealand.

Have you ever wondered how these dramatic landscapes were formed? Well, I'll tell you. New Zealand lies close to where two plates of the Earth's crust meet. Because of this, the land mass has been folded, faulted, submerged, and

uplifted many times. Today, there are mountains containing peaks rising to over 8,200 feet. In addition to the vertical movement caused by the shifting crustal plates, glaciers also have had a dramatic impact on the land. The last ice age peaked about 17,000 years ago. At that time, so much ice had formed throughout the world that the sea level was almost 400 feet below what it is today! At that time, the sea level was so low that most of New Zealand was a single land mass rather than an archipelago. It also was covered with many glaciers. As the world warmed, and those glaciers retreated as they melted, they left behind huge u-shaped valleys with sheer, crenellated cliffs. Then, as the sea level rose, many of these valleys filled with water to become the fjords and lakes that we see today.

Portions of New Zealand receive a lot of rain. In Milford Sound, for example, it rains an average of 182 days per year (50% of the time) with an average annual rainfall of 268 inches. Heavy rains like this on a very rugged mountainous area creates a lot of remarkable waterfalls, which adds to the beauty of the landscape.

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## Tech Tips

**Shane Bobson**  
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4K content. Each streaming session can utilize several Mbps, quickly consuming available bandwidth, particularly in households with multiple simultaneous streams.

**GAMING CONSOLES:** Online gaming on consoles such as PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch requires a stable internet connection and consumes considerable bandwidth. Additionally, game updates and downloads can quickly eat up bandwidth, especially for large game files.

**SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS:** With the increasing popularity of mobile devices, smartphones, and tablets, a significant portion of household bandwidth may be consumed. Activities like video streaming, social media browsing, and app downloads contribute to overall bandwidth usage.

**SMART TVs AND IoT DEVICES:** Smart TVs, along with other Internet of Things (IoT) devices like smart thermostats, security cameras, and voice assistants, constantly communicate with online servers, contributing to bandwidth consumption even when not actively in use.

Bandwidth usage refers to the amount of data transmitted over a network connection within a given period, typically measured in bits per second (bps), kilobits per second (kbps), or megabits per second (Mbps). It determines how fast data can be transferred between devices, servers, or the internet. Understanding bandwidth usage is crucial for ensuring a smooth and efficient network experience, especially in households with multiple connected devices.

Various devices contribute to bandwidth usage in a typical home network. Among the most notorious are as follows:

**STREAMING DEVICES:** Streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, and YouTube consume significant bandwidth, especially when streaming high-definition (HD) or

To reduce overall bandwidth waste in the home, consider the following strategies:

**QUALITY OF SERVICE (QoS) SETTINGS:** Many modern routers offer QoS settings, allowing you to prioritize certain types of network traffic over others. Allocate bandwidth to critical activities like video conferencing or online gaming while limiting bandwidth for less important tasks like file downloads.

**LIMIT BACKGROUND UPDATES:** Configure devices to perform background updates during off-peak hours or manually trigger updates when necessary. This prevents automatic updates from consuming bandwidth during times of high network activity.

**OPTIMIZE STREAMING SETTINGS:** Adjust streaming settings on platforms like Netflix and YouTube to lower resolutions when high-definition viewing is unnecessary. Additionally, consider downloading content for offline viewing to reduce streaming bandwidth usage.

**USE WIRED CONNECTIONS:** Whenever

possible, connect devices to the router using Ethernet cables instead of relying on Wi-Fi. Wired connections offer faster and more reliable speeds, reducing the strain on the wireless network.

**MONITOR AND MANAGE DEVICES:** Regularly monitor network usage through your router's administration interface or specialized network monitoring software. Identify devices or applications consuming excessive bandwidth and take appropriate action, such as limiting their access or optimizing their settings.

Invest in a higher bandwidth plan: If frequent bandwidth congestion is a recurring issue, consider upgrading to a higher bandwidth internet plan from your service provider. A faster connection can accommodate more devices and activities simultaneously, reducing the likelihood of slowdowns or interruptions.

By implementing these strategies, households can effectively manage bandwidth usage, ensuring a smoother and more efficient network experience for all connected devices.

## 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 website will give lots of great information about our group.

You're all excited with the brand-new computer, tablet, or smartphone. The transfer of data is now done, but what's the next step for the old device? When planning to either sell, giveaway or recycle, there are steps that need to be taken first ... wipe it by getting it back to factory settings. That means all your files, photos, contacts, and other data is wiped off the computer, yes, even when it's going to the recycling plant!

Protecting our environment from cadmium, lead, and mercury when disposing of our old devices means not putting it in the household trash bin, but locally we have a full-service electronics recycling company raeit.com that will properly handle your devices.

How old is old? You can research

your device's make and model to find a market value. Since electronics technology is ever-changing especially inside the device, some older models are now dropped from the production company's updates but may still have security updates.

After transferring your data to the new device, start by deleting files, photos, apps, and computer browser history on the older device. Search the manufacturer's website for "reset to factory settings" instructions. Then shut the device down, but weekly charge to preserve the battery.

Selling or giving it away might be an option, a journey to a new life to benefit others who might not need all the latest technology but still be productive with emails, internet searches and maybe even homework. Be sure to include the electric cords, and do a thorough cleaning of the screen, keyboard, and outside case. Be honest in its description about the age, flaws, or damages. Going through the trouble of selling it might include setting up an account with either eBay, Amazon, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Gazelle, or others. There might be fees, waiting for someone to buy it, and shipping. Different local charities might take older devices in working order but check with them first.

For recycling securely, research steps to safely remove the hard drive from the computer. Either keep that part home and recycle the rest or use a torx screwdriver on the hard drive cover, disassemble all discs and scratch them to prevent recapturing data, then recycle.

Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on 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.

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

## What's Cookin'?



**Nancy Grabowski**

My close friend, Judy Singer, prepared this cake for my birthday. It is cool and refreshing, slides down as if it floats on air! Seconds are not uncommon because it's so good!

## Triple Lemon Poke Cake

One 9" x 13" lemon cake, baked and cooled  
One 3-ounce box of lemon Jello  
8-ounce of whipped topping  
One small box of instant lemon pudding  
1-1/2 cups cold milk  
Lemon slices and sprinkles for decorating, optional

Use a wooden spoon handle, skewer, or chopstick to poke holes in the entire surface of the cooled cake.

Prepare Jello with one cup boiling water and 1/2-cup cold water (this is less than the package directions). Pour Jello over the cake, making sure to fill each hole and cover the entire surface of the cake.

Refrigerate overnight or at least three hours.

Whisk together the milk and lemon pudding mix. Let it sit one minute, then fold in whipped topping until combined. Spread topping over cake and refrigerate until serving.

Garnish with sprinkles and lemon slices, if desired. Refrigerate any left overs.

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Line dance social in April.

**Line Dancing**

Tamara Stanford

Darlene Miller led line dance instruction for two years. Darlene did a wonderful job of choosing new dances that matched the skills and interests of each group of dancers – Beyond Beginner, Beginner I, and Absolute Beginner. Darlene had many goals for each class, but her number one priority was fun, and her classes had the right balance of challenge and smiles.

Due to personal circumstances, Dar-

lene resigned her position at On Top of the World. She will be missed, and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Those who want to send a note can do so via email at darmiller222@gmail.com.

We are fortunate to have a skilled line dance instructor to step in on short notice. Joe Spencer has 35 years of line dance teaching experience. With only a day's notice to prepare, Joe taught all three classes on May 6. Joe will be assisted by Yi-Fei Wen (also known as Weber). He is a great instructor as well.

Joe will teach through the end of June, as Darlene had planned. Joe will continue as the new dance instructor for 2024/2025. Classes will begin after Labor Day.

In July and August, there will be prac-

tice workshops in Arbor Conference Dance Studios II-IV. Details will be announced in class and by email agendas. The Friday workshop led by Kathy Cornell will continue from 10 to 11 a.m. From 9:30 to 10 a.m. dancers can make specific dance requests for review. Everyone is welcome.

Our monthly dance social always has a theme. The theme for April was "Flock and Rock." We try to match music to the theme. For example, we danced to Rockin' Robin and Fly Like a Bird. But the hit song of the evening was the chicken dance. Seeing over 80 dancers flap their arms like a flock of chickens was very funny. It was a memorable event with a lot of laughs.

Dancing to recorded music at The

Town Square began again in May. The hours for music are 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays. The list of songs and suggested dances is posted on webuse.com/otowdance/main. Dances will not be announced and there are no dance leaders. Dancers are welcomed to follow the suggested dance for each song or choose a personal dance favorite. The goal is to have fun. There is plenty of room for everyone. We hope pattern dancers will join us too.

Contact Donna Gordon should you have any questions about the website. For detailed information about line dancing, contact Joe Spencer at joeship1@yahoo.com.

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Members from May meeting.

**Global Diversity  
Asian Social Club**

Judy Sullivan



I am very happy to report that we had another fun gathering at our May meeting to celebrate Asian American Heritage Month. We had several new members join. This is our third month of the group meeting since inception.

We all sat around enjoying the delicious foods that everyone brought and shared many stories of our cultures. We found that there are many similarities between the different Asian countries.

For example, in the U.S., we have the word "uncle", and you wouldn't know if he is from your mother's side or your father's side. You wouldn't know if he was older than your parent or younger than your parent. You wouldn't know if he was your mom's sister's husband or your dad's sister's husband and so and so forth. However, in Korea, China, Japan, and India (and other Asian countries), there is a different word for all those distinctions and more. So, for the word "uncle" in the U.S. can have eight to 12 different words in different Asian countries. The same would go for "aunt." It was suggested that maybe there is importance of family lineage in Asian countries whereas maybe not so much here? That may very well be the case, but I don't have any real answer for that.

A funny story was shared by one member remembering the time when she recently moved to the U.S. When she was offered food at her fiancé's home,

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Deb Thompson



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**Silver Rainbow  
Club**

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming social group open to all. We are LGBTQ+ allies providing a space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. We meet the third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. This year, our monthly meetings will be held at the Candler Hills Community Center. Our annual club fee is \$10 per person.

We have a monthly bowling outing on the third Friday of each month. We also have a monthly lunch outing.

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

We hope to see you soon!

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she politely refused as it was her Korean custom to do so because in Korea you always refuse initially and the person offering will insist on it until you accept it graciously. She learned that if you say no to food when offered here, they will not insist you eat some until you accept it. She eventually learned that you better say "Yes, please," when food is offered, especially when you are hungry!

If anyone is interested in an online language course for Indonesian language, there is a free one available through the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Washington D.C. Please contact [bahasa@embassyofindonesia.org](mailto:bahasa@embassyofindonesia.org).

Next month we will meet Friday, June 7, in the Hobby Building Event Room. Two of the members will discuss their recent trip to Taiwan. If you are interested in learning about Taiwanese food specialties, culture, architecture, temples, religion, climate, and other interesting facts, please join us for this journey of discovery. As usual, everyone will bring food to share with each other. Please bring a drink of your choice. We will provide tea, soda, and water.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosalina Norita at 352-414-0323 or [globaldiversityotow@gmail.com](mailto:globaldiversityotow@gmail.com).



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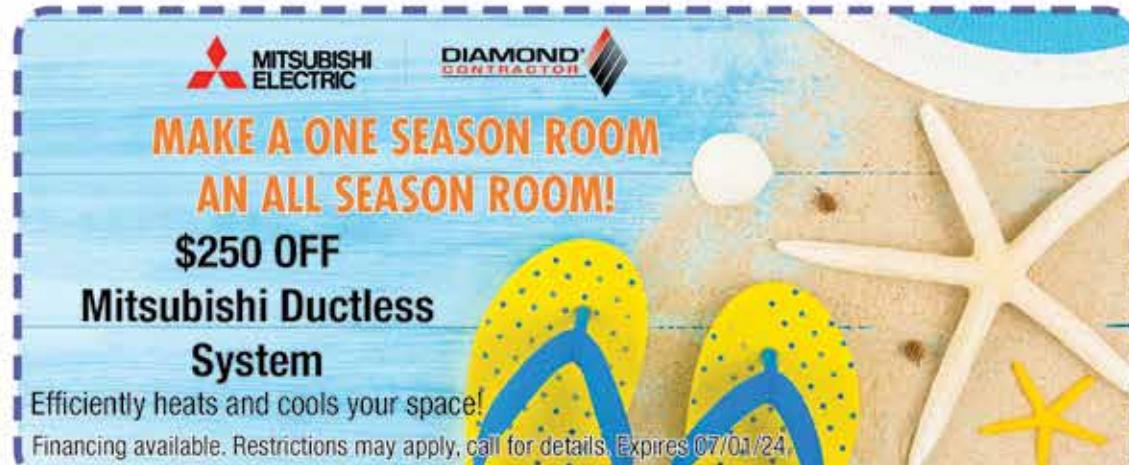
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**Scandinavian American Club**

David Wessenberg



The Scandinavian American Club will meet on Tuesday, May 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate Scandinavians coming to the USA and the contributions they have made in art, science, literature, business, and architecture. We Scandinavians have made a difference in Scandinavia and America.

Focus will be Scandinavian summers, especially holidays including St. Hans Day, Constitution Day, and mid-summer festival. Helping us with that celebration will be the Dancing Jewels who will put everyone in a joyful mood.

After the May meeting, we won't formally meet again until Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Plans will be announced over the summer.



Scandinavian American Club meeting in April.

Photo by David Wessenberg

At every meeting we share food, fellowship and conversation and enjoy a

presentation about the Scandinavian lands and other fascinating topics of interest to the Scandinavian American community. This includes personal stories, Scandinavian travels, and subjects

of general interest.

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.

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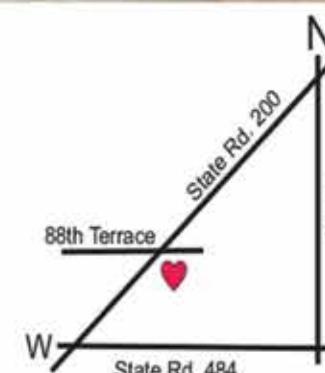
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Kerry Elkins, a museum specialist from Appleton Museum of Art, was the featured speaker at the Michigan Club's meeting.

## 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 club 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.

Our Father's Day St. Johns River cruise on Sunday, June 16 is sold out. If you want to be wait listed, call Allan Rickards at 352-390-3075.

We have arranged a Suncoast Dinner Theater trip to see "Chicago" on Sunday, Sept. 29. The price is \$94 per person and includes the show, meal, dessert, gratuity for servers, transportation, and tip

for the bus driver. Reservations begin Monday, July 8. At that time, call Gail Ambrose at 954-614-0898.

There will be no trips during July and August. Also, no more reservations can be taken for our "trains and balloons" trip in October.

Linda Hein is taking reservations for a Valentine's Day Celebrity cruise from Feb. 9 to 16, 2025. Celebrate the day on board a cruise. Call Linda at 352-861-9880 for details and to book.

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

Travel Toppers is pursuing information about future trips for 2024-2025. Trips sponsored by Travel Toppers are open only to residents and Gateway of Service pass holders. Any non-resident who participates must be a guest of a resident club member. Please visit [traveltoppertours.com](http://traveltoppertours.com) for up-to-date information regarding our trips.

## Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger



Michigan Club is now on summer vacation. Meetings will resume in the fall on Sunday, Oct. 6, for our second annual Oktoberfest at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III ... listen for Bavarian music! If you plan to attend, please text Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0857 so we can get a head count. The club will provide the main course. Sides are potluck.

Our closing meeting featured Kerry Elkins, a museum specialist from Appleton Museum of Art. It was Cinco de Mayo and our Michiganders rose to the occasion to learn about the wonders behind the doors of the Appleton Museum. Thanks to Michele Croud for arranging this meeting.



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**Texas Connection Social Club**

Kathy Cornell

**Rhode Island Group**

Judy Parisi



Texas Monthly Magazine occasionally publishes an article, "More Colorful Texas Saying Than You Can Shake a Stick At." We used it as a guideline for a made-up game called "Just Like a Texan Would Say." The group was given the first part of a saying and asked to guess the end of it.

Most knew "Look what the cat dragged in" as an arrival greeting, "He don't care what you call him as long as you call him to supper" for big, "He's all hat and no cattle" for boastful, and "This ain't my first rodeo" for experienced.

For cheap, "So tight he squeaks when he walks" was easy but "Tight as Dick's hatband" not so much. "Drunk as a skunk" was well known but "Drunk as Cooter Brown" stumped everyone. For small we knew "He's knee-high to a grasshopper" but none of us knew "Scrawny as Ace Reid cattle." After these three we were wondering who the heck is Dick, Cooter, and Ace? We need to know their stories!

A total head-scratcher was "Don't dig up more snakes than you can kill." Why would you even do that? We laughed at "So crooked that if he swallowed a nail, he'd spit up a corkscrew." Doubt was on everyone's faces about this guy, "He's so honest you could shoot craps with him over the phone."

It was a good evening of laughing, sharing memories of our family's expressions and together pondering if these sayings are why some folks consider Texans are a little loco. Of course, we prefer to think of ourselves as unique.

Texas Connection is taking a summer break. Mark your calendar for our next get-together on Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II starting at 6 p.m.

Texas Connection is for residents who have a connection to Texas, usually by having spent time there or having family ties to Texas. We take a little time to "chat and chew," but our focus is on having a fun activity. For more information about our group contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

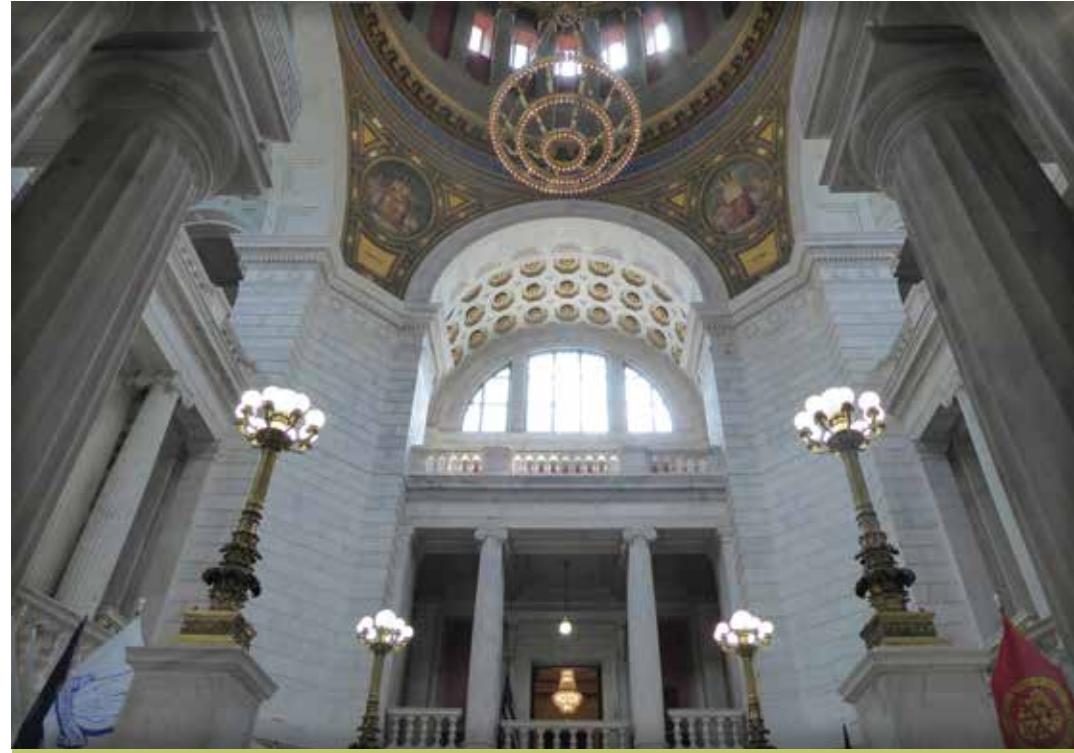
The four largest self-supporting marble domes in the world include St. Peter's Basilica, the Minnesota State Capitol, the Taj Mahal, and the Rhode Island State House.

The State House, as designed by McKim, Mead & White, was built between 1895 and 1904 and is a beautiful example of American Renaissance architecture and has some 327 thousand cubic feet of Georgia marble. The format of the building follows the United States Capitol's design with a central rotunda under the dome and two wings. It houses the Rhode Island General Assembly, the House of Representatives in the west wing, and the Senate in the east wing. Impressive rooms include the state library and the state room which is an entrance to the governor's office. The entrance to the governor's office contains a full-scale portrait of George Washington as painted by Rhode Island native Gilbert Stuart. In 1970 the structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

On top of the dome on the exterior of the building is a gold covered bronze statue of "The Independent Man" which represents the quest for freedom and independence that led Roger Williams to settle and establish the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Originally named "Hope," the statue was designed by George Brewster and cast by Gorham Manufacturing. The statue shows a man grasping a spear in one hand and resting the other on the stock of an anchor. The anchor is the symbol on the state flag of Rhode Island.

As one enters the building from the south, facing Providence and Narragansett Bay, you see a quotation over the entrance which is from the Royal Charter of 1663 that summarizes the spirit of Rhode Island. "To hold forth a lively experiment that a most flourishing civil state may stand, and best be maintained with full liberty in religious concerns".

There are many interesting features of the building to include murals painted under the dome depicting the story



Rhode Island State House.

of Roger Williams. On the four corners surrounding the dome are large medallions featuring allegorical female figures depicting education, justice, literature, and commerce.

Docent led tours are available of the State House, or you can just stop by and take a self-guided tour. I would recommend if you visit that you go to the third floor which will give you the best view of the dome. It's certainly an impressive building steeped in history. After your tour consider venturing over to "The

Hill" for some amazing Italian cuisine – it is just a short drive away.

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. Our next luncheon is on Friday, May 31. Please contact judith.parisi@gmail.com to have your name added to our email list.



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**Christian Women's Club**

Sandi Kemp

**Women of the World**

Colleen Rocafort



In April, we gathered for our usual delicious potluck luncheon, and may I say gourmet luncheon as we must have some of the best cooks! Also, we had a wonderful inspirational speaker, Pat, who delivered a great message and her friend, Angela, read a poem that was very meaningful.

Each month we collect for Interfaith Emergency Services and the ladies are so generous in their giving. We keep this an ongoing collection because if you forget one month, there is always next month to bring your donation. Keep in mind, although food is needed, other items are needed too - soap, laundry detergent, personal hygiene, pet food, or anything that the Lord leads you to bring!

Every month new ladies attend, and we hope that you will come! Our next potluck is Saturday, June 22. We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. No reservations are needed; just show up with your potluck dish. Drinks are supplied. We start at 11:45 a.m.; please try to arrive by 11:30 a.m. so that we can start on time! Hope to see you there!

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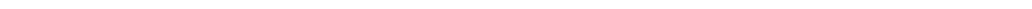
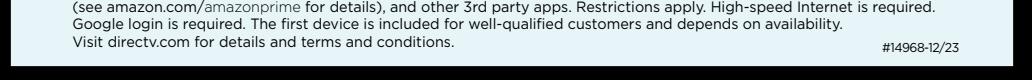
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**The Jewish Club**

Bruce Kanner



wine, apples, and walnuts. The dessert table even was Passover-themed with macaroons and chocolate-covered matzah joining the usual fruit and beverages.

A week prior club members filled several courts at the first Jewish Club pickleball gathering held Sunday, April 7. Weather was great. Everyone who came out enjoyed playing with other club members and we even found a prospective member. The social committee should plan to repeat this activity.

Lunch bunch for April was a brunch at Red's Restaurant. Second Vice President Lois Trepper said it was "very nice" with 18 members in attendance. First Vice President Gail Levine added, "The food at Red's was plentiful and delicious."

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 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.

**Lions Club**

Gail Morris



issued by the schools to fill the backpacks with the necessary supplies to help make a successful start to the new school year, which will begin in August.

The Box Tops for Education program is a very beneficial program to our schools too. You can support any elementary school by simply scanning your grocery receipts into the app on your phone and the schools earn money. The Box Tops website just announced that "now when you buy participating products at Walmart in-store or online, you'll earn Box Tops for your school – no scanning required."

Lion Duane is continuing to collect eyeglasses from our area recycled eyeglass boxes in a variety of locations, including Resident Services. We have purchased some new boxes that will provide more space for those recycled glasses, lens, and frames.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. If you would like further information, you can contact Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at 352-861-7358.

We are now preparing for Stuff the Bus in Marion County to provide school supplies for the next school year. We are purchasing new backpacks for 50 students for Dunnellon and College Park Elementary Schools. We will use the lists



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Jewish Club members attended a Passover themed meeting in April.

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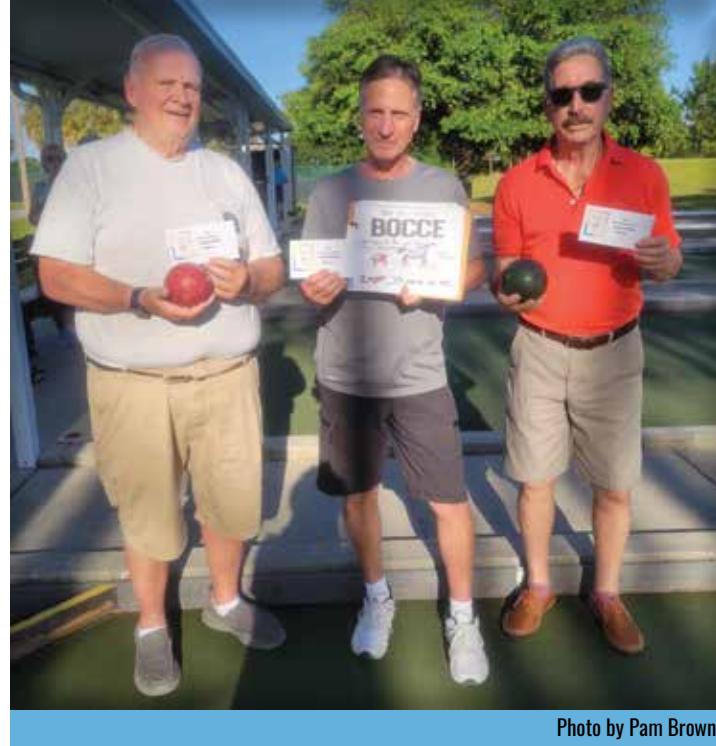


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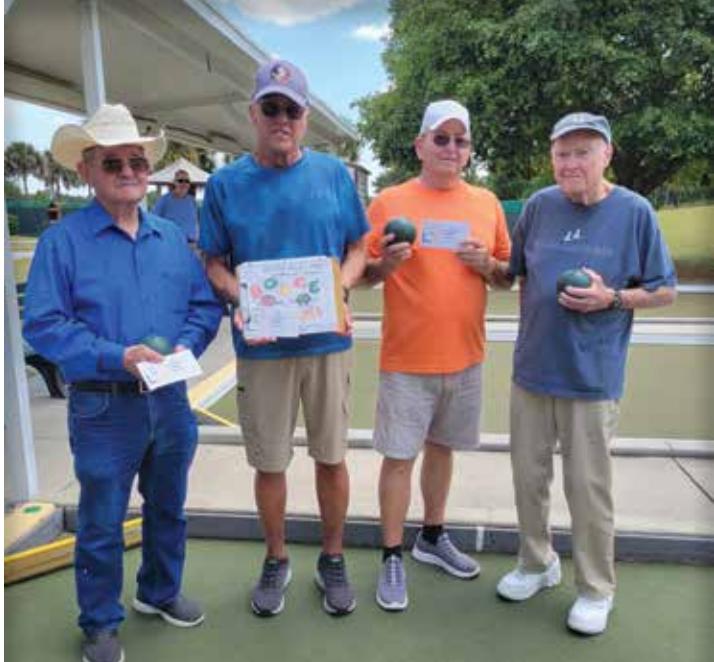


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Brad Chadwick, Bob Faherty, Vince Laney and Kevin Kidd.



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Micki Malsch, Kevin Kidd, Gary Schulte and Paula Hammonds.

## When the Bocce Ball Rolls

By Kathy Nastally

What is bocce? Did you know the game originated with the ancient Egyptians tracing back to 5200 B.C.? The game has evolved over the years and is a popular lawn game, the modern version originating from Italy.

Would you like to play or brush up on your skills? The bocce courts are located behind the Arbor Fitness Center near the tennis courts. We have open play on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays,

and Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Once you arrive, print your first and last name on the sign-up sheet. Come early as we are limited to 48 players. Once everyone has signed in, cards are drawn to determine opponents, teammates, and courts. Teams play two games.

Valid resident IDs or Gateway of Services passes are required to play. Bocce rules and contact list with general information are posted on the bocce bul-

letin board. As a new player, and after you have played on three occasions, you will be expected to join the Bocce Club by paying dues and signing a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form. Your Bocce Club membership includes open play, league play, and the annual banquet.

The Bocce Club held its annual league and open play best of bocce tournaments. Longleaf Ridge held their tournament Monday, April 15, and the team of Paul MacMelville, Charlie Zappala and John Guastella were the champions. League teams held their tournament Tuesday, April 23. The team Lady and the Tramps with Micki Malsch, Kevin Kidd, Gary Schulte, and Paula Hammonds hailed victorious. Open bocce

held their tournament Wednesday, April 24, with team members Brad Chadwick, Bob Faherty, Vince Laney, and Kevin Kidd taking the winning prize. Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to all our winners.

The best of bocce tournaments were a great success with wonderful weather and all players had fun sharing comradery and the chance to meet the players from our different leagues. Come by this summer and join us for some good rolling fun. Open play continues all year round. League play is on hiatus during the summer and starts back up in October, date to be announced.

For any questions or additional information, please contact the Bocce Club president Pam Brown at 970-531-1890.



Photo by Cork Clune

Rec Softball winter champs: Cork Clune, Roger Maitland, Craig Gardener, Ray Kallai, Peyton Jackson, Dave Emmons, Chris McClusky, John Herman, Ray Bessette, and Dave Fosdick.

## Successful First Rec Softball Season

By Pete Feliciano

High five to all the members of the Rec Softball Club for coming together and making the inaugural 2024 winter season a complete success. Fun was had by all as five teams battled out a 32-game schedule to determine the best team. Congratulations to head coach Ray Kallai, Dave Cork Clune, Roger Maitland, Craig Gardener, Peyton Jackson, Dave Emmons, Chris McClusky, John Herman, Ray Bessette, Dale Cason, Dale Michel, and Pete Feliciano members of the Around the Horn team for winning the coveted championship trophy.

No rest for the weary as 57 players begin the arduous task of surviving the summer season playing 29 games from May 14 through Aug. 13, in Florida's hottest summer months. Rec Softball games take place Tuesdays and Thursdays, with game starting times of 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. (game two is always bye team vs. 11 pick-up players), and 11 a.m. Spectators are welcome to stop by and work on their tans while cheering for their favorite teams such as the Say Hey Kids, Sultans of Swing, Crushers, Bad News Bears, LA Angels East, and PU Just Bros. Thanks to our volunteer summer season team managers Joe Matriccino, Ray Kallai, Dave Clune, Brian Tully, Mike Hoenie, and Andy Cheyne.

It's easy to join our club (traveling

tournament level play without the travel - sliding permitted), simply contact Matty at 302-745-8603 to register for our new player orientation program with Gary Endsley.

Fall season registration starts in early August. Visit [recsoftball.org](http://recsoftball.org) for more information.

It's not just about the clay dirt, as members of both softball clubs joined together in a charitable food drive for the benefit of our community Interfaith Emergency Services food pantry. After combining food collections and purchases made with proceeds from Ocala Golf Cart's annual golf tournament, our softball community delivered 981 pounds of non-perishable food products to the pantry. Thanks to Dave Cork, Ray Tobey, Mark Reynolds, Luis Sierra, and Karter for their leadership on this endeavor.

The Rec Softball Club led by President Dave Cork Clune, Vice President Mike Hoenie, Treasurer and Secretary Steve Perl, and Director at Large Joe "Matty" Matriccino wish to extend their thanks to Field Maintenance Volunteer Danny Dean, Volunteer Website Administrator Ray Kallai, and the numerous dedicated volunteer grounds keepers, game announcers, and umpires helping to make our inaugural season a success!

## Volunteers Ready to Help You Learn Pickleball

By Steven Carr

One of the biggest hurdles to starting a new sport or activity is learning how to play at a competitive level.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA and there are more than 600 residents who play pickleball. That is a lot of opportunities to learn, have fun, play, and participate with men and women alike. You will meet and make new friends every day!

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Our training team is led by Coach Ron Edwards, whose passion is to help people change their lives in the simplest and most realistic way possible. He believes, "Everyone deserves the right to good health and to be happy with themselves inside and out."

Ron is "hands on" when working with his training team and many levels of members' skill sets. He lets people

know that he is patient and understands that all players were beginners when they first tried the sport.

Ron is certified to train our members and trainers by the Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR), International Pickleball Federation (IPF) and Pickleball Coaching International (PCI).

Our club is extremely proud to have Ron leading our elite team of trainers - Bill Bender, Joe Campagna, Shizuka Campagna, Ernie Condra, Don Johnson, John Johnson, Melissa Kaiser, Shelly Leavenworth, William Mengel, Doug Moffatt, Gary Moses, Tom Roach, Jim Sipe, Joe Vargas, Usha Vargas, Joel Weaver, and Bob Young.

For more information, visit [tpc.pickleball.plus/](http://tpc.pickleball.plus/) or come by the upper courts and look for a volunteer or member to assist you. There are applications available at the courts. Once you have joined and paid your dues, you will be assigned a username and password to access the website. Use the website to sign up for our free training.



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## Golf



**Matt Hibbs**  
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The PGA Tour is in mid-season with the 2024 US Open just days away. This year's 124th US Open will be held at Pinehurst No. 2, in the Villages of Pinehurst, North Carolina. Wyndham Clark will be defending his title. Here are the professional staff picks for this year's event Matt Hibbs - Max Homa; Denise Mullen - Xander Schauffele; Russ Smith - Scottie Scheffler; Kelsey Hummer - Justin Thomas; and Trey Rath - Brooks Koepka.

We wanted to thank all the ladies who participated in the third annual Ladies World Cup last month. The Queens of the Greens (Pink Team) and the Divot Divas (Blue Team) battled it out over two days ending in a 24 to 24 tie. Sandy Snyder emerged in the playoff hole, capturing the title for the Divot Divas. What a well-played event by all our participants and congratulations to the Divot Divas. We hope everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's event.

On Top of the World Golf Club will host the annual Flag Day Tournament on Friday, June 14. Tee times begin at 7 a.m. and you will pick your time upon registration. Every player will receive a flag at the first tee. You will plant your flag on the golf course once you hit your last shot, which is par for the course plus your course handicap. Example (par 72 + handicap -18 = 90) so after you hit your 90th shot, that is where you will plant your flag. Entry fee is \$15 per player, and you can create your own foursome. Check with the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more information.

The professional golf staff would like to remind everyone about proper golf cart safety. Here are a few tips for safe driving.

- Always keep all body parts in the cart (arms, hands, and feet).
- Never operate a cart with people standing on the back platform.
- Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
- Avoid distractions while driving (calling/texting).
- Operate the cart from driver's side only.

Use extreme caution when turning around (blind spots).

- Never drive while intoxicated.
- Reduce speed in high traffic areas (around the clubhouse).
- Use caution when driving in inclement weather.

## Upcoming Events

- Monday, June 3 through Thursday, June 6: Candler Hills closed for aerification.
- Monday, June 10 through Thursday, June 13: The Tortoise & The Hare closed for aerification.
- Friday, June 14: Flag Day Tournament with 7 a.m. tee times
- Friday, June 28: Beat the Pros with 9 a.m. shotgun start at Candler Hills.

## World Accolades

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Tary Bole, hole-in-one #15. Bryan McCleave, hole-in-one #8. Ron Delaney, eagle #5.

**THE LINKS:** Bob Flynn, eagle #4. Gary Kohls, albatross #12. Gene Paradis, hole-in-one #14. John Mayfield shot his age 78. Ed Rivera, eagle #3.

**CANDLER HILLS:** Larry Smallwood, hole-in-one #17. Jim Shipley, hole-in-one #13. Jean Czachor, eagle #7 and shot best round ever 87. Steve Gersten, eagle #7 and #12. Omer Fannin shot 78 one stroke under his age. Paul Rubly shot his age 78. Brian Henderson, eagle #2. Jim Jones, hole-in-one #17.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

## Golf Tip of the Month

You're facing a tricky six-footer to win your match; palms are sweating, and your heart is racing. A consistent pre-shot routine is the key to staying focused and not letting your emotions dictate your putting stroke.

Keep your pre-shot routine simple and really focus on the rhythm of your stroke.

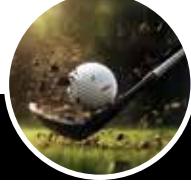
The less your mind wanders the better the chance for a smooth stroke. Keep this in mind next time you have that downhill six-footer to win the match.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Pick up after your pet.

## Candler Hills Men's Golf

Rick Pettit



as it has been a big payout for both the winner and your Candler Hills MGA. Remember that you can also check our website for information as well at chmga.org.

## Beat the Pro April 16

23 golfers beat Trey's 72 from the black tees, all net 71 and better were winners.

## Individual Quota

April 23

Flight 1: 8-Brian Henderson, 7-Dave Falcone.  
Flight 2: 6-Don Otto, 5-Jim Shipley.  
Flight 3: 5-Ron Pratt, 2-Paul Rubly.  
Flight 4: 1-Patrick Whitley and Roger Lukas.  
Flight 5: 6-Joe Pruss, 2-Virgil Jajalla.  
Flight 6: 3-Gregg Keidel, 2-Fernando Pallares.  
Flight 7: 3-Harry Pelley, 1-Don Wheeler, Paul Randles, Carl Forsberg.

## Two Best Ball of Four Net

April 30

-17-Wes Wendt, Paul Rubly, Joe Pruss, Bill McElroy.  
-16-Brian Bennett, Bob Hilton, Steven Thesman, Omer Frannin. -15-Pat Mezyk, Robert Walker, John Parnau, Carl Forsberg.

I leave you all with this from the best amateur player ever, "No one will ever have golf under his thumb. No round ever will be so good it could not have been better, perhaps this is why golf is the greatest of games." - Bobby Jones

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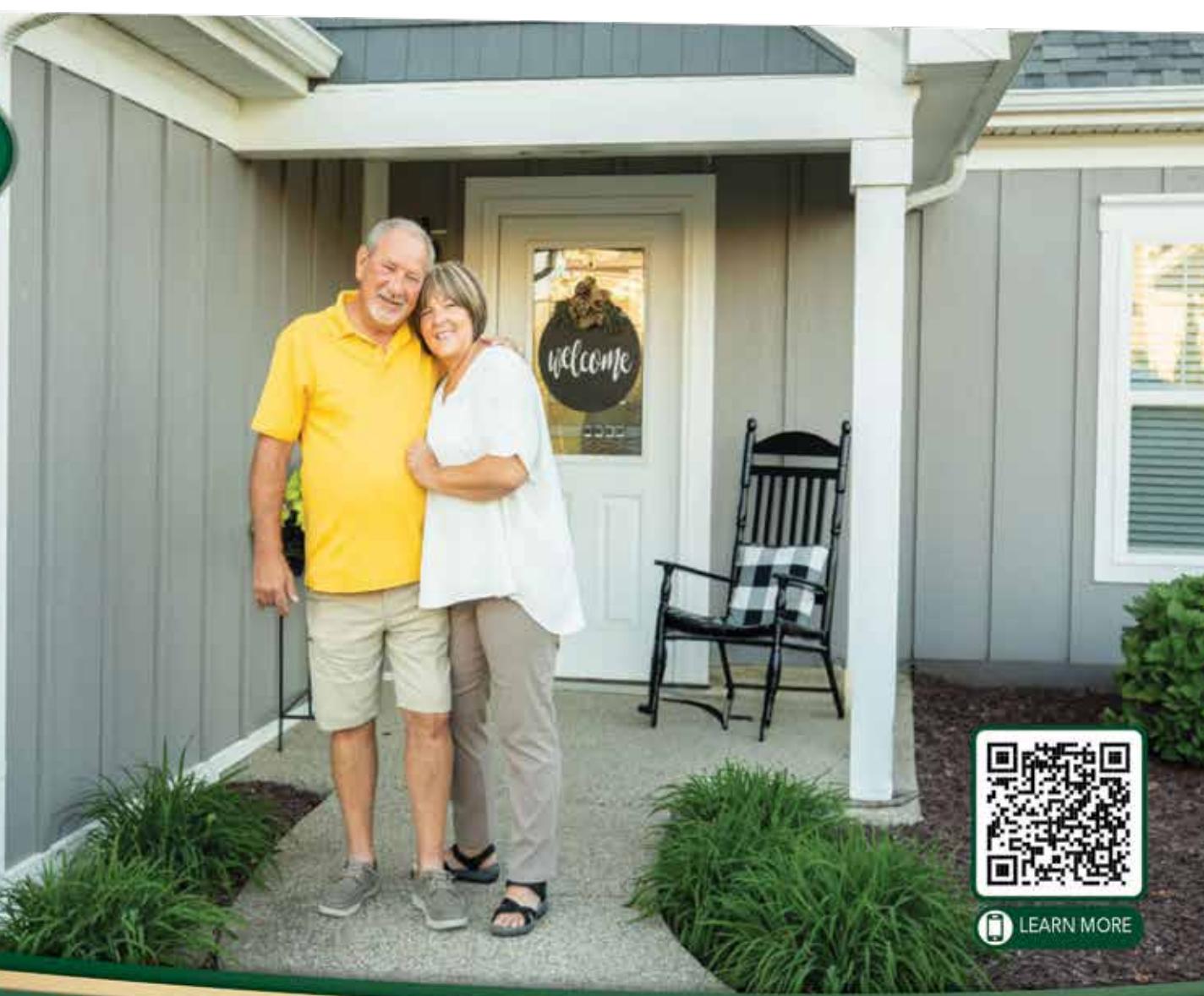
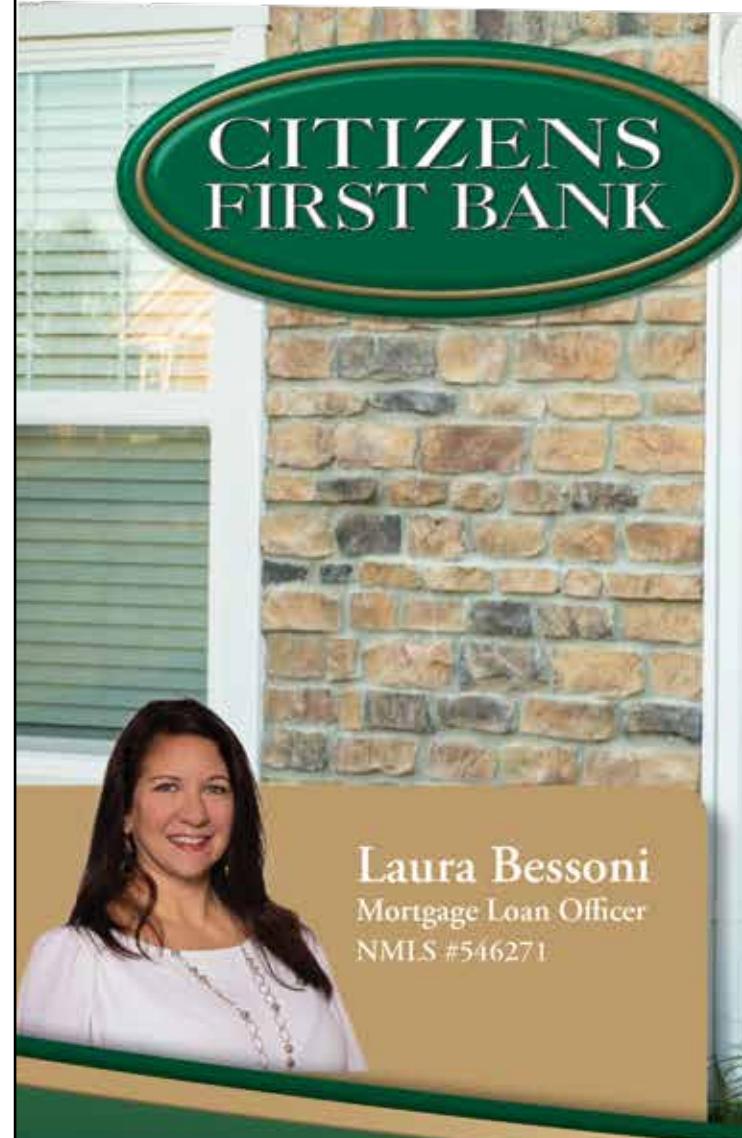
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**Candler Hills  
Ladies 18-Hole**

Beth Wolinsky



Photo by Trey Roth

The skies were angry, my friends, and the golf tournament scheduled for April 11 had to be cancelled. This did not deter the members of the 18-hole and 9-hole Leagues from attending the Annual Charity Event luncheon for Arnette House. More than \$5,700 was donated to this charity that helps local teens in all aspects of their lives. Many people helped but special thanks go out to Janette Sheil, Eileen Gustavus, Cindy Gersten, and Paula Lilly. As always, the ladies, in both leagues, came through to make a positive impact.

We held our league championship on April 25 and 26, and Betsy Maugherman is our new league champion. Congratulations!

Renee Middleton is a new member. We look forward to playing with you.

On May 4 and 5, the league held its third annual World Cup. It was the Pink Team vs. Blue Team, and it was a real back and forth two rounds of golf. After the second day, the teams were tied. A playoff was held on the first hole and the Blue Team prevailed. It is always an enjoyable event, and this year did not dis-

Charity luncheon group.

appoint.

If you wish to join the Candler Hills LGA-18, please contact our president, Lynn Colomb, at [coachlynn@aol.com](mailto:coachlynn@aol.com). It is a fun way to play golf and make new friends.

With the hot weather and longer days, sunblock and hydration are critical. Be careful out there.

Finally, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

**One Gross/One Net Best Ball (Team)**

April 4

139-Christine Giza, Katie Schriewer, Susan Martin, Carol Carney. Tie at 142-Sandy Snyder, Carol Avery,

Janelle Gluckman, Nancy Zielinski, Gayla Aldridge, Janette Sheil, Ellen Brin, Jan Christ. Tie at 148-Betsy Maugherman, Joanne Woolery, Liz Pruss, Anne Dahlen, Shelly Karsnitz, Laura McMillan, Angelita Jingco, Alexandra Rivera. 149-Patti Kelly, Sandra Mansfield, Toni Stevenson, Kathy Zunicia. 150-Beverly Ovrebo, Judi McGuinness, Debra DeMatteo, Roxiann Dwyer.

**Long & Short of It (Individual)**

April 18

Flight 1: 34-Betsy Maugherman. Tie at 35-Michele Otto, Christine Giza. Tie at 38-Gayla Aldridge, Shelly Karsnitz. Flight 2: 35-Lynn Colomb. Tie at 37-Kathleen Goodwin, Jill Strey. 39-Joanne Woolery. Flight 3: 34-Judie Anderson, 36-Janette Sheil. Tie at 38-Karen Schroeckenthaler, MJ Strelec, Janelle Gluckman, Cynthia Gersten. Flight 4: 33-Virginia Madura. 35-Beth Wolinsky. Tie at 36-Susan Martin, Chris McIntire. Flight 5: 35-Vickie Foster. 36-Brenda Hofmann.

38-Joann Delmar. Tie at 39-Roxiann Dwyer, Kate Beaty.

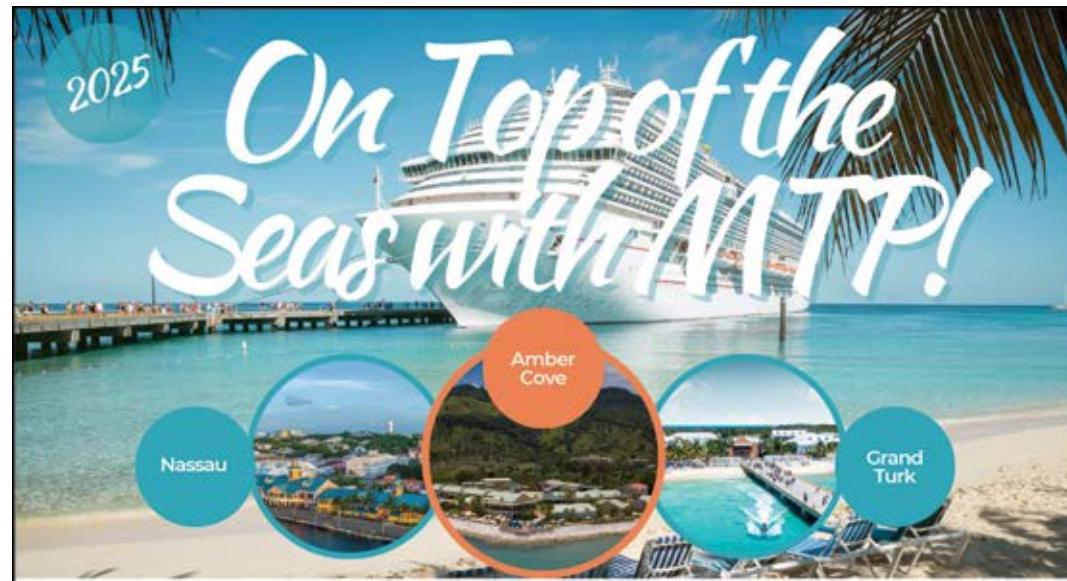
Flight 6: 33-Peggy Shanfelt. Tie at 36-Maria Bennett, Anne Dahlen. 38-Renee Middleton.

**League Championship (Individual)**  
**April 25 & 26**

Overall Champion with 148-Betsy Maugherman Gross

Flight 1: 151-Sandy Snyder. Flight 2: 163-Dawn Carroll. 168-Patti Kelly. Flight 3: 174-Janette Sheil. 179-Lori Pizzini. Flight 4: 168-Laurel Staiger. 177-Kathleen Goodwin. Flight 5: 186-Chris McIntire. 195-Toni Stevenson. Flight 6: 195-Jan Christ. 196-Nancy Zielinski. Net

Flight 1: 144-Michele Otto. Flight 2: 139-Lynn Colomb. Flight 3: 148-Karen Schroeckenthaler. Flight 4: 137-Angelita Jingco. Flight 5: 148-Alexandra Rivera. Flight 6: 150-Peggy Shanfelt.



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

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**Men's Golf Association**

John Yenne



The Men's Golf Association has awarded Tary Bole \$250 for scoring a hole-in-one on #15 of The Tortoise & The Hare during the MGA's April 24 Shamble. According to membership director, Joe Polizzotti, it was the fourth hole-in-one by an MGA member since the board authorized the prize payment in February.

To put this accomplishment into perspective, the odds of an amateur golfer scoring a hole-in-one on a par-3 hole are approximately 12,500 to one. If 100 participants played 18 holes weekly, the expected number of hole-in-ones during this period would be closer to 1.73. Four hole-in-ones within this timeframe is remarkable and significantly higher than the average expectation. This string of aces is a testament to the skill and

**Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association**

Jo Della Penna

**Ts & Fs****April 2/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: Tie at 35-Shelly Karsnitz, Christine Giza, 36-Lulu Kerkhoff. Tie at 37-Sandy Snyder & Va Donna Hall.

Flight 2: 34-Gail Lagrange. Tie at 38-Beverly Ovrebo, Laura Mc Millan, 38-Bobbie Wiener.

Flight 3: 34-Donna Herberger, 35-Paige Falconer. Tie at 39-Jill Strey, Lori Pizzini, Diane Boston.

Flight 4: 37-Kathleen Goodwin. Tie at 39-Katie Schriewer, Connie Sohl, 40-Joann Woolery.

Flight 5: 34-MJ Strelec. Tie at 37-Ellen Brinn, Liz Pruss, 38-Connie Norris.

Flight 6: 37-Gretchen Normandin, Debra De Matteo, 38-Cynthia Gersten.

Flight 7: 31-Lorrie Anderson, 36-Debby Wilson, 39-Robyn Atwood.

**Member Guest April 9/The Links**

Flight 1: 65-Gayla Aldridge & Cindy Channel, 66-Janette Shiel & Joann Patelunas, 67-Linda Taylor & Judie Anderson. Tie at 68-Liz Pruss & Sue Pruss and Colomb & Amy Kuzo, Gail La Grange & Lynn Dickson.

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perhaps a bit of luck among the MGA members. The club's decision to recognize and reward these impressive feats has undoubtedly added an extra layer of excitement to the weekly competitions. The total MGA membership is now at 221. Please welcome our newest members: Bill Kenyon, Randy Keller and Ken Gove.

Make a note of these upcoming Wednesdays on your calendar:

- June 5: Chicken Day (The Links)
- June 12: Team Stableford (The Links)
- June 19: Beat the Pro (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- June 26: Modified Scramble (The Links)

**Chicken Day May 1/The Links**

51-Rusty Rhodes, Mike Key, Rick Schriewer, Kevin Broderick. Tie at 54-John Herman, Rick Plesca, Bruce Green, Bob Janssen; Lynn Maugherman, Paul Stoecklin, John Owen, Joseph Mandala, 55-Ron Pratt, Dwight Weirich, David Woitek, Tary Bole. Tie at 56-Doyce Mathis, Vernon Kessler, Louis Heger, Dan Goggin; Larry Skoch, Sam Feola, Gary Hassett, Marvin Jendro; Joe Polizzotti, Gregg Keidel, D. Wally

Wohleber, John Parnau. Tie at 57-Charlie Taylor, Ken Zweiback, Donald Wheeler, Carl Zeiler; Robert Walker, Joe Aldridge, Ralph Norton, William York; John Spielvogel, Art Olerud, James Thompson, Robert Meyer; Brian Henderson, Gerry Messenger, David Garland, Barry Barringer; Greg McDowell, Garfield Gray, Paul Rutkowski, Tom Nicholl; Rich Sievers, Mark Beauchamp, Rex Heitz, Mike Lane; Joe Wilks, Jim Kurlapski, Joseph Dunnack, Jim Tolson.

**Scramble (The Links)****May 8/The Links**

Tie at 52-Anthony Morris, Garfield Gray, Henry Sohl, Joe Wilks; John Herman, Gary Hassett, D. Wally Wohleber, Mike Lane. Tie at 55-Randy Keller, Paul Snyder, Richard Deschenes, Loren Magsam; David Emmons, Garry Gerlach, James Dewey, Tary Bole, 56-Robert Walker, Robert Kuhl, John Wunderlin, Marvin Jendro. Tie at 57-Michael Almon, John Snyder, Douglas Kelchner, Michael Dwyer; Art Olerud, Joe Wong, Jerry Nagel, Jim Nicholson; Joseph Dunnack, Robert Meyer, Joseph Mandala; Doyce Mathis, Paul Stoecklin, Raymond Hendrix, Mike Ball. Tie at 58-Norm Hayworth, Roger Lukas, David Garland, Leonard Ruble; Rusty Rhodes, Bigelow Robinson, James Gourlay, Richard Foltynewcz; Kenneth Gove,



Photo by Tony Morris

MGA Treasurer Rusty Rhodes hands Tary Bole \$250 for his hole-in-one during the April 24 Shamble.

John Spielvogel, Louis Heger, Barry Barringer, Dick Emmons, Dennis Kissen, James Thompson, Lance Davsko.

**Beat the Pro****April 23/ The Links**

70-Kelsey &amp; Russ.

**Team Stableford****April 30/The Tortoise & The Hare**

AB Flight: Tie at 68-Peggy Ellenberger & Carol Dawn, Beverly Ovrebo & Lori Pizzini, 67-Mary Jeanette & Joanne Woolery, 66-Gail Lagrange & Janette Sheil. Tie at 65-Christine Giza & Karen Schroekenthaler, Sandy Snyder & Katie Schriewer, Lulu Kerkoff & Lori Pizzini.

CD Flight: 70-Connie Sohl & Marla Bennett, 69-Debra de Matteo & Donna Brunell, 65-Virginia Madura & Joann Ropel, 64-Debby Wilson & Joann Delmar. Tie at 62-Gretchen Normandin & Susan Yenne and Ellen Brinn & Jean Czachor. Tie at 60-Christine McIntire & Liz Lang and Liz Pruss & Eileen Gustavus.

Folklore has it that after Jimmy Durante completed his first round ever (he scored well into the 200s) he asked his companions, "What should I give the caddie?" The answer, "Your clubs."

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**R/C Flyers Club**

Ray Ihlenburg



The World War II fighters all flying together for the "gaggle" at last month's Spring Fly-In were really a sight and sound to witness. It got me thinking about doing flights with a bunch of Piper Cubs. But then, just how many yellow airplanes can there be in the air before it is impossible to track yours? Two is easy, add the third and the task becomes more difficult. Many more than four and flying becomes chaotic. Crash that idea.

However, I do remember flying my blue and yellow quarter scale PA-11 Cub with Alex and Vinny while they flew their yellow J-3 Cubs. The Cub is such an iconic air plane. Whenever I sing (to myself) Toby Keith's "Red Solo Cup," it comes out, "Bright Yellow Cub, I gas you up, let's go flying, yeah, let's go flying."

The club hosted a demo day, short for demonstration not demolition, for the

On Top of the World sales team on Thursday, April 25. Club President Don Wright welcomed everyone with a very short history of model aviation: "Airplane modeling is at the heart of experiments in aviation history. We're all familiar with the Wright brothers who watched birds, built kites and gliders then demonstrated powered flight. Through the last century and up to present day, all full scale/manned aircraft typically start off as models - these models prove the airworthiness of a design. Why is this necessary? Because all aircraft are a compromise - no single design can do everything well, so, like cars and trucks, airplanes come in many different shapes and sizes. Modeling has been vitally important to the world's aviation history. The love of airplane modeling, for almost all of us, started at a very young age. From paper airplanes to wind-up balsa gliders, most of our membership has kept that lifelong passion. Among our membership are people who worked on secret government projects, military, and commercial aviation pilots and even aerospace projects like Apollo and

Shuttle; professors that have taught engineers and scientists and helped shape modern flight narratives. Modelers are typically very capable problem solvers."

"What is R/C modeling? Holding a radio transmitter, pilots move joysticks and switches, and those movements are relayed to a radio receiver in the model airplane - the receiver then moves servo actuators that in turn, move the control surfaces, that alters the direction of the plane in flight. It can take years to learn these skills and most fliers have practiced for many fun filled hours - and most likely lost aircraft in the process."

"How passionate are we about this hobby? To the outsider it might look like we're playing with toy airplanes - and that's a fair assessment. But to the R/C pilot it's much more than that. We're designers, builders, programmers, competitors, and friends. Our membership has swelled to 220 members at times, and it can't be understated - people from all over the nation have retired here for the privilege of being able to fly where they live."

Keep it level.

**Billiards Club**

Phil Panzera



We had another quiet month in the pool room, with nothing to report. I'll take the opportunity to remind us of a few critical rules and some basic pool etiquette.

Our number one rule is to follow our community's code and conduct, which I can summarize in five words: courtesy and respect for all. This will become increasingly important as we move further into the election cycle, and we suggest that our pool room is not the place for political debate.

Our biggest ongoing problem is damage to our cloth from young children too short to hold the cue level. They raise the cue up to an elevated angle and spear it down at the balls. This has caused dozens of tiny tear marks in the cloth, and every month another table or two is damaged further.

The community allows minors in the room, with the strict provision that they must be supervised and well-behaved. It is also a strict requirement that the resident must be present when any visitors are in the room. A resident cannot, for example, loan his resident card to his son, so that the son and grandson can play in the room.

If you see any "spearing" behavior, please feel free to politely say something to the supervising adult (not the minor). If you do not wish to get involved, please call me (my number is on the bulletin board).

Talcum and baby powder are expressly forbidden in the room. Outside drinks are allowed, but never should a drink be placed on the table or rails! Murphy's Law will have its way, and it will inevitably get knocked over.

We ask players to kindly leave the room the way they found it. Discard trash, turn off the table light, return house cues to the rack, and make sure to take everything (items left overnight are usually gone in the morning). If you are the last person in the room at night, please turn off all house and table lights, the fans, and the radio.

The most common violation of pool etiquette we have in the room is also the easiest to avoid - please do not put the chalk face down on the rails! This gets blue powder on the rails, and then onto your hands and clothes. The chalk dust also gets into the table's cloth, making your hands dirtier, and affecting how the table plays.

Another aspect of "courtesy to all" is keeping the music down to a reasonable level. Not everyone likes all kinds of music, and many prefer to play quietly, or by listening to their own music. The board has unanimously agreed that any member or resident should have the right to ask someone to lower the music they are playing, and that this request should be politely honored.

Thanks to everyone for keeping our room a calm, clean, and fun place to play!

**Ladies Shuffleboard**

Lois Nix



June is busting out all over and we start our summer shuffle on Monday, June 3, at 5:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, June 5, at 9 and 11 a.m. We invite all women with a resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to join us for fun times.

Knowing how to shuffle is not required to play, we will teach you the basics and practice makes perfect. We just finished our eighth season of play with over 60 shufflers. Shuffleboard is not like bowling where a team depends on you to play every week. You shuffle when you can. Each week we shuffle with different women by picking a chip that has a court number and position. Join us.

On Wednesday, May 22, Michael Riley, our sponsor, presented the winners of the tournament with trophies and presented our ladies who completed their first season of play with shirts. Lunch of sandwiches, cookies, and iced tea was served after the presentations. If you leave during the summer don't forget to join us again come September.

April

10-Cindy Engler. 9-Becky Queen. 8-Barbara Russell, Jeanine Hargis, Linda Myers, Roseanne Kennedy, Vicki Sanders. 30-Gerry Goehrig & Jane Dormanen.

Happy summer, ladies! See you on the courts. Happy shuffling!

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**Monday Night Bowling**

Johanna Forceno



The 2023-2024 season ended very well with members saying how much fun they had, which is always our goal as retirees. We had 28 teams of four bowlers each and very few people could not finish the season. New bowlers were able to enter the league during the season and fill some vacancies. Prize money was awarded to each team based on their standing at the end of the season. There are also individual awards for categories such as highest average, most improved bowler, highest scratch score, and highest handicap score, just to name a few.

Money aside, the league is meant to be enjoyable and relaxing and welcoming to all bowlers of all abilities. We will begin our new season the Monday after Labor Day, and we hope to add to our 28 teams! For more information, please contact Johanna Forceno at [sectreasurer2023@outlook.com](mailto:sectreasurer2023@outlook.com) or 352-216-0264.

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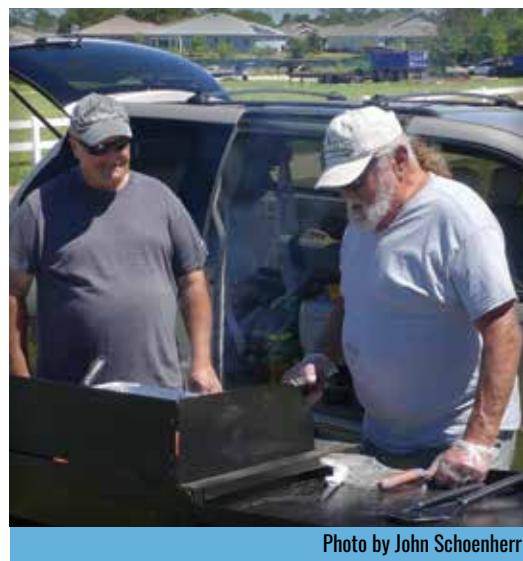


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Bob Herbst, J.D. Taylor cooking for the picnic.

**R/C Car Club**

John Schoenherr

After a hard afternoon of racing, the club members enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by Bob Herbst and JD Taylor. An excellent meal and all the members very much appreciated the hard work Bob and JD put in for the club.

Summer racing hours started May 1, with racing beginning at 9 a.m., and sign-in ending at 8:45 a.m. A special thank you to the track set up crew who need to be at the track two hours before race time to get everything going.

The club has been experimenting with bracket racing for a couple of months now with the 17.5 Limited Touring Class. Bracket (also known as index) racing is mostly associated with drag racing where the drivers predict their elapsed time. Go faster than that time and you lose. The R/C Club has adopted this idea in the 17.5 Limited Class by placing a 17 second lap limit on the race. Any driver who goes faster than 17 seconds is penalized the lap.

The NHRA has endorsed bracket racing because it opens the door for any driver in any car to compete. This is the same reason the R/C Car Club is testing bracket racing.

At the May membership meeting the club unanimously approved a new 23 second class. Besides the 23 second lap time limit the class is unique because it allows any 1/10th scale road car to race in this class. This includes two-wheel drive as well as four-wheel drive cars. The 23 second race started May 15.

Legend drivers are going strong beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Several new members have joined the group this year. The most common comment the Legend drivers have to say about this class of racing is that they love the informality. There are no computers or clocks or buzzers, just a bunch of drivers getting together and having fun.

Another racing group that is growing by leaps and bounds are the slot car racers. They get together every Tuesday, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. The racing system the group uses is a Carrera Digital 132 and all cars are Carrera 1/32 scale. Any one interested in slot cars can show up at the race and the members will be very happy to show you around, they might even have you driving a car.

The R/C Club meets the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information contact John Schoenherr at 608 477-3420.

**April**

Pan Car-Bob Paxson. Truggy-Tom Murphy. Traxx-as-Dave Johnson. Touring on road-Terry Altman. Touring 17.5-Mike Main. Limited touring 17.5-John Schoenherr. Two-wheel truck-Bob Herbst. Four-wheel truck-JD Taylor. Two-wheel buggy-Paul Beyer. Four-wheel buggy-Jim Siltman.

**Weight Loss Group**

Laura Gavey

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

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](mailto:ljsisco@comcast.net) or Beth at [tandbgreen220@gmail.com](mailto:tandbgreen220@gmail.com).

**R/C Sailing Club**

Gene Mangold

As the day progresses the R/C Sailing Club members gather around the Tuscawilla Park shores, sharing stories of their latest sailing adventures. It's a community that's more than just racing; it's about camaraderie, innovation, and a shared passion for the craft.

Don Wright, a member of the club, has made waves with his use of computer-aided design (CAD) software and 3D printing technology to replicate the Certified International One-Meter (IOM) boat. His dedication paid off, however, as he was able to create an exact replica of the IOM boat (with many structural improvements), which he now races with pride.

Gene Mangold, another member of the club, is known for his resourcefulness in using discarded airplane parts, repurposing them for his rigging of one of Don's IOM hulls.

Club member Fred Pinochet is known for his intricate designs of historical-style vessels. His pirate square-rigged sailboat is a unique contrast to the sleek modern racing boats. Fred was inspired to create this vessel because of his fascination with the history of sailing.

Champ who was born and raised on a small Caribbean Island, adds a nostalgic touch to the story with his background of building sailboats with limited resources.

John Workman continues with altering the sail plans of the open class boats for more speed.

Strong spring winds have made for exciting racing. Races have averaged from eight to 10 boats with some really challenging starts. The starts begin with a thirty second count down and all boats frantically jockeying to the best position at the short starting line. With the wind howling at times trying to not have a collision and getting the best course to the line at the exact time and not over early is a real kick. Sailboat is not like watching ducks on a pond it is about tactics,

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speed, and awareness of making the best use of shifting winds to gain an advantage.

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**Cornhole Club**

Vincent Stevens



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**OPEN PLAY:** Our open play sessions continue to be very well attended, with overflow participation at virtually every session, including Thursday evening, which has previously been less popular. Since our venue can only accommodate 20 players at any given time, club members who arrive after the first 20 players will have a short wait until a court is available. We will continue with every effort to ensure that any club member wishing to play will be able to do so with minimal delay. The courts remain active until all who wish to play can do so. As a reminder to members, despite the nominal start time of 6 p.m. we will continue to begin lane assignments when the first 20 members are onsite, which may be as early as 5:15 p.m. For a limited number of members arriving after lane assignments (four) we can set up extra equipment on the grass if they choose to use that. If not, a wait will be necessary, but it has been of short duration.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** Mixed league activity concluded in early May.

1: Killer Bees (Bob Helf & Bruce Combs); 2: Gator Duo (Barb & Ron Daughtry).

Mixed league competitions will take a break during the summer season and resume when weather cools a bit.

The Tuesday ladies' developmental group is expected to return to the courts mid-month. The ladies' session is scheduled each Tuesday, at 3 p.m. To participate or for information about this "ladies only" group contact Vickie Foster at [poo2dog@verizon.net](mailto:poo2dog@verizon.net).

Anyone interested in attending an introductory session may



Photo By Vince Stevens

Cornhole Club annual picnic.

**Tennis**Jorge Privat  
352-484-4815

The tennis scene has much to offer residents, including friendly players, plenty of well-maintained courts, a tennis pro, and a range of activities for varying skill levels (see below).

Whether your most recent match was last week or back in high school gym class, the tennis committee invites you to complete our survey at [www.bit.ly/surveytowtennis](http://www.bit.ly/surveytowtennis). The survey will help us meet the needs of current players and those considering playing again – or even for the first time. As a thank you for your time, you have the option of providing your name at the end to enter a raffle for a free tennis lesson with me – the tennis pro. Please submit your survey by Monday, June 24.

**Tennis Activities**

Mixed doubles round-robin play on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with arrival by 7:45 a.m.

for assignment of court based on skill level. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the format is to play three sets; Friday's format is two sets with an optional third for those who wish to continue. A group member has initiated "hopper hour" on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to get a basket of balls and practice different strokes.

Four play is 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Play four games and switch players.

Free monthly tennis clinic on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. on court #2.

Tennis clinics are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person (minimum two people, maximum four). Private or semi-private lessons are available, as well. Contact Jorge at 352-484-4815 to reserve space in the clinics or arrange private or semi-private lessons.

We are pleased to invite you to join the tennis community! You're welcome to come watch to see if it's right for you. See you at the courts located behind the Arbor Activity Center.

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Dawn Fernandez and Lori Snook demonstrating power training with a med ball toss in SPARC.

## Fitness Happenings



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### Strength vs. Power

Muscular strength and power are critical components of physical function. The big difference between the two is speed. Muscular strength is the ability to lift with maximal force for a short period; are you able to pick up a toddler? Muscular power is a combination of strength and speed; are you able to pick up a toddler swiftly if they are teetering on the edge of a pool? Strength and power training are important components of optimal aging.

Unfortunately, these do not always get the attention they deserve. These are equally as important as aerobic activity; exercises that increase your heart rate and breathing rate. Aerobic capacity is the key to increasing life span and muscle capacity is the key to filling that life with independence and joy.

When your muscles are strong and powerful (ladies I'm speaking to you too) you preserve the ability to move well and engage in activities you love to do.

So how do you train both strength and power? Effective strength training requires challenging muscles under some type of load. The load can be strength training machines, hand weights, and even your own body weight (think of a push-up or a pull-up). The load creates a stimulus and the adaptation to the stimulus is a stronger muscle. It should be noted that this adaptation also requires a rest period for the muscle to repair and regenerate. This is a critical component

### Ballet



**Eugenie Martin**

We have such beautiful weather most of the year here in Ocala. It is hard to believe that summer will soon be here. Yes, summer; when we all wear lighter clothes and bathing suits, which show our arms, legs, and bodies more fully than cool weather clothes. If you are not already doing it, now is the time to get into an exercise regime of some sort. To many of us, dancing is wonderful exercise. You can lose yourself in the music and movement, and yet strengthen and stretch your muscles at the same time.

The Ballet Club offers five ballet classes each week in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. The classes we offer are Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Technique, and Intermediate. Some of our dancers have had considerable training in the past; others have had none. The varied experience makes the classes interesting for dancers and teachers. We have three regular teachers, and several dancers who can substitute, if necessary. Except for a one-time \$5 sign-up fee, all classes are free.

Here is our weekly schedule:

- Tuesday: Beginner, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Advanced Beginner, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Thursday: Advanced Beginner, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Friday: Technique, from noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Saturday: Intermediate, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

New dancers are always welcome, and ballet clothes are not necessary to start, just stretchy exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water. If you are interested in our classes, please call me at 352-854-8859 so I can help you decide which class is best for you. Happy dancing!

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## JUNE 2024 FITNESS

### RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am SPARC ARTEZ	STRONG DENISE	Remix Bootcamp JOHN P	STRONG CAROL	SPARC CAROL
8:00 am Zumba® Gold-Toning AMY				Dance Aerobics DENISE B.
9:00 am S.O.S. TRISH	Stretch, Flex & Balance DENISE	S.O.S. KITTI	Dance Aerobics ANNE	S.O.S. TRISH
9:00 am Recreation Ballroom		BEAT LORI		Chair Dance AMY
10:00 am Balanced Body LORI	Chair Yoga DENISE	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga ANNE	Balanced Body DENISE
10:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Chair Yoga SANDRA		Chair Yoga CAROL	
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 CAROL
11:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Zumba® Gold JONIE	Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics LORI
1:00 pm	Chair Chi ART	Punch Out PD POD COACHES		
3:00 pm VYP Chair Yoga JOE	Balanced Body SUE	Chair Yoga DENISE	Balanced Body DIANE	
5:00 pm	Hatha Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga SANDRA	

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

\*Fitness Orientations are on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, and Balance Assessments are on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. These are free but space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7638.

### ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am Beginner/Intermediate Tai Chi NANCY	Step & Sculpt DENISE	Intermediate/Advanced Tai Chi ART	Step & Sculpt DIANA	
9:00 am Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion GIB	Yoga JOE	Pilates Fusion LORI	Yin Yoga MELANIE
10:00 am STRONG JOHN L.	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG GIB	Yoga LORI	STRONG JOE
11:00 am Yoga CAROL		Yoga DENISE		
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*

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

\*Fitness Orientations are free. Space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534

### ARBOR FITNESS CENTER INDOOR POOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 am Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 am Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
8:00 am Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
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
12:30 pm Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm Open Swim	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim
2:30 pm Deep Water Fitness Class**				
3:30 - 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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of strength building.

In contrast to traditional strength training, power training involves adding velocity (speed) to the resistive load. The quicker speed should occur on the lifting phase when the muscle is shortening. A slower speed is used during the lowering phase when the muscle is lengthening. Example: Pressing dumbbells overhead quickly and then lowering them slowly. Strength, combined with some power training is recommended for major muscle group twice a week. (two sets, 10 to 15 repetitions)

The science is abundantly clear, strength and power training are very important for older adults. This is exactly why we launched a new class called SPARC (Strength, Power and Resistance Circuits). I noticed that our group fitness programming needed more power training. We invested in some new equipment, and even held power-training workshops to educate our residents.

SPARC student Laurie Snook notes, "There is a higher level of challenge in SPARC, it's very empowering. The coaches make sure we are using good

form, so it feels like small group personal training!"

Another SPARC regular is Dawn Fernandez; she says, "When I started SPARC, I didn't know there was a difference between strength and power. Training these has made a big improvement in my stamina. In SPARC it feels

like you're on a team, and I love the support and motivation you get from your team!" When done safely, power training is great for active agers!

As always, everyone should consider if this is the right fit for them and consult with a health care provider before starting a new exercise program.

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**Sidekicks  
Western Dance**

Judy Sullivan



What a great season we had! We began our season on Sept. 19, 2023, and danced every Tuesday at 5 p.m. through Tuesday, April 30. We danced 67 different dances at least 300 times. Jim and Judy Sullivan taught a new dance called "1, 2 & Then Waltz" to everyone. Peggy and Al led the Tuesday 4 p.m. beginner class and taught over a dozen of our regular beginner dances, in addition to several old ones, like Seminole Scuffle, Two Shots of Crown and Whispering Your Name, that we hadn't danced in a long while.

**Poms Cheer & Dance**

Pamela Kalamaras



Poms Dance and Cheer has been working on the final touches for our rock 'n roll themed performance for Windsor of Ocala on Saturday, June 22, and the Patriotic Celebration at Circle Square Commons on Thursday, July 4.

We had numerous parties throughout the season. Started off with a welcome back party at the beginning of the season in September, followed by Halloween party in October, holiday party in December, Valentine's party in February and ended it with the end of the season party in April.

As we did last summer, Judy and Jim will continue with the Friday dance lessons during the summer. This year, however, we will follow a set list of dances that are considered Beginners and Beginner Plus.

Brand new starting point for Absolute Beginners is on Friday, June 7. Please come! For those who have never danced or would like to dance but feel that they have two left feet, this is the time to join up and see what you're made of. We have had much success in replac-

ing those two left feet! Jim and I will go over all the basic steps to do the easier dances. Once you feel comfortable with the steps and moves, we will begin adding more dances. This class is held at Indigo East Community Center ballroom at noon on Fridays. You will have three months to learn the dances and prepare you for the new season.

Beginner Plus class on Fridays at 11 a.m. in Indigo East will continue as well. For those who have been in Absolute Beginners with me from earlier, I encourage you to come to the 11 a.m. practices as well, if you can. We will start with the easier dances and increase the difficulty as we learn more.

You do not have to have a Gateway of Services pass to participate since I reciprocate the dance lessons at both Indigo East and Recreation Center. This reci-

procity allows the residents of On Top of the World and Indigo East to dance at both locations. If you live in Weybourne Landing, a Gateway of Services pass is required.

For any questions, please email [sidekickspartnerdance@gmail.com](mailto:sidekickspartnerdance@gmail.com).

For the months of June, July, and August we will meet as follows:

- Fridays (11 a.m.): Beginner Plus at the Indigo East Community Center ballroom with Judy and Jim.
- Fridays (noon): Absolute Beginners at the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom with Judy and Jim.
- Sundays (5 p.m.): Practice/review at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios with Bill and Lois (June and July only).

So, mark your calendar and find that perfect seat to come watch us.

In addition to these presentations, we are thinking ahead of what we can add to our performances mid-summer. We want to celebrate "Christmas in July" with the start of some festive holiday pieces that can be presented in late fall. We are open to requests from the community for future themes. Suggestions have come in for us to develop routines around the music of Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Michael Bublé, The Beach Boys, the

Beatles, and country western.

If you are interested in our team, I can offer further information, guidance, and support. Entering this new world of cheer and dance is like no other dance in the community. This unique and exciting performance club is now being offered at many 55-plus communities nationwide. Every week, I receive many thanks for starting up this newest group here. We invite you to come and visit us at our Thursday practice time to see if you would like to join in the fun. Al-

though we have limited openings, we are presently able to welcome newcomers.

Poms Dance and Cheer is available for short performances at club meetings, parties, and events. Please contact us for summer and fall bookings as soon as possible. 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 rehearsals, upcoming performances, new memberships and bookings.



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Country & Western Line Dance Club at Halloween.

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### Country & Western Line Dancing

Judy Sullivan



The Country & Western Line Dance Club had a fun season of dancing! We had social dances celebrating Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, and Memorial Day. The following dance lessons are offered on Thursdays at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV:

- Intermediate/Improver Level (10 to 11:30 a.m.)
- Beginner Level II (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)
- Beginner Level I (12:15 to 1 p.m.)
- Absolute Beginner (1 to 1:45 p.m.)

The last class for the season is Thursday, June 13, and will start back up again on Thursday, July 25.

Please contact instructor, Sheryl Bradley, for more information at [sbradley057@yahoo.com](mailto:sbradley057@yahoo.com) or visit [sherpaudance.wixsite.com/s-p-dance](http://sherpaudance.wixsite.com/s-p-dance).

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**Archery Club**

Chuck Strickland



On Saturday, April 13, we held our first explore archery event, which was attended by more than 50 members. A session for novice archers was held during the morning. During this session, our mentors assisted the archers with improving their form and shoot-

ing ability. Mark D'Addario assisted members with equipment needs in our maintenance shop. At noon we enjoyed a time for social interaction and a barbecue lunch. In the afternoon we held competitive shoots for our advanced archers. This event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Then on Wednesday, May 8, we were pleased to host the Master the Possibilities kyudo class. Kyudo is the Japanese martial art in which the mind and body are trained through a series of conduct in shooting a Japanese bow. Eight stu-

dents and their instructor, Ron Jones, practiced their training outdoors for the first time. Our kyudo practitioners are at the range on Wednesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. Please come by and meet them to learn about kyudo.

We initiated a new event on Friday May 10 – freestyle Fridays. We recognized the need of our novice archers for a scheduled event to assist them in improving their archery skills. From 9 a.m. to noon, the club mentors are at the range and available to assist. If you are considering joining the club but are new to archery, this will be an event to attend

after joining the club. If you are not a member, stop by and we will be glad to share our love of archery. Plan to stay a while as our passion for this sport runs deep and we love to talk about it.

If you are interested in becoming a member, visit [otowarcheryclub.org](http://otowarcheryclub.org) > New Members and download the application form and required waivers. For additional information or next steps to join the club, please 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. Keep it in the yellow!

**Call of the Wild Sports Club**

Scott Bloch



So, let's wrap up the activities for the month of April that might have been missed.

Activities director Frank Chagoya, along with Gary Keller and others participated in a senior-only fishing derby. It was held at Tuscarilla Park in Ocala. Prizes were given out for the largest fish of different species. Boxed lunches were provided to all participants.

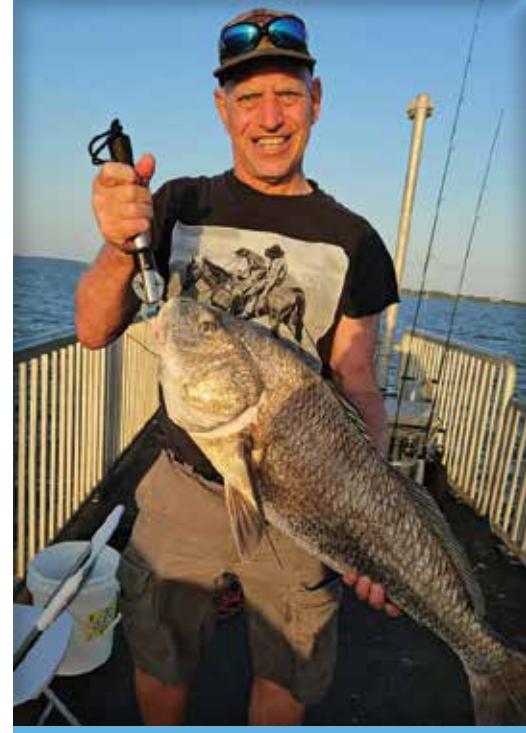


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Photo by Joe London

Joe London with one of his catches for the day.

Scott Bloch with one of his catches for the day.

**Co-Ed Recreational Softball**

Pat Wilbert

**Horseshoes Club**

Vern Kessler



On Monday, April 29, a group of eight club members spent the morning fishing at the Cedar Key pier. Joe London gave us all a clinic in catching fish. While all caught fish, Joe caught four black drums; and I caught three large drums. They weighed between 18 to 21 pounds and were over 24" long. Unfortunately, all seven were too long to keep.

It's okay if you don't fish. Come to a meeting and find out who prefers clays, or skeet, or those who prefer target shooting.

On Thursday, June 5, there will be a speaker from Shooters World.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month in the Hobby Building Event Room at 1 p.m.

I was very honored to be asked to play with the On Top of the World ladies softball team, managed and organized by Chris Lopez, against Stone Creek last month. It was so much fun, and a lot of the Co-Ed Recreational Softball ladies played in the game. You see, no matter the age or experience, you can really enjoy the game.

Even though a lot of our Co-Ed Recreational Softball families go up north during the summer, we still enjoy our Saturday games at the field. Starting at 9:15 a.m. with stretching exercises and the games start at 9:30 a.m., we still play four innings with everyone taking a turn at bat. Men and women divided equally on teams playing the positions you feel comfortable at.

Keeping fully hydrated is important and we do have fans in the dugout to keep us cool from the morning heat. We encourage everyone to come join Co-Ed Recreational Softball. You will meet new friends and get in a little exercise outdoors at the same time. We look forward to seeing you at the field on Saturday. You won't regret it.

Food for thought: A true softball player plays because they love the game, not to impress others.

The Horseshoe Club held their first end of season gathering at the pavilion in Veterans Park on Thursday, April 18. The club gathered to say farewell to those members going back up north and to show appreciation to everyone who helped during the year. It was a very successful event because of all the hard work that Gloria and David Laliberte did.

The club will continue to pitch horseshoes during the summer months at the usual Tuesday time of 9 a.m. The club has changed the time it practices on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. due to the summer heat. Everyone is invited out to join a few of our club members and see how much fun we have at the horseshoe pits in the Veterans Park.

The club reminds residents that the horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park are there for everyone's use any day of the week. Please remove the white PVC protective pipes from the horseshoe stakes before throwing the shoes.

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



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## POP Tennis



Domenica Genovese

POP tennis players have an array of opportunities to sharpen skills, engage in friendly competition, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. We are on the courts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 to 10 a.m., but the fun doesn't stop there! Our players competed with Spruce Creek twice last month, at home and away. Other meetups with neighboring communities are in the works. And if that wasn't enough, you can experience even more POP tennis in three unique settings:

1. Friday night under the lights: Every Friday, at 7 p.m., you can get out in the cooler night air and volley under the stars.

2. Hopper hour: Every Wednesday, at 6 p.m. you can elevate your game with expert guidance by John Navarro and Mark D'Addario. This is a great opportunity to perfect your technique and build your strategy.
3. Sunday service: Rise and shine for Sunday game play at 8 a.m.! Only on Sunday will you get a second, third, or even fourth chance to repeat your serve until you land the perfect shot!

Our membership is growing! You are welcome to come on down and watch. If you decide you want to join in, we provide paddles and some quick instruction by one of our trainers. In no time you'll be ready to come out on the courts.

We play on the lower courts (#7 through #10) at The Arbors. Group play is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m. Email Mark D'Addario for more information at markdad06@gmail.com.



Photos by Domenica Genovese

George Parrett and Nancy Valanzano hone technique during "hopper" hour.



Members play time at April meeting.

## Table Tennis



Athena Drewes

Now that the hot weather is beginning and will only become more intense as the months progress, it is important to take good care of your paddle. Remember not to leave it in your car as the heat will damage the rubber on it. Here are some important tips for caring for your paddle.

Take care of your table tennis rubber. Be sure to clean the paddle rubber. Dirty rubber will cause the surface to be less tacky and spinny. It will also play inconsistently due to the surface of some areas being different from the others. It is best to use a cleaner that is specifically made for table tennis rubber. Do not use household detergent, as these often can leave unwanted residue on your rubber and cause it to deteriorate too quickly.

Spray one or two sprays of the cleaner on one rubber, then wipe with a sponge or lint-free cloth. Most kitchen sponges will not do because they leave bits of sponge on your rubber and many towels are too abrasive or leave pieces of lint. Use a table tennis sponge.

When should you clean your rubber? Always clean it at the end of each playing session. Also clean it any time it seems dirty, or you notice decreased or inconsistent performance. After cleaning your rubber, put it in a paddle case. Cases provide padding and protection. Never keep the paddle out in direct sunlight or in a hot car! Eventually you will need to change your rubber or get a new paddle. But if you take care of it, your rubber will last much longer!

Come join us for some fun! Our members enjoy the sport and play for fun, improved good health and friendship, not for competition. You will find yourself improving the more you play and as you play with and against more experienced players. Membership is only \$10 per year and affords you not only all club play times but quarterly membership meetings along with delicious food! Membership applications are on the bulletin board, and money can be given to any director during play times. Membership is automatic once you fill out your application and pay your dues. Resident ID or Gateway of Services pass is required. Check us out.

Our play times: 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, Friday, 5:30 to 7 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, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We play at the Arbor Conference Center Table Tennis Room.

Have a question? Contact president, Paul Stadterman, at ptstadterman@yahoo.com.



Photo by Athena Drewes

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## 'Two for One' Hits Home

By Elaine Morrison  
World News Writer

There is no question that we are all proud to be Americans. But the level of patriotism rose exponentially when the Original Theatre Group presented their show, "Two for One" which paid tribute to the music of the World War II era.

Director Richard Rosen's multimedia concept for the April show provided slides and a video presentation during various segments, highlighting, and explaining the music the audience was enjoying.

The first half of the production, directed by Carole Beauchamp, featured the music of Richard Rodgers and his collaborations with Oscar Hammerstein and Lorenz Hart. Familiar songs from the Broadway shows, "Carousel," "South Pacific," "Oklahoma," and "Sound of Music" as well as "Babes in Arms," and "Pal Joey," filled the ballroom.

Slides of New York City attractions were projected on the screen throughout the singing of the song "Manhattan." Narrations between songs provided interesting information about the composers for the audience's further enjoyment.

Slides of pin-up girls provided a hu-

morous backdrop during the rendition of "Nothing Like a Dame."

The second half of the show began with tuneful songs from the Motown sound and jukebox musicals. Familiar songs by the Temptations and Marvin Gaye as well as Carole King and Abba were enjoyed.

A narration explaining the swing era and its significance during World War II, was followed by a six-minute video which brought to life the dynamic exuberance of the times, despite the hardship of fighting wars on two fronts.

The ever-popular Andrew Sisters made a spectacular appearance, singing some of their hit songs, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," and "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen."

The entire production was accompanied on the piano by Cheryl Richardson. Joanne Houston provided production assistance.

Poignant head shots of military men and women put reality to the lyrics of the song "We'll Meet Again," during the show's finale. The audience was invited to join in a prideful rendering of "God Bless America" as the show ended. We were, indeed, proud to be Americans.



Photo by Garry Voith

The Original Theatre Group presented "Two for One" in April.

## 'The Platinum Gals' - A Success

By Liz Elliott Lieberman

The Paradise Players, produced and directed by Lee Smith, performed "The Platinum Gals Las Vegas Adventure," on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, to three standing ovations.

The cast wept with joy, sadness, and relief that it was all over after our last Sunday performance, but then we realized that we had made the bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime.



Bruce Wisser as Elvis.

## Invite Stillness Into Your Life

By Domenica Genovese



Several meditators pause for a group photo outside the Arbor Activity Center Event Room.

The lead actors were truly stars with Marilyn Leeds as the indomitable Dorothy, Merrilyn Ramsey as beautiful Blanche who never met a man she couldn't handle, Michelle Marchand as the bewildered, but sweet Rose, and the feisty Sophia played with New 'Yoik' relish and sarcasm, by Jodylynne Rowswell.

Adding to the leading ladies was the very talented Dexter Vance as the lost neighbor, Brad, who unwittingly slept off a hangover at their house (as a non-dancer, he also learned an elegant ballroom dance, set by Pati Bean, in record time!). Bruce Wisser played Dorothy's long-suffering ex-husband, Stan; more about Bruce later in this column. The hilarious Vera, who had delusions of beauty with her purple hair, was played by Kristin Millet and Margaret, a crazy cat loving neighbor portrayed by Marcy Miller.

Then along came the ebullient Pati Bean, as Zelda the Zumba® teacher, who tried to whip the Platinum Gals into shape before they left for Las Vegas. Sophia's sister, Francesca, played by Denise Gatchell, came to wish them a happy trip to Las Vegas and sibling rivalry ensued, and finally the perfectly dreadful British neighbor, Brenda, portrayed by Liz Lieberman, entered as an unwelcome, snooping visitor.

The living room set was built by the Woodshop Club, and it was cleverly constructed after Lee Smith's original de-

sign. Thank you, guys!

The airport security scene proved to be the usual test of patience and frustration led by TSA agents Denise Gatchell, Michael Baron, and Florence Florival. Gwen Templeton was the over-packed passenger, along with Sue Southworth as the sexy stewardess, Barbara and Spiro Zachos, Jeanette Jones, Anabel Parra, and Rino D'Amico.

After finally arriving in Las Vegas, the fabulous voice of Keith Jones emceed the show that opened with the lovely Vegas dancers, Pati Bean, Pam Kalamaras, Kristin Millet, Stella Sheng, Jennifer Smith, Sherri Reichgott and choreographer, Liz Lieberman.

The Vegas portion of the show was an uplifting and fun part with the stand-up, comedic hilarity of Gwen Templeton as Phyllis Diller, Anabel Parra's evocative rendition of "Cabaret" and "Besame Mucho," Rino D'Amico's "Mack the Knife," Pati Bean and Dexter Vance's elegant gliding waltz and the talented jazz pianist, Frank Giammarella, who also served as our ever-patient stage manager.

Last, but not least, the incredible Bruce Wisser who whipped the ladies into a frenzy of adoration and tears as the one and only legend, Elvis! What a great interpretation! Beautifully sung and an uplifting finale to a wonderful and entertaining show.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Lee Smith at [otow-paradiseplayers@gmail.com](mailto:otow-paradiseplayers@gmail.com).

The Meditation Group welcomes you to learn about meditation or deepen your own meditation practice.

We begin with brief introductions followed by a reading from a variety of authors and traditions. Readings - ranging from a few powerful words to a couple

of insightful paragraphs - have included the works of renowned mindfulness teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, Jesuit priest Anthony de Mello, ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver, among others.

Following the reading, a 20-minute silent meditation period allows participants to reflect on the shared words and focus on their practice. This quiet time is often associated with a sense of inner peace and tranquility which can benefit physical and mental health. The American Heart Association notes that regular meditation can help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression while enhancing focus, creativity, and overall well-being.

After the silent meditation, an engaging discussion of the reading ensues, fostering a sense of community and intellectual exchange among participants. This social aspect of the group is particularly important as it offers a space to connect and build relationships within the community.

We welcome you to join us in developing your own path toward meditation and mindfulness. We meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Attendance varies from about 10 to 20 men and women. For more information about our weekly meetings or to share your interest in joining, please contact Terri Cavagnaro at [tlcav55@gmail.com](mailto:tlcav55@gmail.com) or Domenica Genovese at [domenica@gcfonline.com](mailto:domenica@gcfonline.com).

## Recreation

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dent 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:

- June 7: Shift N' Gears
- June 14: Area 81
- June 21: Rock Solid
- June 28: Billy Buchanan

## Tropic Trivia\*

Tropic Trivia is a blast every first Thursday of the month in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. Trivia tickets for every month up through June are now on sale.

## Karaoke

Karaoke is always fun! Join us every second Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free to residents and \$5 for guests accompanied by a resident.

## Health &amp; Wellness

Walgreens is offering the following vaccines to residents in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Thursdays, June 27, July 11, and Aug. 1:

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- COVID
- RSV
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Vaccines are usually covered by insurance. Bring insurance information/card and any vaccine records you may have. If you do not have insurance, Walgreens offers coupons. Must come in person to Walgreens for coupon and vaccine.

*\*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, June 1: The BadKitty Band

*\*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.*

## Happy Hour

Happy Hour takes place every Friday from 5 to 8 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 resi-

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Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign in Parking Lot	9:04 a.m.
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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.
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Exit Community		9:36 a.m.

• Saturday, June 15: Fred Campbell  
• Friday, June 21: Donna Carrier  
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 allowed.

## Defensive Driving Class\*

The Colen Built Development safety team is conducting a defensive driving class. This will be held on Wednesday, June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. This is free for residents but registration is required.

## Girls Night Out

Ladies come dance on Thursday, June 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. with Tim Hargis. This will be one you won't want to miss. Bring your drinks and snacks and dance the night away!

## Me &amp; Mr. Sinatra Show

Enjoy the show by Norm Crouse on Tuesday, June 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. Norm combines timeless Sinatra music along with his personal experiences with Ol' Blue Eyes. Bring your own beverage and table snacks and enjoy the show. 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, June 27, 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.

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## Indigo East Community Center

## Trivia\*

Ready for a little friendly competition with your neighbors and friends at trivia night? Trivia will take place Monday, June 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Bring your favorite snacks and beverages to share with your team. Cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

## 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. The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- June 7: Hwy 94
- June 14: DJ Frank
- June 21: Debbie and Tony T
- June 28: JoJo

## Pool Party

What better way to enjoy summer weather, right in your own backyard. Come join us Wednesday, June 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Indigo East Fitness Center pool area and enjoy entertainment by Robert France. Bring your own food and beverages.

## Karaoke

Sing your heart out! Enjoy the fun with DJ Frank on Thursday, June 20, 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

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Come with your girlfriends and neighbors on Wednesday, June 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. Bring your own appetizers and beverages. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

## Hurricane Season

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

*\*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. 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

## Poolside Entertainment

Have some fun in the sun with poolside entertainment on Sunday, June 1, 1 to 4 p.m. with Dan Flok and on Sunday, June 9, 1 to 4 p.m. with music by Tim Hargis. Bring your snacks and favorite drinks. Please note that no glass bottles are allowed in the pool area.

## Music Bingo\*

Monthly music bingo is a hit with Wendy Petersen. Join the fun on Monday, June 24, from 6 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. Monday, June 10 is the sign-up day for musical bingo. Space is limited to the first 120 people. This event is \$3 per resident and \$5 for non-resident.

## Social Hour

This is and has been a great way to meet new people. Join us on Sunday, June 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the ballroom with musical guest Ben Simmons. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks. This event is free to residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by resident.

## Happy Hour

Come join us for a night of dancing and socializing with your friends and neighbors. Happy Hour takes place on Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tim Hargis is the entertainment for the evening. Bring your own beverage and table snacks. Let's have some fun and dance the night away! This event is free for residents and a \$5 guest fee applies when 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.*

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**On Top of the World**

**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
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

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.

**AFTERNOON ROUTE**

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
Publix	Big Lots
Walmart Neighborhood Market	Bealls & Dollar Tree
ALDI/Lowe's	Walmart

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

\*Please arrive about 5-10 minutes earlier, as all times are approximate.

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## ShutterBugs Photography

Kathi Simens



is those who don't know should ask, and those who do know should be willing to show and tell.

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

"Photography for me is not looking, it's feeling. If you can't feel what you're looking at, then you're never going to get others to feel anything when they look at your pictures." - Don McCullin

The ShutterBugs Photography Club members are photographers of all capabilities. Some of our members are very experienced master photographers, while others are novice who just like to take pictures. Everyone is welcome in our club!

If you are shooting in the "auto" mode, you can improve your photos with a small change. Check the shooting mode dial on your camera. It's located on the top or back of the camera. In addition to the "auto" mode, this dial contains pictures of various items that will enable you to select a suitable setting to enhance your picture taking.

For instance, there is a small picture of a face that is great for taking portrait pictures. Remember to focus on the person's eyes for a clearer photo. One of my favorite modes is a picture of a flower that is great for close-up macro photos, like flowers and insects. Your background will be out of focus if you use this mode. My other favorite mode is the landscape mode. It's generally indicated by mountains. This will keep the entire range of scenery in sharp focus.

If you like to take pictures where there is action, use the sport action mode depicted by a figure running. And of course, don't forget the night mode, depicted by a person with the moon in the corner of the icon. This mode creates a natural balance between your subject and low light backgrounds. These small adjustments can make a big improvement in your photos.

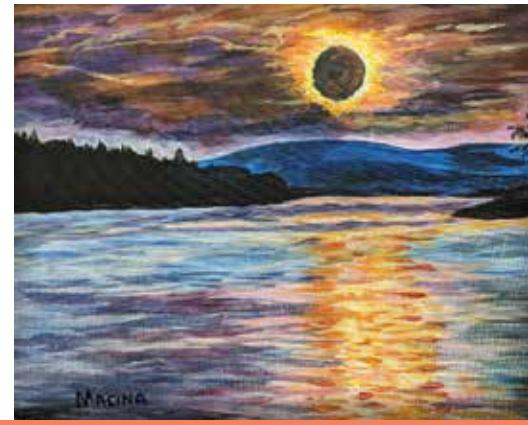
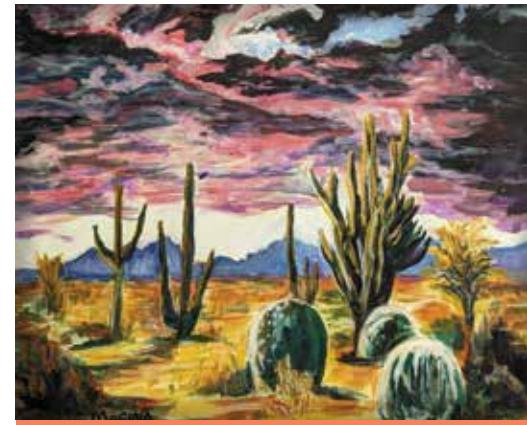
This month, the photos on display in the lobby of Master the Possibilities are mine. Please stop in and look! I have lived in On Top of the World for about a year and a half and have met very few people who are familiar with the western part of our country. My photos show the beauty of Arizona, where I lived for most of my life.

If you missed seeing our photo display, you can still view all our annual contest entries at [otowspc.com](http://otowspc.com).

Want to learn more about photography? ShutterBugs President Harry Boyajian continues to facilitate our sharing of photography tips to improve our skills in camera use and editing. Our club motto



Photo by ShutterBug Kathi Simens



Photos by Marianne Hoffman

Angry Sky (left) and Eclipse (right).

## Art Group

Marianne Hoffman



When I moved here a year and a half ago, I suddenly found myself utterly alone; something I hadn't experienced for 30 years. I knew I had to make new friends and feel productive in the process. I scanned the resident clubs and decided to call Freda Klump, director of the Art Group. This wasn't just a good call; it was a great call!

I found the members of the Art Group welcoming and nurturing. I had only painted sporadically over the last three decades, but with their encouragement, I grabbed my brushes and delved into my palette. I found what I had been missing from my childhood and college days. What fun, therapy, and renewal of

passion!

While I have tried my hand at a multitude of mediums through the years, these days you'll find me stroking my canvases with bright acrylics and, like the old days, signing my paintings with my maiden name "Macina." The hours I spend with the Art Group make me happy. The members all treat me like family or a valued friend. I truly have found my pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

You too can become part of the Art Group family by joining us in the Hobby Building Art Room. We meet three days a week: Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. and both Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. Some of us are new to art; others have a lot of experience. Either way, we are all very welcoming and helpful to newcomers. There is no fee, but you will need to bring your own art supplies. Take the first step like I did. To learn more, call Freda at 615-336-6863 or [fredaklump@gmail.com](mailto:fredaklump@gmail.com).

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**Bingo**

Nancy Grabowski



The mainstay of Wednesday evening entertainment, bingo, continues to delight and frustrate our players. It's delightful when a person wins but, oh so frustrating, to be left needing one number!

The ever-popular 70/30 raffle is held each session before the games begin. Tickets are three for \$1 or 10 for \$3. Selling begins at 4 p.m. and the drawings around 5:30 p.m., depending on the amount sold. Recently, more than one lucky attendee had multiple wins. The payout is always \$20 per pull.

Bingo playing cards are sold, starting at 4:30 p.m. Each card is \$1 and is equipped with sliders so no dabbers or tokens are necessary. It is, however, necessary to present your resident ID when you purchase your cards. Guests are permitted when attending with a resident.

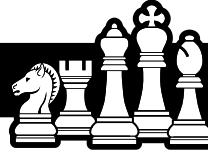
We cannot accept bills larger than a \$20 because it is quite difficult to create the payouts. We do not accept coins, either. Can you imagine if you won \$50 in pennies?

Each session is comprised of 20 games; the 10th game is a cover-all minus one and the 20th game is a cover-all. Winning pots for the other 18 games are determined by the number of cards sold.

Each game is pictured on the electronic board sitting high atop the stage for easier viewing. The last number flashes until the next one is called. When bingo is called, our runners verify the card. Players uncertain of a card's validity should call and have it checked so they don't miss out on a win.

State gambling laws prohibit alcoholic beverages on the gaming floor. Beer, wine, or other alcoholic drinks may be enjoyed in The Pub or on the patio. Players must be at least 18 and those younger than 18 are not allowed to stay and watch.

Our volunteers work hard to make bingo happen and we appreciate the

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help we get from our players. Perhaps you'd like to become a volunteer, too. It's easy ... just talk to our president, Carl Folkers.

**Bridge****Monday Afternoon**

By Carol Johnson &amp; Rik Saffol

**April 8**

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

**April 15**

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Donna Peters & Rad D; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Jack Heller & Steve Sekac.

**April 22**

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick; 3: Debbie and Pat Quinn; 4: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson.

**April 29**

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Rad D & Donna Peters; 3: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillett; 4: Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuels.

**Tuesday Night Duplicate**

By Bob Kraus

Play begins at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive by 5:50 p.m. to sign in and allow us to set up the game. Bring your partner and \$0.50 per person.

The boards are scored after the game and the results emailed to the group within a few days.

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

**April 16****North/South**

1: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

**East/West**

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Linda Curtis; 3: Art Johannes; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

**Thursday Afternoon**

By Marlene Floeckher

**April 4**

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Pat Quinn & Rik Saffol; Cons: Mary Bloch.

**April 11**

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Rik Saffol; Cons: Beverly Meirick.

**April 18**

1: Al Kremer; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Bruce Gillett; 4: Linda Curtiss; Cons: Ram (Janaaki) Ray.

**April 25**

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Al Kremer; 3: Rik Saffol; Cons: Linda Curtiss.

**Thursday Night**

By Pam &amp; Jeff Bell

We welcome bridge players of various levels. We have players who have recently finished the beginning lessons at Master of the Possibilities and several who have played well for decades and could teach classes.

We meet weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. (except the first Thursday of the month) in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms II-III

There is no need to bring a partner, we pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners throughout the evening. We have been playing three rounds of seven hands each and finish up no later than 9 p.m. Bring 25 cents, a smile, a good attitude and have some fun, meet new people, and maybe even win the "2 prize."

**April 18**

1: Billie Anderson; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Sharon Miller; 2 prize: Al Whitford.

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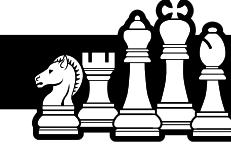


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**April 23****North/South**

1: CJ Daane & Carolyn Higgins; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell.

**East/West**

1: Bob Kraus & Virginia Collins; 2: Bill Ryan & Linda Ryan; 3: Gary Moses & Jack Heller.

**April 30**

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 3: Dennis Wallace and Judi Wallace; 4: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 5: Bob Kraus & Carolyn Higgins.

**May 7****North/South**

1: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 3: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell.

**East/West**

1: Gary Moses & Diane Turkin; 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; Tied at 3: Betsy Brody & Michael Brody and Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

By Dianne Robinson

**April 3**

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Ram Ray; 3: Art Johannes; 4: Ron Smith; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

**April 10**

1: Ron Smith; 2: Linda Curtis; 3: Pat Quinn; 4: Linda Yuang; 5: Billie Andersen; Cons: Al Kremier.

**April 17**

1: Ron Smith; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Joan Keinath; Cons: Linda Curtis.

**April 24**

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Linda Curtis; 3: Art Johannes; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

**Thursday Afternoon**

By Marlene Floeckher

**April 4**

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**April 25**

## Artistic Crafts &amp; Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The weekly Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is currently taking a summer break, and will resume Sept. 3, for the next season.

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 in the fall.

Recently, our website has expanded with newer features and graphics. Since websites are open 24/7, when you're ready to browse or shop, you can search for items by helpful categories: apparel, arts, canvas, greetings, house, jewelry, and holidays. Apparel items include aprons, clothing, hats, headbands, purses, and scarves. Arts encompasses ceramics, cork, decals, mixed media, pottery, shells, stained glass, and wood. Canvas is simply drawing and painting. Greetings is for smaller items like books, candles, gifts, greeting cards, embroidered items, and photo albums. House will include the larger items as in baskets, decorations, kitchen items, pillows, quilts, towels, wreaths, and toys.

One new section just added is supplies for sale. Our members often change directions and have a surplus of craft tools, notions, fabrics, canvas, and more, including equipment that is perfectly functional but not needed anymore. Perhaps this will encourage new crafters to become inspired and get their ideas in motion.

It's amazing to see the wide variety of items produced, and usually summer is our time to refresh our stock and retool to make different ideas come to light. We are still open for making sales since the contact information is available for our virtual vendors.

All crafters are now part of our website, so you can see a sampling of everyone's products even if you can't get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements for you to purchase items throughout the week.

If you have your own artistic endeavor or you wish to sell, please contact us through our website ArtisticCrafts.org where our coordinator Marion can answer all your questions.

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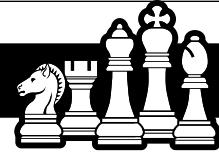
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## CARDS &amp; GAMES



## Pinocle



## Monday Night, Tuesday Night &amp; Friday Morning

By Herb Katz

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that Florida's summers get hot. Well, your opportunities to cool off in an air-conditioned environment are plentiful in On Top of the World.

For instance, many of you haven't played pinochle in awhile. If you never played the game or need a refresher course, come to one of the three sites and either observe or jump right in. Single deck pinochle is played in the Hobby

Building Art Room on Tuesdays, from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. You can catch a game of double deck pinochle on Mondays, at 6 p.m. in Arbor Activity Center Card Room III. No money changes hands. Just come and have fun with wonderful people.

## Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

**April 2**  
1: Herb Katz; 2: Dan Ebbinghausen; 3: Diane Padgett.

**April 9**  
1: Charlie Budd; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Erick Kasner.

**April 16**  
1: Diane Padgett; 2: Herb Katz; 3: Bruce Gillett.

**April 23**  
1: Jackie Nuccio; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Andy Nuccio.

## April 30

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Diane Padgett.

## Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

## April 12

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Judy Black; 3: Edna Frye.

## April 19

1: Jim Magoon; 2: Judy Black; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

## April 26

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Judy Fries; 3: Stu Shaub.

## May 3

1: Bob Moravec; 2: Bruce Gillett; Jim Magoon.

## May 10

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Judy Black; 3: Jim Magoon.

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## Karaoke Friends

Kathy &amp; Charlie Petrosky



We had a full house for prop night. 27 singers participated. It is such fun to see how creative the singers can get. Let me tell you about them.

Charlie, wearing a rain hat and carrying an umbrella, told us all about the "Rainy Day People." Nancy Warren with the long hair and glasses told us the happy side of wearing long "Hair." In came a dressed up old couple, Laura and Ken, to reminisce. It was funny how they corrected one another as they were recalling the details of the past. However, they both said, "I Remember It Well."

Cicily brought a shovel and told us about digging "Sixteen Tons." Nancy Kibler, dressed to match her doll, let the doll sing "I Want to Be Loved by You." I was prepared to sing "Walking Shoes." I wore my walking shoes, traveling hat, and overcoat. Patty had to tell us about "The Snake." She wrapped the snake around herself. Lorraine went deep in her closet to wear a hat, dress, and pearls. For sure she was a "Second Hand Rose."

Sandy got us all involved using red plastic cups to celebrate with her the joys of the "Red Solo Cup." Darlene was well prepared with hammer and bell to sing "If I Had a Hammer." Bill was clever wearing a calendar to sing "When I Was Young." King George came to ad-



Photo by Steve Warren

Karaoke Friends prop night.

dress the colonists. Russ sang "You'll Be Back." Wearing a flashing hat and riding a stick horse Bernie told us about the "Old Town Road."

Tom had his nose protected and hat carrying an animal on a stick to tell us all about living "Down Under." Fran was beautifully dressed in a white gown and veil carrying a bouquet singing "Chapel of Love." Rose wore a hat and shirt with kisses on it to sing "Kiss Me

Kiss Me." With a blinking light on his head Bruce sang "I Saw the Light." Peyton wore his tool belt but got interrupted with customers calling their "Handy Man."

Norma had a statue of a miner made of coal. She told us her father was a coal miner, so she really is a "Coal Miner's Daughter." Donnie came with his fishing poll and hat. His wife just said it is fishing or me. He sang, "I'm Sure Gon-

na Miss Her." John had the Dancing Jewels join him as he sang "Traveling Man." Gloria sang "Walking After Midnight" while Steve warned us "You Don't Know Me." You could hear a pin drop as Rudy sang "Ave Maria."

We have such a fun time together. You can join us, too. We meet the first and third Monday (June 3 and 17) in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Photo by Cynthis Scholl

Concert Chorus alto section.

## Concert Chorus

David Wessenberg



While our members are enjoying the summer, the officers and directors are busy planning our holiday program in December. They are selecting (and purchasing) music, planning rehearsals, and timing musical segments for our next concert. Practice spaces must be reserved, dates set, and plans made. A lot of work is done before a single rehearsal takes place.

There is probably not a better time to consider joining the Concert Chorus. We will meet again on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room in September.

Singing is terrific fun, but it is also hard work with 13 or so two-hour rehearsals, simple choreography, and careful attention to the musical performance. The good news is that all the hard work is worth it when we see the smiles on the faces of our loyal audiences after a performance. The Concert Chorus has a wonderful collection of voices – sopranos, altos, tenors, or basses. You could be one of them!

If you plan to join us, contact Debbie Dougherty at deboraasmith@gmail.com for further information. The Concert Chorus is open to those with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. Our dues are \$15 per season.

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**The New Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



always a challenge across the board: lyrics, music, choreography, and comic delivery! We know you can see the results which is a reward the performers crave. To that end, we note your part in our production because applause reinforces those essential rewards!

Our music committee has selected a challenging, energetic, and upbeat set of music for our upcoming 2025 production. Mark your calendar for Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. Be sure to add ticket sales in January to your calendar so you have a good selection for your seats.

Reserved tickets will be \$12 and general admission tickets will be \$10. This modest increase will allow us to meet our budget and sustain our goal to support local Marion County charities. You, our audiences, are the cog in this wheel that makes it happen. We cannot thank you enough for your loyalty.

Welcome to The New Pretender family: Jean Duda and Mildred Vazquez. We met these enthusiastic ladies at the Club Fair. We will have a presence at the September Club Fair, anxious to meet more of you. Perhaps, we'll entice you to join our ranks, too! Naturally, if you want to speak with us earlier than the fall, contact any current member or Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699.

**Drum Circle**

J. Ashi Olshan



your bones and transports that energy to your fingers. Everyone has rhythm inherently embedded in their DNA, just needing a little push to let it confidently flow out – naturally. In fact, drumming was the original music, dating back to the beginning of mankind, and still joyfully practiced for fun and relaxation – and as rituals in many tribes – around the world.

One hand or two, it's up to you, no one is keeping score. And if you don't yet own a pair of bongos, a djembe, a conga drum, tambourine, or maraca – to keep the beat, we have all kinds of extra drums and percussion instruments to give you a taste and get you started.

The Drum Circle Club is still being offered for free - no club dues - on the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Come check it out, you might just be surprised by your inner drummer, as you turn off your mind for an hour of relaxing drumming meditation. Ruth Greenfield can be contacted at 201-887-5547.

Drum what you feel. You don't have to be an experienced (hand) drummer to drum out whatever energy wants to be discharged in some creative, productive way – while enjoying the natural highs of drumming in a circle of 15 to 20-plus new friends.

When we lifted the ban on interior gatherings back in 2021, Ruth Greenfield, like many of us, had pent up stress just dying to be expelled in some positive, relaxing way. So, she started her coed Drum Circle Club, still going strong after three years, with surprisingly more women than men.

If you have not drummed before, then start out by playing along softly – letting your volume build as the contagious syncopated rhythm in the room fills



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Larry Domnitz, Nancy Wright, Fran Allen, Tom Miller, and Gloria Emmons.

**Toppers Banjo**

David Wesenberg



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You do not need a formal invitation or ticket to hear us play most Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. For folks who just want to come and listen to some good music, we have about 600 songs in our repertoire from all sorts of sources covering the Civil War until now. We play every week, and we welcome visitors.

In recent weeks several banjo and acoustic guitar players have joined us in playing and singing banjo music. If you like to play, come, and join us. If you just like to listen, join us also and enjoy the music and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

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**Model Railroaders**

Jim Lynam



How does a railroad gauge its gauge?

The gauge of railroad tracks is the distance from one rail to the opposite rail. Throughout history there have been many gauges of railroad tracks specific to individual railroads in various countries. However, the "standard gauge" was set at four feet, eight and one-half inches. The origin of this distance dates to the wheelset of a Roman chariot.

Today the standard gauge is the primary gauge in use throughout the United States. However, "narrow gauge" railroads were constructed in mountainous areas where tighter turns were required and are still operating today.

Just like the prototype railroads, model railroads also have various gauges. Gauge is still determined by the width between the rails but are more commonly known by a letter designation. Scale differs from gauge because it rep-

resents the fractional size of the model to the prototype. Ranging from larger to smaller: G (1:29), O (1:48), S (1:64), HO (1:87), N (1:160) and Z (1:220). There are also variations within these main types. In general, the smaller the gauge the tighter the curves which means one can place much more track in any given area.

N scale received its name because the distance between the rails was nine millimeters. It was developed by the Arnold Company of Nuremberg, Germany in 1962. Importation to the United States began in 1963 and continued to 1966 when Peco, and 1967 when Atlas began offering N scale through their catalogs. In 1968, Sears began offering N gauge in their Christmas wish book.

The overwhelming advantage of N scale is that it has the potential for sophisticated and extensive layouts where space permits. Or it is an excellent solution for a reasonable layout in a restricted space. The greatest drawback is the difficulty working with such small locomotives and rolling stock to place their wheels on the track. This is especially difficult for children as their fine mo-

tor skills have not developed. Further, senior citizens have problems with decreased visual acuity and tactile movements.

N scale is still very popular with hobbyists as it represents about 20% of model railroading. All the new electronic components have been miniaturized to fit inside the locomotives and the catalog suppliers are constantly increasing their inventory.

The club encourages you to visit the Hobby Building Model Train Room and

investigate the various gauges of model railroading and see them in operation 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, June 5, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

Happy Father's Day to all!

lifestyle. The Parrishes befriend and become enthralled with a stranger named Amber who slowly manages to get herself involved in every aspect of their personal and professional lives.

Amber uses her physical appearance to insinuate herself into their personal and professional lives. The reader experiences immediate distrust for Amber and is made party to her personal thoughts and unhealthy goals. Since Amber's intentions are selfish and ungrateful, the reader becomes prepared for the worst possible ending for the Parrish couple. However, the reader's view suddenly changes as this mystery/psychological thriller erupts into twists in the narrative. The reader is led down one path only to discover that they too have been tricked by appearances. This page turning story is a quick read and worthy of your time.

This book is in paperback, light weight, 405 pages, and easy to hold. It can be found in the On Top of the World Library in the fiction section under the author's name.

**OneBlood Bloodmobile**

Sara Sommer

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The Big Red Bus® was here on Friday, May 3. The results were 18 units of whole blood and two units of double red blood. Thank you, Friday donors. The next Friday blood drive is Sept. 6. Mark your calendar.

For our regular Monday donors, the Big Red Buses will be here on June 3. They will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. With school being out, the snowbirds leaving, and people going on vacation, the donor pool is greatly reduced. We really need all donors who are eligible to come out and give. The drive is usually listed about two weeks prior to the date. Simply go to [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org) to make an appointment. Look for the On Top of the World drive on June 3. Pick a time slot. A confirmation email will be sent to you. It's that easy. An appointment is not necessary, but it will assure you of a space on the bus.

See you on the bus.

**Poetry**

Linda Toner

**Cruising**

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the rest of the days.  
I had dropped 15 pounds  
in preparation  
for all those foods  
that are a temptation.  
But the desserts  
were calling my name.  
I'll lose the weight,  
When I'm back in the game.  
And I had fun  
so I say.  
Here I am  
facing the scale.  
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but I didn't fail.  
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lose control,  
and that's so good,  
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Jennette Wesley



Many of us have quilts that we can easily categorize as a handicraft. Some of us are fortunate enough to have a quilt that is a true piece of art.

A craft is something that is made by hand and requires skill. Crafts are practical, useful items. Think of knitting, caning a chair, making a basket, or pottery.

Art is something created skillfully and imaginatively that is appreciated primarily for its beauty and emotional impact. An oil painting or watercolor or a statue easily comes to mind.

First, what is a quilt? A quilt consists of a top piece (often patchwork, sometimes a single large piece of fabric), under which is a layer of stuffing (called batting) for loft and warmth, and then add to this the backing fabric. Stitching, whether by hand or sewing machine, or specialized longarm machines is added through the three layers to hold them together in an attractive design or pattern and adds to the beauty of the quilt. And it's from these stitches that a quilt gets its name. The stitches that hold the layers together are the quilting.

A quilt is a handmade item. It is usually very practical in its use as a warm



Jennette's table top quilt made in 1996.

throw over our lap on a chilly evening or as an additional blanket on our bed. It might also be a lovely item to top a table. So, it is a craft. Many beautiful quilts have taken a great deal of time, knowledge, and a highly skilled individual to create. They are intended for use and will be cherished for generations. There is no shame in the description of craft. A finely crafted quilt is a treasure and source of pride for the maker and for the owner. And hopefully, it is used to bring comfort and joy.

But, what about quilts that are never intended to be used over us for comfort and warmth? Many quilts are too small and made to hang on a wall. Others are quite large and intended to be displayed on a wall and convey a message. Or they might be abstract and a wonder of design, color, balance, and skillful construction. Okay, so quilts are art pieces. Those quilts created for the rarefied category of art are a wonder of creativity and beauty. These, too, can bring pleasure and joy to those who see them, whether in a quilt show, or an art gallery, or even on a living room wall.

I encourage anyone to go to a display of quilts whenever you have an opportunity. Just as one can enjoy fine art even though they themselves do not paint, so too you can marvel at the variety, creativity and beauty of the many quilts being shown. You will see both finely crafted quilts as well as quilted works of art. In either case you can enjoy them and appreciate their unique beauty.



Photo by Ann Gallo

Donation to Brother's Keeper.

**Happy Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel



If you've seen our Facebook page, you've seen a recent post about a project we recently have been made aware of — Soap Sacks (Supporting a Community with Kindness). These items are either crocheted or knitted and then fitted with a bar of soap. Recently 50 sacks and soap were donated to Brother's Keeper, a social service outreach ministry of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church that assists the needy and marginalized of their parish and the Ocala community.

Leslie Maurer, who is an actual Soap Sacks volunteer, recently provided those 50 soap sacks to Brother's Keeper. She has also been named by Soap Sacks as the "Soap Sack star" for June. As an aside, all those soap sacks were completed with yarn donated to Happy Hookers. If you are interested in making a soap sack, you can join the Soap S.A.C.K. Facebook page. In-

structions on how to make the sacks can also be found at soapsacks.com. 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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**Fun with Golf Carts**

Susan Pulling Robinson



The Memorial Day parade on Saturday, May 25, honored those who gave their lives in service to our country. Many residents donated generously to Interfaith Emergency Services, Operation Shoebox, Veterans Helping Veterans, and Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL).

The Independence Day parade will be on Saturday, June 29. Our club members love to put on the red, white and blue, so come out and cheer us on.

Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now over 570, 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.



Photo by Susan Pulling Robinson

Memorial Day decorated golf cart.

**Dulcimer Group**

Sharon Bruno



The Dulcimer Group continues to grow, but here are some of the original or early members who continue to be the backbone of this group.

Ted Balchunas has been playing for almost seven years. He says the dulcimer is easy to learn to play. Earlier in life, Ted also played the accordion and qualified for the "Talent TV" on WBZ TV, where his chosen song of the competition was "Flight of the Bumble Bee." That's an impossibly fast song to select for any instrument. Ted has always had music in his life and sings in the church choir. Ted also is the fastest dulcimer player and offers friendly competition to the group when we play our fast repeat of fast tempo music. We always get a big laugh over this.

Jose Echevarria has played the guitar since he was a teenager. He is part of the Instrumental Group consisting of guitar players, along with our only fiddler, Judy Hague. These instruments add fullness of sound that supports the gentle sounds of the dulcimers. This is really a perfect blend of musicians. Jose also has many guitars. His current count is three electric, one bass, one acoustic, and two acoustic twelve-strings. Then there's the many amplifiers that are needed for each type of guitar. He also has a small Yamaha guitalele. What is that? I didn't know either! But Jose explained it's a hybrid instrument that is half guitar and half ukulele, and has a different, bigger sound. The club is lucky to have

**We Be Jammin'**

J. Ashi Olshan



"The life I love is making music with my friends." – Willie Nelson

Second only to love, nothing takes me higher than jamming music with some friends. I hand drum to rock from the '60s to the present (blues, jazz, and R&B) – it's all good. Great to jam with



Photo by Sharon Bruno

Ted Balchunas, Jose Echevarria, and Judy Mullin.

some talented musicians. Jose and our gig master, Pat Gift, have co-written a few songs for the Instrumental Group: "Still Young at Heart" and "Hope, Love and Care" which you may have heard us play.

Judy Mullin has played with the group for the last 10 years, and is one of the early members. She plays the Appalachian Mountain dulcimer. Judy also plays the soprano ukulele that was a gift from her children who brought it back

from Hawaii. As a child Judy took piano lessons where she mostly played classical arrangements.

To schedule the Dulcimer Group to play at one of your meetings or events, contact Patricia Gift at 717-798-4085 or [pamgift@earthlink.net](mailto:pamgift@earthlink.net). For information on joining, call Sue Staley at 678-640-6357 or [staley.sus@gmail.com](mailto:staley.sus@gmail.com)

Come have a listen. The Dulcimer Group meets Tuesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

**Tesla Owners & Enthusiasts Club**

Dan Lack



The members of the Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club are owners of Tesla vehicles or people who are interested in learning about Teslas. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II.

During our last meeting we discussed how the Tesla computer relays important information about our vehicles. The computer software is frequently updated wirelessly to provide new features. Rather than drive to a service center after a recent recall, the repair was done in our garages via a software update. Mechanical repairs involving travel Tesla service centers are rare. Teslas have 20 moving parts in their drivetrains versus 2000 in vehicles with internal combustion engines.

A computer update in December 2023 gave most of us the option of changing the door lock sound from the standard short beep. A survey of club members found that a majority installed the quack sound, and the clown horn was in second place. So, if you hear a quack in the parking lot of the Recreation Center or The Arbors, think "Tesla" and not "duck."

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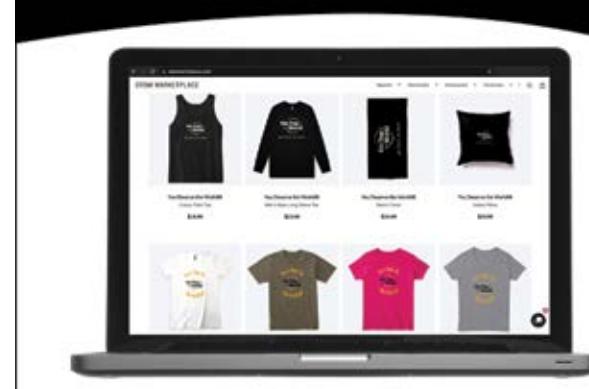
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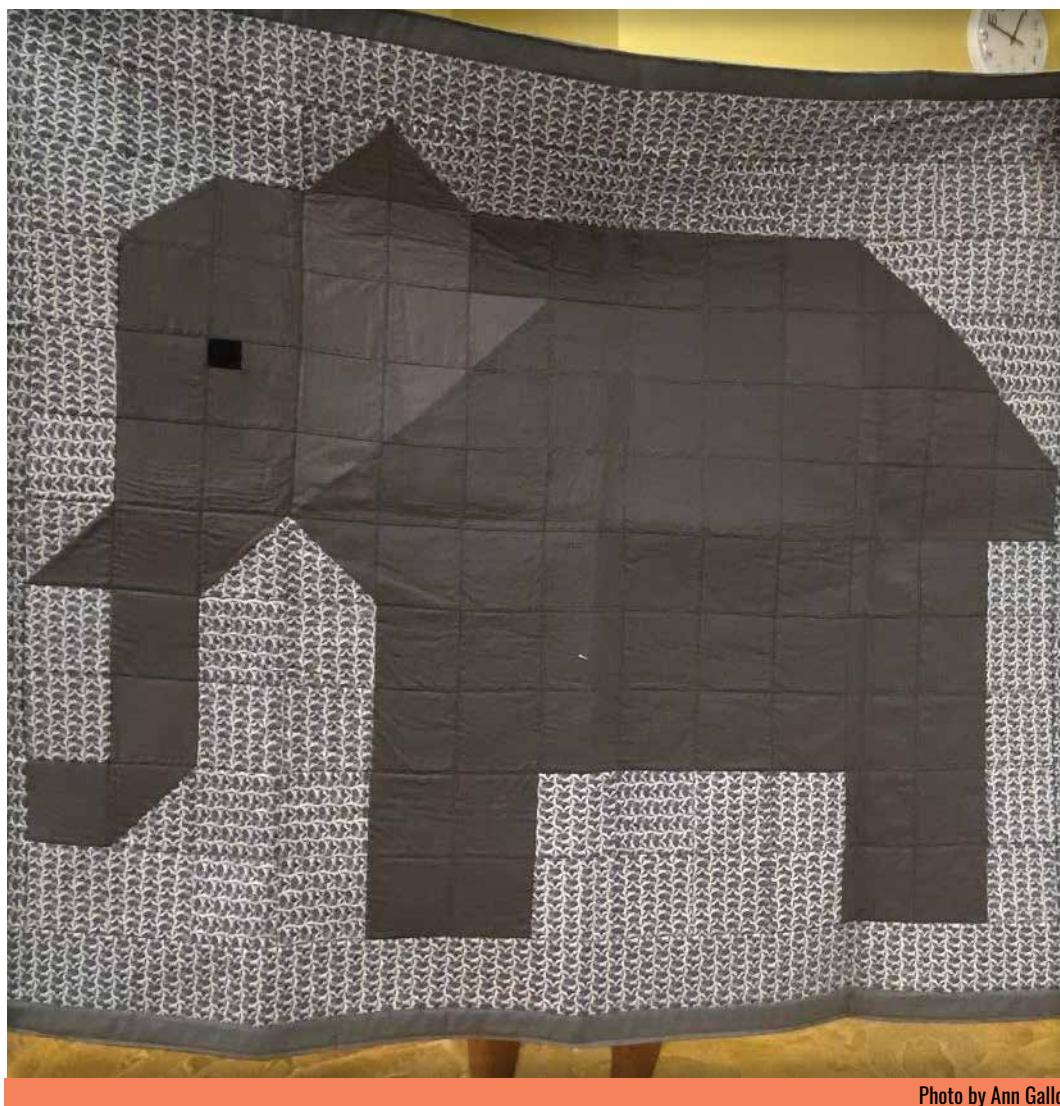
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Elephant quilt created by Dwight Bartholomew and Charles Jacobs.

## Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo



The dog days of summer are approaching quickly, and our snowbirds have flown north for hopefully cooler weather.

It's too hot outside, come join us in a nice, air-conditioned room. We have sewing machines available to use or bring your own.

Did you know that quilting as we know it, where stuffing goes between two layers of fabric, started in France? Rudimentary quilting dates to China around 3000 B.C. Their ancient warriors quilted chest protectors together. Ancient Egyptians quilted clothing.

Stop by and see our program in action. We meet every Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. We also meet the second and third Saturdays of the month from noon to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

Can't sew? No problem. We have many tasks that are essential to our program. Come meet an amazing group of ladies and gentlemen. Dues are \$15 for the year.

We are always in need of children's themed cotton or flannel fabric.

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

Please call or text Ann Gallo with any questions at 917-597-2178.

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Linda Lohr



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

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

Our next class is Thursday, June 6. Alternate Thursdays are technique sessions.

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