

Community News

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Publisher

Looking Back and Forward

Welcome to 2017. Let's make it a good year for everyone in the community.

Last month, I wrote a few short paragraphs about the uncommon generosity of On Top of the World, Candler Hills, and Indigo East communities. The very genuine kindness and decency of our residents has once again manifested itself in the overwhelming support and success of the community-wide food drive.

We are pleased to report that there was a huge outpouring of contributions (over 3,000 pounds) and support for Interfaith Emergency Services. They expressed both their surprise and gratitude at the generosity of all the On Top of the World communities. I've said it before and it bears repeating: kindness to each other is the glue that binds people together regardless of different backgrounds. It is the core of a successful community.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots gift donation drive was also very successful this year.

It is important to be grateful and to remind others that they are appreciated as well as important in some way. Thank you for all you do.

Annual Meetings

I'd like to thank all those members who attended the annual meetings for the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, as well as Candler Hills and Indigo East Neighborhood Associations on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. Meetings can become quite lengthy, so I appreciate the interested residents who stayed to the very end.

Regardless of the specific items that apply to any given association, we also included a great deal of material generally dealing with the state of the community overall and the factors that affect the various operations.

Enforcement matters were discussed at each of the meetings. What one person does (or doesn't do) may adversely affect their neighbors. Also discussed was how the board deals with delinquencies in community services fees.

2016 saw a great many changes around the Candler Hills and Indigo East properties. Home construction is going great in both communities. So much so in fact, that it is necessary to expand the recreation facilities.

Besides adding or enhancing new landscape and hardscape features, the Indigo East Community Center was completely renovated and expanded by several thousand square feet. The kitchen was completely renovated and expanded to support resident social functions. The entry lobby was completely redesigned to provide for a cordial and friendly environment. Expanded parking for the dog park was added and the very beautiful walking trail was enhanced with new fitness trail stations to enjoy as you walk.

As I'm writing this column, work is being wrapped up at The Lodge in Candler Hills which will be opening in early February. The Lodge is exclusive to Candler Hills residents.

The Lodge is a grand 17,000 square foot facility that offers a large ballroom, which may be subdivided for smaller functions, together with smaller meeting rooms. The main lodge has a large fireplace and seating arrangements that will provide the opportunity for cordial times with your friends and neighbors. The back patio area overlooking the pool features a gas fire pit as well as outdoor seating under large canopy umbrellas. Offering sweeping views of the fifth fairway.

The swimming pool features a

We Have Some Stories to Tell!

By Margaret Spontak

The new Master the Possibilities winter catalog is now available at the Master the Possibilities' lobby and at sites throughout the community. The 700-plus classes celebrate the winter term - "The Power of Stories." Download the storytelling section at MasterthePossibilities.org.

Faculty member Jerry Snyder has organized Fireside Stories, seven storytelling events. The opening event begins on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. around a fire at The Town Square. The other sessions move indoors to Master the Possibilities' living room. Storytellers are encouraged to submit a seven to eight minute story to tell. Sign-up at the office or e-mail MTP@MasterthePossibilities.org.

A Story Masters workshop series compliments the storytelling events beginning with three-time state champion storytelling winner Pat Nease (Tuesday, Jan. 10). Others in the line-up include Manal Fakhoury, founder of TEDxOcala (Tuesday, Jan. 24), Jessica McCune, the force behind Marion County's storytelling movement (Tuesday, Feb. 7), Dr. Kitty Oliver, Florida Humanities Council scholar, (Wednesday, Feb. 15), On Top of the World's Jerry Snyder and champion storyteller Jack Copeland (Tuesday, Feb. 21), Doris Weatherford, author of "Women Who Dared to Dream" (Tuesday, March 7), and Ersula Knox-Odom, portraying Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (Tuesday, March 21). It all wraps up with a Liar's Competition in early April.

A TEDxOcalaSalon is scheduled on Monday, Jan. 30 where students can gather to view and discuss two popular TED talks. If you are not familiar with the TED phenomena, attend "How TED got Ignited" (Tuesday, Jan. 24) to hear more.

The catalog is filled with story-related classes. In the humanities sections, you will find "Reading and Enjoying Short Stories" with Ray Cech, "From Page to the Silver Screen" with Elaine Smith, "Music Joins Literature" by Marie Ropel, and a series on Florida Author Storytellers. Award-winning romance

author Darlene Marshall visits Monday, March 27 to share how her Florida-based stories are created. Edith Gandy presents "Telling Stories in a Song" (Wednesdays, Feb. 15, March 1 and 15). The Marion County Public Library staff is back with "Great Stories to Tell the Grandchildren" (Tuesday, Jan. 17).

Technology instructor Tina Shook includes two new classes on YouTube, a great way to share a story online. Jerry Colen is back with "Sex, Scandals, Murder - Hoopray for Hollywood" (Tuesday, Feb. 28), sharing true and bizarre legal tales.

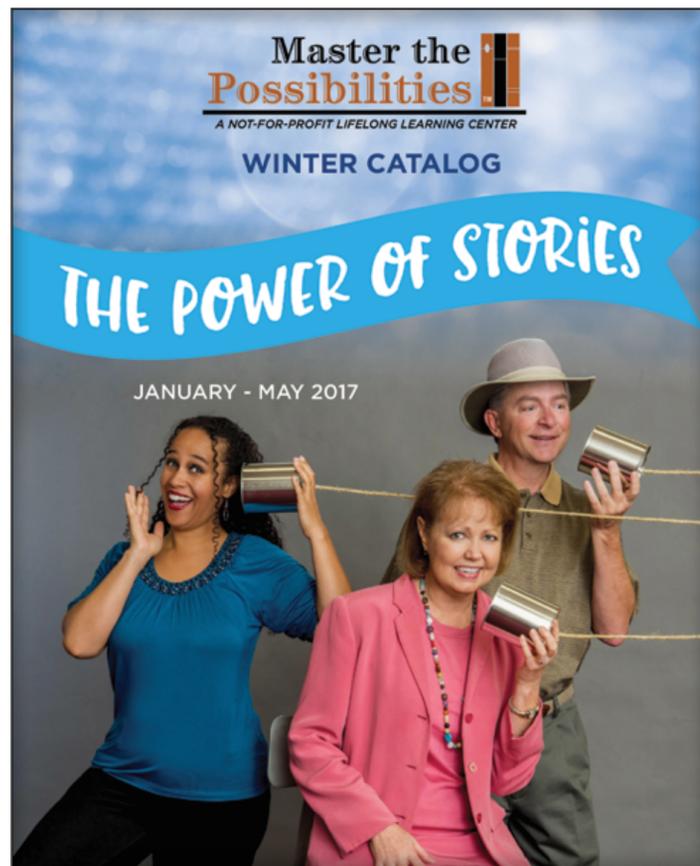
History faculty Bill Bass and new instructor Jim Seidule get in the act. Seidule covers the unique stories of

past presidencies. Bass shares "Stories from the Revolutionary War" (Thursday, Feb. 16) and "The Life of Moses Barber" (Thursday, Jan. 19).

The Lifestyle and Fun section is brimming with travel tales including a double-header on African Safaris - one with Doris Gamelin and Rod Broker (Tuesday, Feb. 28) and another by ShutterBugs member Connie Filip (Tuesday, Feb. 21). Evelyn Kelly, Don Wyman and Claudia Dervaes cover the world with travel stories from China to Iceland to Argentina and more.

Great Courses video series are back with three offerings in the schedule. Pottery instructor Denise Meyer is back as visiting artist. She joins Gail Ashford and Jan Hitchcock for an exciting group of pottery offerings.

The winter term would not have been possible without the dedicated staff and volunteers who wrote, edited, and did data entry. Thank you.



The Master the Possibilities winter catalog is now available.

Nature's Displays and Seasons at Sholom Park

By Summer Best

As we welcome in the excitement of the 2017 calendar year, with cool nights, brisk days, goals and promises to fulfill in the next 12 months, natural life at Sholom Park is also signaling the joys and newness of the season.

It's tricky to know the exact flora that will be blooming early in the year, thanks to north central Florida's ever-changing climate, but manager Greg Johnson expects the special Camelia Japonicas to show-

case their colors in bright arrays toward the end of December and into January.

"The saucer magnolias should be in bloom by January ... if we have a warm winter then the plumbago, thryallis, firebush and princess flower will still be in bloom and attracting butterflies," Johnson said. "It's a tough call [to predict] when dealing with perishable items."

Each of these winter delights are known to be landscape showstop-

pers, and, as always, everyone is invited to visit Sholom Park and enjoy dynamic displays and pops of color. Both annuals and perennials seem to greet each day with a nod to great things to come. Squirrels, loping through the park, compete with birds for lunch, and bright orange and mottled Koi fish continue swimming for their snacks.

It's a showcase of Florida winter beauty. Sholom Park continually wishes for visitors to reflect on the past and to ponder the future, while recognizing the very present. Nature turns over new leaves, and we benefit from the power of its seasons, no matter the decade, the century or the millennium.

Fun at the Park: Storytelling

If you love a quality afternoon of family-friendly storytelling and fun music, games and food trucks, or if you know someone who does, then mark your calendar for Sunday, Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sholom Park is presenting Fun at the Park: Storytelling - an afternoon of live entertainment created for all who might like to meet, in person, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Mother Goose, Curious George, Cat in the Hat, the Berenstain Bears, and other beloved literary favorites. These timeless characters will be available for storytelling, promotion of reading and fun, while rows of volunteers will lead attendees of all ages through popular games and activities. Please stay tuned for additional details.

Best wishes to all for a prosperous, healthy and joyful 2017.



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On Top of the World NEWS

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Making a fool of yourself needn't be permanent.

Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: I no longer answer my phone if I do not recognize the number from where the call is coming. This is true even if it's an area code that I do recognize. If a caller

doesn't leave a message I think that you have to assume it was a scam call.

SCAM ALERT: The certified copy of deed scam is alive and well. It's a scam where you get a letter from some company that claims you need a certified copy of your deed and if you send money then this scam company claims it will send you a certified copy; sometimes they just say you need a copy.

Look folks, no one ever needs a certified copy of their deed for anything. You don't even need a copy when you have the original. This is a scam that primarily hits new purchasers who've closed on their purchase. If you know someone like that, please tell them about this scam.

SCAM ALERT: There is no excuse for providing any credit card or social security information to anyone who has called you on the phone; and you don't know anything about that caller. If it is someone who does have a need for that information, you must verify, verify, verify!

Q. My wife and I live in Florida and also in a northeastern state. We are here six months and live up north the other six months. Why shouldn't we be entitled to claim a

homestead exemption here as well as in our other home?

A. Yeah, well, it's against the law here in Florida; that's why. You are entitled to claim a homestead exemption in Florida if you reside here as your residence. To do that you must really mean it. That is, you must prove it by having a Florida driver's license or Florida I.D. (or some other Florida photo I.D., if there is such a thing); have a Florida voter's registration and probably even a utility bill where the bill comes to your Florida address. There are rare situations where a couple could have a Florida homestead and another homestead in another state; but did you read where I said it was in a rare situation? You would need to check with the Homestead Exemption office to see about that; but did you read where I said it was rare? I can assure you that sooner or later the Florida Department of Revenue will audit your situation and will see what the truth is. Sure! You may get away with it for a bit. However, you will be found out and then you will face interest and penalty charges; plus, of course, you'll have to pay the full real estate tax that you should have paid in the first place.

Don't play around with this, folks! You will not win; no matter how clever you think you are. Not only that, but it is highly unlikely that you will be able to get out of paying all that might be owed, plus, as I said, interest and penalties. You can cry and plead ignorance all you want; but it is not likely that you'll catch a break from the Department of Revenue.

Q. What is the difference between a condominium and an apartment?

A. I've actually heard this question before and it's a nice question. The answer is that a condominium is a form of joint ownership of a parcel of land that was created by a duly recorded Declaration of Condominium, and which can be held either in what is called fee simple or multi-year leasehold. Within the parcel of land that is a condominium there will be separate units of ownership. The separate units of ownership would be an apartment; although it could also be a single-family home that is in a condominium or an office condominium. The same applies where there is a homeowners association (HOA). The basic difference between a condominium and a HOA has to do with the documents that create the joint ownership entity.

Q. What would you say about a grandchild who wants to move in with me because she's having a difficult time with her parents over her boyfriend?

A. I would say, "Never!"
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On Top of the World Communities, Inc. and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) are partnering in 2017 for the purpose of conducting a study to evaluate whether incorporating compost materials into the soils will reduce water demand, while also maintaining the turf grass quality.

There will be three replicates of the study. The control will be installed having nothing added exactly like typical installation practices. There will be a tilling replicate tilling the virgin soils at final grade and there will be a tilling replicate with compost. This replicate will till in the composted product six inches in the virgin soils at final grade.

UF/IFAS will be visiting specific sites monthly to review the progress take readings and evaluate the turf grass quality. We hope by partnering with UF/IFAS that we can provide a better product and lessen our demand on water resources.

Conservation of water resources starts with irrigation usage. Irrigation demand has been up lately due to dry conditions and new construction. As your lawn ages and grows, run times may be reduced and watering as needed based on close monitoring of the condition of the grass. Over watering is often times the biggest culprit for disease and pests. Up to 70 to 80 percent of your water bill is attributed to the lawn and landscape irrigation. On Top of the World strives to install a superior irrigation system to help conserve water. I will talk about some of these features next.

First, the Solar Sync is an evapotranspiration (ET) based rain sensor that each new home built since 2010 has installed. Evapotranspiration is the cumulative value of the evaporation of water from the earth and the transpiration of the plant determining water loss replacement values for irrigation requirements. This sensor measures solar radiation and temperature to determine a run time. Each night at midnight the sensor communicates with the clock adjusting your run-



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

UF/IFAS compost and irrigation study team with On Top of the World staff reviewing the Sanctuary model center site.

time according to proper ET values. We tested the Solar Sync before including them into our irrigation installation practices and tests indicated a 30 percent savings over conventional rain sensors.

Next is the drip irrigation system for your shrubs. The plants receive low volume emitters either at the base of the plant or next to the plant with spray spikes. The emitters produce about a half-gallon per minute and apply the water directly to the root ball of the plant. The system is so efficient that resi-

dents have the ability to reduce landscape irrigation runtimes within the first year. We suggest making small incremental changes to your runtimes of five to 10 minutes and monitor plant health.

Pressure regulated heads and MP rotators conclude the irrigation efficiencies. Pressure regulated heads have an estimated savings of 10 to 15 percent over heads that do not have pressure regulation. These heads reduce the pressure in the heads to the correct working pressure of the nozzle for maximum ef-

iciency.

Lastly, the MP rotator is a match precipitation (MP) nozzle that provides water at an efficient rate of application. This head should not be touted as a nozzle that will save you water but one that will apply the water more consistently providing efficiency. These nozzles have an application rate of .43 inches per hour so they need to run for 90 minutes (.63 inches) to achieve the .5 to .75 inches of water at each application as specified by UF/IFAS.

Let's keep it green in 2017!

It's Show Time!

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Happy New Year to all! As Circle Square Cultural Center enter its 11th year; let's celebrate with some fantastic performances for the first month of 2017.

Please note that the Friday, Jan. 13 show with The Bronx Wanderers is sold out.

Just Imagine: The John Lennon Experience
Saturday, Jan. 21

Starring Tim Piper, this fantastic rock and roll tribute show will celebrate the life and music of John

Lennon. Piper is a musician, actor and songwriter.

Piper has performed all over the world including the United States. He has also appeared in movies and television productions portraying John Lennon. This is a show you don't want to miss. If you like John Lennon, you better get those tickets now.

Michael Cavanaugh
Saturday, Jan. 28

Michael Cavanaugh is an actor, musician and singer who made a name for himself playing the piano along with being lead vocalist in the band for the Broadway musical, "Movin' Out." Billy Joel handpicked Cavanaugh for this musical. This talented performer has played with many bands and symphony orchestras including the Boston Pops.

Cavanaugh not only sings but

turns the piano's keyboards into magical sounds. If you like all kinds of music including rock with songs from Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, Paul Simon, James Taylor, and Elton John, you won't want to miss the stage performance.

To purchase tickets, stop by the Circle Square Cultural Center ticket office at 8395 SW 80th Street or go online to csculturalcenter.com.

Let's watch the lights dim as the curtain rises. It's show time!

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gently sloping entry area, as well as convenient alcoves to lounge in the water. For the higher energy types, there are two, 25-yard lap lanes. Yes, the pool is heated. Besides the pool and deck, there are private cabanas positioned a gently flowing creek. Being situated adjacent to Stonebridge, we couldn't be without a bridge! Once all the furnishings, trim, and everything is in place, there will be a formal grand opening for all Candler Hills residents. Watch for this very special notice.

In On Top of the World Central, additional pickleball courts have been added, the softball field has been expanded and updated, new umbrellas have been added around the Recreation Center pool. Four new, lighted tennis courts are being added at the Arbor Club, to name a few of the enhancements.

To recap the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Associa-

tion meeting, building insurance was reviewed. Homes and villas are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The per event deductible remains \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of five percent subject to a \$250,000 minimum deductible for any one occurrence such as a named storm. With respect to all other events all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

Again in On Top of the World, roof replacement work is contracted because of the extensive scope of work involved in replacement. Roofing contractors from last fiscal year have agreed to hold their prices through the 2017-2018 cycle.

In 2017, the Arbor Club will be transformed into a fitness and wellness center with state-of-the-art equipment, as well as an 1,800 square foot fitness studio for classes. On Top of the World will be the first in Marion County to offer state-of-the-art programming

known as "Fitness on Demand." More will be coming on this as we expand. Keep up to date on all of this information in Cammy Dennis' monthly World News columns.

The Town Square

Weather permitting, the Farmer's Market is open every Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This time of the year, we get more local growers who are bringing their winter crops. Come out and support local farmers!

Friday and Saturday nights are open for your dancing enjoyment. January's line-up includes Saratoga Band, Bubba Can't Dance, Cory Tyler & Dunning Shaw and the Power Play Band.

Circle Square Cultural Center

As we kick off 2017, we just want to say thank you for your continued attendance at the shows! January rocks with some familiar faces - The Bronx Wanderers - which is sold out!

We welcome some-never-seen in the Cultural Center performers - Just Imagine: The John Lennon Experience starring Tim Piper. On Saturday, Jan. 21, Just Imagine is the extraordinary rock 'n roll celebration of the life and music of John Lennon. Tim, amazingly, also

looks like John Lennon! The performance intertwines John Lennon's songs with the stories behind them to create a unique and electrifying multimedia concert experience and backed by rock band, Working Class Hero.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, you won't want to miss Michael Cavanaugh. He's a charismatic performer, musician and actor, made famous for his piano/lead vocals in the Broadway musical "Movin' Out." Cavanaugh was handpicked by Billy Joel to star in the title role and evokes a style rivaling the Piano Man. Press Accolades: "The Amazing Michael Cavanaugh" - NY Times; "Brilliant" - Variety Magazine; "Phenomenal" - Chicago Sun Times.

For information and tickets, go to CSCulturalCenter.com! Don't delay!

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, as part of Master the Possibilities' curriculum, the Circle Square Cultural Center team will present a backstage tour. During this presentation, you will be shown all of the inner-workings of what is involved to bring performers to our stage. The tour will last from noon to 1:30 p.m. Please register through Master the Possibilities.



Food For Thought

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As we move forward into 2017, we would like to welcome back

those who vacationed with family and friends over the holiday season. It has certainly been a busy year for each of us in hospitality.

Our holiday hours for hospitality are as follows:

**New Year's Eve
Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016**

The Club at Candler Hills: 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m.

The Pub: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**New Year's Day
Sunday, Jan. 1**

The Club at Candler Hills, The Pub and Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli: closed.

Do you have an idea for a specialty drink at The Club at Candler Hills or The Pub? Submit your ideas to the bartender in writing with ingredients and name the drink. If yours is selected, you will receive a \$20 gift card and be the winner of our contest. Ideas must be submitted by Monday, Jan. 30, 2017.

Friendship Catering

Through Friendship Catering, we host a variety of events throughout the year from birthday and anniversary parties, reunions, weddings and so much more. We are pleased to accommodate you on any upcoming event you may have in the New Year. Contact Jenene Baxley at (352) 861-9188 or jenene_baxley@otowfl.com for your next party.

The Club at Candler Hills

Wednesday, Jan. 4 is National Spaghetti Day and is observed annually across the country. The long, thin pasta of Italian and Sicilian origin, which is made of semolina or flour and water, known as spaghetti and loved by millions, has its own special day. We invite you to join Chef Marlon and staff at The Club at Candler Hills, from 4 to 8 p.m. for an all you can eat spaghetti dinner with house salad and garlic sticks for \$12* (plus tax and gratuity). It's sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Pastry Chef Lynn creates some of the most delicious desserts around. We are pleased to have her as part of our hospitality team. On Monday, Jan. 23, America celebrates National Pie Day. This delicious dessert can be all flavors, shapes and sizes. We sell pies by the slice or whole, for your convenience. Call (352) 861-8720 today and order yours with Ms. Lynn.

The Pub

Every Monday at The Pub is our 2 for \$20 lunch combo. Select any two entrée's and choice of side with a soft drink, coffee or tea for just \$20 plus tax. This offer is from 11 am - 3 pm, while supplies last.

Homemade blueberry pancakes served up hot on January 28th right from The Pub's kitchen. Enjoy a stack topped with syrup, jelly or butter, after all, it's National Blueberry Pancake Day! What better way to start your day?

Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli

Sid's Coffee Shop and Deli offers a variety of flavors for your coffee, anywhere from Irish, hazelnut or French vanilla. 'Tis the perfect season for a hot cup of your favorite flavored coffee.

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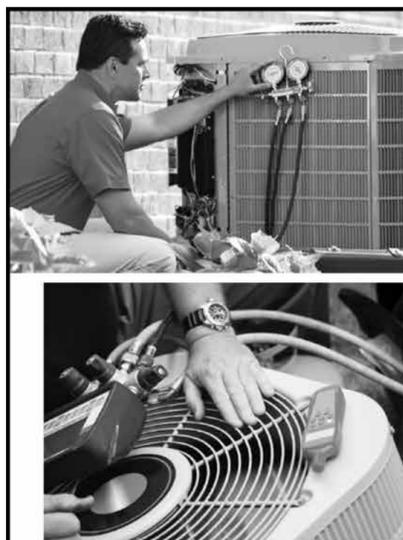
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready to start a new year with new goals for the coming year. We wish you a wonderful 2017, filled with happiness, success and good health.

Customer Service

Please note the Customer Service office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2. The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Jan. 18, this month.

Please note that Customer Service will be closed until noon on Friday, Jan. 20.

Customer Service may be reached by phone: (352) 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons.

HOA Meetings

The annual meetings for the Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations and On Top of the World (Central) Owners As-

sociation were held in December 2016. Items discussed were annual budgets for Indigo East and Candler Hills, enforcement in all communities, the happenings at Circle Square Commons and all of the improvements we see around the community such as the Indigo East Community Center renovation, new tennis courts under construction at the Arbor Club, the new Lodge in Candler Hills and the completed new pickleball courts and Power Park to name a few. Also included were the businesses that will be opening along SR 200 and SW 80th Avenue and an update on the independent living facility.

Holiday Lighting and Decorations

Please ensure that all holiday decorations are removed by Monday, Jan. 16. Live Christmas trees may be placed on the curb in front of your home for pick-up on your community's regularly scheduled yard debris pick-up day.

Food Drive

The annual food drive ran from Dec. 5 to 16, 2016, and we had a wonderful outpouring from our residents. Our residents are a very generous group, and we appreciate your support each year as we help Interfaith Emergency Services fill

their food pantry.

Coyotes

We have received several complaints regarding coyote sightings and I wanted to remind everyone to please not feed the coyotes. After the resident noticed that someone was leaving food on the side of the road, they became concerned that not only will this attract rodents and various wild animals but that it could attract coyotes as well.

There are several reasons not to feed wild animals. Among those are: people food isn't good for animals; human contact/familiarity makes them lose their natural fear of people; and animals fed along roads tend to stay near the road, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.

If you happen to come across a coyote on your walk or ride, you can chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, or throwing rocks. By making life for coyotes in your neighborhood more difficult, you will increase the likelihood that they will go somewhere else.

Master the Possibilities is having a class on Wednesday, Jan. 18, "Coyotes in Florida, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" presented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission representative.

Single Stream Recycling

Single stream recycling started in the community years ago at the SW 90th Street post office and quickly spread to other sites. It has continued to be popular and we have had plenty of positive feedback from residents - so much so, we have had to have additional pulls by Waste Management to meet the demand.

It is a convenient and easy form of recycling and many materials can be recycled. Everything goes into one bin - no sorting required! Just look for the container that states, "single stream recycling." Please do not include:

- Glass such as light bulbs, ceramics or mirrors;
- Aluminum products such as aerosol cans;
- Plastic bags.

Plastic containers must be numbered one to seven on the bottom of the container and all cardboard must be broken down. Please rinse all containers and remove lids. Please follow the guidelines on the sign, refer to ontopoftheworldinfo.com or pick-up information at Customer Service.

We do ask that if a container is full, be it a single stream recycling container or a compactor, please do not set the recycling or trash on the ground around the container or on top of the container.

Indigo East Gateway

The Indigo East community is unique in that they may choose to opt in to the Gateway of Services. For those Indigo East residents wishing to enjoy the amenities behind the gates, a Gateway of Services pass is necessary.

We offer several payment options when you sign up: monthly automatic debit from your checking, savings or credit card; one time check or credit card payment; or quarterly payments with a quarterly processing fee. If you would like more information regarding the Gateway of Services or if you would like to sign up, please contact Customer Service for an appointment.

LifeSouth Bloodmobile

Sue & Dick Copeland

The holiday season has now past. Santa has flown by and delivered his annual gifts to the children and us. We happily opened and started enjoyed the gifts of the season!

Now, we turn to the more mundane actions of daily life! We once again begin to look at and explore our old ideas and new considerations. How can we help others and ourselves?

One of the best ways is to simply roll up our sleeves, hold out our arms and donate a little pint of blood. We feel better because we help others ... and that helps ourselves!

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be waiting for our usual donors and for new recruits on Monday, Jan. 2 ... the day after 2017 begins! Make it a new beginning for you, too!

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outside the front of the Recreation Center any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2. Bring an I.D. Answer a few questions for our crew, go out to the comfortable seating area, hold out your arm (left or right), allow one of our extremely capable personnel to apply the necessary equipment, drink a beverage of your choice from our large selection, lean back and know your donation will go toward saving as many as three lives.

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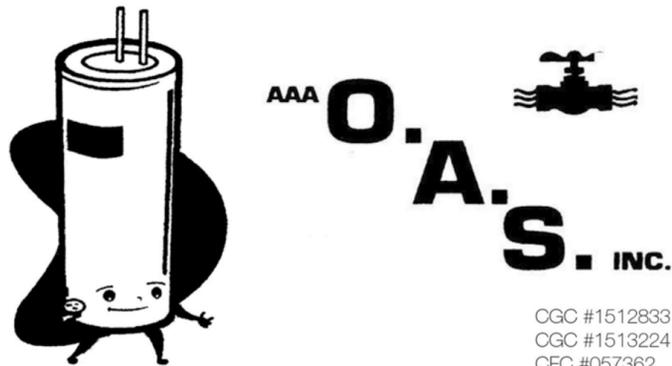
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At the end a short tour will be given to familiarize residents with the facilities and amenities available at the Recreation Center.

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



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Avalon Social Group

Marie Roppel

With temperatures dropping and festive garments in abundance, the Avalon Social Group gathered on Monday, Dec. 5. The event included our traditional ham with side dishes provided by the attendees. In addition the Original Karaoke Group serenaded us. About 60 people were in attendance and all enjoyed a merry time.

After dinner, the announcement

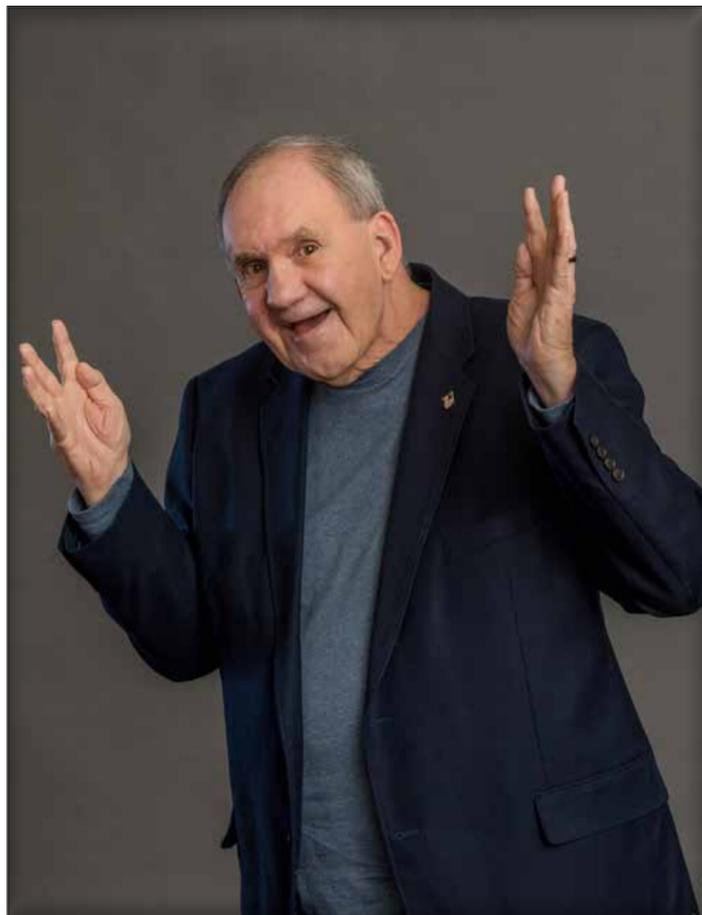
was made that beginning in January the following people will be coordinating the potlucks: Ella Grief, Laura Clarke, Sherry and Dan Hall and Neil Sorenson. The next potluck will be on Monday, Jan. 9 in the Arbor Club. Desserts will be provided so bring meat, casseroles, pasta, salads and other delicious goodies to help welcome in the New Year. Bring a non-alcoholic beverage and a serving utensil, if needed for your dish.

Questions may be directed to Ella Grief at (352) 237-2116 or Laura Clarke at (352) 300-3525.



Photo by Mike Roppel

Avalon residents enjoying their holiday potluck.



Jerry Snyder: Tips on telling a great story.

How to Tell a Story

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

In preparing for Master the Possibilities' winter term, "The Power of Stories," Jerry Snyder held a special class on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 entitled, "How to Tell a Story." He

will repeat this class on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Kickoff for the storytelling events will take place at Circle Square Commons, on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. Come early and enjoy a snack and drink, served up by Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream. Then grab a seat around the open fire pit and listen to some awesome stories. Or, you can sign up at Master the Possibilities to tell your own story. Following the evening kickoff, storytelling will continue, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the Living Room of Master the Possibilities, starting at 4 p.m. Storytelling time will then be held twice a month through March. Check your catalog for dates and times.

A few of Jerry Snyder's pointers for telling an interesting story are:

- Be sure to engage your audience.
 - Build a narrative that can be visualized and believed.
 - Use your voice and your body.
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Candler Connection

Janet Wiles

Happy New Year to all residents! We wish you, your family and friends a year filled with good health, fun and happiness.

The Candler Connection Social Club board of directors announces that the annual meeting and election for incoming board members will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10 in the Candler Hills Community Center. The meeting will start at 3 p.m. and should last no more than one hour. When you arrive, be sure to get a ticket that will make you eligible for a free door prize. Four \$25 gift cards will be given away. Liquid refreshments and light snacks will be served.

Several events have been scheduled for the speaker series. On Thursday, Feb. 16, personnel with the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department will discuss local points of interest. On Tuesday, March 7, Pat Gabriel, the president of the State Road 200 Coalition, will return to provide an update on developments along the SR 200 Corridor. Phillip Hisey will discuss preparing your yard for spring and summer on Tuesday, March 21. Unless The Lodge is available, all presentations will be held in the Candler Hills Community Center at 3 p.m. on the Tuesdays specified.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the Candler Hills Community Center. Those residents with last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring appetizers or desserts; D-K, main entrees; L-S, side dishes. Label your dish with its name and ingredients to assist people with dietary issues. Volunteers helping with set-up should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers. Make sure you get a number for the table where you will be sitting. The cost of \$1 covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaffeinated coffee. To attend, contact Bev McCarthy at (352) 854-9416 or bjtr6@yahoo.com to let her know how many will be attending, what dish you will be bringing, and if you can help with set-up.

Mark your calendar for the annual spring dinner and dance event



Photo by Bob Scherff

Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Bowers, and K-9 trooper "Kevin" making a presentation to Candler Hills residents.

which will be held on Saturday, March 18 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The members of the social committee are busy preparing for this event. Watch for details concerning time, menu selections, entertainment, and ticket sales in future columns.

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log on to the website, candlerconnection.org, to fill out the form so that you can receive "The Happenings" each month by e-mail. This is the best way to remain current about any changes that may occur after the publication of this column in the World News.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to come and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.



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orous, athletic challenge). You will also find TRX as a part of the mix in X-Camp and HIIT Wave, both of which are high intensity interval training.

Sole Strength is a unique bare-foot workout, combining elements of yoga, strength and cardio.

Barre workouts are currently a hot fitness trend. The Ranch's Power Barre sessions fuse ballet and fitness to focus on improving posture, lean muscle definition and core strength.

F.I.T. sessions are fee-based and require a reservation; Ranch members can reserve a spot for any of the sessions at the front desk. For questions about any of these programs, please call (352)854-8707 ext. 7589. Although each of these is unique in style and format, collectively the F.I.T. programs share some important criteria and outcomes.

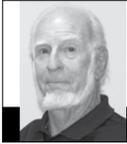
1. The exercises are functional. Functional training mimics

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2. The exercises train for power. Power is represented by a muscle's ability to contract with strength and speed. Power training is a critical component of X-Camp, HIIT Wave and Sole Strength (three of the F.I.T. sessions), which involves quick, powerful movements that exert and resist force. Sometimes

referred to as "reactive training" this was once viewed as a protocol exclusively for competitive athletes. We now know that preserving the muscle's ability to exert power is important for everyone. When the body can produce power (quickly and forcefully contract muscles) it functions better and the risk of injuries is greatly reduced.

3. The sessions are capped between six and 10 participants. By limiting the number of F.I.T. participants we ensure that each client will receive a personal training experience. Every F.I.T. session is led by a certified personal trainer and/or an instructor with a special certification in that particular discipline. This ensures maximum benefit for F.I.T. clients, each receiving personal attention on proper exercise execution.



Republican Club

Fred Pulis

An extremely proud and jubilant Republican Club meeting was held on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016. The annual potluck affair was overjoyed to find out that the four precincts in On Top of the World averaged a

Republican turnout of 92 percent according to the Marion County Supervisor of Elections.

Elected officials in attendance were State Senator Dennis Baxley, District 12 and Marion County Commissioners Carl Zalak, David Moore, and Michelle Stone. All of them were pleased with our turnout and thanked our members for being responsible for their respective victories.

In accordance with the club by-laws, elections were held for four

positions. The incumbent President Fred Pulis and Treasurer Opal Stroud decided not to seek reelection. The new Republican Club central officers elected unanimously were President William Richhart; Vice President Wendell Crist; Treasurer Joanie Crist; and Secretary Fiona Bowling.

Also, the club received an overview presentation of the Republican Club website by member David Wesenberg. The presentation to the membership was extremely infor-

mative and should be useful in the future.

The first meeting of the New Year by the Republican Club will be held on Friday, Jan. 13 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F and G starting at 7 p.m. Newly elected Marion County Commissioner Jeff Gold for District 3 will be our guest speaker.

For more information about the Republican Club, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.

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Democratic Club

Dan Lack

Our first meeting of the New Year occurs on Thursday, Jan. 26. Our first order of business is the election of the 2017 board of directors: President Dan Lack, Vice President Jerry Segovis, Secretary Lynn Miller, Treasurer Evelyn Kof-

froth and Directors Jack Hegarty, Jean Krueger-Travis, Paul Pardee and Florence Pritchard. Then we will have some fun participating in an audio/visual trivia contest that will test your knowledge of civics and government. We will divide the attendees into teams who will compete for a surprise prize.

After the 2016 election, it is more important than ever for a dynamic and thriving Democratic Club. Approximately 40 percent of the On Top of the World electorate voted

for the Democrats on Election Day. They make up a large group of citizens who believe that facts, scientific and otherwise, do matter. The Democratic Club allows us to socialize with like-minded individuals and to spread that message.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on our otow demclub youtube channel.

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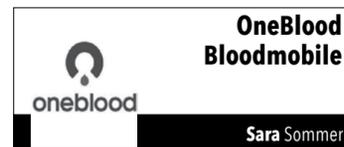
Christmas Lights

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Frank and Janice Piccirro along with their son have moved from Friendship Colony to Stonebridge at Candler Hills. A larger home means more Christmas lights! Their new house is lit on all four sides and can easily be seen upon entering their neighborhood.

Although Christmas is over ... it's not too late to stop by to see this beautifully lit house! Janice said, "Celebrating Christmas with countless decorations is a family tradition." The couple has been adorning their home with Christmas lights for over 50 years. "The lights are turned on the first of December and stay on until approximately Sunday, Jan. 15," Janice added.

So hop in your golf cart and take a ride out to Stonebridge to view this display, and while you are at it, travel around the community to view many other light displays.



I can't believe it is 2017. Where did the last year go? No matter what year it is, your help is still needed to save lives. The big red bus was here on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016. We had almost 20 heroes who gave the gift of life. The next time the big red bus is here will be Monday, Feb. 6.

Now is a good time to remind everyone of the big red bus schedule. The bus comes on the first Monday of every even month. All On Top of the World Communities are welcome to donate. The bus parks in the Recreation Center parking lot. The hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo I.D. is required.

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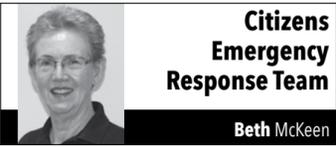
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**Citizens
Emergency
Response Team**

Beth McKeen

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2017.

CERT and Community Patrol members, as volunteers for the Marion County Sheriff's Office, were honored at a Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 at The Club at Candler Hills. Thank you to Kenneth Colen for hosting this annual event.

This past year has been a busy one for CERT members. It is an ongoing job to keep up with mapping the new communities due to all the growth that On Top of the World is undergoing. This growth has also provided extra recruiting opportunities with two Club Fairs again this year as well as four Get Acquainted Coffees for new residents.

There are two recruiting opportunities this month. CERT will have a table at both the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 26 and the 15th annual Health and Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 21. Please stop by and see what information CERT has to offer.

We need new members on our team to keep up with growth in the community, so please consider participating in this service organization and giving back to your community. Be a volunteer for the Emergency Management Bureau of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

CERT training classes have been filling very rapidly due to an increase in CERT interest throughout the county, so it is not too early to apply for the next training class. To fill out an application go to marionso.com, EM icon, EM volunteering, or call Beverly Case, CERT coordinator, at (352) 369-8103.

CERT meets the second Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10. Anyone interested in learning more about CERT is welcome to attend these meetings or contact Beth McKeen at (352)-237-5079.

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**Community
Patrol**

Patricia Woodbury

The Community Patrol and CERT members enjoyed a very nice luncheon on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 in the Candler Hills Community Center, hosted by Kenneth Colen, in appreciation of the commitment of these two service organizations.

The November 2016 meeting was brief to just update the members on some patrolling issues, thank them for their participation in the Marion County Sheriff's Office Halloween party and invite them to participate in the Golf Cart Parade and the December luncheon.

During the holiday season, members were encouraged to patrol the commercial areas for suspicious activity. The Marion County Sheriff's Office encourages all to lock their cars and stow their valuables in the trunk of the car.

Also during this time, as well as being the height of tourist season, there are increasingly crowded highways and traffic backups causing many drivers to lose control and become extremely aggressive. The Marion County Sheriff's Office suggests that if you encounter aggressive drivers, do not challenge them and stay away as far as possible.

The Community Patrol wishes all of you a happy and safe New Year. The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, Jan. 23.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our Community Patrol should call Gary Rodoff at (352) 291-7508. Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center, at 3 p.m. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.

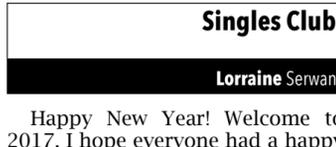
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Singles Club

Lorraine Serwan

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2017. I hope everyone had a happy holiday! The Singles Club ended the year with a tasty luncheon and gift exchange at Red Lobster.

Now we are ready to start the new year with our meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12. Our guest speaker will be Joe Pine from Metro Crime Prevention.

The following Thursday, Jan. 19, a group will be going to Silver Springs State Park. The admission is \$2 and if you want to go on the glass bottom boat ride it is an additional \$8 to \$10, depending on the number of boaters. The group will, as usual, meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 9:45 a.m. There is a restaurant in the park or you may prefer to go to a different eatery. If you need more information or want to sign up, call Sally at (352) 237-9103.

Looking ahead to some of our excursions: we'll be going to the Appleton Museum of Art, the Marion Therapeutic Riding Association, taking a delightful, relaxing singing boat ride out of Dunnellon and visiting the Veterans Memorial Park. We hope you will join us for all of these activities.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H. Come join us and bring a friend. We always welcome new members.

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**American Jewish
Club**

Sandra Wolf

The American Jewish Club finished 2016 with an ambitious program. We celebrated Chanukah with the annual bagels and lox, the story of Chanukah, and the entertainment from the Good Vibrations. Thanks to all who assisted and participated in this program.

In 2017, the club will continue to have a variety of programs for both your body and mind. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. This is the fourth Sunday of the month. The entertainment is something special so please make arrangements to attend.

The lunch bunch hopes to continue its success. The year ended with a good attendance at the Thai restaurant, Ayuttaya. There are two more dinner bunches on the calendar. These are scheduled for the months of March and May. More information will be available later.

If you are a new resident and require more information on the American Jewish Club, please contact President Jackie Ludmer at (352) 304-8124.

If you have suggestions for the lunch bunch, please contact Myra Post (352) 861-9223. Have a healthy New Year!

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Stamp Club

Joe Rosinski

What follows is the initial version of happenings at the General Francis Marion Stamp Club for 2017. Quite a busy time of the year for our members, especially for those interested in buying things at our monthly auction in November. We had a variety of unusual items, which brought the owners a nice return for placing them on the auction block. Of particular interest to several members was a wide range of items from the World War II timeframe. A number of items of a non-philatelic nature attracted quite a bit of interest. Buyers and sellers came away as winners in most cases.

The Fort King commemorative cover was featured at our Stamp Show in October and has been available for sale since then for \$2 each. There are still some available. If you would like to purchase one, just e-mail me at rosinskijoe@gmail.com and I'll provide you with the particulars.

One of our members, Tom Weixmann Jr, moved to upstate New York and will continue to be a member in good standing. That brings our out-of-state membership to a total of three. Our meeting minutes will continue to be e-mailed to them all to keep them abreast of happenings on the home front. We are also considering a change to our by-laws, which will permit e-mail voting privileges in the future.

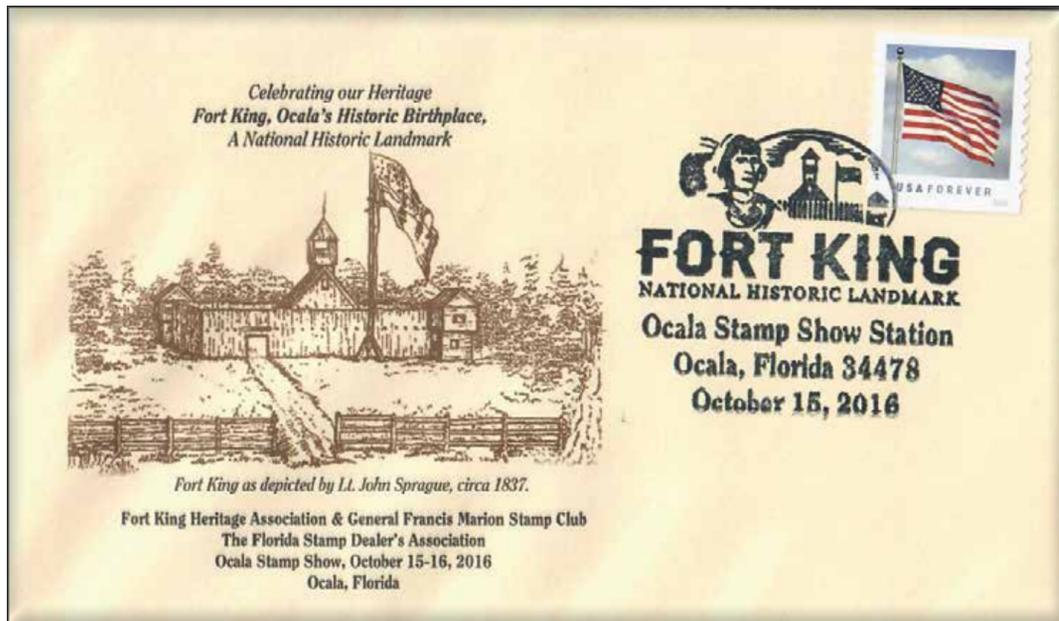


Photo by Joe Rosinski

Fort King commemorative cover.

A slate of officers for the 2017 executive board was presented to the membership at our first meeting in December. The slate includes President Art McNeal, Vice President Russell Rumney, Treasurer Eliot Natale, and Secretary Joe Rosinski. Voting will take place at the last meeting in December with the new members taking office on Jan. 1.

A move is underway to refurbish our web site with the appointment of a committee to find another provider as well as a club webmaster

to oversee changes that are necessary to make the website more attractive and current.

The Florida Stamp Dealers Association has decided that the 2017 Ocala Stamp Show will be a one-day event on Sept. 9 at the Munroe Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Conference Center on SW 1st Avenue in Ocala. A contract will be prepared and signed in the coming weeks.

I would like to once again invite you to drop in on one of our meetings and see what it is we find so

interesting about stamp collecting. Our business meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks second floor conference room. The meeting is preceded by a presentation by one of our members on a particular subject.

An informal meeting is held at Freedom Library at 6 p.m. generally on the second Tuesday of each month. This meeting is an informal gathering and is sometimes preempted by some other activity at the library. Contact me by e-mail for a particular day. Our meeting on the third Wednesday of the month is held at the Bank of the Ozarks and is dedicated mostly to our monthly auction. Thanks for reading this and look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

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Wood Shop Buzz

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

If you simply want to rip a two by four or maybe want to build new kitchen cabinets, it can all be done just a golf cart ride away.

The Wood Shop at the Hobby Building has more than 20 pieces of woodworking equipment available for members' use. And, that does not include the handheld tools that can be used onsite or taken home for use.

There are about 150 members presently in the wood shop "club" that make use of the facility. "Strangely though," says club president, Paul Hughes, "there is rarely a wait to use any of the equipment." Paul goes on to tell us that there are all levels of expertise in the club: beginners, those with advanced wood working skills, some that may just have a one-of project, and of course, new members who are interested in learning the craft.

The woodworking facility has been around for more than 20 years and is maintained by members of the club. If a piece of equipment has to be replaced, or if there is a need for a new tool, it is purchased using club dues. It is, in other words, a self-sustaining operation.



Photo by Ray Cech

Wood shop president Paul Hughes, right and secretary/treasurer Joe Josephson, center discuss Rob's project.

This is quite an achievement since the cost of wood working tools can run anywhere from \$200 to several thousand.

Joe Josephson, club officer, described the wood shop very succinctly when he said, "This facility is the vocational class that guys

never took in middle school."

Guys? Laurie Cope is a member. She joined when she wanted to make her own pizza peel - that's the big wooden paddle you see when the "pizza man" is taking your pie out of the oven. She designed it, made it and it works.

The wood shop is open 24/7. Each member gets his/her own key once dues are paid, which by the way is only \$30 a year. Residents interested in joining the club can visit the shop and then call one of the officers whose name and phone number are posted on the wood shop door.

The Giving Season Never Ends

By Janet Fragapane

Thank you to the person who donated the bicycle for the 100 Grandparents to bring to Romeo Elementary. My husband fixed it up and a child at the school is now enjoying it. Got a bike you don't use? Call me.

Linda Blewitt told the group that the Ladies Golf Association 18 Hole for this year's charity donated 150 books to Romeo Elementary. The children thank you!

What a wonderful giving place to live. So many people give so willingly to help the students. All through this report you will see that help. The items that are left on my porch are heart warming.

The ladies of the SW 86th Loop held a party at the school and gave out gifts to every child in the school.

Waiting at the bus were lots of Santa's helpers. Most readers were in holiday attire and many looked like that jolly elf, with all their bags and boxes of gifts for the students. The next time we meet will be Tuesday, Jan. 10, at True Value for the bus trip by 8:30 a.m. to Romeo Elementary.

The science fair was a big success. Several of our grandparents were judges: Evelyn Simms, Barba-

ra Tibbetts, Kathy and Kevin Broderick, and Susan Johnson. Diamond Dell Rock Mining Company was also at the science fair. The second through fifth grade students were able to go on the company trailer where there was running water to pan for minerals. They were able to take back to their classes what they found and studied it.

Last month, I wrote about the Gentlemen's Club and asked for men to talk to these boys. Blair Hoffman and Ron Broman will be visiting with the boys. Two other guest speakers who will talk are NFL Super Bowl ring wearers. The motto of the club is GRIT: Growth, Rebound, Integrate, Thrive. They are learning positive support, good behavior and attendance.

Woody Clymer, a visiting former principal, spoke to us about the wonderful work the grandparents do for the students. And it's true ... the grandparents do a great job.

The children's chorus sang a medley of Christmas songs for the 100 Grandparents. Their music teacher, Ms. Billig, directed them. She treated all the third graders to the Nutcracker Ballet.

Please keep collecting Box Tops for Education, and pull-tabs.



Photo by Bill Shampine

Some of the 100 Grandparents' members dress in costumes to read to their classes at Romeo Elementary.

Campbell's Soup has discontinued their education labels.

If you would like to donate to the backpack program, please mail a check to: Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430. Include "backpack program" on the memo line. I know I have not written about this in a while, but it is much needed for these children who have little or

nothing. Also needed are new underwear, socks, and warm clothing (children's sizes). Please leave donated items on my porch: 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II) or call me to arrange pick-up at (352) 861-1575.

Another way to help out is to adopt a family. There are several families in need at the school. Please help.

The Beauty of Ferns

By Ron Broman

The meeting ended. Minds and bellies full of goodies, folks eased toward the door. Warm remarks, and regards passed between ev-

eryday friends, those we've missed and some just met.

Marion County does have lovers of Florida, ready to work for its



Photo by Ron Broman

Southernwood, southern shield fern thriving.

greater health.

Then, as if an encore, a beautiful lady, carrying a potted fern called to us.

"Would you like this fern? It came from the Goethe Forest."

I could not believe my hearing! Certainly! Either in our yard or at the Longleaf Pine Trail it would be long.

Then, almost as an encore clone, "No one has offered to take this second one. Would you like it too?" Wow! Now we have our column!

Research has led us to this revelation: the beautiful ferns are shield ferns. We are not aware of the history of these particular ferns, why she said they were from the Goethe Forest; but Craig Huegel, in his book, "Native Florida Plants for Shady Landscapes," helps a great deal.

"Shield ferns are medium-sized species that stand two to three feet tall. In areas that do not freeze, they are evergreen, but they die back to the ground in colder areas of the state." They "tolerate a very wide

range of habitat conditions, from moist soil to dry shade." We did not purposely plant shield ferns into our shaded backyard," he continues. "They just materialized from other places in our neighborhood."

Voila! That seems to be the case with the one pictured here. We've known that our Garden of Weedin' had this fern from 1999, when we moved to On Top of the World, but couldn't remember if we planted it. We also didn't know the species. Now we know!

Southern shield fern, southernwood, *Thelypteris kunthii*, is "routinely offered" commercially. Mix them with other native ferns in average to moist soil to "create a variable fern understory with aesthetic interest."

We continue to maintain the SW 94th Street and SW 89th Court Road circle, the Longleaf Pine Trail, and the Belleview Library native garden; we remain the Native Plant Group.

You just never know what serendipitous wonders occur when you grow native!



Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, Kathy Niebo gave an educational presentation, "Reasonably Exhaustive Research: The First Criteria for Genealogical Proof" using a DVD video by Elizabeth Shown Mills from the National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in May 2016.

In the video, Ms. Mills started her presentation by stating that an "exhaustive search" is impossible because new evidence can always turn up. However, you can perform "reasonably exhaustive research" by planning your project correctly and identifying your sources correctly. Consider whether you are using all available sources that are online, e.g. ancestry.com, familysearch.org, WorldCat.org, National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (loc.gov/coll/nucmc/), National Archives (archives.gov/research).

Are you using all other available sources, such as cemetery records and state and city archives where your ancestors lived for birth, marriage and death records and also land deeds? Are you using all strategies? Have you Googled/Binged the locale for its landmarks, its institutions and its history around that time period? Do all sources trace back to a common source or one person? If so, they may not be reliable. We may need multiple documents tracing back to multiple people.

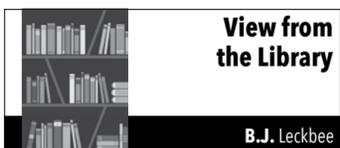
Most genealogical projects begin with an ancestor whose identity and family need to be proven. Hopefully, our research will find multiple pieces of direct evidence, which are independent of each other, so we can correctly identify our ancestor and their family. Sometimes, credible evidence cannot be found. In such cases, Ms. Mills uses what she calls her FAN research whereby she guides us through progressively more intense research, using sources that carry no specific reference to the ancestor's surname, so that we can reconstruct nearby communities and thereby draw indirect evidence to determine who the person really is. She defines FAN as finding sources to trace back to family and friends, associates and neighbors.

She recommends you make a list of the people you are looking for and a list of your sources. Look for neighbors in a census. Look for problems and contradictions in the information obtained. Ms. Mills then tracks a project from planning to completion to identify a man whose origin, parentage, ancestry and alleged Revolutionary War service to apply her standards for "reasonably exhaustive research." It was very interest-

ing and very "exhaustive."

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 9 in the Hobby Building. At the business meeting, we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. We, also, will hold an educational presentation at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. The presentation will explore the website myheritage.com and will be presented by Julia Hendrick.

Our annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. One of the benefits of membership is the large library of genealogical books and CDs, which are available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check us out online at otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.



View from the Library

B.J. Leckbee

If you're an avid mystery reader, you've probably heard of the "alphabet novels" written by Sue Grafton. The first, titled "A Is For Alibi" is set in the 1980s, before computer technology made information available at the touch of a computer key.

The series features a female private investigator named Kelsey Millhone, who lives alone in a garage that was converted into an efficiency apartment by her octogenarian landlord who lives next door. After a brief career as a police officer, Millhone realized she wasn't cut out to be a team player, so she started a business as a pri-

vate investigator.

In the first book of the alphabet series, a convicted murderer claims innocence and wants to hire Millhone to re-investigate the murder and find the real killer. After being guaranteed that she'll get paid whatever the outcome, Millhone takes the case. Of course, potential suspects lie to her, and someone tries to kill her. But she survives to make it to "B Is For Burglar."

In one of Grafton's most recently published alphabet books, Millhone becomes aware that her elderly neighbor's caregiver is keeping him heavily sedated while draining his bank accounts and selling his possessions. This is personal, and Millhone almost gets killed while trying to keep her neighbor alive.

There are 26 letters in the alphabet, and Grafton has published books from A to T. She announced that books X and Y will not include the "is for" phrase after the letters X and Y, but the last in the series will be titled "Z Is For Zero."

Grafton's novels have been published in 28 countries; but she has refused to sell the film rights. So, come to our library to learn about Kinsey Millhone's exploits the old fashioned way.



Lions Club

Estelle Clark

Happy New Year! We hope you had very happy holidays and a safe New Year.

The Lions Club has had a very busy December 2016. Thanks to the generosity of the residents, we were able to give a large number of gifts to disadvantaged children. Besides partnering with U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots we also adopted twin 10-year-old boys from the Heart of Florida Youth Camp for Christmas and six families that included 20 children from the Domestic Violence Center. We also again delivered over 100 pair of socks, lots of stuffed animals and books to Munroe Regional Medical Center Children's Emergency Department. What fun we have had.

We are busy working on our fourth annual Recycled Trashy Fashion Show, which will take place on Saturday, April 8 at Circle Square Cultural Center. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, Feb. 13 in

the Recreation Center Ballroom and continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m. The tickets are \$25 per person (table seat 10).

Brick City Catering will again cater dinner. We will have a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Proceeds from this event will go to disadvantaged children/veterans and the hearing/visually impaired. Make sure to get your tickets early. We also have some spaces available for a few models. Keep an eye out for our posters.

Make sure to stop by our table at the Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Circle Square Cultural Center. We will be providing diabetes screening again this year.

The Lions Club is always looking for members who would like to be of service to their communities. We have a lot of fun helping others. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Come visit and see what we are all about. For more information about our events or becoming a member, please contact Lion Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358. Where there is a Lion there is a need. We serve.

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Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

November marked the beginning of our holiday season of sharing great meals amongst our club members. Four dinners were held at club members' homes to accommodate 28 members.

Hosting our first dinner were Anne and Carl Cruthfield. Liz and Julian Wachs brought two appetizers: bacon candy and blanched asparagus with a simple dipping sauce of light mayonnaise, soya sauce, and grated orange rind. Fol-

lowing the appetizers, Kathy and Luke Mullen served a traditional Greek salad. Anne and Carl then served Chicken Noel, which was served with rice and peas. Renee and Tom Bogan then served the dessert, which was a pineapple upside down cake.

Nancy and Tom Meininger hosted our second dinner. Rhea and Jim Russell brought two appetizers: dates stuffed with cream cheese and chives and small tart shells stuffed with blue cheese, dried apricots and crisp bacon. Following the appetizers, Marion and Dennis Brenon served a tossed salad made with spinach and a mixture of greens, along with hard-boiled eggs, cranberries and nuts. The sal-

ad was served with poppy seed and vinaigrette dressings. Nancy and Tom then served the main meal of a three-cheese chicken rotini casserole with spaghetti sauce. Helen and Jack Anderson served a lemon meringue pie for dessert.

Hosts for our third dinner were Carolle and Tom Carlton. Valerie and George Ostrom brought two hors d'oeuvres. The first was chicken on a stick with a peanut dipping sauce. The second was cheese medallions with marinara sauce. Following the hors d'oeuvres, Carolle and Tom served a tossed salad with a vinaigrette dressing, cranberry pork with mashed potatoes, and almondine green beans. Phyllis and Al Richards served a chocolate pea-

nut butter pie for dessert.

Our fourth dinner was hosted by Annette and Paul Hodges. Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar started the evening by serving two appetizers. They were balsamic and pancetta deviled eggs and crackers wrapped in bacon and topped with brown sugar. Annette and Paul then served a fresh garden salad. This was followed by the entrée, which was ginger glazed chicken thighs with jasmine rice and a Swiss vegetable medley. Following the entrée, Cathy and Terry Putman served dessert, which was a homemade pecan pie.

Our club is currently looking for new couple members. If interested, call Luke at (352) 304-8104.



The Glitzy Gals

Janet Wahl

Lake House Bed and Breakfast in Inverness, Fla. was the location of our Christmas luncheon with hostess Queen Mary Curry. The rooms and tables here were beautifully decorated for the holiday. Colorful treat boxes were at each place

setting from Queen Mary. A tasty lunch was served including a delicious dessert. Queen Mary had several games, which challenged our artistic skills and our Christmas knowledge. The event concluded with a "left and right game" with each girl receiving a gift and then passing them when you heard the words left and right in the story. At the end, you kept the gift you had in your hands. A special thanks to Queen Mary for a terrific party.

The Royal Coronation at the Hol-

iday Inn, hosted by the West Coast Queens' Council, was attended by many in our group. Terrie Potter won a prize and Mary Bicknell won "share the wealth" 50/50 raffle.

The Christmas show at Hudson Show Palace was another activity enjoyed by Queen Mary Curry, Betty Tesmer, Ellen Brecheen, Anne Parker and Terrie Potter. As always, they enjoyed the food and show. The Orlando Premium Outlets were a fun day of shopping, socializing and eating.

Stockings filled with toys and treats for the children, gift cards and a gift for the mothers, a poinsettia for each family and a few other items were delivered to Project Hope for Christmas.

We will be looking forward to some exciting events in the New Year. As we welcome in the New Year we look forward to happiness, good health, success, good luck, fun and world peace. Queen Mary Curry



What's Cookin'

Elaine Morrison

So many cultures have some form of this delicious dish, which can be used as an appetizer or a main course. It has always been a staple of my Eastern European background but recently, two wonderful tips, from two different friends, have made its preparation so much easier and even better tasting than ever. If you are already familiar with the dish, give this way a try. If you have not already had the pleasure, treat yourself for the New Year.

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

- 1 medium head white cabbage, frozen
- 1 pound ground beef, or turkey or meat loaf combination meats
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- Brown sugar
- Lemon juice
- Seasoned salt
- Raisins (optional)

Take cabbage out of freezer the day before use to defrost. The leaves will be soft and wilted, separate them and dry them between paper towels. A medium head should produce 12 to 15 rolls.

Season meat with seasoned salt and add in rice and egg

Place heaping tablespoon of meat mixture in center of each leaf and fold in sides and ends to form a tight packet. Proceed until all meat and leaves have been used.

Place any excess cabbage on bottom of large stock pan, add cabbage rolls and pour over tomato soup, and tomatoes. Place on low simmer, and sprinkle with brown sugar and lemon juice to taste for a pleasant sweet/sour flavor. Add raisins at this point if using. Continue to cook for one hour, tasting frequently to adjust taste.

Hope you enjoy this hearty winter dish as much as I do.



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

'Tis the season to be jolly. We had two fun events planned for December 2016. The first event was our annual cookie exchange/toy collection. We always have so much fun at this meeting. Our very talented LadyBird bakers always bring the most delicious cookies and other goodies for us to exchange, and of course as always many wonderful toys and games for the kiddies. Which, thanks to Naomi Berman and her helpers are delivered to our local firefighters to distribute to the children.

The second event was our annual holiday luncheon. This year, it was held at the Stone Creek Grille in the private dining room. Beautiful surroundings, delicious food, and wonderful LadyBird friends made

for a great time!

We have some fun events planned for January. Lyn Titcombe is in charge of our January luncheon. Be on the lookout for information to follow. Gloria Scicluna is in charge of our annual birthday party, which takes place on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Arbor Club Ballroom, from 2 to 4 p.m. We all celebrate our birthdays together on the same day. Gloria always comes up with an interesting theme for our party.

We are always happy to welcome new members to our club.

Any spouse or significant other of an R/C Flyer is welcome to join us and sit in on one of our meetings the second Friday of each Month from September to April. Just bring your favorite beverage, and we will provide the goodies prepared by our talented bakers. We are sure that once you attend one of these meetings you will want to join our happy group.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Caren at allensky@earthlink.net or (352) 291-1235.

Happy and healthy New Year from all of the R/C LadyBirds.



Illinois Social Club

Marlene Kaiser

The Illinois Social Club is up and running again for 2017! I have talked to many of you from Illinois already.

If you have lived or grew up anywhere in Illinois, we would love to have you join us. Let's talk about our Cubs and Da Bears or food like Portillo's Chicago-style hot dogs. Let's get together in January and talk about all of our hometowns.

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Women of the World

Nancy Grabowski

Happy New Year! We are gearing up for the workload generated by our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon to benefit Hospice of Marion County.

Tickets will be sold at the back membership table. If you plan to purchase an entire table, put the checks or cash into a sealed envelope and add the attendees' names to the front, include at least one contact number. Only one person has to wait to pick out the table.

If you need less than a full table, have your check or cash ready as well as a list of attendees. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased by members only; members may purchase tickets for guests.

Service is one of the main components of Women of the World. With that in mind, plenty of opportunities will be forthcoming before we reach the Saturday, March 11 Fashion Show and Luncheon. At the Friday, Jan. 6 meeting, which will begin about 12:15 p.m.; sign-up sheets will flood the Recreation Center Ballroom. It would be helpful to have a pen with you or better yet, a small supply of address labels! Then, you only have to add your contact number to finish signing up.

The first opportunity to serve is the decorating committee. With the renovations and multiple use of rooms, we can prepare the stage only on Friday, March 10, before Happy Hour. We will return at 8 a.m. to finish the tables. Given enough help, we should be done in plenty of time to return home and

freshen up. The basket committee is the second place to sign up. The chairwoman will keep a list of those volunteering to donate a basket. On Saturday, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., the committee will accept those donated baskets, secure a voting bag to each one, and place them throughout the room.

Another sheet will be out to secure ticket sellers for the basket raffle. These ladies will be stationed throughout the room to make it easy to purchase chances for the raffle. Six to eight ladies will make this a successful venture.

The cleanup committee is one of the most important. We will all be tired, so many hands will lighten this load. Another committee will be formed to transport ladies from the parking lots to the top of the hill; in the past, our dear husbands have offered to handle this. It is a huge help.

The easiest volunteer list to fill is for 12 models. We hope that some new gals will add their names to the list.

The nest egg will be a highlight again this year. One-dollar chances will be sold at the January and February meetings to stuff the egg. If every one of us bought just a single chance at each meeting, we would have the biggest total to date for the all cash prize. Naturally, we encourage everyone to purchase more than one ticket.

More detailed information will be added at the meeting. It probably will be most helpful if you snip this column and refer to it because of the wealth of information it contains.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Because Women of the World is open to ladies in every community throughout On Top of the World, why not bring a new neighbor? We are just a smile away!



Cheryl Fotia sorting donations.

Photo by Mike Roppel



Birders' Beat

Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders will start the 2017 birding year on Thursday, Jan. 26, with a trip to the Inglis Dam Recreation Area (IDRA). It is located off of West Riverwood Drive approximately two miles east of US 19. The Inglis Main Dam, the larger of two spillway structures for Lake Rousseau, is located at this site and provides an access bridge onto Inglis Island's south side. If you would like to join us for this trip, please

contact Norm Lantz at normlantz@gmail.com or Debbie Sherer at roxiess@me.com or (571) 224-8422 by Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The trip will start at the Inglis Dam (about a 45 minute drive) where there are usually lots of water birds and rough-winged swallows. Bathroom facilities are available at this stop. We then go through a locked gate and drive along the shore of Lake Rousseau. The trail turns to the left and runs through a large heavily treed forest and opens into a grassy plateau with more views of the lake.

The trail then turns into a thicket again that will likely yield views of a few varieties of warblers. The trail then turns again and runs parallel to the Florida barge canal with locks and good views of the canal. Eagles nests are often active on power line towers over the canal. If time permits, we can either continue along the canal or take a shorter trail back to the dam.

We plan to go to Gruffs Tap & Grill in Dunnellon for lunch. If you would like to view the menu and prices, please visit their website at gruffsgrill.com. If you want the address for Inglis Dam Recreation Area or more information about the trails, please visit floridastateparks.org/trail/Inglis-Dam. Maps and directions to Inglis Dam and Gruffs will be sent out via e-mail before the trip. We plan to meet at the Recreation Center parking lot by the big tree at 7:15 a.m. and leave for IDRA at 7:30 a.m.



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Our first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please call our hotline at (352) 362-0985.

We are happy to report that Maxie, the kitten featured in last month's column, has been adopted into her forever home. She was the kitty rescued from the middle of a busy SW 17th Street. Kitten Tommy has also been adopted. Congratulations to these wonderful pets and their new families.

For those of you waiting for a small dog to love, you need wait no longer. We recently took in four Pomeranians and one Papillion because their owner could no longer care for them. All but one has been adopted. Last girl standing is sweet

Ella. She is about seven years old and as cute as a button. She's very friendly and likes to play. Ella and all her siblings were raised in a loving home and we hope someone is out there who will continue giving Ella the love she needs. Please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985 to meet this precious little pup.

People are snapping up the kittens we told you about the past few months, but there are still several remaining including sisters Jamey and Samantha. Jamey follows her foster mom around the house and loves to be cuddled while Samantha would rather play. The kittens range in age from about six to 11 months, and would like a home of their own.

Chloe, the young cat featured in last month's column, still needs to find her forever home. We took her in as a stray, yet she's very well behaved in the house in foster care. She likes to curl up on the bottom shelf of a bookcase and take in her surroundings. She's easy to care for and would make a wonderful pet.

Please call the SPCA at (352) 362-0985 to meet Chloe, the kittens, or Ella to see if one or more is right for you.

The SPCA was honored to have Hobie the great horned owl visit us at our last meeting with caretakers Keith Belisle (president) and Ken Lane (vice president) of the Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS). If you come across wildlife in distress, Keith and Ken ask that you take a close-up picture of the bird or animal and send it to their e-mail below. Try to get as close as you can and try to get their eyes in the picture. This way they can make a determination if they have to intervene in the animal's behalf.

You can arrange for a group tour of OWLS, or donate by calling (352) 895-0451, e-mailing Owls-Ocalainc@hotmail.com, or visiting Owls-Ocalainc.org. You can write to them at P.O. Box 1924, Ocala, Florida 34478-1924. You can call their pager for rescues at (352) 402-3894.



Ella



Photo by Gary Uhley

Residents discuss traditions from years past as they share Christmas memories over dinner.



Members of the Michigan Club celebrated the holidays by creating decorative table settings for their potluck dinner. They all voted for the winning set up which took the 50/50 pot of the night. Submissions included a bright red cloth with table tree and a full set of china Christmas plates, a silver and white cloth with centerpiece of snowflakes and tinsel, and an old-fashioned lace cloth right from grandma's attic which took the prize.

Members snacked on appetizers and a frothy punch while trading memories of Christmases past. For dinner, the buffet table was brimming with favorite Michigan foods, including meatballs, chicken drumsticks, cabbage rolls and apple pie cookies.

The group hopes to take part in the Golf Cart Parade next year. They also submitted a wreath, which hangs in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The ornaments are

snowflakes with all things Michigan attached - like Red Wings, Tigers, Strohs Beer, Boblo Boat, Morton Salt, Frankenmuth and University of Michigan vs. Michigan State University.

To start 2017, the group has decided to make their official club shirt a screen printed, collared golf polo that says Michigan Club, On Top of the World, Ocala. The shirts are pine green with a Michigan state "mitten" logo in lake blue. They will be available at the first club meet and greet on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites F and G.

You are welcome to attend a Michigan Club meet and greet if you have had any roots in Michigan during your lifetime. Meetings are typically at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month. However, since the first Sunday falls on New Year's Day, we are meeting on the second Sunday. Bring a dish to pass of a favorite Michigan food and water or a non-alcoholic beverage to drink. Come to have fun and meet new friends. If you have questions, call Nancy Meininger (352) 342-9757.

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Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

The Southern Club's holiday party was a great success. The ham and turkey from Honeybaked Ham can't be beat. Our great southern cooks furnished the rest of the meal and everything was delicious. After the meal we had a gift exchange. Those who wanted to participate brought a wrapped gift and placed it on a table. Then when our number was called, we chose one of the pretty packages and had fun

opening them to see what we had picked. It was very entertaining and festive. Maybe we've started a new tradition!

There is one other tradition that I think we have started! Did anyone see the Golf Cart Parade? Well, the Southern Club had five golf carts entered in the parade and we won "best in show!" They have a trophy, which will be engraved with the Southern Club as the first winners in this new contest! It also comes with a prize that will be announced at the meeting. We are so proud of our creative members. Fair warning to the other clubs: they are already planning next year's designs!

Is one member of your house-

hold from the South or have you lived in a southern state (including Florida) for five years? Then you are an honorary southerner and we welcome you to come visit us. If you decide to join, our dues are \$10 per year (September through May). We are a social group who get together to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie associated with southerners and southern hospitality.

Our meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We start gathering about 5 p.m. for social time with the potluck dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is followed by a short business meeting and possibly a speaker or some sort

of entertainment. Our first meeting of 2017 will be on Thursday, Jan. 5.

I hope some of our members who have been out of town will be able to attend. As usual, the club furnishes the drinks (coffee, tea, lemonade or water) and members bring potluck dishes to share plus their own utensils and plates. Also, don't forget to bring a few dollars to purchase your 50/50 tickets for a chance to win some extra money.

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and are now ready to return to our normal routines. So I will see you on Jan. 5. If you have any questions, you can call me at (352) 873-8690.



Travel Toppers

Mary Lamp

Travel Toppers hopes our fellow residents had a wonderful holiday season. A trip to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. to witness their 25th anniversary of Fantasy in Lights definitely grew the Christmas spirit for all of us. We had a 45 minute ride throughout the gardens with eight million lights arranged in displays such as we had never seen. The highlights to us were displays for each one of the 12 days of Christmas, with music

playing over speakers as our trolley drove us through each one. We also drove through marching toy soldiers and rows of nutcrackers and children making snowmen and throwing snowballs. On these displays, the lights moved in a series to give the motion of the children rolling the snow for the snowmen and throwing the snowballs.

Our trip also included a visit to explore the Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga., where Franklin Roosevelt loved to go, believing that the warm water and therapists there could restore the use of his legs. The house is in a most beautiful and peaceful mountain setting and, really, quite "little" for a Presidential retreat.

Trips that are now open to book include "Saturday Night Fever" on Thursday, March 16. Call Coordinator Allan Rickards at (352) 216-0528 to reserve your seat. Also open is Holland America's Viking Passage from July 13 to Aug. 2. Call Coordinator Inge Gaitch for more information or to reserve your cabin at (352) 237-7428.

Other shows/trips that will be opening for reservations soon include Tampa Bay Downs and the shows "Great American Trailer Park" and "Assisted Living," both being presented at the Show Palace. For more details about these and other trips planned for the future, please go to our website at traveltopperstours.com or pick up a copy

of our green fall/winter brochure. You can receive our monthly e-mail newsletter by calling Allan Rickards at (352) 216-0528.

Our new brochure should be out in January with more exciting trips for 2017.

We are a resident volunteer-run club and look to our fellow residents for input as to future trips of interest to them. We welcome your involvement as we put future trips together.

On behalf of the board of directors of Travel Toppers, all are wished a very healthy and happy new year and good travels in the coming year.



On the Road Again

Bob Woods

Happy New Year! The club wants to wish everyone a prosperous, healthy New Year. Now is the time to think about desired trips for 2017 and we hope the club can satisfy some of those desires.

The club still has a few seats remaining for the nine-day/eight-night excursion to Niagara Falls

and Toronto, Canada departing on Saturday, June 3. Passports are required. The trip will stop at venues to and from the falls. The trip includes breakfast everyday, six dinners, guided tours of the Falls and Toronto, a cruise to the base of the falls on the Hornblower, a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queen Victoria Park along with a visit to Casa Loma; Canada's most magnificent castle, plus much more. John and Annette Ware are hosting this trip.

Over Labor Day weekend, the club is heading to Pine Mountain,

Ga. for a three-night/four-day trip to view the annual Balloon Festival at Callaway Gardens. The trip includes stops at President FDR's Little White House, the balloon glow and launch at Callaway Gardens along with a guided tour of the gardens and some free time to view the festivities for this annual event. The tour will continue to Columbus, Ga. to tour the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, a self-guided tour of the National Civil War Ironclad Museum at Port Columbus, a stop in Plains, Georgia (home of President Jimmy Carter)

and time at the Civil War Museum and Prisoner of War Encampment at Andersonville. Breakfast and dinners are included along with all entrance fees and gratuities. Bob and Bev Woods are hosts.

Does a show trip in the Smoky Mountains sound interesting? The club has such a trip planned departing on Sunday, Nov. 12 for a seven-day/six-night trip to Pigeon Forge. The trip includes six shows: three dinner shows, one evening show and two morning shows. We will also visit the Titanic, which is reportedly the world's largest museum attraction.

There will be some free time in Gatlinburg where one can take a cable chair to a mountaintop from downtown or sample some real old "white lightning." On the return trip, a stop is planned at Rock City on the outskirts of Chattanooga. The trip includes breakfast daily along with six dinners. John and Annette Ware are hosts.

The final trip planned is a cruise on the world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas departing on Saturday, Dec. 2 for a seven-night voyage to St. Maarten, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Labadee, Haiti before returning to Fort Lauderdale where we will motor coach home. The club is offering a \$75 shipboard credit as a bonus per cabin. Passports are required. Bob and Bev are hosts.

All the club's trips require a minimum of 40 passengers. For more information, visit bobwoods-ontheroadagain.com for offers, flyers and pricing. Deposits are fully refundable up to final payment for any reason unless otherwise noted. Insurance is recommended but not required. For information, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702.

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I would like to start my column out by thanking everyone who participated in our Holiday Golf Cart Parade. This year's parade was by far the largest and most festive parade we've seen in years with over 60 golf carts decorated, a horse and buggy carrying the 2016 On Top of the World king and queen, recumbent trikes, antique cars and more.

The R/C Car Club greeted many of the spectators along the roadside with their cars racing in and out of driveways and along the street curbs. The Southern Club was awarded "best in show" for club participation and received a beautiful trophy to be displayed in the Master of the Possibilities lobby. The parade ended at The Town Square with Santa riding in on a Harley and festivities that followed throughout the evening.

Line Dancing*

Line dance classes take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Monday through June 26. Four levels of dance are offered. Choose your class according to your ability. You can switch to a different level at any time. The cost is \$10 per four-week session with instructor Marilyn McNeal.

Line dance tickets may be purchased Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center office. Please note that line dance tickets will not be sold on Mondays.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS (5 to 6 p.m.): This class is an introduction to line dance and is full; they will not be accepting any new dancers at this time.

BEGINNER LEVEL ONE (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): This class is the next level after completing Absolute Beginners. Dancers have some experience now and know step pattern descriptions. Easy dances are taught at this level with additional step patterns added.

BEGINNER LEVEL TWO (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Class includes basic line dance steps, combinations, and easy dance patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed. Some prior dance experience is required.

IMPROVER PLUS (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience required. Improver plus means slightly easier than intermediate. Current popular dances taught at this level.

Get Acquainted Coffee

Join us in welcoming new residents to the community! We will have a Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Jan. 5 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 9 a.m. There will be coffee, doughnuts and representatives from various clubs, fitness and more. Each representative will speak on the services and programs they have to offer. At the conclusion of this event, we will take you on a short walk to familiarize you with some of the facilities and amenities that are available to you as residents.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Tuesday, Jan. 10 as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation along with live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. They will also match \$20 in free play on your casino card once you have played \$20 in the gaming machine. Please note that a valid government-issued photo I.D. will be required to board.

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Tropic Trivia Night*

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions on Thursday, Jan. 12 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will have groups of eight per team! Select a team name and prepare to have a fun time. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the

resident. A cash bar will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups or beverages of any kind are not permitted.

Please do not bring any cell phones; anyone found with a cell phone at their table during trivia play will automatically disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

December Winners

1: Gym Rats; Tie at 2: Conquistadors and Ghost Riders.

Majestic Manatee Tours*

Join us on the Majestic Manatee tour on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees as well as its crystal clear springs. We will arrive at Charlie's Fish House around 11:30 a.m. You will have approximately one hour and 15 minutes for lunch and then we will board on the dock next to Charlie's Fish House for a departure time of approximately 1 p.m. where you will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of our beloved manatees. You will see an abundant amount of waterfowl. Plan on two and half hours for your tour around Crystal River. The cost of \$54 per person includes transportation and cruise (lunch is not included).

Club Fair

Join us at the bi-Annual Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you are looking for new activities or want to meet new people, our resident clubs are a great choice. Come to this event to learn about the many exciting and activity-based clubs available. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for sale by the S.P.C.A.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. You will enjoy Frankie Pizano as the entertainer for the evening. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will also be provided. This event is free!

Health & Wellness Expo

Mark your calendar for the 15th annual Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center.

It's that time of year again where

healthy resolutions are in full swing. Join On Top of the World Communities, Inc. and visit over 60 local healthcare agencies attending this event. There will also be fitness demonstrations throughout the day. This event is free and open to the public.

Insiders Horse Farm Tour *

Learn about horses in Marion County on this insider tour on Friday, Jan. 27. The tour will start at the Florida Breeder's Association Museum to learn a little history and why Ocala is "The Horse Capitol of the World" followed by a gorgeous drive through horse country including three different stops at Ocala's most exclusive horse farms. You will experience up close interaction with horses and a few newborn foals too. During the months of January and February one of the stops will include a HITS (Horses In The Sun) event. The cost is \$31 per person. Please note this trip requires a lot of walking!

Once the farm tours are complete, we will stop at Southern Pig and Cattle for lunch on your own.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Individual resident I.D.s will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not presenting a resident I.D. will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person.

A "Team Spirit" Happy Hour will take place on Friday, Jan. 13. Come represent your favorite team and join in as we have a tailgate party with patio burger specials and chips for \$5 or bratwursts with chips for \$5 (while the supplies last)!

The entertainment line-up is as follows:

- Friday, Jan. 6: Debbie Owen and Tony T.

- Friday, Jan. 13: "Team Spirit" with Chauffeurs
- Friday, Jan. 20: Automatic
- Friday, Jan. 27: 3 for the Road Plus 1

Facility Hours

Due to the holiday, the following facilities will be closed on Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2: Arbor Club, Recreation Center Office and Fitness Center. Please plan accordingly!

Community Bus

The community bus schedule has been changed. Please refer to the updated schedule below.

Please note that the community bus will not run on Monday, Jan. 2.

Upcoming February Events

Contact the Recreation Center Office to find out more information.

- Thursday, Feb. 2: Tropic Trivia Night*
- Sunday, Feb. 5: Hand to God* (Hippodrome Theatre)
- Wednesday, Feb. 8: St. Johns River Cruise*
- Friday, Feb. 10: "Senior Night" Happy Hour
- Thursday, Feb. 16: Florida State Fair*
- Friday, Feb. 17: Insiders Horse Farm Tour*
- Saturday, Feb. 18: Home Improvement Expo
- Tuesday, Feb. 21: Victory Casino Cruise*
- Thursday, Feb. 23: Al Capone Lunch Theatre Show*
- Tuesday, Feb. 28: Trader Joe's Shopping Trip, Gainesville, Fla.*

Have a safe and happy New Year!
*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less prior to any event or trip.

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marlenekaiser@yahoo.com

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April 2017: 7 days/6 nights to Tunica "Casino Capital of the South" and Memphis "Home of the Blues."

September 2017: 9 days/8 nights to Chicago (my hometown!)

MONDAY - THURSDAY		
MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
Williamsburg	91st Cir.E. – 91st Cir.W – Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. – 92nd Pl. Rd. – 96th Ct. Rd. – 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. – 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. – 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane – Post Office – 99th Ave. – 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. – Post Office – 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office – 84th Ter. – 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. – 90th Pl. – 87th Ave. – 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. – 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. – 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Exit Community.....		9:36 a.m.
<i>Indigo East Community Center</i>	<i>Parking Lot</i>	<i>Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>
MORNING DESTINATION S	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:47 p.m.
Jasmine Square.....	9:50 a.m.	12:42 p.m.
Dillard's//Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:32 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:32 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:42 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart.....	10:27 a.m.	11:57 a.m.
Target.....	10:37 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center.....	10:47 a.m.	12:12 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:52 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
Candler Hills Community Center	1:00 p.m.	Crescent Ridge Post Office..... 1:17 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:05 p.m.	Recreation Center..... 1:21 p.m.
Williamsburg Post Office	1:08 p.m.	Americana Post Office..... 1:23 p.m.
Avalon Post Office	1:13 p.m.	Friendship Post Office..... 1:27 p.m.
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Winn Dixie	1:30 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
Publix.....	1:35 p.m.	3:33 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market.....	1:43 p.m.	3:39 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	1:49 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
Save A Lot	1:56 p.m.	3:23 p.m.
Big Lots.....	1:59 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:07 p.m.	3:07 p.m.
Walmart	2:09 p.m.	3:02 p.m.
<small>* All times are approximate</small>		

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



World Traveler

Bill Shampine

With my readers experiencing winter's cold, I decided to write about some place warm in hopes it might help warm them up, at least mentally! I chose Acapulco (known as Acapulco de Juárez in Mexico), located on the Pacific-side coast of Mexico, about 240 miles south of Mexico City.

The documented history of Acapulco dates back to the 8th century. Over subsequent centuries, the region was ruled by multiple cultures, including Olmecs, Teotihuacans, Mayans, and Aztecs. After the Spanish conquered the region in the 1520s, Acapulco became a major port along the Spanish trade route with the Far East. The city's fortunes have waxed and waned over the centuries in response to vagaries in the siren call of beautiful beaches and the buzz of business both of which have been critical characteristics of the region.

Today, Acapulco is recognized as one of Mexico's oldest and best-known beach resorts. Its fame probably peaked in the 1950s when Hollywood stars and millionaires used

it as a getaway. Stars such as Elizabeth Taylor, John Wayne, Frank Sinatra, Eddie Fisher, Brigitte Bardot, and many others often could be seen walking the streets of Acapulco. Stars of this magnitude were an intoxicant for the public, and the city population exploded from about 4,500 in the 1940s to about 50,000 in the early 1960s.

In addition to star worship, Acapulco does have additional charms. The main attraction is the nightlife. You can go to dinner at midnight, dance and party until sunup, then go take a nap on the beach. The most famous attraction, however, are the La Quebrada Cliff Divers. Starting in the 1930s, young men would compete with each other to see who could dive from the highest point on a cliff in La Quebrada into the sea below. Today, professional divers dive from heights up to 130 feet into an inlet that is 23 feet wide and 13 feet deep. Perhaps the greatest challenge is to dive far enough out so you land in the water and not onto the slope of the cliff!

There actually are many fun things to do in Acapulco. For example, it always is fun to visit open air markets, where you can buy almost anything - fruits, vegetables, meats, cooked food, crafts, clothing, appliances, and much more.



Photo by Prayitno

La Quebrada in Acapulco, Mexico. Cliff divers dive into the inlet from the flat spot just to the right of the center of the photo.

All sorts of water sports are available for the adventurous, such as swimming, snorkeling, diving, jet skiing, deep sea fishing, and boating. For the more sedate tourists, there are botanical gardens, parks, and even a small zoo. Acapulco has much to offer.

Having praised the beauties of Acapulco, however, I must tell you that the 21st century has brought misery to the region. Unfortunately,

the ugly head of the drug trade has risen to prominence, with many rival gangs fighting for control of the lucrative market. Gun battles have become common, so, frankly, it is unsafe, and you should not go there right now. By far, the bulk of the tourists who visit today are from Mexico itself. So, you can put it on your bucket list, but, if it were me, I would wait a few years before checking off this one.



Italian American Club

Carole Dymond

Many thanks go out to Frank and JoAnn DelGuercio for refreshments and Nellie Stasiak for decorating the room for our holiday meeting. The spirit of Christmas welcomed members and guests as they en-

joyed fellowship time.

Everyone joined in with the fun and excitement of the horseracing game and special thanks to Vince Minniti for setting the game up for our annual event.

Did you know that in April 2016, the city of Ocala and city of San Rossore, Italy, made it official and entered into a covenant as sister cities, both promising to further the relationship through a cultural, educational, and economi-

cal exchange. San Rossore shares our area's unmistakable fondness for horses. Opportunities include student and senior exchange programs and a chance for our museum and College of Central Florida to get involved.

January will be a very important meeting as we will be holding elections for the president, vice president and secretary for the upcoming year. Please support your club, as we want to continue with the

Italian American Club and not have to disband, as other clubs have had to do.

Mark your calendar for this important meeting of Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We meet at 2:30 p.m. for social time and refreshments with the business meeting starting at 3 p.m.

Michele DeBari can be contacted at (352) 861-9484 for suggestions or questions.



Pennsylvania Club

Micki Malsch

The Pennsylvania Club held a very merry Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Everyone was in the Christmas spirit as we dined on

ham provided by the club, and all the wonderful and delicious side dishes and desserts provided by the members.

We finished the festivities with "The Night Before Christmas" gift exchange. Poinsettias adorned the tables as centerpieces, and were later raffled off as door prizes.

Thanks to Hazel and Elmer Rada-baugh for the beautiful Pennsylvania basket of cheer that was raffled off, as well as to the members who

helped to fill the basket with everything "Pennsylvania."

Thank you to all the members of the club who donated toys for the Salvation Army. Micki Malsch purchased additional toys from the proceeds of the Oktoberfest dinner. As usual, members exceeded last years' donations. Thanks to all the members for your participation in the dinner and donations of toys that help to make this possible year after year!

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Club will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. This will be our "tailgate" themed party. Please dress in your favorite team colors and bring a tailgate-type food for sharing.

You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. Guests are always welcome in search of good fun, food and people! Until we meet again ...

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Fall Season Results

By Jim Russell

On behalf of all the Horseshoe League players, we wish you a happy New Year! May you keep all your New Year resolutions ... including one to join us every Tuesday morning to throw some shoes and have some fun.

As promised, we have the results in from our fall season play. While we all had a great time playing during the 13-week season, three familiar names made their way to the top of the final standings:

1-Dan Ebbighausen, 2-Ed Klodzen; and 3-Ed Lalonde.

Congratulations to all three for their excellent accomplishment. We are now underway with our 13-week winter season, which began on Dec. 6, 2016 and we have a good group of contenders ready to have their names announced as winners at the conclusion of play at the end of February.



Photo by Jim Russell

2016 fall season winners, Dan Ebbighausen, Ed Klodzen and Ed Lalonde pose with their award certificates.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 marked the start of the Tri-County Horseshoe League schedule of play. On Top of the World is represented with our travel team that includes six regular players and three alter-

nates. Matches are held each Thursday at 10 a.m. at the hosting facility. Here is the 2016/2017 schedule along with an invitation to come by our facility when we are hosting the competition to show your support

and see some pretty good horseshoe pitching:

- Dec. 1: At The Villages "Red" (we won 5 games to 4).
- Dec. 8: At The Villages "White" (they won 5 games to 4)
- Dec. 15: Home against The Villagers
- Jan. 5: At The Villages "Blue"
- Jan. 12: Home against The Villages "Green"
- Jan. 19: Home against The Villages "Gold"
- Jan. 26: At The Villages "Green"
- Feb. 2: Home against Beverly Hills
- Feb. 9: At Beverly Hills
- Feb. 16: Home against Del Webb #1
- Feb. 23: At Recreation Plantation
- March 2: Home against Del Webb #2 Ellison
- March 9: Home against VFW
- March 16: Make-up game day

A fun tournament followed by a league banquet/awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 23. The tournament will be held in the morning at Del Webb and the banquet will be held in the afternoon at Recreation Plantation.

Overflowing with Donations

By Susan Layne

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year. It seems like only yesterday that we were worried about the millennium and what affect it would have on our computers and systems. Now we are entering 2017. Time really does fly when you live in such an active community. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

We ended 2016 with a lot of activity. On Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, 14 of our league members participated in the Golf Around (GAR) at Stonecrest. After golf, we were served a tasty luncheon buffet of turkey, ham and roast beef with stuffing, sweet potato casserole, mashed red-skinned potatoes, green bean casserole, soups and salad. Finishing off lunch was dessert of pumpkin pie and apple pastry.

Congratulations to GAR winners from our league: Flight A Low Putts: Tied at 17-Dolores Jaynes. Flight C Low Net: 28-Barbara Enos; 29-Judy Parisi Flight D Low Gross: 54-Sue Layne. Flight D Low Net: 31-Nancy Dreimiller.

Susy Trembulak and Lydia Flinchbaugh were winners in "Split the Pot."

Thursday, Dec. 1 was our annual Christmas party held at Bella Cucina in Oak Run. The event was orga-

nized by Dottie Baird and her committee, Janice Sturm, Olive Curtin, Mary Giannukos, Evelyn Harvey, Carol Deahl, Marilyn Mizrachi, Lois Laine and Vicki Olson. Kathy Hall created the votive candle favors for all. We had a gift exchange and this year the givers put their names on the gifts so we could thank them. That was fun and created more mixing.

The buffet dinner consisted of chicken picatta and crab stuffed white fish, roasted red potatoes, honey glazed carrots, tossed salad, rolls and butter followed by cherry cobbler dessert. All was delicious.

Our generous ladies overflowed the box with gifts for Toys for Tots. Some of the items were so cute; they wanted to play with them first. The ladies also donated personal hygiene products for children to the Interfaith Emergency Services. In addition to all this, the league made cash donations of \$200 to each of the following charities: Interfaith Emergency Services, Florida Sheriffs' Youth Ranches and the Florida Center for the Blind.

Red, White, Blue Team, 2 Best Balls Nov. 10, 2016

34-Cheryl Nesbit, Marianne Ingwersen, Mary Giannukos, Nancy Dreimiller. 35-Deborah Malo, Kathy Triolo, Susan Layne, Betty Werner.



Photo by Dan Gill

President Pat Gill with donations of toiletries for Interfaith Emergency Services.

Scramble Nov. 17, 2016

39-Linda Mandala, Kathy Triolo, Mary Vlieg, Dotty Baird. 40-Eileen Gustavus, Barbara Enos, Marguerite Piotrowski, Eve Harvey. 40-Susane Trembulak, Mary Ann McCourt, Kathy Hall, Sheila Ashe.

Tee to Green Dec. 8, 2016

Flight 1: 26-Kay Budd; 30-Susane

Trembulak; 36-Dolores Jaynes, Betty Werner, Lydia Flinchbaugh.

Flight 2: 33-Barbara Enos; 35-Cheryl Nesbit, Pat Gill; 36-Judy Parisi, Jean Jarmel.

Flight 3: 38-Carol Deahl; 39-Olive Curtin; 40-Julie Crudele; 42-Marguerite Piotrowski, Susan Layne.

Please note that league play will be at 2 p.m. in January and February.

R/C Flying 101

By Gary Bayless

The Christmas party produced and directed by Don Southard proved a great success, thanks to Don and his helpers including Harold and Sandy Hoskins who provided the music.

Gary Springer advises that plans for the spring fly-in are moving along smoothly. The date for the fly-in is Saturday, April 22.

If you're a new resident, you may have visited our flying field off the beaten path west of Avalon. As many of our members have years of experience in the hobby, they make it look easy as they twist and turn through the sky with their colorful acrobatic aircraft or give the impression of watching a full size plane as they fly "scale". If you

haven't made the trip yet give it a try, we love to show off.

Perhaps you're wondering just how the fascinating sight of a remotely controlled model airplane is achieved. Well, there are four main components needed to fly any R/C aircraft: an engine (motor if it's an electric), a radio receiver, servos, and a transmitter. Add a fuselage and control surfaces made of balsa wood, foam, or plastic, attach some kind of wing and your almost guaranteed to at least get off the ground for a few seconds before littering the runway with pieces of the afore mentioned material. I forgot the fifth item needed is the ability to control this assortment of stuff which takes practice with an accomplished pilot instructing until you "catch on."

Most understand the need for the other goodies but what the heck is a servo. Well, it's a small electric motor, which moves to a given point with a voltage input from the receiver and stays there until the voltage changes. This then moves a control surface which causes the plane to go up, down or sideways. Okay, it's complicated; best to just accept that it works

most of the time, when it doesn't work its back to the workshop for repairs or the hobby shop for a new airplane. Though most mishaps are pilot error, blaming the electronics for a crash can be very comforting.

So, if you're looking for a new interest, hobby, or pastime consider R/C flying, you get to play with hand tools, mysterious electronic devices, feed your creative urge and meet some really interesting, friendly people (and a few grouches). It's addictive, gets you outside in our beautiful Florida weather (sunburn, windburn, heat prostration, insect bites, etc.). And helps get rid of some of that nasty old cash you have lying around!

R/C Flyers New Year's resolutions:

- I will not adjust my needle valve before each flight. (If it's not broke don't fix it!)
- I will not complain about the space the Christmas decorations take up after bringing home a quarter scale B29.
- I will finish the model I started building in 1984.
- I will clean up the garage and find the transmitter I've been looking for since April.



Photo by Gary Bayless

Airplanes, airplanes, airplanes.



Women's Softball

Marie Giddings

Happy New Year to all. This is the time of year that tradition dictates we should make resolutions. In keeping with that tradition, I asked several members of the Women's Softball Club to share their softball resolutions for 2017. Here they are: "Hit better; run better; catch better." "I want to learn everyone's name." "Warmer weather on Fridays."

Three people joined together on this resolution: "Continue with the fun." "I don't want to make them because I break them." "Be thankful for our health to play more." "Exercise more; keep moving." "Fun, fun, fun." "Be a better hitter." "Get a competitive team together and not get sand in my backpack."

Whether you want to play competitively or just have fun, you are welcome to join us in 2017 on Tuesday mornings for practice and on Friday mornings for a game. Both days we meet from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, call Carol Singer at (352) 509-4066.

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CARDS & GAMES



Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Nov. 21, 2016

- 1: Carol Johnson & Joe O'Brien;
- 2: Shirley Stolly & Debbie Day;
- 3: Mary Walker & Pat Goltart;
- 4: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett;
- 5: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

Nov. 28, 2016

- 1: Nancy Clarkson & Kay Boland;
- 2: Linda & Don Sprague;
- 3: Marge Benton & Ida Rosendahl;
- 4: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold;
- 5: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe.

Dec. 5, 2016

- 1: Doris Keathley & Marjorie Benton;
- 2: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger;
- 3: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris;
- 4: (Tie) Nancy Clarkson & Katy Boland with Don & Linda Sprague.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Joanne Jones

Nov. 1, 2016

- 1: Linda & Don Sprague;
- 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris;
- 3: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward.

Nov. 15, 2016

- 1: Linda & Don Sprague;
- 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris;
- 3: Mazie Millward & Rad D.

Nov. 22, 2016

- 1: Mazie Millward & Rad D;
- 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris;
- 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

Nov. 29, 2016

- 1: Mazie Millward & Rad D;
- 2: Linda & Don Sprague;
- 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Tuesday Night Bridge

Doris Keathley

Nov. 1, 2016

- 1: Katie White & Kathie Dushary;
- 2: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger;
- 3: Jim & Betty Devoy;
- 4: John & Marie Fiorillo.

Nov. 15, 2016

- 1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley;
- 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl;
- 3: John & Marie Fiorillo;
- 4: Katie White & Kathie Dushary.

Nov. 22, 2016

- 1: Paul Reidinger & Dan Hall;
- 2: Jim & Betty Devoy;
- 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl;
- 4: Rita Smyth & Marjorie Benton.

Nov. 29, 2016

- 1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley;
- 2: Jim & Marie Devoy;
- 3: Katie White & Kathie Dushary;
- 4: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Marge Starrett

Nov. 3, 2016

- 1: Marge Starrett;
- 2: Pat Goltart.

Nov. 10, 2016

- 1: Marge Starrett;
- 2: Pat Goltart;
- 3: Mary Klinzing.

Nov. 17, 2016

- 1: Joyce Walchak;
- 2: Marge Starrett;
- 3: Carmen Arroya & Marlene Floeckher.

GOT TRASH?

Please put all trash in compactor.

Thursday Night Bridge

Keith Briggs

Nov. 17, 2016

- 1: Fran Griswold;
- 2: Ida Rosendahl;
- 3: Keith Briggs.

Dec. 1, 2016

- 1: Ron McNeilly;
- 2: Ida Rosendahl;
- 3: Keith Briggs.

Dec. 8, 2016

- 1: Mildred Lane;
- 2: John Methea;
- 3: Ron McNeilly;
- 4: Fran Griswold.

Friday Night Cribbage

Rose Marie Postin

Nov. 11, 2016

- 1: J. Smith/D. Parrish;
- 2: J. Mills/John Smith;
- 3: Norma Yonke;
- Cons: Herb Postin.

Nov. 18, 2016

- 1: Margaret Smith;
- 2: John Smith;
- 3: Sheila Howell;
- Cons: Poppy Kalen.

Friday 4 Fun Euchre

Chip Parsons

Oct. 21, 2016

- 1: Walter Hickenlooper;
- 2: Bill Eberly;
- 3: Bob Gorman.

Oct. 28, 2016

- Tie at 1: Mary Bartel & Claude Howe;
- 2: Walter Hickenlooper;
- 3: Jean Sylver.

Nov. 4, 2016

- Tie at 1: Sharon Coldiron & Mike Kowakowsky;
- 2: Eileen Hines;
- 3: Jerry Dean.

Nov. 11, 2016

- 1: Mary Bartel;
- 2: Irene Pisani;
- Tie at 3: Verna Harsh & Joan Sigafos.

Nov. 18, 2016

- 1: Gitte Agarwal;
- Tie at 2: Joan Sigafos & Debbie Weaver;
- 3: Judy K.

Nov. 25, 2016

- 1: Jerry Harris;
- 2: Wayne G.
- 3: Verna Harsh.

Dec. 2, 2016

- Tie at 1: Paul Agarwal & Richard Bartel;
- 2: Jerry Dean;
- Tie at 3: Rad & Jean Sylver.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Whitney Frye

Come and join us. Everyone is welcome on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Hobby Building.

Nov. 1, 2016

- 1: Cathy Buchanan;
- 2: Joe Eisgruber;
- 3: Jim Mazzotta.

Nov. 8, 2016

- 1: Ilse Kersey;
- 2: Larry Hartman;
- 3: Andy Mark.

Nov. 15, 2016

- 1: Joe Eisgruber;
- 2: Diane Rothstein;
- 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

Nov. 22, 2016

- 1: Bernard DiGregorio;
- 2: Betty Legg;
- 3: Verna Harsh.

Nov. 29, 2016

- 1: Andy Mark;
- 2: Bernard DiGregorio;
- 3: Verna Harsh.

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A number of shuffleboard players were on hand to participate in the Turkey Shoot Ten Pin Tournament, which took place on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016. Ten pin play is a favorite with many of the shufflers, and excitement was in the air as there was to be a mystery first and second place prize.

In addition, today would also be the day we would play the ten pin tournament somewhat differently. Previously, there was a 30-minute timing or the completing of eight frames of play, whichever came first in each round of play. Some players did not like the 30-minute timing, as they said that they might have won if having been given more time to play. However, doing it without timing made for a longer tournament.

Thus, because of the timing that some preferred not to have, it was decided that we would try using the same structure like we did for the Jack Huard Tournament in October; that is, we would have five rounds, but this time each round would have 12 frames of play with six frames on yellow and six frames



Photo by Armann Rohde

Charlie Lentz, winner, and Rick French, runner-up, in the Turkey Shoot Ten Pin Tournament with Peter Van Arsdale, tournament director.

on black. The players would then play all 12 frames, or the first person, head or foot, who reached 65, would then go for the Ten Pin to win the game, whichever came first.

With all of this in mind, the 32 players, who signed in and drew their chips for placement, were all set to use their skills to win. With each round played, the shuf-

flers were gradually diminishing, but the cheering of the spectators was escalating. And it wasn't long until there were just four players left: Bob Durst, Charlie Lentz, Rick French, and Jim Smith.

Which two would still be in the tournament? When the final round came Charlie Lentz and Rick French remained. Charlie became the winner and Rick, the runner-up! It was then time to award the mystery first and second place prizes for the Turkey Shoot Ten Pin Tournament, and what could be more appropriate than to give the winners each a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner!

We also found that this new way of playing Ten Pin worked out today. Therefore, we can eliminate having to use the timer in the future.

Thanks to Peter Van Arsdale for organizing the tournament and to Vickie Lentz and Annette Hodges for serving the refreshments. We also want to thank the ladies; namely, Joyce Basch and Beverly Van Arsdale for the desserts.

Mark your calendar for the ice cream social which will be at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. Remember, it is free for all paid members.

The November league winners:
Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Ann Flynn.

Tuesday p.m.: Warren Davis, Stan Mangan, and Paul Wagnitz/Maxine Gayson.

Friday a.m.: Jim Keller/Nancy Kowsky

30 Club Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Bob Flynn, David Lee, Walter Lamp, and Charlie Lentz/Agnes Hickman.

Tuesday p.m.: Mario Migliaccio and Paul Wagnitz/Paula Magen.

Friday a.m.: Marilyn Youngman.



Photo by Charlie Fisher
R/C track race start.



With the better weather in the past month, turnout for our races has been very good, often with several spectators.

Our track being outdoors takes much work. A volunteer crew has worked hard to improve track condition. The addition of a sprinkler system, supported by On Top of the World, is also helping considerably.

The track layout has also been changed, adding variety with an x-pattern, which many racers prefer. As a follow-up to the last two col-

umns, the next question obviously is, "Okay I have a car and tools, now what?" Two things are important. First is car setup. Assistance for this is readily available on the Internet. But even better ... from the Thursday "helping hand" sessions at 9 a.m. at the track. The second is practice, practice and more practice.

Racing is now scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays; so come out and join us!

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Candler Hills Men's Golf

Joe Alfano

Possession of the coveted Alfster Cup, which pitted the Chili Dogs captained by Tony Misterly against the Randy Ford-led Chowder Hogs, will have to wait another year due to the inclement weather that cancelled the matches mid-round. There was talk of deciding the outcome by the number of bowls of chili and chowder each team consumed post-round but, knowing how I abhor fish of any kind, I took it upon myself and made an executive decision to postpone the event until next year.

At the reorganization meeting of the new board, it was decided that Walt Pacuk would assume the presidency, Jay List will be tournament director, Ken Zweiback will handle the finances, Dan Gill becomes secretary and Tony Misterly, Randy Ford and Dave Miller will fill the director at large positions. We wish all of them good luck and we have the utmost confidence in their abilities to continue to make this organization all it can be.

Speaking of the board, in addition to Gerlach and I leaving (of our own volition, might I add), I was remiss in not mentioning that 2016 President Denny Norris was also

leaving with us. It goes without saying that Denny did a super job as both tournament director and president respectfully and will be sorely missed. His legacy will continue to live on in board lore, as he was the brainchild behind our annual Veterans Cup Matches with the boys over at Stone Creek.

We welcome newest member Tom Flinchbaugh to the assemblage and we hope you enjoy the experience. Might I add, as I have on a number of occasions, it would behoove you to have a wry sense of humor, as we are fond of all kinds of sketchery. Yet, you can rest assured in the knowledge that there's not a societal popinjay amongst us. Anyone else interested in playing in such an environment can contact Dan Gill at danielgill23@gmail.com for more information.

Someone once said, "Golf appeals to both the idiot and the child. Just how childlike golfers become is proven by their infrequent inability to count past five." Having no such problem with their math this past month was Paul Rubly, Jay List and Julian Hobby (72), Larry Joseph, Walt Pacuk and Larry Kettlewell (73), Bill Anger (74), Tony Misterly (76), Everett Kimball, Dave Miller and Ken Zweiback (78) and Mike Deahl, Ed Rieflin and JC Van Bloom (79). Well played mashin' yer niblick laddies!

This will be my last monthly column for our association as I am putting to rest my quill and inkwell

along with my trusty Remington typewriter. Dave Miller will now handle this duty and I know he will do a commendable job in this capacity. In closing, may I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2017 and please allow me one last time to wish everyone "a life full of nothing but fairways and greens."

Two-Man Best Ball Nov. 15, 2016

Klink Flight: 58-Bill Anger & Paul Rubly; 59-Tom Racinowski & Dave Berryman; 60-Dave Martin & Jeff Downs.

Schultz Flight: Tie at 57-Paul Knapel & Dan O'Brien and Dale Budd & Bob Cowie and Dennis McCourt & Dave Green; Tie at 62-Rick Lilly & John Workman and Paul Silliman &

Marvin Brooks and Roger Whittle & Rich Freeman.

Four-Man Team Stableford Nov. 22, 2016

+33-Julian Hobby, JC VanBloom, Tony Misterly & Bob Cowie; +26-Joe Damiata, Joe Alfano, Andy Bulloch & Rich Freeman; +25-Jay List, Ken Zweiback, Julian Wachs & Bill Horton; +20-Jeff Downs, Paul Rubly, Paul Silliman & Don Huston.

Four-Man Three Best Balls Nov. 29, 2016

135-Walt Pacuk, Ken Zweiback, Jim Tait & Rich Freeman; Tie at 130-Julian Hobby, Tony Misterly, Randy Ford & Lawrence Berra and Bill Anger, JC VanBloom, Rick Lilly & Dan O'Brien; 129-Larry Kettlewell, Dan Gill, Dale Budd & Bob Cowie.



Men's Golf Association

Tom Cummings

2016 was another fun year for the members of the Men's Golf Association. The membership has grown and continues to grow. Any men who play golf and would like to join or get more information, just ask about it at the Golf Shop or contact any board member. For the members, do not forget to pay your dues before the end of 2016.

Earlier this month, elections were held to fill vacancies. After the election a meeting was held to elect the officers for 2017. John Langville was re-elected as president; Ralph Solvold will serve as vice-president; Roger Sparks is the new secretary; Len Ruble will again serve as treasurer; Ross MacDonald and Bob Egger will continue as tournament directors; Bob Flynn will be in charge of membership; Larry Manion will take on the duties of food director; Tommy Cummings will serve as member-at-large.

Team Gross Nov. 2, 2016

Tie at 63-Henry Sohl, John Hudacik, George Noltensmeyer, Jerry Segovis; John Langville, Paul Silliman, Dan

Carty, Loren Magsam; Jerry Chase, Paul Wade, Gerry Gerlach, Tommy Cummings; Gary Hassett, Joseph Mandala, Claude Howie, Clarence Higdon; Tony Magri, Carl Zeiler, John Bauer, Rudy Normandin.

Beat the Pro Nov. 9, 2016

The pro was defeated.

4 Man 3 Best Ball

180-James Merrick, Jim Tait, Larry Manion, Bob Moravec; Tie at 182-Gary Hassett, Paul Wade, Richard Freeman, Bill Walker; Jerry Segovis, Carl Zeiler, Rick D'Addio, Ken Sweiback.

Individual Quota Points Nov. 30, 2016

Flight 1: 8-John Langville; Tie at 7-Charlie Dove, Terry Hubbardt; Tie at 6-George Blankenship, Gary Hassett.

Flight 2: 9-Roger Sparks; 8-Dennis McCourt; Tie at 7-Ed Conaway, Thomas Martinetto; 5-Larry Manion.

Flight 3: 9-Larry Rourke; 8-Paul Wade; Tie at 7-Randy Ford, Rick D'Addio; Tie at 6-Dave Hannasch, James Merrick, Jerry Ashe.

Flight 4: 11-Tony Magri; 8-Thomas South; 6-Steve Becker; Tie at 5-Charlie Casale, Roland Schwab.

Flight 5: 14-Kas Kaske; 12-Bob Egger; Tie at 10-Danny James, Ed Rossi; 8-Bob Selmon; Tie at 7-Bill Walker, Tom Marta.

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Tennis

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Happy New Year! The construction of the new tennis courts is in full swing. It is so very nice to see new players joining the tennis family. I believe we closed the year with a positive feeling and we should start the new one in the same way.

We are all looking forward to our tournament this month. I expect good participation. Perhaps we should have a USTA league team organized, so we can have representation at the USTA level? What are your thoughts?

The committee is working on a social event. Also coming up is our visit to the University of Florida to watch great competitive college tennis at a level just below the pro-tour.

So, it is with great anticipation that I look at 2017 as a very promising year for all of us. Keep in mind that not only I am here to maintain the courts, string your racquets and run a good program, but also to improve your game. I am always open to suggestions, concerns and ready to help in any way I can.

Also keep in mind that the main purpose of our tennis program is to foster good health, fun experiences and friendly competition. Tennis played on a regular basis will help you maintain an alert mind, keep emotions and balance in check, keep your heart strong and improve your stamina.

Modern (Polyester Based) Racquet Strings

No doubt poly strings are popular with everyone from top tennis pros down to junior and recreational players. Along with that popularity there seems to be an equal amount of confusion. What is the difference between poly and co-poly? What tension should I use? Is poly a good string choice for me?

The confusion seems to start in the name. Originally called "polyester string," they are now simply referred to as "poly or "co-poly." So, what's the difference?

A poly string generally refers to a monofilament made from a single polymer called polyethyleneterephthalate (PET). Other polymers

are also used such as PTT and PBT. The confusion of poly and co-poly is similar to the confusion of what is "synthetic gut." Synthetic gut is simply an accepted marketing term as a description of an advanced nylon string. Essentially, both in their respective ways are derivatives of the same originating materials and compositions: nylons for synthetic guts, and plastics for poly.

"Co-poly" is generally referred to as the same string with other additives, producing different physical properties (softer, more elastic, better tension maintenance, etc.) than are found in the base poly. But no matter what additives are used, the resulting string is much stiffer and less elastic than any other type of tennis string.

So, what are the benefits of this type of string to tennis players? A panel of experts agree that durability and spin generation are the key components. But some think a key ingredient for "spin" is player technique and skill. You must already possess sufficient technique and racquet-head speed in order to get more spin from a poly or co-poly string. So, the potential benefit is there, but a player will see the full benefit only when the "head-speed and technique" are there.

On a graph you could see how each type of string has its own bending curve as well as how the ball energy seems to lessen as you go from natural gut to multi-fiber, to solid core, to polyester.

With natural gut, the string bends more at impact for best return of energy. With a multi-filament, good return of energy. With solid core, commonly referred to as "synthetic gut" a nice crisp feel for the player who seeks basics in performance and value.

With a polyester string, the string bends less, ball creates more flattening, less energy return to the ball, firmer feel and extreme spin potential; best for fast swing speeds. In this, the panel of experts agree that "poly and co-poly" strings are best suited for players who can generate the necessary racquet-head speed to flatten out the ball at impact. However, they also agree that today, with a well made co-poly could be suited for anyone. So, if you have a soft co-poly that also increases spin, you have a "win-win."

See you around the courts!



Golf

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Happy New Year! We also would like to thank everyone for a tremendous 2016 and we hope 2017 will be even better.

A New Year brings resolutions. If your resolution is an improved golf game then we have the answer for you. Our professional staff has created a wonderful and exciting golf clinic schedule for 2017. The season kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 7 with a clinic on "Aim Point Putting" at the Candler Hills driving range, at 9 a.m. This clinic is \$10 per resident. Please register in the Candler Hills Golf Shop no later than Friday, Jan. 6, at 5 p.m. Look for the complete 2017 clinic schedule in both Golf Shops.

Congratulations to the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association for defeating the Stone Creek Ladies Golf Association in the second annual Interclub Challenge by a score of 15 to 11! The real winners were the children as \$835 was raised for the local charity Voices for Children. Thanks to all who participated in raising money for this great organization!

A friendly reminder from the golf staff that all shop credits will expire Tuesday, Feb. 28. All credit winnings to your account will be posted through the January events. Any winnings during February will be held until the beginning of March to be posted.

Upcoming Events

• Saturday, Jan. 21: Superin-

tendent's Revenge, Tortoise & The Hare, 9 a.m. shotgun.
• Friday, Feb. 10: World Sadie Hawkins, Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun.
Check Golf Shops for details.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Joe Jingco, eagle #7. Bob Flynn, Hole-in-One #13. Carol Oman, hole-in-one #8. Connie Sohl, hole-in-one #13. Bill Blewitt, hole-in-one #17. Tom Racinowski, eagle #12. Larry Kettlewell, eagle #7.

LINKS: Rudy Normandin, shot 73 four strokes under his age. Bill Young, shot his age of 74. Jim Merrick, shot 80 one stroke under his age. Kas Kaska, shot 89 two strokes under his age.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: Jon Hill, eagle #4. Mike Maillet, hole-in-one #13.

Congratulations to all.

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you get frustrated and upset after each missed shot? Golf is a funny game that with one swing can manipulate your attitude and demeanor for not only your round but the remainder of your day. Keep in mind that everyone hits bad shots, yes including touring professionals. Don't let one swing ruin your round or even your day.

Every round, take a minute to appreciate your surroundings, the birds chirping, the beautiful flowers and trees and the friends you have made playing this wonderful game. Don't let the wonderful things in life pass you by and remind yourself golf is just a game we all enjoy to play.

Everyone have a safe and exciting 2017!



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

New year is just around the corner. Don't forget to order your 2017 card. It is as simple as writing your check and mailing it to the address on the back of the card. You can get the small one for \$8 and the large one for \$9. The cards will come during the last week in March but don't delay ordering them.

The tournament is fast approaching on Saturday, March 4. Everything is all set; we just need you to play. Call me at (352) 873-7507 to reserve your seat.

Hope your holiday was great and the New Year brings you good health and much joy. A few jokers would be nice also.

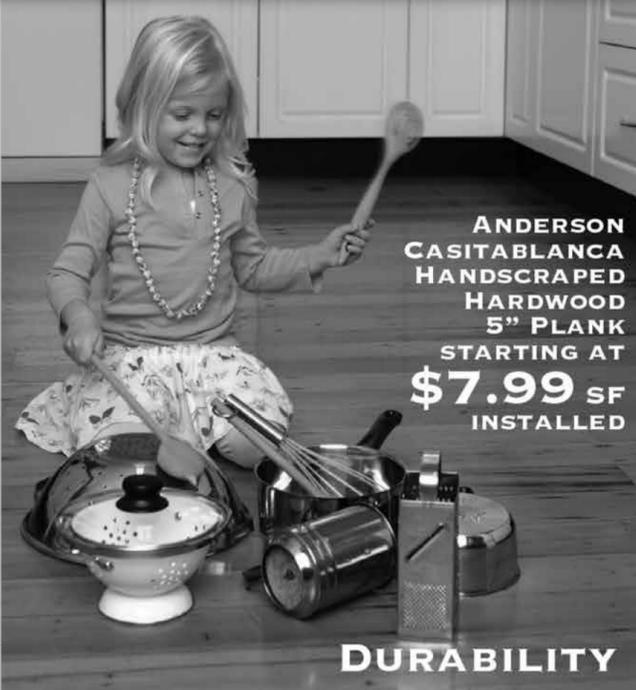
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**Ladies
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Susan Rhodes

For our Christmas charity, league members very generously contributed about 150 books for children aged four to 11 years. We donated them to Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon. Books were given to children or placed in the library, as deemed appropriate by teachers. League member, Linda Blewitt, who is a volunteer reader at Romeo Elementary through 100 Grandparents suggested this year's charity.

Our Christmas luncheon was held at the Stone Creek Grille. It was a festive occasion with caroling being led by Bev Ovrebo. The occasion gave us an opportunity to honor long-time league members who will no longer be golfing with us: Dea Johnson, Joan Cecchini, Elly Rapacz, Betty Gustafson, Harriet Brower, and Marilyn Rose were each presented with a rose. Each of these ladies has contributed greatly to our league over the years, and we will miss their presence. All enjoyed one of the three entrees. Many thanks to the Christmas luncheon committee for all they did to make this a success! Committee members included Connie Sohl (chair), Bev Ovrebo, Johanna Forceno, Bobbie Wiener, Marilyn Schaupp, Debby Wilson, and May Chin.

Three new members joined our league this month. Dee Howie moved to Windsor from Alabama about a year ago; Connie Preis hails



Photo by Susan Rhodes

Johanna Forceno, Bobbie Wiener, May Chin, Connie Sohl, Beverly Ovrebo, Linda Blewitt, and Marilyn Schaupp show children's books being donated to Romeo Elementary.

from Michigan and has been living in our community for almost two months, and Betty Lou McNeeley comes from Cambridge Mass to our Providence and has played golf for 28 years.

Next up is the black and white luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Be sure to put it on your calendar!

Congratulations to Connie Sohl, who made a hole-in-one on Candler Hills' 13th hole!

**Low Gross, Low Net
Nov. 15, 2016/Tortoise & The Hare**
Flight 1 Gross: 75-Deborah Martin. 80-Lynne Dickson.

Flight 1 Net: 66-Gail LaGrange. 71-Su Freeman.
Flight 2 Gross: 89-Linda Blewitt. Tie at 93-Joan D'Addio, Janet Juhlin.

Flight 2 Net: 70-Debby Wilson. 72-Yuhlan Cho.
Flight 3 Gross: 96-Christine McIntire, 97-Peggy Wiechmann
Flight 3 Net: 71-Lorie Anderson. 73-Fumie Veach.
Flight 4 Gross: Tie at 106-Mary Bennett, Carole Robinson.
Flight 4 Net: 70-Yoshiko Young. 78-Renee Aden.

**Odd Holes (Individual Net)
Nov. 22, 2016/Links**

Flight 1: 33-Gretchen Normandin. 37-VaDonna Hall. 38-Peggy Borro.
Flight 2: 34-Valerie Smith. Tie at 38-Iro Lisinski, Bobbie Wiener, Linda Blewitt.
Flight 3: 34-Connie Sohl. 37-Janet Juhlin. 38-Debby Wilson.
Flight 4: 37-Patricia MacMurray. 39-Mary Driver. 40-Lorie Anderson. 41-Renee Aden.

**Team Stableford
(2 Best Balls, Net)
Nov. 29, 2016/Links**

96-Gail LaGrange, Joan D'Addio, Sandy Chase, Mary Bennett. 93-Peggy Borro, Rosemarie O'Neil, Angelita Pena. Tie at 92-Lynne Dickson, Linda Blewitt, Molly Lucieer, Fumie Veach; Deborah Martin, Debby Wilson, Margaret Hudacik, Yoshiko Young.



Softball

Bill Leon

A few of the teams have seemed to find the right combination and are beginning to demonstrate their talents on the field. The Tee Pee Tire team has lost one game in November and moved into a solid first place lead. The Pavarotti's team continues to hold on to second place but dropped three games back of Tee Pee Tire, but they are showing some signs of defensive mishaps, which if they last will drop them, further away from the top.

The Last Frontier team has had a couple of their key players away on vacation and it has affected their performance, but they should be rolling again when their team is fully back together. The Tax Panic team has come out of their slump,

finally pulling themselves out of the basement. They still are without their big hitter so improvement seems to be coming when he returns in January.

The Dr. Dunn team lost their coach who will be out for quite a while. Meanwhile, they are trying to get the team to meld so they can get out of their slump, which has resulted in only two wins during the month. Unexplainable is the Cebert Wealth team, who just can't seem to hold on to a lead in their games. It seems the last inning is a jinx to them as they continue to let the games slip away in that final inning. Hope is in the air for them as they demonstrated in their last game when the team held on in that final inning and got the win. They, like the Dr. Dunn team, have had two wins during the month.

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
2-Tee Pee Tire (Ed)	12	3	1
3-Pavarotti's (Bill)	10	6	
6-Last Frontier (Mark)	9	6	1
5-Tax Panic (Paul)	7	9	
1-Dr. Dunn (Dennis)	5	11	
4-Cebert Wealth (Jeff)	4	12	

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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Linda Buschur

Another year has come to an end. Amid all of the holiday festivities, it is a good time to stop and reflect over the past year of memories with family and friends.

It's been a very busy year for our league with many events and activities. The second board meeting of the year was held Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016. Several important items were discussed including upcoming events, items of concern and some new ideas for our league. For details of the meeting, the minutes are posted on our website. Thank you to our board for making sure the league runs smoothly.

The second Mid State event was Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 at Sugarmill Woods Country Club in Homosassa. Twelve members played and all had a great time. The unofficial results to date are Candler Hills-40. Patty Ware won low putts-20 and Beth Wolinsky won low net-20. Congratulations ladies! The next Mid State is Wednesday, Jan. 18, Pro Lady Tournament at Summer Glen. Watch for details on our website.

The second annual Candler Hills/Stone Creek Charity Challenge was held Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 at Stone Creek and Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 at Candler Hills. A total of 52 ladies participated, 26 from each club. This year \$835 was raised for Voices for Children. This non-profit organization services more than 2,000 children who are represented by Guardian ad Litem in Marion County. The money will go to their Angel Tree project and will make sure every child has at least one gift for the holidays. Best of all, congratulations to the Candler Hills ladies - we retained the cup with a final score of 15 to 11. Look for the cup displayed in the Candler Hills Golf Club. Great golfing!

An upcoming Ladies Winter Invitational hosted by The Oaks at Citrus Hills will be Friday, Jan. 13. Details have been e-mailed to each member and posted on our website.

Please visit our website at chlga.shutterfly.com to stay informed on upcoming events, view pictures, read minutes and lots of other valuable information.

Anyone interested in joining our league should contact our President Pam Monk at themonk28641@gmail.com or stop at the Candler Hills Golf Club to pick up an application in our league book.

We are all truly blessed and as we welcome 2017 we wish health and happiness to all. Looking forward to a fun year of golf with our friends and, remember, have fun!

**Individual TOES
Nov. 10, 2016**

- Flight 1: 46-Peggy Borro.
- Flight 2: 46-Angie Jingco, 50-Mary Muller.
- Flight 3: 46-Gail Banavige, 49-Carol Clark.
- Flight 4: Tie at 48-Vicky Salyers, Kathy Smyth and Beth Wolinsky.

**Individual Criss Cross
Nov. 17, 2016**

- Flight 1: 26-Sara Nunn.
- Flight 2: 27-May Chin, 28-Betty Dong.
- Flight 3: 28-Gail Banavige, 29-Lorie Anderson.
- Flight 4: 26-Heddy Racinowski, 27-Beth Wolinsky.

**Team Shamble -Two Best Balls of Four
Dec. 8, 2016**

- 107-Mia Kolar, Iro Lisinski, Diane O'Brien and Beth Wolinsky.
- 114-Angie Jingco, Beverly Ovrebo, Carol Oman and Mary Pat Giffin.
- 115-Pam Carpenter, Carol Clark, Lorie Anderson (blind draw).

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Pickleball

Kelli Brunner

With only three games into our annual club tournament, a pesky little morning drizzle coated the courts just enough to create unsafe playing conditions. Slippery courts present a risk that should never be taken! Since it was impossible to assemble the same group for completion, several days later we started all over again. 24 players enjoyed 12 competitive games and after all the points were tallied it came down to the final four.

In a random pairing selection, Lise Jordaan and Jim Tait played in the championship match against Rick Vogel and Ron Meyer. Some great pickleball skills were on display in five, hard fought games. It was fun to watch some of the best players battle it out! In the end, after taking the last three games, Rick and Ron emerged as the 2016 On Top of the World Pickleball Fall Classic winners. Congratulations to them and thanks to all who played!

Following our tournament was our annual picklenic at the pavilion. Close to 80 people enjoyed some potluck good food and fellowship. Thanks to Rick Vogel and Dale Rubin for cooking some awesome sloppy joes.

Our club has the good fortune of having Bill Daugherty as our resident pickleball instructor. If you are new to pickleball or you would like to improve your game, he's the guy! It is strongly recommended



Photo by Kelli Brunner

Final four: Ron Meyer, Rick Vogel, Lise Jordaan, and Jim Tait.

that all new players take Bill's class. The next pickleball class will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. All interested residents are welcome and reservations are not necessary. Come to the courts prepared to get some hands on practice.

Court or athletic shoes are required. No one will be allowed on the courts in sandals or open toed shoes. Safety is Bill's primary concern! I know Bill also likes to instruct smaller groups of four for a more personalized experience. If you have a small group, you can work this out as his schedule permits.

Pickleball is becoming one of the hottest sports around and our

membership is growing. We welcome all residents to give it a try and hopefully catch the fever. Advanced players are on the court every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 a.m. Beginners and intermediate players take the court on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Open play is on Saturday morning and we have recently added pickleball under the lights on Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contact our club you can do so by e-mail at otow.pickleball@yahoo.com.

Happy New Year! Have fun and play safe!

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Six Reasons to Exercise This Year

If you're like many people at this time of year you are contemplating a commitment to exercise. This is a very exciting time of year for us at the Recreation Fitness Center; we see many residents who are re-energized with high hopes for improving their health. This is wonderful and we welcome you all!

However, you may be asking yourself, "Where do I start," "How do I stay motivated," and "What are the best exercises to do?" Don't let these questions slow you down; come see us we are here to help. We offer a free orientation of the fitness center on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and free balance assessments on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Please call to reserve a spot for yourself at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7534.

The benefits of regular exercise can have a profound impact on the quality of your life! Here are six reasons to convince you to stick with your exercise in this New Year:

1. Exercise can help with weight loss and prevent excess weight gain. When you engage in physical activity, you burn calories. The more intense the activity, the more calories you burn. Find an activity you enjoy such as walking on a treadmill or riding on a stationary bike. Start off slow, and then increase your time building up to 30 to 60 minutes most days of the week.
2. If you're concerned about heart disease or high blood pressure, exercise will help

Arbor Club Indoor Pool						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	
8:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	
9:00 AM	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	
10:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
11:00 AM		Shallow Water Aerobics*	Closed for Cleaning	Shallow Water Aerobics*		
12:00 PM			10:30 - 11:30 AM			
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 * One hour, fee-based class. ** One hour club activity.

Recreation Center Pool	
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<i>Children permitted Monday through Friday, noon until dusk, all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays.</i>	

Rules for Lap Swimming: 1. Swimmers should swim on the line; 2. If lanes are full, share the lanes; 3. When sharing lanes, swimmers of matched speed should share a lane.

with both! No matter what your current weight, being active boosts high-density lipoprotein (HDL), or "good" cholesterol and decreases unhealthy triglycerides. This one-two punch keeps your blood flowing smoothly, which decreases your risk of cardiovascular diseases.

3. Exercise improves your mood. If you need to blow off some steam after a stressful day, a brisk 30-minute walk is a great solution. Physical activity stimulates various brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier and more relaxed.
4. Exercise boosts energy. Do you get winded while carrying groceries or doing household chores? Regular physical activity can improve your muscle strength and boost your endurance. Exercise delivers oxygen and nutrients

to your tissues and helps your cardiovascular system work more efficiently. And when your heart and lung health improve, you have more energy to tackle activities of daily living.

5. Exercise promotes better sleep. Regular physical activity can help you fall asleep faster and deepen your sleep. Just don't exercise too close to bedtime, or you may be too energized to hit the hay.
6. Exercise is a great source of recreation and social activity. Physical activities can help you connect with neighbors and friends. Try a group exercise class, line dancing or pickleball. All of these activities provide great exercise, fun and social time.

The bottom line on a well-rounded exercise program is to aim for at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity exercise. Squeeze in strength training at least twice per week by lifting weights, using weight machine or doing body weight exercises. Remember to check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program. If you need assistance with setting up an exercise program, come see us at the fitness center-- we can help!

FIT TIP #1: Some exercise is better than none, more exercise is generally better than less, and no exercise can be disastrous.

FIT TIP #2: People who are physically active live longer.

FIT TIP #3: Exercise stimulates the formation of new brain cells. The areas of the brain that are stimulated through exercise are associated with memory and learning.

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Bingo
Denise Johnson

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Bingo ended with a terrific night. We had over 200 folks playing and as a surprise, an additional jackpot for \$150. That's a nice amount for some extra money! Gerene won this jackpot.

We had many other games with

multiple winners, which kept all the runners very busy!

Nancy and I want to thank all the volunteers and all the bingo players for working and playing with us in 2016. We are looking forward to a spectacular 2017. Bingo resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Come out and join us for a fun evening of socializing, and win some money. Keep in mind; cards go on sale from 5 to 5:45 p.m. We call the door prize winners and start bingo at 6 p.m.

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Younger This Year!

Perhaps you remember when the huge bestseller "Younger Next Year" hit the shelves in 2005. This book was co-written by prominent internist Dr. Henry "Harry" Lodge and his star patient, 73-year-old Chris Crowley. This breakthrough look at aging helped readers understand how to turn back the "biological clock." The book's philosophy is based on the premise that you can stave off 70 percent of aging's normal decline, and eliminate 50 percent of all illness and potential injury by following the "Younger Next Year" program.

A conscientious student recently shared an AARP article that is revisiting the message from this important book. I was taken by the candid advice from Dr. Lodge. There is no scientific mystery here; he tells it like it is. I also appreciate that the recommendations from the doctor go beyond exercise and the typical dialog you have with your physician. The prescription for living younger encourages wellness behaviors that are critical to both physical and mental health. Why not get younger this New Year? Here are seven tips from the famed physician and author of "Younger Next Year" to help you change your life now!

1. Exercise six days a week for the rest of your life.
2. Do serious aerobic exercise four days a week for the rest of your life.
3. Do serious strength training, with weights, two days a week for the rest of your life.
4. Spend less than you make.
5. Quit eating crap!
6. Care.
7. Connect and commit.

Don't forget to check out some great fitness happenings this month! Be sure to look through the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog; it's jam packed with activities, trips, tours, fitness classes and special programs. The Health & Wellness Expo will take place in Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; discover the latest in health care products and services while being entertained by fitness demonstrations. And lastly, if you've never visited The Ranch Fitness

FITNESS SCHEDULE

January 2017

Recreation Center Fitness Room					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Zumba® Mix Madelyne	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Dance Party Jessica
9:00 AM	Tai Chi Art	KBKB Han	Intro to Yoga Jessica	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Cammy
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Madelyne	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
10:50 AM	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Dara	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Dara	S.O.S. Larry
11:45 AM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Golden Oldies Groove Madelyne	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Golden Oldies Groove Madelyne	Get Fit While You Sit Madelyne
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation**		Balance Assessment**	
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy	S.O.S. Linda		

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Recreation Center Ballroom					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:45 AM	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne

Arbor Club					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM Indoor Pool	Deep Water * Larry	Shallow Water * Barb	Deep Water * Larry	Shallow Water * Barb	HIIT Deep* Larry
9:00 AM Ballroom				NEW! Qi Gong Art	
9:15 AM Ballroom/ Fitness Studio	Yoga* Barb Anne		Hatha Yoga* Barb Anne		Yoga* Mary
10:00 AM Indoor Pool		NEW! Shallow Water * Barb		NEW! Shallow Water * Barb	
10:00 AM Ballroom				Intro to Tai Chi Art	
11:00 AM Fitness Studio				Tai Chi Joint Health* Art	

* Denotes fee-based class.

** Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534 to reserve your spot.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Health & Wellness Expo
Saturday, Jan. 21, Circle Square Cultural Center, 10 AM - 2 PM



Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Although we are bunco babes, bunco dudes are invited too! Husbands do accompany their wives and play too!

New Year, new day! The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Jan. 24. We have switched our play date to the fourth Tuesday of the month for 2017.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice

and moving to the next table at the end of game play. In October, we had 20 people show up. Many were new and have never played before. By the end of the night, they were pros!

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. See you there!

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Judith Parisi

As we enter 2017, we want to wish all our members and community a very happy New Year filled with peace, health and happiness.

Our league had a festive evening at Bella Cucina to celebrate the holidays. Thank you to Jean Flynn, Betty Jo Dent and Charmaine Hassett for organizing this event. In keeping with the spirit of the season, envelopes were provided at the door for donations to Toys for Tots. The response was overwhelming, with over \$400 collected from our members. Following a delicious dinner buffet, we had drawings for gifts and a raucous sing-along of holiday tunes.

We have a busy 2017 to look forward to. Do you have the following

on your calendar?

- Jan. 9: Sugarmill Country Club Invitational
- Jan. 25: Spruce Creek GAR for Candler Hills
- Feb. 10: World Sadie Hawkins
- Feb. 14: 9/18 Invitational (hosted by On Top of the World 18-Hole LGA)
- Feb. 16: Valentine Challenge at Candler Hills
- Feb. 21: Valentine Challenge at On Top of the World
- Feb. 20: Stone Creek GAR for Candler Hills
- Feb. 23: All Ladies Golf (hosted Candler Hills 18-Hole LGA)
- March 10 and 11: On Top of the World Club Championship
- March 14: Honey Bee Event (surprise format by Eileen Gustavus)
- March 20: Ocala Palms GAR for Candler Hills
- April 10: Ocala Muni GAR for Candler Hills
- April 19: Awards Banquet
- April 27: On Top of the World 9-Hole LGA Invitational (hosted by Candler Hills)

Check us out online at otoworldladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com to see pictures of the holiday festivities and happenings.

Low Gross Nov. 8, 2016

- Flight 1: 49-Kay Budd; 50-Janis Hannasch; 52-Joyce Smith; 54-Eileen Gustavus.
- Flight 2: 51-Lydia Flinchbaugh; 54-Marianne Ingwersen; 55-Pat Gill; 57-Constance Deignan.
- Flight 3: 53-Barbara Enos; 54-Judy



Photo by Kay Budd

Charmaine Hassett, Jean Flynn and Betty Jo Dent were the organizers of the Christmas party.

Parisi; 58-Marcie Hock; 62-Carol Bell.
Flight 4: 54-Kathy Hall; 60-Pauline Beloin; 61-Louise Lineman; 61-Kathleen Dushary.

Low Net 3s and 5s Nov. 15, 2016

- Flight 1: 14-Susane Trembulak; 15-Caroline East; 17-Virginia Bayless
- Flight 2: 16-Linda Mandala & Mary Ann McCourt; 17-Lydia Flinchbaugh & Lorraine Rourke & Marianne Ingwersen.
- Flight 3: 15-Barbara Enos; 18-Judy

Parisi; 19-Pauline Beloin & Carol Bell.
Flight 4: 18-Kathleen Dushary & Mary Vliek; 20-Mary Hart; 21-Eve Harvey.

3-3-3 Nov. 22, 2016

30-Caroline East, Mary Vliek, Pauline Beloin (blind draw). 31-Eileen Gustavus, Marcie Hock, Barbara Enos, Charmaine Hassett. 32-Kay Budd, Sherry Whitmer-Hall, Michael Beyer (blind draw). 32-Virginia Bayless, Judy Parisi, Carol Bell, Ann Flynn.

Team Gross Three Blind Holes Nov. 29, 2016

91-Mary Vliek, Myra Noel, Pat Gill, Kathleen Dushary. 96-Eileen Gustavus, Judy Parisi, Mary Hart (blind draw). 100-Virginia Bayless, Christine Volk, Barbara Enos, Michael Beyer. 101-Janis Hannasch, Mary Ann McCourt, Charmaine Hassett (blind draw). 105-Linda Mandala, Karen Piccolo, Lynn Holland, Louise Lineman.

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Ballroom Dance Club
Linda Byrd

The fourth Sunday just happened to fall on Christmas Day so we did not attempt to hold a dance. We do look forward to seeing everyone again on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

In the meantime, there are other opportunities in the community for ballroom dancers: USA Dance is a national organization that supports social ballroom dancing and DanceSport (competitive dancing); and The Ocala Dance Club is the oldest private ballroom dance club in Florida.

I am active in both of these organizations, so please feel free to call me at (352) 509-4317 if you have any questions.

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Sidekicks Western Dance
Hannah Cole

In just a couple of days, we will ring in the New Year at the Arbor Club! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who make the Sidekicks a success at every occasion, whether festive or ordinary practice meetings.

First of all, we want to thank Carla and Tony for cheerfully and tirelessly giving us instruction and leadership, donating their time every week to keep us dancing. Second, we want to thank Allan Rickards for all he does. He seems to be a jack-of-all-trades, but he should be called our historian, as well as webmaster. He takes both still photos and video records of our events and members.

Next on the list for thanks are Lois and Bill Hull who are chairing the food and decorations committee this season assisted by Jean and Jack Hester and Pete and Joyce. Colin and Linda Adamson skillfully handle our money as they receive dues and dole out funds for our parties.

Clare and Paul Pardee greet everyone at the door, keep attendance, and e-mail all the news to everyone. John and I handle reporting all events in the World News. Keep up the good work everyone!

Our Christmas Party was a blast as usual, and the decorations committee created festive red tables decked with snowmen, and Christmas trees. Our members brought delicious food, and it was definitely a good thing that we could dance afterward to burn off some of those calories. We have some excellent cooks among our members, so thanks to all who contributed to our heavily laden tables.

In the future, I have just one request, and I may sound like the Grinch, but please don't make me dance to "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." The best part of a Sidekick party is all of the laughter and fun that we have. If any of you out there need to fill a hole in your life, try dancing!

Check out our website at pattern-dancers.wix.com/side-kicks. You can watch tutorials or view photos, and videos of our 2016 Christmas party. Better yet, come join us any Tuesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. "Dance is the hidden language of the soul."

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Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

Our special New Year's Eve dance will take place on Saturday, Dec. 31. More details next month ...

The first dance in 2017 will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 and will feature music from Retro Express.

Dancin' On the Top has finished the dance calendar for 2017. The Saturday, April 22 dance will feature Automatic, and the theme is "A Night at the Races." The Saturday, Sept. 23 dance will feature the Starburst Band and will have a theme of "Come Fly with Me." The Saturday, Nov. 18 dance will have a theme of a "Fall Fantasy," and we expect some very bright colors in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Our final dance of 2017 is our big

New Year's Eve party on Sunday, Dec. 31 and will feature the band Retro Express.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dates for 2018. If you want to help out in any way for our dances, please contact Gene Melnick at the number listed below.

The Ballroom Dance Club will continue to hold their monthly tea dances at the Arbor Club on the fourth Sunday afternoon. The dance is set for Sunday, Jan. 22.

Please call Linda Byrd at (352) 509-4317 for details.

There are other opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World: weekly Friday night Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom (guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D.) and every Friday and Saturday evening at The Town Square (weather permitting).

For membership or ticket information, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400.



Circle Squares

Walter Lamp

First of all, a happy New Year from all the members of the Circle Squares. Have a great year!

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, we had our only Tuesday night dance of the season. It was held in the Arbor

Club Ballroom with Ron Libby, our regular caller, doing the honors. Ron was particularly innovative with his calls this evening, much to the delight of all those dancing. Square dancers enjoy new and different situations on the dance floor. It keeps us all thinking and when all is completed, we feel an added sense of accomplishment.

Our first dance of the year will be on Saturday, Jan. 28 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 7:15

to 9:30 p.m. Our caller will be everyone's friend, Nick Hartley, from Alabama. Our cuers will be Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick. An advanced dance will be included at the end.

There will be another dance on Saturday, March 4 with Jack Lewis from Boynton Beach. Then on Saturday, April 8, Ron Libby will close out our season. Also, Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick will do the cueing and the dance times will remain the same as above.

Unfortunately, the dance on Saturday, April 8 will not only be the final dance of the season, but the final dance ever. We have voted to disband the club after that final dance. The reasons are many, but they are no longer important. But, I would like to invite as many of our neighbors to join us in our final dance and see for the last time the joy we all experienced over these past years. Hope to see you down there.



Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

On Saturday, Jan. 21, look for us at 11 a.m. on the Circle Square Cultural Center stage as part of the annual Health & Wellness Expo. We will demonstrate some of our danc-

es for all to see. Please come over and take a look. You might even want to try one of our classes in the future. Just speak to me after our demonstration.

It is hard to believe that the Ballet Club is now 10 years old. We started in 2007, with four participants, and had two classes each week. Today, we have 20 participants, and have five classes each week. We are lucky to conduct our

classes in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio, a beautiful space with long mirrors and three glass walls looking out on the indoor swimming pool, and the lovely foliage and sky beyond. We appreciate this studio and always do our best to leave it neat and clean for other users.

Our class schedule is as follows:
 • Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon; Fridays, noon to 1 p.m.

- More advanced: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Fusion Floor Barre: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon.

Newcomers are always welcome to attend our classes, all of which are free. To start, all you need are exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water. For the Fusion Floor Barre, a rolled towel or small pillow would also be good for your neck. Before attending any class, please call me at (352) 854-8589 for more information and guidance on which class might be best for you. Happy New Year to all and happy dancing!



Line Dancing

Nancy Carmack

Happy New Year everyone! After all the holiday celebrations and so much eating, we can now work off those few extra pounds by line dancing. It is wonderful aerobic exercise and will help you get back in shape. Another wonderful benefit of this great hobby is the opportunity to make many new friends. Many of us had fun being together and dancing during this past holiday season and will continue that bond during the whole year.

Our teacher, Marilyn McNeal, attends many dance events around

the country and brings back many great new dances. Our first four months of the dance season were filled with fun dances, and we look forward to learning a number of new ones in 2017.

When the weather permits, we dance at The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights. Dancing at Happy Hour is every Friday evening at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Our monthly dance in December 2016 was a special holiday celebration. An extra special touch was added when we danced to "This Little Light of Mine" with the lights turned down and everyone holding glow sticks. For our January dance, we will all wear our blue dance shirts in celebration of the New Year.

Come join us, and as our friend, George, always said, "Just remember to stay in line and step when the drum goes thump."

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal for beginner and improver classes at (352) 804-1546, and Nancy Carmack for intermediate at (352) 533-8870.

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

The club's annual Christmas dinner was held on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at Golden Corral, with almost 80 people attending. Everyone enjoyed the chance to have a nice dinner and socialize with other club members, and dozens of free prizes and gift cards from local stores and restaurants were given out.

Earlier this month the communi-

ty held its annual Golf Cart Parade. Mike Retter continued his tradition of entering a cart in the parade for the fourth year. His cart had a Christmas tree and presents, with Mickey and Minnie Mouse on the rear. Penny Wilson and Dan Newby also entered a cart in the parade, with many festive decorations and a snowman on top.

The Florida Senior Games, a statewide competition covering many sports and games, was held earlier this month in Palm Harbor, near Tampa. Lonnie McNew and Ron Cruce stayed throughout the three-day event, and came home

with a bunch of shiny hardware. On the first day, the nine-ball competition, Lonnie won the gold medal in his age division, and Ron took home the bronze. On the third day, the eight-ball doubles event, the "Lonnie and Ronnie" show cleaned up the field, losing only two games the whole day, and both received gold medals. On the second day, the eight-ball event, Phil Panzera drove down, and he took home the silver.

This month the Men's Billiard League held its annual Eight-Ball Tournament in our billiard room. The tournament was open to mem-

bers of nine of the local retirement communities, and cash prizes were awarded to the top three finishers. Congratulations to Dan Newby for finishing in first place, with some excellent shooting and defensive play. Phil Panzera came in second, and Rich Aber had a great tournament, coming in third.

Anecdote of the Month: Recently I played in a nine-ball tournament downtown, and after narrowly missing a long straight shot, my opponent (another regular tournament player who I'm friendly with) said with a smile, "You should have shot that straight instead of trying to bank it."



Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam

The Model Railroaders sincerely hope that everyone who viewed the three-rail layout at Master the Possibilities enjoyed the experience in December 2016. We hope that viewing the steam engine and the various operating cars brought back many fond memories from Christmases past. For those who may be interested in continuing with the "Lionel" scale trains, please be sure to stop in to the club's main layout room on the first floor of the Recreation Center.

The Model Railroaders also hope that you can visit the main HO scale layout on Thursday, Dec. 29 and Friday, Dec. 30. The variety of

steam engines as well as diesel locomotives hauling passengers and freight is absolutely amazing! The scale miniaturization of the layout is spectacular. As we tell the visitors, "The more you look, the more detail you will see!"

The members of the Model Railroaders would like to acknowledge and thank Jim Lynam, Bob Wilkes, Paul Lewandowski, Charlie Vartanian and Al Lohr for their service as club officers for 2016.

Through their leadership, and with the help from many of the club members, improvements were made to the "Lionel" layout, which was displayed the week before Christmas. In addition, the HO layout received realistic crossing lights, traffic lights, signal bridge lights, landscaping, buildings, and numerous scale details to enhance the realism of the display. A computer interface was installed into

the power system, which enables the user to communicate directly with the locomotive's computer chip to control the sound system and the speed-control table.

To continue the progress into the New Year, the club wishes to congratulate the elected officers for 2017: President Jim Lynam; Vice President Bob Wilkes; Secretary Paul Lewandowski; Treasurer Charlie Vartanian; and Director Al Lohr.

In the spirit of the New Year when many "resolutions" are created for the coming year, why not fulfill a promise that you made to yourself to return to model railroading? Throughout the year, so many visitors to the layout room express their desire to "get back into the hobby" as soon as they get the time. So, turn your resolutions into convictions and join us in the layout room this New Year.

The Model Railroaders are always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located in a room with entry from the Recreation Fitness Center. Members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our next monthly meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A. Happy New Year to everyone!



Photo by Jim Lynam

Visit the main HO layout in the Recreation Center.



Mexican Train

Joyce Fox

The Mexican Train Group plays every Friday in the Arbor Confer-

ence Center. The first Friday of each month is played in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite G. Every other Friday of the month is played in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H. We begin playing at 1 p.m. Our Mexican Train sessions are laid back, full of laughter and fun.

Beginners are welcome. We

would be happy to teach you this delightful, strategizing game. So if you are an experienced Mexican Train player or a newbie, please join us for a good time. Meet new friends!

Bring \$2 in quarters and a desire for a fun experience. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Fox at (352) 229-8066. See you soon!



Monday Bowling League

Sandy Fleck

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are ready to have

some more fun this second half of the season.

Bowling fitness information ... you can burn 105 to 285 calories for every 30 minutes of bowling. For example, if you weigh 150 pounds, you will burn 105 calories; and if you are 200 pounds you can burn 145 calories. This could help

with our New Year's resolutions!

If you want to recognize any of our bowlers for their outstanding performance, please send an email to SL.1313@hotmail.com or let me know in person.

Let's see if we can all improve our averages or have fun trying. Happy New Year!



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The Concert Chorus performing their winter concert "Believe" on Dec. 3 and 4, 2016, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

'Believe' Celebrates the Season

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus would like to thank all who came and supported our winter concert, "Believe" on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did bringing it to you. There is nothing like performing for a supportive audience! Thank you also for your generous donations.

A great deal of credit goes to Director Audrey Strong, who worked so hard putting this show together. Her patience and never failing enthusiasm kept the chorus members going. Also, thanks go to our pianist Jeremy Trout and his page-turner Daniel for sharing their talents and accompanying our performance.

Although we just completed our winter concert, the chorus will begin Tuesday, Jan. 3 to practice for our spring concert. So mark your calendar, as this concert is sched-

uled for Saturday, April 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will help you recall the 1960s with music from that era.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to start some new resolutions like new habits and focus on the things that are really important in life. It can be easy to live in the past and dwell on the things that you could have done in 2016 but starting with a clean slate and doing things the right way in 2017 will make you forget your problems of the past. When was the last time you learned something new? Take the time to learn new skills or hobbies, and it will not only make you more interesting, but it could end up helping your career and your personal life.

We are always looking for residents who like to sing and join us.

We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. So come and check us out, you might like it. If you think you would be interested in joining the chorus, please contact David Wesenberg, president, at (217) 280-4454 or Emery Bjerkmann, vice president, at (352) 873-9032.

Our featured chorus member this month is Alice Cartier. Alice is originally from Rochester, N.H. Her education is in the field of business and she attended the School of Business in Portland, Maine. She worked in the General Electric office at Somersworth, N.H. and in human resources at Terracina Grand, Senior Living Community, in Naples, Fla. She has lived in Florida since 1993 and moved to On Top of the World in 2015.

It is not hard to believe that this vivacious lady has been active in some form of music since the age of 19. She was in the Preliminary Miss America Pageant where she played piano and organ and sang Theresa Brewer's "Sweet Old Fashioned Girl." She was given the "Miss Congeniality" award. Alice has played

the organ and sung in church choirs and for weddings. She even directed a couple of church choirs in New Hampshire. In 1993 she participated in the Citrus Hills Choir in Hernando, Fla. Alice is a great addition to our soprano section of the chorus and if you attended our winter concert, Alice was one of the two elves with Santa.

The chorus will see you next year and wish you a happy and healthy New Year.



Photo by Bill Shampine

Alice Cartier



Photo by Rhea Russell

Worker Bees John Marvin, Jim Russell and Steve Schmeer.

Stitching Up a Storm

By Linda Lohr

We hope your Christmas was filled with family and friends. We hope the New Year brings you health and happiness.

It's been a wonderful year for the Sewing Bees to be able to donate so many items for the children. We are already working on the stockings for next year's donation! We've received some new members and they and the rest of the Bees are stitching up a storm!

Regarding the officers of our club, I mistakenly said that Rita Miller was our secretary. Rita had filled that position for many years but now Rhea Russell will take over those duties. Thank you, Rita, for all your help.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned,

and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art Studio, 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

We are in need of cotton material suitable for young boys. If you no longer sew but have cotton fabric of this kind, please consider donating the material to the Sewing Bees. We will put it to good use!

Please contact Louise Green at (352) 629-1195 or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.

Spreading the Joy of Karaoke

By Richie and Sindy O'Brien

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and the New Year brings health, wealth and happiness to all!

The Original Karaoke Group had such a great year and we are thankful for all our friends who made karaoke so much fun.

Avalon residents thanked us for providing the entertainment for their Christmas dinner. We couldn't bring our whole group but a big thanks to Norma, Bob, George, and Dorothea for helping Richie and I spread the joy of the Christmas season; you guys were amazing!

That wasn't all; we provided music for Laura and The Dancing Jewels and entertained at Brookdale Senior Living and Pacifica Senior Living. We even had our own

Christmas party and celebrated a few birthdays with a double cake, half Christmas, half birthday and everyone sang their favorite Christmas and Hanukkah songs. What a nice way to bring in the New Year ... with music.

We won't be meeting for karaoke in January; so I hope when we resume on Feb. 13 we see a lot of new faces. If you'd like to join us, we normally meet on the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

Our karaoke friends are so nice; they welcome all newcomers like a happy family. Come join our family!

For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Some members from the Original Karaoke Group at the Avalon Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.



Happy Hookers

Marge Curran

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe another year has flown by and we're now ringing in 2017!

The Happy Hookers hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and that the New Year brings continued good health and happiness.

The arrival of the New Year often turns our thoughts to making resolutions. Good or bad, we can't seem to shake the ideas of trying something new, resurrecting a long abandoned skill, or making new friends.

If that's where your mind is taking you, the Happy Hookers just might be the group for you. We meet every Monday, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. There are no dues or agenda and no 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.

The Happy Hookers meet year round and yet time seems to fly especially during the weeks leading up to the holidays. Last-minute gifts for family, friends and charity

take up a lot of time both at home and during our meetings. But as an annual tradition, the Hookers make the time to meet as a group to enjoy each other's company without the distraction of yarn, needles and patterns.

On Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, Stone Creek Grille was the destination chosen to celebrate the holiday season. The luncheon was well attended and all had a great time. Spending time with supportive friends really brings to life the true meaning of Christmas.

If you're considering joining us, members bring whatever project they happen to be working on. You'll find people knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, embroidering, and doing just about any hand-crafting project imaginable. Some even come empty handed looking for an idea or just for a chat with friends in a comfortable setting. Many members work on personal projects and others work on projects for a variety of charities. So, if you need inspiration you will definitely find it here. This is a really talented group that you can always count on for help with a pattern question or stitching issue.

If you happen to come across yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always greatly appreciated. This past year brought many donations that were well received. Please call me for pick-up of these items at (630) 336-7105.

If you have any questions about the group, please call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Barbara Lingis

We hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. December was a really busy time for our club.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, we had our customer appreciation drawing for the items donated by our club members. Those customers who won the various prizes were really excited. We hope to make this an annual event. We want to thank all the customers who visited us and participated in the drawing.

Our club members featured in our column this month are Marion Brenon and Ann Manke.

Marion has been a resident for two years and been a member of our club for two months. Marion has a very unique talent. She creates bracelets out of elastic and buttons. To look at these bracelets you would never imagine they are made from buttons. The bracelets are made from one-inch elastic so it stretches to fit most anyone. The buttons are hand-sewn to the elastic. These bracelets are well made and come in all colors and designs

based on the buttons she uses. She even makes bracelets for children. On her table are bracelets for holidays, various clubs such as Red Hat and the Lions Club, and silver and gold designs. These bracelets can also be custom made for any special occasion.

Club member, Ann Manke, has lived here for one year and has been a member of our club since September. Ann is an artist who paints pictures on hand soaps. This is a very unusual process. She paints a glaze on one side of the soap then paints the picture, and follows with another glaze. These are beautifully done and ornamental. She paints flower scenes, holiday scenes and many others.

Ann has been an artist for at least 10 years and became interested in painting after watching artists on TV. She ordered a video and an artist kit and started painting. Her favorite painting is on canvas.

Ann also has on her table planters and birdhouses that she has painted with different flower scenes. These come in many colors and sizes.

We invite you to see these items and many more every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you are interested in becoming a member of our club, contact Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918.

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Sunshine Quilters

Arliiss Day

Greetings from the Sunshine Quilters Club. As we wind down our year, we are so grateful for all the goodness around us. We live in a special place and are happy to be a part of this community. We are lucky to have such caring and giving people around us.

This past month, we were lucky enough to have a wonderful lady by the name of Iris Zawilski drop

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by and bring us several completed quilts to give to our charities along with boxes of fabric and thread. Thank you so much Iris!

We had a lovely Christmas luncheon at Mimi's Café; we all enjoyed it immensely.

For January, our Tuesday plans are as follows:

- Jan. 3: Monthly meeting starting at 1 p.m., along with picking out fabric for our project of the month, which will be the Irish chain;
- Jan. 10 and 17: Learn how to sew the Irish chain starting at 9:30 a.m.;
- Jan. 24: Sit and sew;
- Jan. 31: Learn how to make a mondo bag.

It's going to be an exciting January. We are in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays starting at 9:30 a.m. Come join us! If you need any additional information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450.

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PATH TO TALENT



Theatre Group

Steve McDonald

We are pleased to announce that our open casting calls have thus far provided us with numerous performers of jokes, skits, and musical acts, and we have been informed by several residents that they will perform during our Monday, Jan. 9 or later open casting calls.

These new acts and those already performed will continue to be considered for participation in our Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 "Path to Talent" showcase event, to be presented for our residents on the Recreation Center Ballroom stage. We have determined that for this spring's events, admission is free, along with an invitation to contribute to the funding of our long-standing scholarship for a promising student selected each year from the drama department of the College of Central Florida. We enthusiastically encourage our residents to come forth with your talent and hopefully you may be a part of our spring shows as we still have room for additional performers.

For our residents or Gateway of Services pass holders interested in participating, please contact Gary Rodoff at (352) 291-7508 or grodoff@earthlink.net or attend one of our meetings - you do not need to be a member of our group, but we certainly would love to have you join. In addition to our Jan. 9 meeting, you will have Feb. 13 and March 13 sessions to participate. Once again, examples of acts we

think would make a great show are:

- Ballroom, round, square, line, tap/soft-shoe, aerobics, Zumba, samba, western dancers, etc.
- Instrumentals, solos, duets, ensemble, chorus singers or audience sing-along (piano, keyboard, guitar, karaoke backing tracks, etc.).
- Barbershop or sweet Adeline quartet.
- Karaoke performances (equipment provided).
- Magician/assistant, clown acts/ ventriloquist - either with a real dummy or human dummy.
- Stand-up comedian or comic skits, acting skits or other (the possibilities seem endless).

We did not have a casting call in December, as our members came together for our annual holiday meal at a local restaurant.

Please review our monthly columns and our "Path to Talent" flyers posted throughout our community at various venues to further explain our program, and mark your calendar to attend and perform at an open casting call, to be held on the abovementioned dates at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you do not wish to perform, please attend and help us make our performers know that we appreciate their efforts.

We hope to see you at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, Recreation Center Ballroom. Bring a light snack if you wish to share with our attendees (coffee and tea are furnished). Please contact Dick Phillips at (352) 861-0779 or dick.phillips@reagan.com if you have any questions.

be needed for the stage.

Our productions feature cabaret-style seating with a cash bar at the Saturday performance and a free dessert matinee on Sundays. Cabaret seating is easier to maneuver and is more comfortable, making a lovely, intimate, theater experience.

Our cast and chorus rehearsals begin mid-January. Please call Judy Gill for time and place at (352) 509-4033. Our chorus is delightful but the more the merrier! If you love to sing or arrange music, this is your opportunity to shine and have fun doing so, with music, comedy, special enhancements, surprises, and more. We hope you will join our troupe or be one of our guests at the show in April!

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Opera Appreciation Class

Bernie Kelly

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, the Opera Appreciation Class has its first meeting of the year at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #3 in the Hobby Building. We are going to study Ludwig van Beethoven's only opera, "Fidelio."

We are going to see a 2002 performance by The Met with James Levine conducting the orchestra and chorus. Ben Heppner sings Florestan, who is imprisoned by his enemy Pizarro. Karita Matila sings his wife Leonore, who must disguise herself as a man in her attempt to free Florestan. Falk Struckmann sings Don Pizarro.

In February, "Samson and Delilah" by Camille Saint-Saëns will be our opera of the month.

Saint-Saëns was born in Paris on Oct. 9, 1835 to a father who was an official in the Ministry of the Interior. He was an only child. His widowed mother and her aunt raised him. His great aunt taught him the basics of the piano and it soon was evident that he was a child prodigy.

He continued his training with a teacher who required that his students learn to play the piano so that all the force was from the hands and fingers rather than from the arms. He made his official public debut playing a Mozart piano concerto and Beethoven's third.

In 1848, when Camille was 13, he was admitted to the Paris Conservatoire, a foremost music academy. Even though Saint-Saëns was an accomplished pianist, he began to work on the organ because the director considered this a better entry to gainful employment. Three

years later, Camille won the Conservatoire's top prize for organists.

When Saint-Saëns left the Conservatoire at the age 18, he took the position of organist at The Church of Saint-Merri. The basic salary was small but the position gave him enough time to work on his real interest, composing. His opus two was Symphony in E flat which gave him another first prize from the Société Sainte Cécile. In early 1858, he transferred from Saint-Merri to La Madeleine, the official church of the Empire.

In 1872, Saint-Saëns succeeded in completing his first opera, "The Yellow Princess." His second opera was staged in 1877 and was a four-act work: "The Silver Bell."

In December 1877, "Samson and Delilah" became a solid operatic success. This is his only work still in the opera repertory. Since it was based on a biblical story, there was trouble getting it approved in France. Therefore, it had its premiere in Weimar, Germany. The work became an international success.

In all, Saint-Saëns composed 10 other operas but only "Henry VIII" was successful enough to be revived often during the composer's life.

We are going to see the production of "Samson and Delilah" from the 1998 season at The Met. Plácido Domingo sings the role of Samson, and Olga Borodina is Delilah. James Levine will conduct the orchestra and chorus.

"Samson and Delilah" will be shown on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #3 in the Hobby Building. We look forward to your attendance!

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Encore Collaborative Theatre

Lynn Miller

Welcome 2017! The Encore Collaborative Theatre Group is thrilled to begin their third production. Our April offering will be a musically infused original comedy called "Bon Voyage Blues." It is an original stage play by Judy Gill. The script as well as the lyrics are parodies of popular 60s songs.

Brenda Elliott, one of the cast stars from our last performance, is now the new president of our group. She can be reached at (352) 431-2061 (home) or (404) 216-3009 (cell).

We are looking for a director of music/accompanist at this time.

We also need a few more singers, walk-on parts, stage and craft people. Please join us! Since we have a large cast, our next play will not be as labor intensive as far as rehearsals go. Come and have fun with us!

There is no experience necessary! Join the fun and frolic with lovely people who enjoy doing theater. Our membership director, Lynn Miller, joined last year and she had not done theater in over 40 years! Contact Lynn Miller at (352) 438-3354 or Lynniemiller@aol.com if you have any questions on joining our theater family. Backstage assistance, props, and artisans will



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Art Group

Anne Merrick

For the month of January, members of the Art Group will be showing some of their work in the lobby at Master the Possibilities. There will be a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. with tea, coffee and cookies. Do come and visit with us and celebrate our talent. You will see many different styles and mediums as we are a diverse group of people. We had fun last year and you can decide if painting with us on Thursdays and Saturdays is for you.

Do we start the New Year with new ideas and resolutions to do what we love as much as possible? Will this be the year to step outside of our comfort zone, take on a new style, medium or canvas and create like never before? There is some risk involved here but so much re-

ward when you take the challenge and succeed. Even our failures have something to offer our psyches.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, we had our annual potluck lunch with lots of yummy goodies to eat, great conversation and companionship. Sylvia was so generous to open her house to us all.

Art as the common denominator allows a very diverse group to get on well with each other and willingly share so much about our art and ourselves. I personally have learned so much coming to this group, not only about my art but about myself too. Thanks to everyone for sharing and I think we all feel the same way.

We hope everyone had a fun and rewarding holiday time and is ready for the best in 2017.

I have a couple of quotes from Ralph Waldo Emerson that resonate with me: "A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind from within. Yet he dismisses without notice his thought, because it is



Photo by Jim Merrick

Art Group holiday lunch at Sylvia's house.

his. In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts" and "To believe your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all

men, that is genius."

Join us if you wish to paint, sculpt and do all things art on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the Art Studio at the Hobby Building.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

Wow! Another year has come - and gone! Why does that always surprise us? We hope you all have a happy and healthy New Year!

For December, with many members gone for holidays, the club

had an open forum. Ideas, stamps, and die cuts were exchanged.

We will have our next club meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Arbor Club. Anyone can be a presenter - and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship, socializing and helping each other!

Our group is open to all crafters, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group

usually meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, unless the demonstrator requests other arrangements. 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, please call Kathy at (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



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Sample of card ideas traded for the December meeting.

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Photo by ShutterBug John Bauer
First place intermediate: Sunset on the Arabian Sea.



Photo by ShutterBug George Bausewein
Second place intermediate: Homeless in Boston.



Photo by ShutterBug Ginny Peyton
Third place intermediate: Abundant grace.



ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip

Drumroll please ... and from our annual photo contest the People's Choice award winner is ... Blue poppy!

Nancy thanks everyone for their votes. She spied this most unusual blue poppy while at a garden in Maine this summer. Blue poppies and blueberries are favorite memories from her trip. What's not to enjoy when your baking girlfriend wants to sample all the competition's blueberry pies?

In addition, here are the photos that received ribbons in our intermediate division. Our photographers pass along their story behind the photos:

John: I took this from a small ship off the southwest coast of India. This was one of two quick shots before the opportunity was gone. Be prepared!

George: I went to Boston to test out a new camera. It was a very cold day! I was walking down a street and saw this homeless gentleman walking in my direction. I had a telephoto lens on the camera, opened up the aperture to get only him in focus and took the shot. It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time and I was lucky to get the shot.

Ginny: I found the graceful movement, bold colors and lighting of this sleepy sunflower extremely appealing. It was taken at the Avalon Garden.

Come join our next field trip! We're heading to the Chihuly glass art exhibit in St. Petersburg on Tuesday, Jan. 3. For a look at what's on display, see their website at moreanartscenter.org/chihuly. For up-to-date field trip information, visit our club website at otowspc.com.

Several prints of wildlife from ShutterBugs' members were on display in Studio 9 during a reception

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that followed the Florida Wildlife Corridors Expeditions presentation in Circle Square Cultural Center on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

Whenever you're in our local Freedom Public Library, take a look at the display photos our club updates each month.

Now showing in January: A photography DVD teaching program called "Learn & Master Photography," by Vince Wallace. It's a 24-lesson package. Stop in and learn along with us!

Our normal monthly club schedule:

- First Tuesday: Morning field trip.
- Second Tuesday: Instructional DVD.
- Third Tuesday: Photo sharing activities. Fourth Tuesday: Guest speaker or DVD.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop in at the ShutterBugs' Tuesday meeting. We start at 3 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Or contact Gary Uhley at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl.rr.com.



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People's choice 2016: Blue poppy.

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The New Pretenders

Bill Shampine

The New Pretenders will present their annual show on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m.

Ticket sales are hot, but there still are good seats available. If you have never been to one of our shows, you really don't want to miss this one. We sold over 1,200 tickets last year, so that should give you an indication of what the community thinks of the show. Further, having started in 1997, this will be the troupe's 20th season - yet another indication that we are doing something right.

We put on a very entertaining show. We try to choose upbeat songs that will get your heart pumping and your toe tapping. Our costumes also are amazing. This year you will see 115 different costumes during the performance. We believe strongly that people like to laugh and have a good time when they go out, so we include a lot of humor in

our performance, by choosing off-beat songs, strange costumes, or unique presentation styles. For example, have you ever heard a group play a song using only beer bottles? Just wait, you are in for a treat. We have a 29-bottle ensemble that is going to knock your socks off!

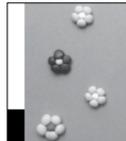
We occasionally are able to bring in guest performers. I cannot tell you how lucky we were this year to be able to have Chookin Barg-faf and Seetoz Wixilol join us for a guest appearance. Chookin and Seetoz are aliens, spending a few days on Earth while on their honeymoon. Because of our director's extensive international experience and contacts, we were able to persuade them to join us, briefly, in order to sing one song for you. You don't want to miss it.

Tickets for our performances are available in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 to 10 a.m. We continue to offer reserved seats for \$8 and general admission seats for \$6. Going to the Recreation Center Ballroom also gives you a chance to meet some of The New Pretenders. We look forward to seeing you there. We'll leave the light on for you.



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Nancy Grabowski, Bill Shampine, Gary Springer, and Tom Miller singing "Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore" in the 2016 performance by The New Pretenders.



Polymer Claymates

Shirley Rutledge

At our last meeting we elected officers for the upcoming year: President Carol Kemp, Vice President Lynne Hahn, Treasurer Lois

Lane and Secretary Shirley Rutledge. We have a lot of new members this year enjoying working on different projects such as Murphy the Christmas moose made by Nina Lindth.

Please come and see what we are doing on Mondays. We are located at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E and F, from 9 a.m. to noon. We will not be meeting Monday, Jan. 2.



Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

The month of December found us singing many different Christmas songs. We had the pleasure of Shirley Haskell singing "Happy Christmas" as Lorraine Carmen signed the song. It was impressive to watch. There are many silly songs like Lora singing "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer." Steve sang "Blue Christmas" Porky Pig style. Nostalgia was felt with Kathy's song "Christmas Like Mama Used to Make It" and Karen's "All I Want for Christmas Is You." Shirley sang "I'll Be Home for Christmas." It would not be Christmas without Donnie's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and Charlie's "Meet Me Under the Mistletoe."

This month, we are highlighting Bree McDonald. Bree was born in Indianapolis, Ind. She and Steve worked together at Firestone Industrial Products and were married in October 1988.

They retired together and relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in March 1990. This is where they started their karaoke experiences at a small pub and have been active ever since.

After eventually retiring a third time, they moved to Ocala in October 2013, and found Karaoke Friends in our community as well as the local Moose lodge and other venues. Bree is proud to have placed third in the local "The World Has Talent" contest with husband Steve in 2014.

She sings beautifully alone but often teams with her husband on favorite duets and, according to her husband, her duets with her sister Michelle gives him chills as they exhibit beautiful harmony, especially when they do Abba songs.

She has sung in Theatre Group shows. She is currently membership chairperson for that group.

Bree is extremely personable and you may find her at Sam's Club as an event specialist.

In December, we were happy to add Brandy to our singing group. We all loved his Motown songs and hope he continues joining us. Ronnie and Skip joined us and right now enjoy listening to us all.

We hope more will come and enter in the fun. We meet the first and third Mondays of the month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. This month, we meet on Monday, Jan. 2 and 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come any time and enjoy the fun.



Photo by Steve McDonald
Bree McDonald.

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Electronics: Vizio (VO22FHD) 22" color TV, controls and installation instructions, \$30. (352) 237-2747.

Furniture: Bar stools (2), wood with ivory cushions, \$15 each. (216) 496-5736.

Furniture: Sewing machine cabinet, solid wood with 3 drawers and drop down space that fits machines 19-1/2" long, \$50. (352) 209-7442.

Furniture: Formica top table, 36"x48" with 12" leaf and four beige/multi-color chairs on casters, \$200. 48" round glass table with four white cushion bamboo

chairs, \$250. (352) 208-0196.

Golf Carts (2): Nice, inexpensive, need to sell. (352) 256-9068.

Golf Equipment: Golf balls (53), 20¢ each. (352) 861-2540.

Golf Equipment: Leupold Range finder (GX-3i2) with box, instructions and case, \$300. (352) 237-2747.

Home Décor: Green, white and clear vases (14), \$1-2 each. (352) 861-2540.

Misc. Item: Drafting table, \$50. (352) 291-7670.

Misc. Item: Folding table with handle and latch, 36"x36", \$18. (352) 861-2540.

Misc. Item: Portable propane grill, \$30. (216) 496-5736.

Shoes: Capezio dance sneakers, size 7-1/2, \$25. (352) 300-3541.

Sports Equipment: 26" Huffy hybrid bicycle. (352) 861-8844.

Sports Equipment: 2-bike trunk carrier, \$25. Ladies 27" Schwinn 21-speed bicycle, \$100. (352) 300-3541.

Sports Equipment: Fishing rod wall display for 6 rods, \$25. Garcia No. 2573, 11'4" heavy surf spinning rod, \$125. Shakespeare No.2935, 5'6" boat rod, \$115. Vintage Shakespeare No. A1362T, 8'6" split bamboo fly rod, \$160. (352) 237-2747.

Tools: Porter Cable heavy-duty flat surface sander, \$18. Dremel table, electric motor with buffing and grinding wheels, \$20. (352) 861-2540.

Window Treatments: Hunter Douglas aluminum mini blinds (4). 35-3/4" W x 49-1/2" L, \$25. 69" W x 50" L, \$50 each. (352) 361-8874.

Yard Equipment: Black & Decker electric edger, \$30. Green Thumb fertilizer spreader, \$20. (352) 291-7670.

Yard Equipment: Scotts hand push mower, \$30. (352) 861-2540.

Tag Sales

Thursday, Dec. 29 & Friday, Dec. 30: 9028 SW 103rd Circle (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6 & Saturday, Jan. 7: 8671-A SW 97th Street (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to noon. • 9028 SW 103rd Avenue (Avalon), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 & Friday, Jan. 20: 9390-B SW 97th Street (Crescent Ridge), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Services

Alterations by Betty: Alterations by appointment only. 50 years experience. A Pine Run resident. Call Betty at 237-9909.

Alterations by Ernestine: Alterations, experienced. Call 861-0259 (resident).

Appliance, A/C & Heat Repairs: Electrical & plumbing. Experienced and honest. Call Tom Parker (On Top of the World resident) anytime at (352) 873-1297.

Bathroom Remodeling: Painting, flooring, drywall, relaminating and handyman services. Licensed & insured. Precision Painting & Remodeling (352) 322-8154.

Bathroom Remodeling: Specializing in complete renovations. Clean, neat and professional. Call Cove Construction Inc. for a free estimate. (352) 572-0508.

Blinds Repaired: In your home. Repairing shades & drapery hardware. Certified & experienced installer. Call Gary or Kathy at (352) 344-3805.

Bob's Screening Service: Garage door screens, window screens, porch enclosure screens. We re-vinyl windows. Complete re-screening service. Free estimates. (352) 586-8459, Bob.

Caregiver: Cleaning, cooking and housesitting. References available. Call Esther at (352) 502-9701.

Cat Boarding and Sitting: Provided by loving experienced Cat Nanny. On Top of the World resident. (352) 854-8589.

Ceramic Tile: All types of installation and repair. 20+ years experience. Lic. & ins. References available. Call Bob Adkins (352) 274-8678.

Certified Nursing Assistant: Over 20 years experience assisting with ADLs, alzheimer's and more. Flexible schedule. References available. Maxine (352) 631-4069. (CNA237368).

Certified Nursing Assistant: Personal care in your home. 13 years experience, reasonable rates. Penny (352) 256-4676 (CNA300158).

Clock Doc: Clock repairs, experienced, inexpensive, house calls. (352) 246-2438 (resident).

CNA/LPN: CPR, insured, excellent references & resident. (352) 397-0476 (CNA119591).

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

D&D Painting of Ocala LLC: Interior/exterior painting. Licensed & insured. 35 years experience. 10% discount for seniors & veterans. References available. Doug (352) 512-3852 or Donna (352) 425-3869.

H&L Cleaning Services: Experienced in all of your cleaning needs. Residential/commercial. Call for a free estimate (352) 804-0085.

Hair Care: In your home. Licensed, experienced beautician comes to you. Full service. Call Cathy, PCA, resident, (352) 237-3347. Service homebound.

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

Interior Decorating: Choosing new paint colors, staging your home or rearranging for a new look. 15 years exp. Donna at (352) 216-1123 (resident).

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Painting: 20 years experience. Free estimates, insured, references and photo gallery available at Suespainting.com. 10% off for residents. Sue's Painting (352) 237-0892.

Painting: 25 years experience, 10% discount, excellent references. Pressure wash house for free with paint job. Call Danny at (352) 547-9588.

Painting by Frank the Painter: 35 years experience, fall specials, free estimates, specializing in colors, quality service, affordable prices, references. (352) 237-5855 (resident).

Pressure Washing: Houses, driveways, gutters, porches & yard work. Free estimates. 12 years experience. Call Steve (352) 237-5338 (resident).

Professional Window Cleaning & Pressure Washing: Summer special - \$99 to clean up to 20 windows inside/out or \$99 driveway wash. (352) 454-0867.

Rescreen & Window Repairs: Lattices, birdcages, garage door sliders, etc. Foggy, broken glass and re-vinyl windows. 10+ years experience. Free estimates. Colden Heath, Florida Screen Room and Window Medic, (352) 502-8295.

Transportation: Doctor appointments, shopping, errands. Call Anna (resident) at (352) 615-0174 (cell) or (352) 873-4151 (home), leave message.

Transportation: Personal driver for seniors, local appointments also personal shopper. Non-smoking, safe, respectable, honest many referrals. EveRose (352) 502-5551.

Wanted

Antiques, Collectibles, Jewelry, guns, fishing, military or anything that you are not using, I will. Cash paid for 1 item or entire estate. Larry (352) 697-1778.

Dog Sitter: In your home for a 9 pound shi/poo. (216) 496-5736.

Donations: Musical instruments for local students; Ed at (352) 304-8206 • Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies for homeless, pet food/supplies for animal shelters, used cell phones & musical instruments for troops/veterans; Donna at (352) 237-3062 • Shoes and sneakers for the needy; drop off at Arbor Club office • Toiletries for troops overseas; Bob at (352) 854-0702 • Yarn for lap robes for VA hospitals and newborns; (352) 843-6519.

Guns: Buying guns (new, old, any condition), gold and silver. Estate appraisals. (352) 867-0381 (home) or (352) 266-9781 (cell).

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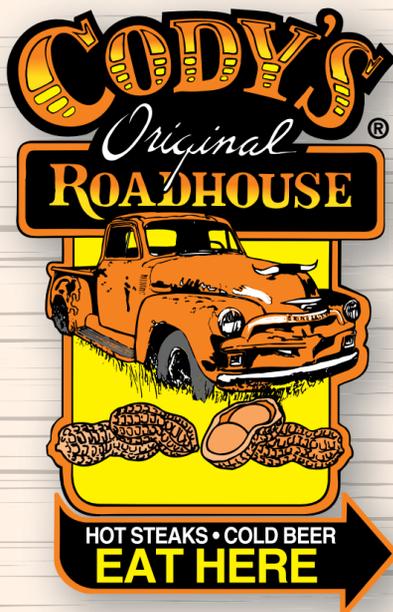
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