

## Community News & Update

By Kenneth Colen  
Publisher

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of the On Top of the World Central Owners' Association will be held at 9 a.m., December 19, at the Health & Recreation Building. We will follow the same format of taking public comment from the floor on the published agenda items, closing the comment period and responses, moving through the meeting agenda and taking written comments after a short recess. As in the past, we will stay until all questions have been answered.

**LIVE TO LEARN UPDATE:** I'd like you to keep an eye out for our "new improved" course offerings in winter 2006. The Master the Possibilities catalog is due out at the end of December and we're anticipating a number of new programs that should generate a lot of interest. Our new Director of Education, Dan Dowd, has been busy developing new classes and faculty. You'll see some of the results in the winter offerings. Dan will also be available at the Arbor Conference Center Suite D on December 8 during the following hours: 10 to 11 a.m., 3 to 4:00 p.m., and 7 to 8 p.m. He is conducting these three informal sessions to hear what you would like to see offered. Please stop by with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

**NEW FACES:** We are pleased to announce the addition of Jorge Privat as manager of the Tennis facility at the Arbor Club. Jorge Privat has been teaching tennis at the high school and adult levels for more than 25 years. Jorge developed his skills on clay courts in his native South America. He played competitive tennis in Peru and was on the Olympic team for Ecuador. A founding member of the Oak Park Tennis Association (OPTA), Jorge was instrumental in growing this organization's membership to 400. We are expecting the same enthusiastic leadership for the On Top of the World tennis programs.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Conwell (Jeff) McDonald, an award-winning PGA professional, to On Top of the World Communities. Jeff can not only talk the language of golf—he can help you make that club sing! Jeff particularly impressed us when he came to the interview armed with his manual "Let's Talk Golf"! Jeff is a PGA professional with his own weekly television golf show.

As Jeff puts it, "my number one priority is creating an atmosphere where members and guests alike anticipate a quality golf experience." Jeff will be responsible for creating the same quality experience for all On Top of the World Golf courses.

Jeff's career began at age 16 at which time he managed a retail store and increased the gross sales by \$80,000 the first year. Jeff's personal style, knowledge and expertise are apparent, whether he is overseeing course construction or teaching golf lessons.

**ROOF REPLACEMENT UPDATE:** It should be no surprise that shingles are once again in short supply. Roofing costs have dramatically increased this past year as well. Rapidly escalating costs are due to demand created by the hurricanes of the past two years, much higher cost of petroleum-based raw materials used in roofing, and the tremendous building boom in the southeastern part of the country and in Florida in particular. Each group of villas uses an average of 200 squares per building. Factor that times the volume of re-roofs each year and we become a substantial user.

The most popular color, Sandrift, seems to be in the shortest supply. From a practical perspective, the roofers will continue to stockpile shingles for scheduled work as long as they can. However, there may come a point when we may not be able to get a preferred color selection for a building. In such case, we may delay the re-roof for several weeks if it looks like there may be new supplies coming into the pipeline, or we may have to go with an alternate choice based on availability.

When we put the projects out for bid, we require that the successful bidder hold the pricing for one year. This may be increasingly difficult to do as the main manufacturers (GAF, Tamco, Elk, Certainteed) are unwilling to hold pricing longer than 90 days. This is where volume counts. The roofer is negotiating for a minimum of a six-month price hold. Practically, this means that the Association will need to price projects twice a year thus giving a shorter notice period for owners to sign

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Photo by Larry Resnick

Sharon Bailey gets all decked out for the 2003 On Top of the World Golf Cart Holiday Parade.

## Dashing Through the Snow On Top of the World Style

By BETTY THAYER

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh—wait we're in Florida, no snow, no sleigh! These small details will not stop the volunteers who are planning the December 14 Golf Cart Holiday Parade and the holiday activities that evening.

We are looking for residents who delight in celebrating the holidays to decorate their golf carts and join our parade on the streets of On Top of the World. We'll be dashing through each subdivision having a merry time, so come out and cheer us on!

Our own On Top of the World Red Hat groups will lead the procession. The schedule for each neighborhood is approximately:

- Americana 2 p.m.
- Friendship Park 2:30 p.m.
- Friendship Colony 3 p.m.
- Friendship Village 3:30 p.m.
- Crescent Ridge I and II 2 p.m.
- Providence I 2:30 p.m.
- Williamsburg 3 p.m.
- Providence II 3:30 p.m.

There will be two groups of golf

carts, one starting in Americana, and the other group beginning in Crescent Ridge. This way we can cover all of On Top of the World while it is light out.

If you want to decorate your cart and participate in the parade please call either Betty Thayer at 854-8462 or Judy Labeledz at 873-1448 to sign up.

You can also sign up at the information desk in the Health & Recreation Building by December 2. We promise fun and lots of holiday spirit!

Keep those carts decorated because at 6 p.m. we will have a mini-parade around the H&R Building to show off our decorations to those attending the evening festivities and for those participating to see each other's decorated carts.

Busy during the day? (Oh yes, golf!) Then maybe you can volunteer to bring cookies to our evening entertainment. We need volunteers to bake (doesn't everyone) or for the other half of us to buy cookies. (Please call Lolly Foes at 861-2165 or Kay Chandler at 237-3139 with your cookie information.)

Our evening activity begins at 6:30 p.m. in the H&R Ballroom where all

residents are invited to join in for cookies, hot chocolate and coffee as we sing holiday songs with entertainment by Showtime Music.

So mark your calendars (December 14), get your golf carts ready, or meet us at the curb!

One week later, on December 21, we will visit those residents who are housebound and do some old fashioned caroling, bringing holiday cheer to those who are not able to get around. If you like to sing, put your name on the volunteer sheet at the H&R information desk. If you're aware of a neighbor who is housebound, call Mary Ehle at 873-7507 and have their name placed on the visit list. We want everyone to enjoy this holiday time. The singing volunteers will meet on December 21 at the H & R ramp where an On Top of the World bus will take us on our tour.

This is a great community effort and we welcome everyone to participate. This is a fun way to enter into the holiday spirit and a chance for all residents to come together and enjoy the holidays. ☺



Photo by Larry Resnick

All of the ladies who attended the November Karaoke at the Arbor Conference Center gathered round to sing 'Elvira.' The next Karaoke night is scheduled for December 8.

## Karaoke—They Sang Their Hearts Out

By LARRY RESNICK

Karaoke returns and once again is alive and well here in On Top of the World. Now being held on the second Thursday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center between 7 and 9 p.m. in Suite G, both Judy Furfaro and George Quaranta put a lot of effort in organizing this event. Judging by the large turnout of home-grown singers who attended and sang, they did a super good job.

The room was packed and it was a whole lot of fun to see and hear. There wasn't a shy face in this crowd. Each participant got up several times during the evening with no coaxing necessary and sang their heart out. What a bunch of talented people we have here in On Top of the World. You just never realize it until you attend an event such as this, and then surprise; you suddenly realize that person has a terrific singing voice.

It's just a lot of fun to see and hear and participate if you care to. All On Top of the World residents are invited to attend and participate in the fun. There was no charge to attend this event which made it all the better.

Kudos to Judy and George for reuniting and bringing back karaoke for all to enjoy. Now looking forward to the next karaoke that is scheduled December 8. Thanks, guys. ☺



# On Top of the World NEWS

Where the News is Always Good

The World News is a monthly publication of On Top of the World Communities in Marion County, Florida. This publication is written and prepared by On Top of the World residents for our neighbors and those interested in becoming a part of our community. The World News strives to publish only "good, informative news."

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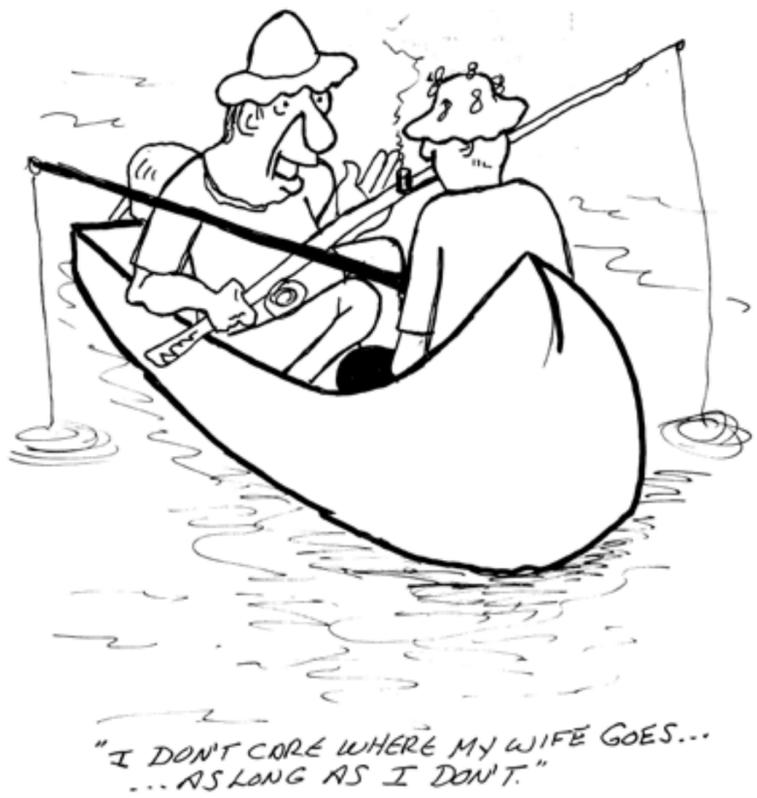
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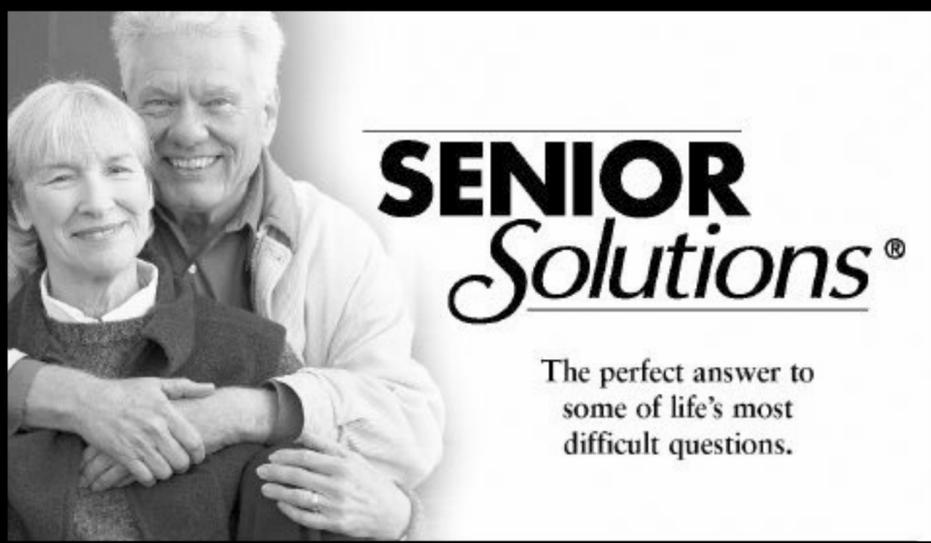
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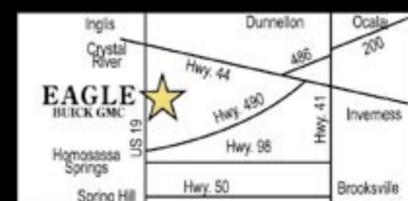
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**From  
Debbie's Desk**  
Debbie Clark

Well, it is December. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and did not eat too much. I also hope that the rest of your holiday season is just as nice.

Now on to the fun stuff. The **Halloween Happy Hour** was a huge success. I must say that all of the ghosts, goblins, witches, pirates, roaring 20s and the residents who showed up in costume made this a huge success. Also big kudos to Lisa Anspacher for her creative genius in decorating the Arbor Club. We look forward to doing this type of Happy Hour in the coming years.

As for the fourth **Annual Craft Fair** there were roughly 800 people in attendance for this year's event. Unfortunately due to Wilma we had to postpone this event from October, which did hurt us a little as I lost 10 vendors. All in all with the 30-plus vendors who did attend this year, it was a great success. I am already receiving registration forms for next year's event and I hope to have 50 vendors. Also I would like to take this time to thank all of the residents who graciously gave up their rooms so that I could make such an event happen, and, as always, a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who give so much of themselves to help me with these events.

As for December, I have kept my activity calendar very light as either you are all busy preparing for the upcoming holiday entertaining at home or traveling back north to spend time with family and friends. First, please mark your calendars with the holiday hours for the gym and Arbor Club. On December 24, the **facilities will close** at noon. On December 25, the facilities will be closed all day. On December 31, the facilities will close at noon and on January 1, the facilities will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photo by Larry Resnick

**A cavewoman, a pirate and gangsters showed up with the usual Halloween cast of characters at Happy Hour in October. Below, right, Jean and Larry Gering ham it up for the camera.**

On December 1, Dr. Thomas Kickham, who is the director of Beneficiary Services and Partnership Group in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be speaking in the H&R Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the **new prescription drug plan** and what it means to you.

On December 5 we will once again be going to Tampa to attend the **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino**. The cost of this trip is \$35 per person and you will be having a plated meal along with transportation to and from the casino and \$20 in free play. Please register with Theresa at the Health & Recreation Office, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On December 6, MRMC will be bringing to us a seminar on **Time is Brain—Stroke Awareness** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center in Suite D. Dr. Janice Ulmer will present information on what is a stroke and who is at risk. Dr. Ulmer is the Stroke Center Program coordinator. This is a free seminar. The only thing I ask is that you please RSVP at the Health and Recreation office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For December 14, there will be the **annual golf cart parade**. You must sign up for this event at the information booth in the H&R building. The golf carts will be lining up at 1 p.m. in the H&R parking lot and the parade

will be through the community from 2 to 4 p.m. Also on this day in the evening will be the annual **Holiday Song Celebration** from 4:30 to 5:50 p.m. If you would like to make a cookie donation for this event you need to sign up at the information booth in the H&R Building.

On December 16, we will hold our annual **Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Hour** at the Arbor Club from 5 to 8 p.m. In line with this there will be no happy hour on the following evenings: Friday, December 23, and Friday, December 30.

Also, if you are planning on attending the **New Year's Eve Gala** at the Arbor Club please do not wait too long as we still have approximately 50 tickets left. This year we have changed the venue a little. We will have a dinner theater with a full buffet meal and then from approximately 9:30 p.m. to midnight we will have Shane Waters performing for your listening enjoyment. There will also be a champagne toast and noisemakers provided to ring in the New Year! The cost per person is \$40.

In regard to community issues that are brought to my attention, I would at this time like to bring up sportsmanship conduct. When we are participating in any type of outdoor activity here at On Top of the World, please remember to be considerate of other residents that are around you. Vul-



gar language, yelling, screaming and immature behavior are not appreciated by others. Also at times this type of behavior gets you nowhere and can escalate into very harmful and abusive situations. Remember it is just a game and you are supposed to be having fun.

I would also like to thank all of the residents who utilized the facilities here at the H&R Building during this last month with the painting of the building. Your cooperation in this matter has been outstanding. Now let's go out and have some fun. ☺

## Flashback

Compiled by Joe Novatnick

**20 YEARS AGO, 1985:** December 7th the Golf Shop opened in the new building next to the swimming pool, housing a genuine golf shop, a cart storage area, restrooms and a recreation room ... 248 residents and guests enjoyed the annual Christmas Ball held in the On Top of the World Ballroom ... Anniversary greetings, December 1, 40 years to Joe and Eileen Gagner ... December 14, the chilliest day of the year, 48 On Top of the Worldites travel to Cypress Gardens.

**15 YEARS AGO, 1990:** On Top of the World Chorus goes a 'caroling on December 16 ... The On Top of the World Flyers is a new club being formed for the purpose of building and/or flying radio controlled miniature model aircraft ... The Ballroom Dancers on December 18, meeting and dancing to favorites of the past ... Mid-Atlantic Club, 90 members and guests attending the annual Christmas dinner and party ... On

Top of the World Grasshoppers amid rain sprinkles, golfed at the Plantation and Golf Resort.

**10 YEARS AGO, 1995:** December profile, Pat Angle, one of the unsung heroines of the On Top of the World Theatre Group. Pat can stitch up a frock or a blouse with a pull-away sleeve for a fight scene as readily as making a 19th Century ball gown for a lady of the Confederacy ... The Pretenders entertain at NY/NJ Club meeting for a four-star performance ... The World News retiring editor, Shirley Lane, welcomes the new editor, Bill Robinson.

**5 YEARS AGO, 2000:** On Top of the World volunteer residents will be caroling throughout specific locations, and visiting homes of shut-ins on December 13 ... December 14, the Golf Cart Parade of brightly decorated golf carts ... On Top of the World Travelers Golf Club Christmas partying at the Elks Club. ☺

## Welcome

### to On Top of the World

Phyllis H. Saylor, 8399-DS.W. 90th Street  
Frederick A. Stoneham, 8662-E S.W. 96th Lane  
James D. & Nadia M. McCarty, 8717-C S.W. 90th Lane  
Angelo & Anne Debenedetto, 9354-D S.W. 97th Lane  
Louis & Marjorie Fisher, 8837-A S.W. 95th Lane  
Ida Amerigo, 9819 S.W. 97th Lane  
Ronald Krueger, 8580-B S.W. 90th Lane  
Carolyn J. Hancock, 9028 S.W. 91st Circle  
Dennis G. Arnold, 9600-B S.W. 89th Court Road  
Doris M. Dilts, 9728 S.W. 97th Street  
Fred A. & Claudia D. Robinson, 8437-A S.W. 90th Street

Thomas F. & Florence M. Sigsworth, 8739-C S.W. 96th Street  
Joyce E. McNely, 9300-A S.W. 85th Terrace  
Elke Parkinson, 8475-E S.W. 91st Place  
John Baxter, 8500-H S.W. 93rd Lane  
William H. & Juanita L. Willis, 9586-D S.W. 84th Terrace  
Sharon J. Burgess, 8471-B S.W. 91st Street  
Wade E. Underwood, 8889-E S.W. 96th Street  
Billy Ray Swing Sr. & Josephine S. Birnbryer, 8880-C S.W. 98th Street Road  
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**Steve Gravano**  
Birthday



**Jackie Randolph**  
Birthday



**Chris Resnick**  
Birthday



**Terry Zarrella**  
Birthday



**Hyman Schwartz**  
New Resident



**Steve & Angela Gravano**  
Anniversary



**Myra & Harold Post**  
Anniversary

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and return work consent authorization forms. Delay in that area will certainly equal higher costs later.

**Safety Tip:** Please don't walk into homes under construction when workers are present. Aside from violating every safety rule in the book, you put yourself at risk of injury.

**CONSUMER ALERT:** We are all aware of the admonition against giving out personal information such as driver's license, credit card or social security numbers. Well here is a new twist!

A company out of Plantation, Fla., has been sending a flier to residents stating that the: "U.S. Government Federal Citizen Information Center website recommends that property owners should have a certified copy of their deed."

For starters we have not been able to locate any such agency or office, let alone a

website. Next, why would any homeowner need a certified copy of their deed when they are in possession of their ORIGINAL deed? You certainly don't need a certified copy when you have the original.

The coup is that for \$55 plus \$4.50 for postage and handling this company will obtain a certified copy that you do not need in the first place. Worse, in our opinion: This company says if you would prefer, you can pay by credit card. We believe you should not give out your credit card information for this sort of thing. Aside from the fact that anyone can mosey over to the County clerk's office and get a copy of their deed, just what do you think will become of your credit card number!

Consumer beware. If you receive such a notice, notify the US Postal Service Inspector in Ocala, and send a copy to the State Attorney General's office. ☹

### On Top of the World Central Owners Association, Inc. Annual Meeting

**Date: December 19, 2005, at 9 a.m.**  
**Place: At the Health and Recreation Building**

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- Call to order and invocation
- Owners' comments
- Board reports
- Update on recreation facilities and use
- Update of grounds and building maintenance
- Update on insurance
- Other business
- Adjourn

## On Top of the World Bus Schedule

PICK-UP	ROUTE	TIME
Crescent Ridge 1&2	97 <sup>th</sup> Lane – 99 <sup>th</sup> Ave. – 96 <sup>th</sup> St.	9:02 a.m.
Americana Village	89 <sup>th</sup> Ct. Rd – 85 <sup>th</sup> Terr. Rd.	9:10 a.m.
Friendship Village	96 <sup>th</sup> Lane – 84 <sup>th</sup> Terr. – 93 <sup>rd</sup> St.	9:13 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83 <sup>rd</sup> Terr. – 90 <sup>th</sup> St. – 87 <sup>th</sup> Ave. – 97 <sup>th</sup> St.	9:18 a.m.
Friendship Park	97 <sup>th</sup> St. – 94 <sup>th</sup> Lane	9:21 a.m.
Friendship Village	89 <sup>th</sup> Ct. Rd. – 92 <sup>nd</sup> St. Renaissance	9:23 a.m.
Williamsburg	90 <sup>th</sup> St. – 91 <sup>st</sup> Cir. East – 91 <sup>st</sup> Cir West	9:26 a.m.
Providence	90 <sup>th</sup> St. – SW 96 <sup>th</sup> Terr. – SW 92 Pl. Rd	9:30 a.m.
Exit Community		9:45 a.m.

### OCALA RUN – TUES. WED. TH. FRI. ARRIVE PICKUP

Lowe's	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	9:50 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Wal-Mart Superstore	10:00 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Target	10:15 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
K-Mart	10:15 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Paddock Mall	11:50 a.m.	
Wal-Mart Superstore	11:55 a.m.	1:40 p.m.
Target	12:00 p.m.	1:40 p.m.
K-Mart	12:00 p.m.	1:40 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	12:00 p.m.	1:40 p.m.
Paddock Mall (Final Pickup)		1:45 p.m.



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**Is It Legal?**  
Gerald Colen

**Q.** We recently got a letter from some company that says that the property deed recorded in (and then the name and date of the recordation of the deed and the official book and page was included). The letter went on to say that the "...U.S. Government Federal Citizens Information Center Web site recommends that property owners should have a certified copy of their deed. If you don't have this most important document, you should obtain one now. This document provides evidence that your property was transferred to you." Then, the letter says that if we want to obtain a Certified Copy of the Deed we can send in \$55 plus \$4.50 for postage and handling or "...fill in the credit card information...and either mail or fax..." the order. What should we do about this?

**A.** I was given a copy of the letter and I read it in its entirety. I added the italics in the above statement. It is my opinion that you should throw away the letter immediately. **Under no circumstances should you give out any credit card information.** Here are some other facts: (1) If you have the original deed, you certainly do not need a certified copy of it. A photocopy is fine if you even feel you need that. (2) I went to Google and could not find a U.S. Government Federal Citizens Information Center Web site. (3) You can obtain a certified copy (but you don't need one; so don't get one) from the clerk of the Pinellas County Courts for free or for just the actual copying costs. (4) Evidence that your property was actually transferred to you can easily be found by looking at your deed or a plain copy of it and if you do you will see there will be information on it as to the official records book (O.R. Book) and page where the deed was recorded. If you have title insurance, you can take a look at the final policy and it will show that you are the owner. (Another good reason why it is very important to have title insurance when you buy property.) (5) In this particular situation, you can tell from the letter itself that your deed was properly recorded because the letter gives

you the name and date of recordation of the deed. (6) For those of you who are offended enough by this letter, you can send it to the Office of the Florida Attorney General and also to the United States Postal Service. Or, as I said, throw this away and do it NOW.

**Q.** How do we protect ourselves from being the recipient of a scam? I am especially concerned for those of us who live alone and do not have any family or companionship to help us out and to assist us in discriminating between what is and is not a scam or fraudulent attempt to get our money.

**A.** Great question. Here are some suggestions that should help you out. First, get a telephone answering system that displays a caller ID. That way, if you get a phone call from a phone number you do not recognize, don't answer the phone. You can always call right back if a message is left and if you want to answer it. If there's no message, the chances are you don't want the call in the first place. Second, beware of anyone who offers you a lot of money if you will just send them a little money. Third, stay away from the Nigerian scams. Those are scams where someone claims to be a citizen from a foreign country who has a lot of money saved up but can't get it out without your help. Fourth, if you get a letter from someone, and if you use a computer, you can always just type in the name of the person or the company that is sending you the letter. Fifth, if you use a computer and are more ambitious, you can go to [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org), which is the official site for the Florida Department of State and from there you can look up the entity if there is one and see if it exists as an active corporation on Florida. Sixth, and this is soooooo obvious, I should not have to say it, but I will: Whenever anyone offers you something that seems too good to be true, it is. And as a corollary to that, whenever you get a letter from someone or from some agency in which it's clear someone is trying to frighten you, toss the letter in the dumpster. And if you are still not sure what to do, make sure to see your attorney.

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**Democratic Club**  
Lee Wittmer

There will be no general meeting of the On Top of the World Democratic Club in December. Mark your calendars for the next club meeting on Tuesday, January 17. It should be very informative, as we will have a speaker from Metro Crime Prevention of Florida. Their primary mission is to achieve a heightened awareness by the public of the current dangers facing everyone in today's society.

Our new sunshine chairperson, Marilyn Reidlinger, is hopeful you will call her if you know of any member who is ill or needs to hear some cheerful words. Please call her at 854-6364.

The Marion County Democratic Executive Committee still needs help. The committee has four teams that have a need for volunteers. Team one prepares monthly newsletters; team two conducts bulk mailing; team three is responsible for monitoring local news and team four coordinates the auto phone calling computer. If you have an interest please call the DEC office at 402-9494 to get in touch with Mike Sizemore.

Precinct persons may now request a current copy of their precinct and a map by e-mailing your request to [DECNEWS@cfl.rr.com](mailto:DECNEWS@cfl.rr.com). You may also request on the first of each month the new registered voters from the previous month.

Disturbing! Last year the administration raised Medicare premiums 17.4 percent. This year premiums have been increased another 13.2 percent. Are you concerned as to our federal government's stewardship of Medicare?

Our government attempts to justify the premium increases by stating that about one in four Medicare beneficiaries can get extra assistance. The administration did not say that only one in 10 older and disabled Americans eligible for Medicare actually gets assistance. The reason being bureaucratic hurdles required to obtain such benefits. More seniors and disabled persons will face harsh choices in basic human needs—health, food and housing. The Medicare premium jump will be triple the cost of living increase that people with Social Security can expect in 2006. With the huge budget deficits we have had the last four years there is a definite need to curb such spending. But it is difficult to understand why the poor should be required to pay when since 2001 people with annual incomes of \$1 million have received an annual tax break of \$103,000. Further, the new tax breaks scheduled to take effect in January will allow them to pocket \$19,000 more each year. We need to improve life for all citizens but the administration program to cut deficit spending is asking the poor to pay the cost of same in spite of the fact that they will never share in the prosperity.

John Gardner, chairman of the Urban Coalition Action Council, on August 18, 1970, launched a membership for "Common Cause," a nationwide, independent, non-partisan organization "for the Americans who want to help in the rebuilding of the nation." At a news conference on said date he stated, "We are going to build a true citizens lobby—a lobby concerned not with the advancement of special interests but with the well being of the nation."

Mr. Gardner in his news conference stated further, "The citizen can bring our political and governmental institutions back to life, make them responsive and accountable, and keep them honest. No one else can."

The On Top of the World Democratic Club wishes each and everyone the best and happiest holiday. ☺



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**Women of the World**  
Betty Thayer

Our November meeting was packed with attendees. The monthly charity, Little Fuzzies, benefited from the huge attendance. Seventeen 30-gallon bags were filled with baby items. It was awesome to see all the beautiful things that were donated. Catherine Smith, who has been involved in the Little Fuzzy program for the past 16 years and is our chairperson for this program, was overwhelmed with our members' generosity. Thank you Women of the World, for giving a newborn baby hope.

Patricia Woodbury, from the Arthritis Foundation, was our guest speaker. Patricia gave an in-depth overview of the different types of arthritis, the warning signs and treatments that can help the arthritis sufferer. Patricia, an On Top of the World resident, talked about some of the programs that have been initiated here in our community. There was a warm water program this past summer and currently Adela Anderson is conducting an exercise program. Patricia hopes to bring to On Top of the World a

support group beginning in January 2006.

By now you know our participation in the Trash To Treasure was a huge success for our group. Thanks to all who donated their unwanted items and a big hug to the volunteers, we can always count on you!

We began selling tickets for our Holiday Affair, which will be on December 17. This event is not only a way to have fun with your friends and celebrate the holiday season, but also acts as a charity event. We adopt a needy family for the holidays and chairperson Charlotte Erickson provides this family with needed items to make their wishes come true. We ask each attendee to bring a bag of non-perishable food to the holiday party and we give them to our adopted family and the Salvation Army food bank. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet they are on sale Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

Holiday Affair: 6 to 9 p.m., December 17, \$15 per person. Catering by Bruce with a cash bar. Entertainment by Roger Bourguat. EVERYONE in On Top of the World is invited to join us.

Our next meeting is January 6 at 1 p.m. in Suite E of the Arbor Conference Center. The guest speaker will be from the sheriff's office and our charity of the month is Arnett House. ☺



**Republican Club**  
Tony Tortura

I was not able to attend the Larry Cretul Holiday Social in November. I know it was successful.

Pat Gabriel, president of the S.R. 200 Coalition, will address the club at the December 19 meeting. Pat keeps a close eye on the growth and potential growth along and around the 200 corridor. If you want to know what is going on in your neck of the woods, come to this meeting. Attorney Michael Takac has been invited to speak at the January meeting.

The race for governor in 2006 is heating up. Calls have been made to several Republican clubs to invite speakers for the candidates. We recognize that Florida is a large state to cover in a campaign; however, we have always insisted on the candidate coming, not a representative. The Republican population in On Top of the World justifies that position.

Dues of \$5 are due for 2006. Please check with me at the December meeting so I can update the dues paid list.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season and safe travel. ☺

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**Lions Club**  
Dianne Lovely

Happy holidays from the On Top of the World Lions Club.

While we all are still shopping for the holidays, the Lions are still very busy doing activities before the end of the year. Brad Nemo, the director of Habitat for Humanity, gave the Lions a wonderful talk and told us what is going on with the rebuilding of the homes for Katrina. Brad said donations for Habitat are always welcome.

The Lions Club Ladies and Gents already have the Tacky Tea schedule set for next year. The date is October 2. So mark your calendars early. This year it will be in the Ballroom at the H & R Building so there will

be plenty of room for everyone.

Thanks go out to Al Hoffman, Dianne Lovely, Estelle Clark, Ed Michelson and Wendy Phillips for helping out with the eye screenings at the City Auditorium. We had a great turnout the three days we were there.

Estelle Clark and Ed Michelson went down to Cedar Key Seafood Festival. Ed cleaned 1,500 pounds of mullet while Estelle breaded 1,500 pounds of mullet. Thank goodness they had help. I am glad I was not in the car riding home with them and I hope the windows were open. What a great time they had despite the all day rain.

The Lions did another Mint Day at Winn-Dixie, Publix and WalMart this year. We always have great success doing this each year. Once again thanks go out to Al Hoffman for the great job he did organizing it.

Thanks go to each and every one of the residents here at On Top Of The World who joined us for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Thanks to Tom Cullum, chairman of the planning committee, for our Veterans Day Ceremony. Let's always remember the men and women who serve this great country of ours.

Remember the blind and the hearing impaired.

As a reminder, don't forget to get a name tag off the Christmas tree upstairs at the H&R Building for the needy children to have a better Christmas this year.

Join the Lions Club today. Contact Estelle Clark, membership chairman. ☎



**Computer Club**  
Sherry Surdam

Well, Thanksgiving is over and with it come the vows to get rid of the pounds we gained during Thanksgiving and promises to do better.

Speaking of doing better, as the end of the year is rapidly nearing, now would be a good time to take care of straightening out our computers. Due to a conflict, Don Sommer's "A Healthy PC" presentation (originally scheduled for November 12) needed to be rescheduled to December 10. In it he explains the best ways to keep your computer uncluttered, healthy and running smoothly. If you haven't any idea where to start, attending this program is a good beginning! And if you are having difficulties e-mailing photos, we encourage you to attend "E-mailing Pictures Using Outlook Express" on December 3.

We recently had a meeting at which a member asked if there was a faster way to shut down their computer that didn't involve having to click Start>Turn Off Computer and then Turn Off again. Well, surprise, there is and I'll tell you how! This particular shortcut will work ONLY on computers running the Windows XP operating system.

Right click on any blank area of your desktop (where there are no icons) and select New/Shortcut. Type in SHUTDOWN space-s then space -t then space01 (that's a zero). Do NOT type the WORD space, just type a space. [It will look like this: SHUTDOWN -s -t 01] For a "restart" shortcut substitute "r" for the "s."

Click Next. Type a name for your shortcut (ex: ShutDown or Restart). Click Finish. Your shortcut will have a generic icon. If you'd like a different icon, right click and choose Properties. On the shortcut tab choose Change Icon. You'll get a window that says the shortcut has no icons. Click OK. You'll be taken to a list of icons. Make your choice and click OK. I used the icon that looks like the regular shut down icon (red box with a circle and vertical dash).

For those of you still using earlier versions of Windows (98, 98SE and ME), you too can have a shortcut! On the Windows desktop, right-click and select New and Shortcut (just like for Windows XP).

In the command line path, type the following exactly: C:\windows\rundll.exe spaceuser.exe,exitwindows Again, do not type the WORD space between "exe" and "user," just type a space. There are no other spaces. To change the icon, follow the directions given for the XP shortcut.

Be very careful to follow the instructions for the operating system you use exactly! Otherwise your shortcut will not work.

December brings the holiday season and with it, an exodus of many of us to the north to visit friends and family. And those who stay behind find our homes filled with visitors and too much to do! Consequently, the On Top of the World Central Computer Club will take a brief recess. No meetings or classes will be held from December 19 through December 31, and our lab in the Health & Recreation Building will also be closed. We will return to our normal schedule beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

On behalf of the Computer Club - happy and safe holidays to all! ☎



**View from the Library**  
Donna O'Neil

Author Anne Rivers Siddons writes about people who are not necessarily glamorous, good looking or successful. Indeed, in her book, "Nora, Nora," c. 2000 there is a "Losers' Club."

The "Losers' Club" consists of three individuals—Peyton McKenzie, Ernie Longworth and Boot. They meet every weekday afternoon at four o'clock in the tool shed behind the Methodist parsonage. Each day they ask each other "Who done the dumbest thing today?"

Peyton McKenzie is a 12 year old, 7th grade girl who lives a lonely, sheltered life. She carries the erroneous belief that she was the cause of her mother's death when she was born. Her dad, Frazier McKenzie, after suffering the loss of his wife and Peyton's older brother through death, has become "politely remote as a benign godparent" toward Peyton.

The second member of the "Losers' Club," Ernie Longworth, is a 34-year old sexton of the Methodist church. He lives with his mother. Ernie has been Peyton's friend since she was a toddler and everyone knows Ernie is harmless, if strange.

The third member of the "Losers' Club" is Boot, the eight-year-old grandson of Clothilde (Chloe), the housekeeper for the McKenzies. Boot had been born with a club-foot and abandoned by his mother. He was left for Chloe to raise.

These are Peyton's friends and she does lead a sad and different life from what most other early teenage girls live. The story takes place in the early 1960s in a small town in Georgia. Suddenly one day Nora Findley, an older second cousin of Peyton's, comes to town in her hot pink Thunderbird convertible. Life takes a complete turn for Peyton when Nora agrees to stay for a while with the McKenzies.

At first Peyton is apprehensive about Nora. She learns to love Nora, but at a price. In the beginning of their relationship Peyton's life is so meaningful and happy with Nora living in her home but in the end Nora lets her down. The story does not have a happy ending, but a promise of one.

Anne Rivers Siddons has written many best selling novels about the South. When compared with writer Margaret Mitchell, Anne Rivers Siddons insists that the South she writes about is not the romanticized version found in Margaret Mitchell's book, "Gone With The Wind." Instead, her relationship with the South "is loving but realistic. It's like an old marriage or a long marriage. The commitment is absolute, but the romance has long since worn off. I want to write about it as it really is. I don't want to romanticize it," says Siddons. ☎

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Tuition is \$150, which covers all costs to the participant including breakfast and lunch at each session.

For more information, please contact Leslie Ambrose, Program Director, at (352) 629-8051 ext. 227 or e-mail [leslie@ocalacc.com](mailto:leslie@ocalacc.com).

Applications are also available at the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce, 110 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL 34470. ☎



**Community Patrol**  
Lennie Rodoff

Starting in January, the Community Patrol meeting day will be changed to the fourth Monday. The time will still be 3 p.m., and the location will remain at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C.

At the November meeting, president Joe Berger stressed the proper uses of the patrol car cell phone and the radio. It was suggested that when using the radio that the patrol person's ID number (on the badge)

should be used.

Our guest speaker was Deputy Rodney Counts, with his K-9 partner Kaled. Deputy Counts was supposed to put Kaled through his paces, but Kaled had been injured in the line of duty. Instead, Deputy Counts gave us a talk about K-9 and his history with Kaled. He explained that the K-9 corps in Marion County consist of seven teams. Two were explosives trained and five were drug trained, but all are patrol trained. Deputy Counts said that the dogs need constant training so that they wouldn't "forget" their skills.

Deputy Counts then opened the floor for questions. Many asked about the cost of the dogs in the program and were told the cost before training is \$6,000 to \$7,000. The patrol cars used for K-9s are altered to have a kennel for the dog instead of a back seat. One door has an automatic door opener in the event the dog needs to be released while the handler is out of the car.

There will be a first anniversary luncheon on December 12 at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center instead of our regular meeting. We expect to have guest speakers.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about what the Community Patrol does, or information about how to join, please call Joe Berger at 237-7185, Gary Rodoff at 291-7508 or Jimmy Miller at 854-4947. ☎



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**Fitness Happenings**  
Adela Anderson

Happy holidays!  
Our fitness schedule for the holidays is as follows:

- Thursday, December 22, and Friday, December 23: All fitness pass-based classes will be cancelled.
- Saturday, December 24: The gym will close at noon.
- Sunday, December 25: The gym will close all day
- Saturday, December 31: The gym will close at noon.
- Sunday, January 1: The gym will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Living with Arthritis Seminar**

Presented by the Arthritis Foundation and On Top of the World Fitness Department, Tuesday, January 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Free.

One in three people lives with arthritis. Imagine living well, or at least better, with arthritis! Come to this seminar and get information about the many conditions of arthritis, diet and arthritis, exercise and arthritis and how the Arthritis Foundation is working to help you take control. Speakers will include Carol Clark, a registered dietitian, who will speak about arthritis and diet; Pat Woodbury, who will speak about the Arthritis Foundation; Phyllis Silverman, who will explain the importance of forming a support group; and Adela Anderson, who will speak about exercise and arthritis.

**Personal training**

This is the time of the year when many social gatherings take place. We cook delightful food and share it with friends and family. It is also the time of the year when we most likely do not keep track of how many calories we are consuming or burning. With so many temptations during the holidays, why not have a personal trainer motivate you and keep you on the right track? Traci and Lyn, our qualified personal trainers, will be happy to have a short free meeting to help you choose the best fitness plan. Give them a call at 854-8707. Ten percent off the one-to-one sessions will be offered during the months of December and January. Gift certificates are available.

**Tai-chi**

Shannon will continue teaching Tuesdays and Thursdays, but please make note of the following changes: Advance Tai-Chi will be held at 9 a.m. and Beginner Tai-Chi will be held at 10:15 a.m.

**Racquetball**

Ladies, we will be gathering on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. to play at the racquetball courts. If you are interested in playing but need to learn more about the game, very affordable group lessons are available. Call us at 854-8707 and we will sign-you up.

**Yoga for stress**

Free yoga class on Monday, December 19, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Arbor Club exercise room. Please bring your mat, pillow, towel or blanket. Everyone is welcome.

**Bicycle club**

It certainly has been fun to go around On Top of the World and enjoy the scenery. We meet at the Health & Recreation parking lot at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays. Our route is from the parking lot to Friendship, Candler Hills, 90th Street, Avalon, Providence II and from Providence I to Williamsburg. If you are a beginner or an avid rider and have a bicycle, come and ride with us. You can go as far as

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>7:15</b> 20 Min Aerobics Room	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video
<b>8:00</b> 60 Min Aerobics Room	Cardio Burn & Firm Traci/Adela	Condition and Stretch Fusion* Traci/Lorraine	Cardio Burn & Firm Traci/Adela	Condition and Stretch Fusion* Lorraine/Traci	Cardio Burn & Firm Traci/Adela
<b>8:00</b> H&R Parking lot			Bicycle Club		
<b>9:00</b> 60 Min Aerobics Room	Cardio Step & Sculpt Traci	Tai-Chi* Shannon	Cardio Step & Sculpt Traci/Adela	Tai-Chi* Shannon	Cardio Step & Sculpt Traci
<b>10:15</b> Aerobics Room		Tai-Chi* Shannon		Tai-Chi* Shannon	
<b>10:30</b> 40 Min Aerobics Room	Beginners Aerobics Lyn Intermediate Aerobics Kitt		Beginners Aerobics Lyn/Adela Intermediate Aerobics Kitt		Beginners Aerobics Lyn Intermediate Aerobics Kitt
<b>11:30</b> 35 Min Aerobics Room	Sit & Be Fit Kitt		Sit & Be Fit Kitt		Sit & Be Fit Kitt
<b>12:00</b> Gym	Cybox Orientation Lyn				Cybox Orientation Lyn
<b>12:15</b> 20 Min. Aerobics Room	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video
<b>6:15</b> 20 Min Aerobics Room	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>			
12:15 Oxycise (20 Min.) Aerobics Room	12:30 Open Play Table Tennis Aerobics Room				
10:00 – 11:00 a.m Yoga Class Sholom Gardens Nov. 5, Dec. 3 Adela					
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**On Top of the World's softball team poses for a picture after a game in October.**

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**Running club**

Are you interested in forming a running club or are you a runner and want to find

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**Swimming for fun**

Are you interested in swimming, learning new strokes, water patterns and enjoy getting together to swim with a group that plainly wants to have fun? We will be meeting at the Arbor Club indoor pool on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call Celia at 873-2671 or Beverly at 873-6787.

**Softball**

The season is in full swing. Everyone meets at the field on Saturdays at 8 a.m. Come and join us. For more information call Nick at 854-9768.

**Pickleball**

If you do not know anything about pickleball or want to learn how to play, join Bill for a beginner pickleball class on Saturday, December 17, at 2 p.m. at the H&R third and fourth tennis courts. For information contact Bill at 854-2751.

Let us continue to stay active and search for new fitness opportunities to add more spice and variety to our exercise programs. May this holiday season bring you health, peace and unity.

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Lyn Laverty

**Good reasons to hire a personal trainer**

You want to get started with an exercise program, but it all seems so overwhelming. On Top of the World offers many different paths to fitness and good health. Which one is right for you? And how do you get started?

That is where a personal trainer can help you. First of all with an introductory consultation session, a personal trainer can help you determine your fitness goals. Do you want to lose weight? Do you want to learn your way around the weight room? Learn how to use free weights? Do you want to take classes but just don't know which classes would be appropriate for your needs?

As a personal trainer, I enjoy working with a person to determine fitness goals. Together we work out a plan to accomplish this. Sometimes goals are determined and also achieved very quickly. For instance if you want to learn your machine settings so you can train on the Cybex machines in the weight room.

Other goals of losing a great deal of weight or changing your lifestyle to include regular exercise and weight training may take longer. For many it is actually a process of learning and choosing what works for you in your particular lifestyle.

What works for people is doing for the most part what they like to do. For instance, if you like the water, then train in the water. Try all kinds of classes. Eliminate the kind of exercise that seems too boring or dull. Believe it or not, there are many ways to fitness. Your particular path may be interesting and exciting. Have you thought about pilates training or the Bicycle Club?

Motivation is another good reason to work with a personal trainer. If you have an appointment to keep with your trainer, you will probably keep it. You will feel better and you will see results. Results are what we are all working towards.

Having individual sessions in how to do certain exercises properly is extremely motivating as it builds confidence. A trainer may also help in making the transition from rehab after surgery to our weight room or pool.

The best thing a personal trainer can do for you is to get you involved and motivated in your individual fitness program.

A personal trainer may be just what you're looking for. ☺



**Diabetes Support Group**  
Lennie Rodoff

We had Diabetic Educator Martha Jo Church as a speaker at our October meeting. She spoke about the Glycemic Index, and there was a discussion that followed about whether the Glycemic Index was really something of importance, or whether it was just another tool for us to use in dealing with our diabetes. We came to the conclusion that although there was useful information in the Index, this was not a "magic bullet" but just something that might be of help in planning meals and dealing with carbs.

Our November meeting was a group discussion about tips, tricks and recipes to help us get through the holiday period.

There will be no meeting in December. As always, our meetings are the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Suite D of the Arbor Conference Center.

If you have any questions, please call me at 291-7508. ☺

# ARBOR CLUB FITNESS & AQUATIC SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15 a.m. Specialty Class* Indoor Pool		Aquacise* Shallow water Lyn/Adela		Aquacise* Shallow water Adela/Lyn	
8:30 a.m. Arbor Club Fitness Room	Aqua & Fitness Orientation Adela				
9:15 a.m. Specialty Class* Indoor Pool	Deep Water Aquacise* Lyn/Adela	Total Core & Body Strength* Traci/Adela	Deep Water Aquacise* Lyn/Adela	Total Core & Body Strength* Traci/Adela	Deep Water Aquacise* Lyn/Adela
10:15 a.m. Specialty Class* Fitness Room	Beginner Yoga* Adela		Beginner Mat Pilates* Adela/Lyn		
10:30 a.m. Specialty Class* Fitness Room		Yogacise* Adela Latin/Cardio Traci		Yogacise* Adela Latin/Cardio Traci	
11:45 a.m. Arbor Club Fitness room		Arthritis* Foundation Ex. Program Adela		Arthritis* Foundation Exercise Program Adela	
12:30 p.m. Specialty Class* Indoor Pool/Fitness Room		Ballet Barre* Lyn 90 minutes			
1:30-2:15 p.m.. Specialty Class* Indoor Pool	Shallow Water Exercises* Lyn/Adela		Shallow Water Exercises* Lyn		Shallow Water Exercises* Lyn
2:00 p.m. Specialty Class* Fitness Room					
6:30 p.m. Arbor Club Ballroom (Tu)& Fitness Room (Th)		Belly Dancing* Lorraine		Belly Dancing* Lorraine	
7:30 p.m. Arbor Club Fitness Room	Callanetics* Lorraine		Stretching* Lorraine		

Saturday	Sunday
Open Swim	Open Swim

**Shallow Water & Aquacise:** Warm-up, cardio, strength training using equipment and stretching.  
**Deep Water Exercises:** Warm-up, no impact aerobics, strength training using equipment and stretching.  
**Total Core & Body Strength:** Warm-up and total body resistance training using free weights and varied equipment.  
**Yogacise:** "Hatha Yoga" postures combined with breathing will work on body's strength and flexibility. Mat required.  
**Pilates:** Mat exercises using Joseph Pilates fundamentals. Will train the core and back muscles.  
**Parkinson's & Movement Disorder:** The program includes water walking, balance, upper and lower body Exercises. During cold or rainy weather, classes are held in the Arbor Exercise Room.  
**Synchronized swimming:** Basic water-ballet strokes, front crawl, back crawl and sculling. Swim to music For fun.  
**Ballet-Barre:** Ballet based workout consisting of barre and center floor exercises. Conditioning of body While dancing.  
**Pace Aqua Class:** Specialized aquatic class for individuals with arthritis. Exercises will increase joint ran of motion and flexibility.  
**Pace Class:** Specialized indoor class for individuals with arthritis. Exercises help individuals increase thei joint flexibility and range of motion.  
**Belly Dancing:** It is a fusion between aerobic exercises and movements of belly dance.  
**Water Walking:** Part of the 10,000 Steps program. Learn how to use the water resistance to make aquati walking more effective.  
**One-on-One Personal Training in the Water:** Fee based instruction with a certified trainer.  
 \*Asterisk denotes a fee based class. See instructor for information.

## Medicare Expert to Give Talk on New Prescription Coverage

By ADELA ANDERSON

Last January, Dr. Tom Kickham came from Washington, D.C., to On Top of the World to speak about the new changes in Medicare. We will be having Dr. Kickham come again on Thursday, December 1, to speak about Medicare's Prescription Drug Coverage.

Thomas M. Kickham, Ph.D., is director of the Beneficiary Services and Partnership Group, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

His topic will be: "A Conversation On Medicare's Prescription Drug Coverage: What Are The Facts, What's Covered, and How Do I Choose A Plan."

He will speak from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Dr. Kickham wants to help residents make the right choices regarding enrollment in Medicare's new prescription drug coverage. The coverage will begin on Jan. 1. Time will be left open to answer attendees' questions.

Please call the Activities Office in the H&R Center to sign-up: 854-8707.

Dr. Kickham is the director of Beneficiary Services and Partnership Group in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the U.S. federal agency that administers the Medicare program, and together with state governments oversees the Medicaid program.

Dr. Kickham's group is the focal point within CMS that provides information and assistance services to 41 million Medicare beneficiaries either directly or in partnership with other public and private organizations and agencies. He is responsible for coordinating community-based outreach and education to the persons with Medicare including those who may have difficulty obtaining information from Medicare on language, literacy, location or culture. In addition, Dr. Kickham leads the agency efforts in developing and implementing in-person and web-based training programs on Medicare and related issues for partners and information intermediaries who assist beneficiaries.

Dr. Kickham is the son-in-law of our residents, Eleanor and Walter Krowka. ☺



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Adela Anderson leads a yoga class in Sholom Park in November. Adela presents a Yoga for Stress class on December 19 in the Arbor Club exercise room.

## Discover Yoga For Health in Stress-free Class

By ADELA ANDERSON

The holidays are here! Shopping, cooking, decorating, entertaining, having company or traveling can create a stressful season. Most of you will be rushing more than usual and will need to find time to relieve the stress.

Stress can be negative when you worry about what happened yesterday, the things you did or did not do or, the things you said or did not say. You wake up and begin the day worrying about traffic, or about things you have to do. When you spend your time trying to relive the past, even though you know you cannot, you worry about tomorrow and make life full of constant worry.

Stress is positive when you know that it is part of your

life and you do not dwell on the negative but accept it, learn from it and move on. You find the good in what happens, you see each day as an adventure not as a disaster waiting to happen and you make sure to take time for yourself.

If you are under negative stress and do not know how to handle it, yoga can be the answer. Yoga will help you improve your breathing capacity and will enhance relaxation. Yoga will make you learn to soften and breathe whenever a stressful situation arises and help you control difficult moments.

When you are under constant stress, the stress can cause pain. A good, regular yoga practice will relieve the tension that sometimes causes pain. When you focus on your breathing, it will help you take the attention away from

your stress and pain.

Practicing yoga will strengthen and elongate muscles. It will improve your posture, help keep the spine in proper alignment and will aid in decreasing anxiety and depression.

The more stressful your life becomes, the more you will value a mind-body connection. I am inviting you to take a break from your day and take a mini-vacation with us on December 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Arbor Club exercise room. Come to our special "Yoga For Stress" class.

You will have the chance to de-stress, stretch, meditate, focus in the present moment and experience calmness.

Bring your pillow, blanket or towel and a mat. It is free. Everyone is welcome. ☺

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Photo by Larry Resnick

**Therese Bell, Rosemary Klosterman and Jeanette MacDonald listen to the organ player from Fletcher Organ Studio in Ocala, playing for the group's entertainment.**



**Singles Club**  
Garda Facci

My first article did not turn out very well. I note that I should have said Mary Carol and not Mary Ann. Let's hope I do better this time.

Our November meeting was held at the Arbor Club. We welcomed three new members. After the meeting we enjoyed pumpkin and apple pie instead of cookies and brownies, as that seemed more appropriate for Thanksgiving month. We had our 50-50 draw and then played bingo. It was a great afternoon with lots of fun.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, at 1 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. It will be our Christmas luncheon catered by Catering by Carmichael's. The new chef there has assured our president that the luncheon will be excellent. The menu consists of ham steak, roast turkey and baked tilapia. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased before December 1 from Virginia Casey at 854-3014. There will also be an exchange of Christmas presents in the form of a Yankee swap with gifts costing a minimum of \$5. Peggy Campbell will be playing the background music. Everyone is welcome to purchase a ticket, bring a gift and join in the fun.

There will be no mid-month activity in December.

The regular monthly meeting in January will be held in Suite H at the Arbor Conference Center on January 12 at 2 p.m. Activities for that meeting will be announced.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. ☺

**Who in the World!**  
By PAT WELLINGTON



**Clue**  
This dancer started out as a brunette but is having far more fun as a blonde. See answer on Page 25.



**Friendship Club**  
Wanda Simpson

Friendship Club members and their guests enjoyed singing along, dancing and listening to Brian and Toni, also known as Live From Chicago. There was a wide variety of music from the 40s until today.

Thanks to Shirley and her crew for the

danishes and tea and to Doug the master coffee maker and server.

The refreshment crew has plans for a special treat to celebrate the Christmas holiday. You may bring guests, and president Lolly announced that for this one time only, a fee of \$2 will be collected for each guest to offset the cost of the special treats.

The entertainment on December 11 will be a cast of On Top of the World residents known as "happiness is" as well as a variety of Christmas music, readings and skits. There will be Madrigal singing.

The Friendship Club Membership is open to the residents of all On Top of the World communities, annual dues are \$7 per person, from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006. With the exception of the month of May our meetings are held the second Sunday of each month, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Call Mary Carol Geck at 854-8996 to report the illness of a member or the loss of a member's loved one. She is the nice lady who sends cards on behalf of the Friendship Club.

Call Wanda Simpson at 291-1074 if you have any questions or suggestions, or you can e-mail me at cws45@cfl.rr.com. ☺



**100 Grandparents**  
Barbara Greenwood

This article is written ahead of our November 17 visit to Romeo, but that doesn't mean we haven't garnered any news. We have been very busy planning and achieving goals.

Forty-three volunteers attended our October trip: John Baker, Elliott Barbour, Pat Benson, Ann Berger, Jeanetta Calvert, Linus and Bertha Carlson, Ida Carlson, Lillian Chadwick, Nancy Delp, Florence Dittrich, Helen Eshbach, Paul Fyfe, Kathleen Gormley, Doug and Barbara Greenwood, John and Bonnie Heinlein, Delma Hofer, Glo Hutchings, Mary Kay Knapp, Eleanor Kristiansen Aline Le Blanc, Jim Mahoney, Millie Mobley, Ruby Murray, Mary Anne Nabet, Jeanne Nichols, Jim and Kathy Oakes, Nancy Parker, Alice Quaranta, Diana Riegler, Al and Isabel Savage, Sandy Schubert, Lynn Sherwood, Jerry Thompson, Max Volgler, Jeralie Walters, Gene Waters, Doris West and Verna Wilson.

Our newest on going project, "Food 4 Kids Backpack" program, started off very successfully. The "Grandparent Volunteers" really came through with their donations. Thanks to Elliott and Marlyn Barbour, the food collected is delivered to Interfaith Emergency Services to be packed and distributed to the children in need. The Barbours have provided a bin, which is placed on their front porch, located at 8680-H SW 94th St. for residents of On Top of the World who would like to help out with this worthy cause. The word is that many residents have already begun to contribute; the Barbours have made a couple of trips, showing just what a caring and giving community we live in. Thank you for your generosity.

The food donated through Interfaith Emergency Services helps an increased number of school-age children in our county who might go without a meal over the weekend. Suggested food items needed are individual size servings of pop-top canned meats, soup, pasta (ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, etc.), juice boxes, fruit cups, individual size cereal boxes and pudding.

October 28 was quite a night. It was Romeo Round-up, a celebration held at the school for the children to come out dressed in their Halloween costumes and enjoy a fun-filled, well-supervised, safe evening. They paraded and won prizes for their costumes, played games, went to each class-

room to receive treats, and had hamburgers, hot dogs and the stuff that goes with it in the cafeteria. They also enjoyed some really good music, sung by a very talented teacher, Mrs. Tulls. In addition to all of this, Checkers, Cricket, Dotsy, Patch, Petals, Rosy Nosy, and Sweet Pea from the Ocala Clown Express were kept very busy with face painting, tattoos, balloon animals and the antics that only our clowns can perform to make those children's smiles even bigger.

Seventeen volunteer "grandparents," decked out in our own creations, also attended to help distribute the treats. Elliott Barbour, Nancy Delp, Florence Dittrich, Helen Eshbach, Doug and Barbara Greenwood, John and Bonnie Heinlein, Steve and Donna Ireland, Eleanor Kristiansen, Al and Isabel Savage, Jeralie Walters and Elaine Yocher did the honors. Lawrence and Lillian Chadwick braved an onslaught of hungry children by helping in the cafeteria.

Our gratitude is extended even further to those in our community who clip and deliver the Campbell soup labels with the picture of the Campbell soup kid, and the General Mills product labels that say "Labels for Education" or "Box Tops for Education" to the Health & Recreation Center and put them in the "Little Red Schoolhouse" box located under the stairway. This is just one more way we have been able to contribute to the needs of the school children in Romeo Elem. School. Thank you so much.

There is not space enough to cover the many events that we have the opportunity to take part in and the activities that are too numerous to mention that take place throughout the school year. This interaction with young school-aged children has brought joy to all in our group. Our next visit to Romeo will be December 8. ☺

**Movie Club Presents Comedy 'Fever Pitch'**

By MARY EHLE

The movie for December will be a romantic comedy.

"Fever Pitch" is a story of a man's love for baseball and how it affects his romance with his girlfriend. It stars Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon. I am sure you will enjoy this light comedy.

The movie will be shown on Sunday, December 11, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. It is open to all residents of On Top of the World.

We will start selling memberships for 2006. Remember that first-time members will pay \$10 while rejoiners will be charged \$8. You can still just pay \$2 at the door if you don't want a membership. ☺

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### Nature Around Us Marion-Alice Burke

Well, the summer blooms have languished, leaves are falling, days and nights are cooler, hummingbirds have headed south, most of the snowbirds are back, the hurricane season is behind us, Christmas wish-lists are being filled, and do you know what? We survived! I hope you had a great summer, either up north or down south.

I know that those who hung around down here and joined in the Backyard Beauty

Contest had a ball. In last month's issue of the *World News*, I listed the winners (all 10 of them) and they have each received a gift certificate. There were two \$20 gift certificates for Taylor Garden Nursery, two \$20 ones for Briar Patch Nursery and six \$10 ones for B&B Nursery. Each winner also received a bag of melaleuca mulch as well.

Along with the winners listed previously, the On Top of the World Native Plant Club also received a gift certificate and a bag of mulch for their efforts with the traffic circle on 94th Street.

Then, to add a special kick to the contest, there was a special "best of the best grand prize." Names of all winners were mixed together, and the grand prizewinners picked were Shirley and Charles Snyder! And what was that prize, you are asking. It was a \$20 gift certificate to Florida Prime Landscaping and Irrigation, Inc. They do beautiful work constructing any size water garden using re-circulating water, have a nice selection of plants and also sell melaleuca mulch. How's that for apples, folks? In the beginning, I had planned to take pictures of each garden and have it printed, but sadly found out that there wouldn't be space enough for all those pictures, so only the very first one was printed. But that was all right, don't you think? After all, the beautiful garden that Carole worked so nicely on, (and that

Amelia, Tom and I are able to look out on every day) gave me the idea for all this fun.

When more melaleuca mulch is needed, all you have to do is go south on State Road 200, past Stumpknocker's Restaurant, over the Withlacoochee Bridge and turn left on the next street. Of course, you can still purchase it up at the Ag Center from the Florida Yards and Neighborhood program chairperson, that great lady we have learned so much from, Kathy Patterson. Hopefully, she will be having some new programs for us after the holiday season. Thank you all for your interest and participation.

A recent article in *USA Today* reported that an underwater checkup on the health of coral reefs near Summerland Key, Fla., shows that nearly half of the world's coral reefs could disappear by 2045 unless urgent measures are taken to protect them against environmental hazards.

The World Conservation Union, a Swiss-based organization, called for the establishment of more protected marine areas to shelter the coral reefs from commercial fishing and pollution, where they could become more resistant to a deadly process known as bleaching which is caused by rising surface temperatures and higher levels of sunlight because of climate change. As the temperature rises, the algae on which corals depend for food and color die out,

causing the coral to whiten, or "bleach."

Have you noticed those two great looking vegetable gardens? I check on the one near my post office on 90th Street almost every day, and see those busy garden-beavers out there working so industriously. They cleaned up everything, tilled and nourished the soil correctly, then seeded and planted. It's a pleasure to see the results of their efforts. The front garden has been busy as well and looks yummy. Imagine their satisfaction when they sit down to enjoy fresh vegetables as we open frozen veggies.

Hummingbirds should be back around the middle of February, and you must have the colorful and tasty plants to lure them to your backyard. Shrimp plant, native firebush, wild petunia, scarlet sage, porter weed, impatiens, penta and so many other colorful plants certainly work well to attract those sweet 3-inch birds that weigh about 1/10th of an ounce. When they get here after their strenuous flight from Mexico's Cancun Peninsula, be sure to have your sugar-water feeders ready for them. You won't be disappointed. When your garden invites hummingbirds, they also attract butterflies. That's like a double win for you to enjoy.

Enjoy a blessed holiday season with family, neighbors, good food, fun and happiness. Then, get ready to welcome the New Year of 2006. ☺



### USPO Advisory Council Ray Utiss

This month, I received two e-mails concerning mail service. The first e-mail was a request to enlarge the mail slots at our mail centers, for outgoing mail. The second e-mail was a request for information on the proper procedure for returning unwanted junk mail. Both of these e-mails were sent to our postmaster the next day for evaluation.

On a personal note, I have some good news. We had our mail put on "hold" for a few days last month. Thanks to our carrier it was handled in the proper manner. This also fits in with my attitude: if you receive positive service, thank the person that gives it.

If you want to e-mail me, my address is grandmaandraisin@cfl.rr.com. You can reach me at home, 9274C SW 97th Lane, Ocala, Fla. 34481.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Happy mailing! ☺



### R/C Flyers Jim Lynam

The November Fly-In was the best ever! We hope that you were one of the estimated 300 persons who attended the event on such a beautiful day! There were more than 50 flyers participating, flying more than 97 aircraft! The flight line was full of flyers from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. with a special show at noon, which included a close and personal view of the aircraft, three-dimensional aerobatic routines and a special flight of war-birds! Yes, it was the best ever!

The R/C Flyers wish to thank contest director Chuck Frederick for such a well organized event and Chuck wishes to thank all of the chairmen who were responsible for the flight line (Jay Hartz), public relations (Lester LeBlanc), radio impound (Sid and Adella Sherman), pit placement (Ed Dickinson), parking (Jim Snapp), field preparation (Jim Ellis), registration (Herb Brokhof), prizes and raffle (Bob Emery), and public address commentary (Bob Wroblewski). The



Photo by Larry Resnick

### The crowd gathers for the November Fly-in at the R/C Flyers Model Airport.

chairmen wish to thank all of the volunteers who made their tasks run smoothly. The club also wants to recognize and thank On Top of the World management for grading and resurfacing the road leading to the field in time for the fun fly.

All members of the On Top of the World R/C Flyers are encouraged to exercise their right to vote, as the election of the club's officers and directors for 2006 will be conducted during the December meeting.

The club's Christmas party has been set for Sunday, December 4, at 5 p.m. at the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Tickets are on sale from Bob Trebilcock and Glenn Angle for the party.

The On Top of the World R/C Flyers would like to welcome Rex Gaddy, Bernie Linthorst and Ted Balchunas as our newest Model Residents at On Top Of The World. The club wishes the best of Lifestyle with Altitude to these members. The R/C Flyers

wish to congratulate Bill Lee for earning his wings. Glenn Angle presented a certificate to the new solo pilot.

The "prestigious traveling trophy" was presented to Bob Vance who proved that it is impossible for a trainee to fly a model plane with the controlling transmitter on the ground.

All members of the R/C Flyers and spouses are invited to attend the breakfast being held at the 105th St. Methodist Church on the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. Nick Scicluna is continuing to negotiate with management to schedule a pilots' breakfast on the third Thursday of each month.

A reminder to all R/C members that dues for 2006 are due by December 31.

All On Top of the World residents are always welcome to visit our new R/C Model Airport. The view is beautiful and it is just plain fun to watch our members fly model aircraft. The field is located just past the Arbor Club at the end of Southwest 94th Street. A sign at the end of the pavement provides directions to the field. Each one of our members would gladly explain how these aircraft operate and discuss the possibility of new persons entering the hobby. Learning to fly radio controlled model aircraft is easier with the help of our friendly club instructors.

Club applications are available at the flying field or from any club officer. The On Top of the World R/C Flyers meet the first Thursday of each month (December 1) at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A. The January 5 meeting will be moved to a different room in the Conference Center.

As a safety reminder, in compliance with liability insurance, the club asks that all spectators and visitors to the field must remain behind the fence line, and are not allowed in the pit area. Remember: Safety is No Accident!

The On Top of the World R/C Flyers wish everyone the happiest of holidays during this special season! ☺

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8:30	Aqua & Fitness	AC
	Orientation	
9:00	Cardio Step & Sculpt	H&R
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	Woodworking	WW
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Ceramics 9-2p.m.	Art
	Practice Bridge	CR
	No Bus on Mondays	
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
	Dancing Toppers	H&R
9:15	Deep Water Aquacise	AC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Tennis Doubles	CTS
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
	I.D. Cards	AC
10:15	Beginner Yoga	AC
10:30	Beginner Aerobics	H&R
	Intermediate Aerobic	H&R
	Water Walk	AC
11:00	Water Walk	AC
	Boccee League	BCTS
11:30	Sit & Be Fit	H&R
11:30	Tai Chi Practice	AC
	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Beg C/W Line Dance	BR
	Cybex Orientation	GYM
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Mens Golf Group	CR
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Synchronized Swimming	AC
	Northern Lights Mah Jongg	CC:G
	H&R Exercisers	AC
1:00	Bocce League	BCTS
	Computer Lab	H&R
1:15	Int. C/W Line Dance	BR
1:30	Shallow Water	
	Shuffleboard	CTS
	Exercises	AC
2:00	Rug/Latch Hooking	Art
	Rummicube	CC:E&F
2:15	Deep Water Aquacise	AC
3:15	Bible Class	MR3
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Poker	MR3
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
6:30	Bridge	CR
6:45	Euchre	CC:H
7:00	Wood Shop	WW
	Sunshine Singers	BR
7:30	Callanetics	AC

### 1st Week

7:30	Marion Blood Bank	PL
	(All Even # Months Only)	
8:00	AARP Safe Driving	MR3
9:00	Life South Blood	PL
	(All Odd # Months Only)	
	RC Flyers Club	CC:B&C
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B & C
2:30	Readers' Theatre	CC:D
3:30	Comp. Handicap	CC:H

### 2nd Week

10:00	Genealogical Society	MR3
2:30	Theatre Group	CC:D
3:00	Community Patrol Prog.	CC:B&C
4:00	10,000 Steps at Sholom	Park
6:30	International Club	Art

### 3rd Week

2:30	Readers' Theatre	CC-D
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B&C

### 4th Week

4:00	10,000 Steps at Sholom	Park
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## Tuesday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
7:45	Travel Reservations	BR
8:00	Condition & Stretch	H&R
	Men's Tennis	CTS
	Clogging	BR
8:15	Aquacise Shallow	
	Water	AC
8:30	Women's 18-Hole	GC
	Raquetball	HR CTS
9:00	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Tai-Chi	H&R
	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Stitch Witches	Art
	Harmonichords	AC
	Woodworking	WW
	Arts & Crafts	BR
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Women's 9-Hole	GC
	Horse Shoe League	CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC

9:15	Total Core & Body Strength	AC
9:30	Pinochle	MR3
10:15	Tai-Chi	H&R
10:30	Yogacise	AC
	Latin Cardio	AC
	Horseshoe League	CTS
11:00	Water Walk	AC
	Walleyball	CTS
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
11:45	Arthritis Foundation	AC
	Exercise Program	
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Men's Poker	MR3
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Ballet Barre	AC
1:00	Singin/Swingin	CC:D
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Badminton	H&R
	Shuffleboard	CTS
1:30	The New Pretenders	HR
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Miniature Golf	MGC
5:45	Mah Jongg	CC:B
6:00	Pinochle	MR3 & Art
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	CR
	Mah Jongg	CC:G
	Pattern Dancing	BR
	Belly Dancing	AC
	Table Tennis	HR
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H
	Pattern Dancing	BR

### 1st Week

8:00	AARP Safe Driving	MR3
	Men's 9 Hole Golf	PR
3:00	Great Lakes Club	BR
7:00	Billiards	CC:D

### 2nd Week

8:00	Lions Club	Pub
9:00	Citizens Emer.	CC:E,F&G
	Response Team	

12:00	Visually Impaired	CC:H
	Support Group	
	Ham Radio Club	CC:F
3:00	Nutrition Discussion	CC:B&C
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art

### 3rd Week

1:30	Unique Birders	CC:H
3:00	NY/NJ Club	BR
7:00	Democratic Club	CC:E&F

### 4th Week

8:00	Lions Club	Pub
1:00	Scan/American	CC:E
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
4:00	Diabetes Support Grp	CC:D

## Wednesday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Cardio Burn & Firm	H&R
	Ladies Tennis	CTS
	Bicycle Club	H&R
8:30	Taps on Top	BR
	Men's 18 Hole	Golf
9:00	Cardio Step & Sculpt	H&R
	Computer Lab	H&R
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Woodworking	WW
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Ceramics 9-2:30p.m.	Art

9:15	Deep Water Aquacise	AC
9:30	Pinochle	MR3
	Crafty Ladies	CR
	Billiards 101	PI RM

10:15	Beginner Mat Pilates	AC
10:30	Beginner Aerobics	H&R
	Intermediate Aerobic	H&R
	Sit & Be Fit	H&R
	Tai Chi Practice	AC
	Lap Swimming	AC
	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Oxycise	H&R
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Japanese Emb	CC:C
	H&R Exercisers	AC
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Shuffleboard	CTS
	Bocce League	BCTS

1:30	Shallow Water	
	Exercises	AC
2:00	Pickleball	CTS
2:15	Deep Water Aquacise	AC
3:00	Dance Committee	CC:B&C
4:00	Softball Practice	SBF
5:00	Square Dancing	AC
6:00	Poker	MR3
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
6:30	Bingo	BR
	Pickleball	CTS
	Duplicate Bridge	CR
7:00	Poker	MR3
	Square Dancing	AC
7:30	Stretchin Class	AC

### 1st Week

10:30	Travel Toppers	CC:A
1:30	Stamp Club	Bank PAB
3:00	Italian/Amer Club	BR

### 2nd Week

2:00	Native Plants	CC:H
3:00	Pennsylvania Club	CC:E

### 3rd Week

1:30	Stamp Club	Bank PAB
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## Thursday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Condition & Stretch	H&R
	Men's Tennis	CTS
	Clogging	BR
8:15	Aquacise Shallow	
	Water	AC
8:30	Racquetball	HR CTS
9:00	Woodcarving	Art-B
	Art League	Art-A
	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Round Dance Classes	CC:E&F
	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Tai-Chi	HR
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Miniature Golf	MGC

9:15	Total Core & Body	
	Strength	AC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Advanced Square	CC:E&F
	Dancers	

10:15	Tai-Chi	H&R
10:30	Yogacise	AC
	Water Walk	AC
	Latin Cardio	AC

11:00	Walleyball	CTS
	Water Walk	AC
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
11:45	Arthritis Foundation	AC
	Exercise Program	

12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Advanced Square	CC:E&F
	Dancers	

12:15	Oxycise	CC:A
	H&R	
12:30	Sewing Bees	Art
	Theatre Group	BR
	Mah Jongg	CC:A

12:45	Bridge	CR
1:00	I Got It Card Game	MR3
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Badminton	H&R
	Ten Pen	CTS
	D.B.D.	CC:E&F

2:00	Pickleball	CTS
2:30	Jazz Club	CC:D
3:00	The New Pretenders	HR
4:00	Bus Grocery Run	
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Card Game	CC:B
	Miniature Golf	MGC

6:00	Sequence Game	Art
	Poker	MR3
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
6:30	Bridge	CR
	Belly Dancing	AC
7:00	Poker	MR3
	Mixed Poker	CC:H

### 1st Week

1:00	Bunko Dice Game	MR3
	Opera Appreciation	CC-C
5:30	Southern Club	BR

### 2nd Week

1:00	Opera Appreciation	CC:C
1:30	Singles Club	CC:G&H
2:00	NARFE Chapter 2279	CH
6:30	German Club	CC:E&F
7:00	Karaoke Night	CC:G

### 3rd Week

9:00	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
1:00	Bunka Dice Game	MR3
	S.P.C.A.	CC-H

## Friday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Cardio Burn & Firm	H&R
	Ladies Tennis	CTS

8:10	Water Walk	AC
8:30	Dancing Toppers	H&R
9:00	Cardio Step & Sculpt	H&R
	Computer Lab	H&R
	Woodworking	WW
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Dominoes	MR3
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Bus Ocala Run	

9:15	Deep Water Aquacise	AC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Decals	AC
	Racquetball	H&R CTS

10:30	Beginner Aerobics	H&R
	Intermediate Aerobic	H&R
	Water Walk	AC

11:00	Bocce League	BCTS
	Water Walk	AC
11:30	Sit & Be Fit	H&R
	Tai Chi Practice	AC
	Lap Swimming	AC

12:00	Circle Square Dancers	H&R
	Ladies Poker	MR3
	CYBEX Orientation	GYM
	Circle Square	H&R
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Mens Golf Group	CR

12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	H&R Exercisers	AC
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Table Tennis	H&R
	Open Games	CR

1:30	Shallow Water	
	Exercises	AC
2:15	Deep Water Aquacise	AC
	Square Dancing	H&R BR
5:00	Happy Hour	AC

6:00	Cribbage	Art
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
	Nickel Nickel	MR3
6:30	Advanced Bridge	CR
	Full Gospel Bible Study	CC:A
6:45	Euchre	H&R

### 1st Week

1:00	Women of the World	CC:E
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### 2nd Week

9:00	RC Ladybirds	CC:A
2:00	New England Club	CC:E
7:00	Republican Club	CC:E,F&G

### 3rd Week

2:00	Blackjack Poker	CC:E
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### 4th Week

12:00	High 12 Club	TBA
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## Saturday

8:00	Mixed Tennis	CTS
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	Art League	Art

10:00	Mixed Tennis	CTS
10:30	Tai Chi Practice	AC
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
1:00	Table Tennis	H&R
5:30	Open Mah Jongg	CC:A
5:45	Singles Pinochle	CR
6:30	Bridge	CR

### 1st Week

10:00	Yoga in The Park	Sholom
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## Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	HR CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC
12:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A



**Opera**  
Tony Donato

The "Opera Snow Bird" flew back from Michigan to On Top of the World in November? to begin the eighth year of Opera Appreciation Class. This course is designed to provide enrichment and understanding of opera, its music, composers and artists. It is our practice to offer videos with English subtitles and a single program sheet. It lists some of the best arias, duets, ensembles or choral works of each act with their English translation.

We are again fortunate in obtaining Suite C of the Arbor Conference Center for our five-class session from December to April.

In 2005 we had 19 members. The offerings scheduled this year are as follows:

- December 1: "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi (video) with Mirella Freni and Placido Domingo.
- January 5: "Manon" by Jules Massenet

(video) with Renee Fleming and Marcello Alvarez.

- February 2: "The Art of Franco Corelli, Renata Tebaldi and Robert Merrill" (video)
- March 2: "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang A. Mozart (video) with Samuel Ramey and Cheryl Studer.
- April 6: "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehar (video) with Jane Thorngren and Michael Hayes.

Aida, our first offering, is the third most popular work at The Metropolitan Opera Company; only "La Boheme" and "Carmen" have had more performances.

"Aida" is generally considered an epic opera, an example of "grand opera" because it features pageantry, huge choruses and supers, a ballet, four acts, and the rich orchestral and vocal music of the mature Verdi (age 58). The second act Triumphal March, followed by the "Glory to Egypt" chorus and the third act Nile Scene are a few examples why this masterpiece is so popular with music lovers.

Aida is a beautiful Ethiopian princess enslaved in Egypt. Most of Aida is concerned with one-to-one relationships—Aida with her lover, with her rival and her father. She is forced to choose between love and patriotism. Among the many heroines of Verdi's 26 operas Aida ranks high for her courage and nobility of character.

Opera Appreciation Class VIII will meet the first Thursday of the month from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The total cost of the series is \$10.

Those who are undecided about joining may monitor one class without charge.

If you have any questions about the course, call Tony Donato at 861-4211. ☎



**The Marion Civic Chorale presents 'Songs for the Holidays' at 2:30 p.m. on December 18 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.**



**Bandstand Showcase**  
Dean Gilchrist

Westminster Choir in Princeton, N.J. As a member of the Princeton Symphonic Choir, Mr. Rosazza performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Symphony and the National Symphony in Washington, D.C. Mr. Rosazza has been music director and conductor of the Marion Civic Chorale since its inception in 1987.

The Marion Civic Chorale features 40 of the area's most talented singers. They perform in concert at various civic functions in Marion and other nearby counties. The members are all volunteers who share a common interest in singing and entertaining, and they have established a scholarship fund to encourage promising high school and college students to continue their musical training. Scholarship awards are based primarily on merit as determined by audition before a selection committee. Although admission to the concert is free, those who attend may make a donation to the scholarship fund if they choose. A portion of the financial support received from our sponsors will also be donated directly to the fund.

Our sponsors for this concert are Ocala Carpet and Tile (their second this year) and Mike Scott Plumbing. We are grateful for their support of Bandstand Showcase and their patronage to the Marion Civic Chorale. We also wish to express our thanks to the former officers and members of the Jazz Club for their efforts to promote our concerts and for their recent financial support. Please come out and join in on December 18. This will be our third annual community-based concert and we expect it will be every bit as entertaining as the previous two.

**Songs for the Holidays**

Bandstand Showcase is pleased to present the Marion Civic Chorale, conducted by Grat L. Rosazza, who will bring you "Songs for the Holidays" on December 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. The concert will be free to all On Top of the World residents and their guests.

The civic chorale will present a full range of holiday songs for your enjoyment. Although I don't yet have the program, I've heard they are rehearsing Verdi's "Requiem" and a unique arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." I also understand there will be some traditional Christmas songs with audience participation. So now is the time to think about doing a little singing to celebrate the upcoming holiday season.

Mr. Rosazza earned a bachelor of arts degree from Lynchburg College and a master's degree in choral conducting from

Dean Gilchrist is chairman of Bandstand Showcase and may be reached by phone at 854-1440 or by e-mail at deanotow1@earthlink.net. ☎



**'The Executives' come to On Top of the World in January, but you may buy your tickets now.**

**The Entertainment Group presents 'The Executives'**

"The Executives" make their appearance on the stage at On Top of the World at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 28.

A cast of five entertainers and a female vocalist present a show of the Big Band era of the 40s, 50s and 60s and a country western medley with audience participation. The variety continues with a Broadway ballad featuring their female singer, a 50s and 60s medley and comedy consisting of impressions and impersonations you will recognize.

Each entertainer is quite versatile in that

each doubles on different instruments, vocals and comedy.

Important: Advance tickets are on sale December 2, 5, 7 and 9.

Ticket sales resume January 2 and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Ballroom.

As usual tickets are for On Top of the World residents and their houseguests with no tickets sold at the door.

Thanks to Dr. Robert Linn and his staff at Ocala Foot and Ankle Center, ticket prices remain \$6 general and \$8 reserved. ☎



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**Red Hat Society**  
Vivian Brown

Is that "Jingle Bells" I hear? Can't be, I'm not ready yet for Christmas. Well ready or not here it comes! The holidays are the most wonderful time of the year for me. Peace, love and kindness abound and life is beautiful. People greet people everywhere with a smile and people really care about each other. I pray this year for peace on earth, so every man, woman and child may enjoy Christmas as much as I do. Happy holidays to all of you and remember to pass those smiles along and you will find happiness.

The Red-iculous fashion show was a great success and I want to commend The Glitzy Gals for the wonderful job they did. The winners of the funniest costume were Dodie Phillips of the Honey Bees and Jo Ciserano of the Divine Divas. The elegant best prizewinner was Vivian Brown of the Razzle-Dazzles. I think every chapter deserves praise for their creativity, talent and time that was put into this special fashion show. Great job ladies!

Remember ladies, "The Nutcracker" by the Marion Performing Ballet at the Ocala Civic Theatre. There will be a special Red Hat night on Thursday, December 15, at 8 p.m. for the special price of \$12 per person for that performance only. Husbands are also welcome at that price. Please contact your Queen Mother for details. All seats must be reserved by December 1. If you have any questions, call me. Happy New Year—Vivian Brown

**THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE RED HAT DAMES** went to Felix's for our October luncheon. Our hostesses were Connie Forte and Jean Stanley. Thanks, girls, we had a wonderful time. The food was delicious and the fellowship filled with fun and laughter. We sang and played "Happy Birthday" on our kazooos to our birthday gal, Betty Broman. We loved the Red-iculous Fashion Show and enjoyed meeting the Esteemed Vice Queen Linda Murphy. I want to thank Mary Curry and all her Glitzy Gals for giving us a very enjoyable affair. We will go to five homes for our Holiday Progressive Luncheon: appetizers at Jackie Randolph's, salad at Betty Broman's, main course at Jean Stanley's, dessert at Helen DeLuca's, and gift exchange

and entertainment at Vivian Brown's. Each hostess has three or four ladies working with her. Wishing all you wonderful ladies happy holidays and a new year filled with an abundance of good health, happiness and love. ... QM Vivian Brown

**THE CRIMSON BELLES** went to Ruby Tuesdays in October. Shirley Gunderman organized the day's activities. Queen Mother Joan Motchkavitz and Charlotte Hancock were away on a cruise enjoying themselves but got back to reality quickly, as they stepped on shore in Fort Lauderdale to face Hurricane Wilma. They were glad to be back but sorry to have missed our monthly outing. The girls went back to Shirley's home for refreshments and discussions of future plans. ... QM Joan Motchkavitz

**WEDNESDAY'S WILD WOMEN** are a fun group of women who decided to form a new chapter. We had our first outing at Market of Marion so some of the newbies could get their do-dads at a reasonable price. Afterwards we went to Pasta Faire for lunch, picture taking and fun! The Red-iculous Fashion Show was wonderful. We "laughed so hard tears ran down our legs," he he. All of the outfits the girls wore were fantastic! Happy birthday to Vice-Queen Judy Long. Till next month love 'n' kisses. ... QM Sue Moody

**THE CRIMSON CUE-TEES** had a hectic month in October. It began with a surprise birthday party for me at my house, during one of our fashion show rehearsals. The following week was the magnificent fashion show at the Arbor Club. The outfits were grand and the production was wonderful. Many thanks to all who worked so hard putting it together. The month ended with our entire chapter, decked out in purple and red, participating in Light the Night Walk in downtown Ocala. Until next month, happy red hatting, sisters. ... QM Shirley Impresa

**THE NIFTEE NINE** had a wacky hat card game at a recent get together at QM Marge Bellew's. No, not Red Hats, but animal shaped visors. It was a sight to see. We celebrated three birthdays this month and went to Logan's Restaurant. The three honorees were Judy Heller, Arlene Jackson and Mary Skennion. Of course we shopped at Stein Mart first. It was great fun. At one of our meetings around Halloween, our hostess Arlene Jackson, greeted us dressed as a scarecrow. What a laugh! A few days later we surprised our hostess Liz, when all of us arrived dressed in costumes. We had a fun-filled get together. Ann Connolly is planning one of her great dinner parties for the group after the holidays and will invite our former QM Jean Hograf, who has moved away. Who says you can't have fun when you're ancient. ... QM Marge Bellew

**THE SCARLET FOXES** thank our November hostesses, Betty Dean and Ann Marie Russo, for a delightful lunch at Sam St. John's Seafood. You might say we were the entertainment at the restaurant and made several new "friends." We sang "happy birthday" to our calendar girl Patty Corde, accompanied by the kazoo serenade. Ann Marie Russo won the raffle and got her

lunch free. Our three new Foxes, Mike Beyer, Alice Connors and Ruth Koch, took their Red Hat vows and are now officially Foxes. There was a lot of laughter as we reminisced about the Red-iculous fashion show and planned for the upcoming golf cart parade. We hope our Marie Kearney is feeling better soon. Happy holidays and happy hatting. ... QM Betty Thayer

**THE COOL CATS IN RED HATS** found the lovely fall weather just perfect for a trip to Williston and lunch at the Ivy House. Muriel Heffner planned our outing for the month. We were seated in a very pretty room at the restaurant. Muriel had two pots of fall flowers (purple, of course) to decorate the table. Muriel gave out numbers and two Cool Cats won the flowers to take home. Thank you, Muriel. A wonderful meal was enjoyed. It was great and if you have never been there, this is a wonderful place to go. After lunch we toured the rooms of the house and sat on the porch enjoying the weather. We also went to an antique house and roamed through the rooms there, remembering things we saw there that our parents had in their homes. Earlier in the month we journeyed to Gainesville to be guests of Belk's department store for Red Hat Day. We were treated to a fashion show, a box lunch and the makeup department gave our ladies a face makeup that sent us home dazzling. ... QM Janet Fragapane

**THE DIVINE DIVAS** in October had a wonderful lunch at Reno's hosted by Myra Post and JoJo Ciserano. Thank you girls for a great time. November found us at Shells with Harriet Brower and Bunny Barba, hostesses. Our fall hoot was a rip roaring success. Golf carts were beautifully decorated and we had a traveling dinner at four separate homes. October was very busy as the hoot was quickly followed by the Red-iculous Fashion Show. The Divine Divas helped decorate the gazebo and provided a welcome banner for Esteemed Vice-Queen Linda Murphy. We were very proud that one of our models, JoJo Ciserano, wearing a dress created by the enormously talented Gladys LaDuke, won a top prize. November had the Festival of Trees and the Red Hat Murder Mystery Luncheon. Happy hatting. ... QM Gail LaRue by Bunny Barba

**THE RED SHADY LADIES** enjoyed lunch in November at Shells restaurant. Fourteen ladies ordered something different and all agreed it was delicious. Queen Mum discussed the Red Hat Golf Cart parade as well as the Festival of Trees. Our mystery door prize was given out. We made final arrangement for our own Christmas party that will be held on Tuesday, December 6. It will be a covered dish luncheon and we will exchange Christmas presents. Our November luncheon was at Candler Hills. Seven Red Shady Ladies attended the Red-iculous Luncheon, which turned out to be a "hoot." Our own Shirley Bower and Marolyn Jett were our models and both did an outstanding job for us. ... QM June Laurin

**JOY'S HAPPY HATTERS:** Our ladies enjoyed meeting and listening to our Esteemed Vice-Queen Mother Linda Murphy, shar-

ing her experiences and amusing stories of the past as she moved from California. We were happy to have her as an honored guest. The luncheon at the Arbor Club was delicious and the tables were nicely set up for each chapter. Thanks to Mary Curry and her gals for arranging such an enjoyable get-together. Everyone enjoyed the Fashion Show. Two models from each group participated. One of these was a Red-iculous outfit and one a very attractive outfit. The Happy Hatters had Nina Watson in a very pretty purple ruffled shift, and Linda Aker wore a pretty "ridiculous" old-fashioned gown and red parasol. Until next time. ... QM Jennie Halvorsen

**THE GLITZY GALS** had a very busy October. We thank all the models for helping make our Red-iculous Fashion Show a success. The outfit at the most Red-iculous price was won by Vivian Brown of the Razzle-Dazzles. We thank our Esteemed Vice-Queen Linda Murphy, her friend Edna and Adela for doing the judging. I would like to thank some people who helped make our fashion show a success: the Divine Divas for decorating the gazebo and meeting Linda at the front gate, Archie Sprague for providing us the sound system, and Bob Maxwell and Bill Shampine for taking pictures. There were more than 500 pictures taken, and the CD of the fashion show is available for \$5 each. There are lots of great pictures. Please call Bea Maxwell at 854-2671. We thank the clown from Crimson Cue-tees that greeted many at the door with rolls and coffee and Janet Wahl for making all the centerpieces. Thanks also to all the Glitzy Gals for donating prizes and making it all come together. In October, five of the girls attended the Light the Night Walk at the downtown square in Ocala. Our girls alone raised \$120 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We enjoyed a large variety of food and the great walk past some beautiful homes that we never knew existed. We will be attending the Festival of Trees at the Hilton and also we will be decorating a tree. The money from the sale of the trees will go to Public Education. In Red Hat Spirit. ... QM Mary Curry

**THE EIGHT DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH** have just been having a good time attending fashion shows. We had a great time at the Veranda Tea Room where the Queen Mother's birthday was celebrated. What made the day special was that the Queen's two daughters were visiting from up north. The girls love to go on our outings whenever they are here and join in the fun and love to go shopping. We are planning on attending the Festival of Trees and going to Bob Evans for breakfast this month. We will play cards twice this month and we are looking forward to our progressive luncheon that we have planned for December. This is one of our most favorite affairs. We will exchange gifts, pull names for hostess for each month next year and our card partners. The calendar was full for November and is quickly filling up for December. May I wish everyone happy holidays. Enjoy this special time. ... QM Lois Powers ☺



**Genealogical Society**  
Helen Grollmusz

As mentioned in the November column, Julia Hendrick sent more information about her fourth great-grandfather, and a copy of the letter sent to his wife. This is a great piece of American history and Julia is very proud of her ancestors' part in it.

Abijah Joslin (1744-1811) was a farmer in Ashburnham, Mass. His father, John Joslin, and all 12 of his siblings lived between Ashburnham and Leominster Mass., a distance of about 15 miles.

It can probably be said that the entire Joslin family were patriots for the cause of the colonies. Abijah's great-grandfather, Nathaniel Joslin, had come to America in 1635 for unknown reasons. He was involved in King Phillip's war and forced to move further west into Massachusetts. Abijah's grandfather, Peter, came home from the fields one day to find that his wife and three children had been tomahawked by the Indians. Peter later remarried and went on to command a garrison at Lancaster, Mass., during Queen Anne's War.

So it was with patriotism behind him that Abijah Joslin was elected captain of the militia at a town meeting in Asburnham, Mass., held September 13, 1774. At the same time, he was also chosen a member of the Committee of Correspondence. It was this committee that communicated colonial news from town to town. When there was word of alarm, church bells would ring and farmers would come from the fields to get the news. Before the Continental Congress ended, the Committee of Correspondence became the Committee of Safety, which was empowered to call out the militia. Abijah was also a member of the Committee of Safety.

These militiamen came to be known as "Minute Men."

Many of the Joslin men were Minute Men and patriots in the American Revolution. Abijah became a captain in Jonathan Wood's Company, Col. Converse's Regiment, which was stationed in Dobb's Ferry, N.Y. His father John commanded a company of Minute Men at the Lexington Alarm. His brother John was a captain in the Battle of Bennington and the Leominster, Mass., Chapter of the DAR is named in his honor. Brother Peter was a sergeant and died of wounds on his way home from the 23rd Regiment of Foot Continental Line. Brother Thomas was killed in the Battle of Bennington. Sister Sarah was married to Corp. James Butler; sister Lucy was married to David Wilder, a commander of those from Leominster who marched from their homes in April 1775; and sister Joanna was married to Capt. Levi Warner.

In 1805, Abijah Joslin and his wife Keziah Farrar Joslin, moved to Verona, Oneida County, N.Y., where several of his older children had previously moved. He remained in New York until his death in 1811.

Several letters written by Abijah to his wife Keziah during his service in the Revolution have survived. One is in the possession of his fourth great-granddaughter, Julia Hendrick, who is an active On Top of the World Genealogical Society club member.

The letter is dated and reads as follows: Farefield in Connecticut October 31, 1776 (spelling mistakes included):

"Loving wife these lines are to inform you that I am well and keep up pretty good spirits which I hope I am thankful for and I pray god that these lines may find you and the children all well and that you may so continue: I have no grate matter of nuse to rite to you: our Company is all as well as can be expected ther is sum that complain of being foot sore—we arived hear yesterday and this Day have been parraded and recd General orders to stay hear for the preasant but how long I know not—We expected to be stationed at horse neck but—whether we shall or not I cant tell Sum of the ... (torn) ...



Abijah Joslin

Lately ... (torn) Shores where we are now sed to gard—tomorrow we go to our lodgings were we shall stay till further orders—We have come throu sum very pleasant situations via Harford Wetherfield New Haven Stratford and this place we are now in is a very pleasant situation: and if you will get up the old mare and come over sum afternoon and see me I will treat you with the best the place affords which is not bad ... (torn) ... to inform you that I have sent you two letters by ... (torn) ... Howard which it is likely you have seen—I let agitant Conant hear have six Dollars and he has rote to his wife to let you have six Dollars as soon as may be—I have not seen nor heard nothing of Peter as yet who it is likely you have heard is in a very poor state of helth—Remember me to the children sister Eunice brother Samuel and sister and the rest of nabours tell Mrs. Dan ... her brother is hear and is well—so I conclude by subserbing myself you true and loving husband Abijah Joslin (Page 2) I should be glad to hear from home and if you have an opportunity to send: my Col name is James Convers but how long we shall be stationed hear I know not."

Julia also mentioned that the November meeting of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) had a joint meeting with the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution.

(president, Ben Ayres, 351-2000.)

If you have an interest in SAR, go to: [www.sar.org/about/begin.html](http://www.sar.org/about/begin.html) Direct quotes from this site are as follows:

"The origins of the SAR: In 1876 there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As part of this patriotic fervor, a group of men in the San Francisco, Calif., area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution, formed an organization called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires.

"Their objective was to have a fraternal and civic society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the battle for independence from Great Britain, they desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny."

There is much more information available. If you have questions, please e-mail me, Helen Grollmusz, at [handlova2@aol.com](mailto:handlova2@aol.com)

As always there is an open invitation to attend our genealogy meetings the second Monday of each month. Next meeting is December 12, in Room 3 in the Crafts Building. Thank you. ☺

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**Native Plant Club**  
Ron Broman

You've been dying to ask what it is, I know.

It's stunning, especially at sunset, as the light filters through its undulating pinkish purple flower clusters.

My wife thought it was about time to feature another grass and I agree. This is the logical choice as it certainly has our attention this fall. Not only did Betty suggest the plant, but she called our trusty, Florida-friendly, Kathy Patterson.

"Would you happen to have some information on that beautiful feathery pinkish grass?" was more or less what she asked.

Voila! Before you could say, "Muhly grass," Kathy's pictures and text appeared on our piece of miraculous, albeit frustrating, technology.

But why Muhly grass? Why would a grass

be muhly? Is it stubborn, hard to grow, proud that it isn't something else?

Well, you know that in this article I sometimes "horse around" with words a little. But this time I was serious. What is the history of the word Muhly? So I dug into the material Kathy had sent.

Part of the answer came immediately. The botanical name is *Muhlenbergia capillaris* and has nothing to do with that proud four-legged equine hybrid.

I knew that; and you knew that, but why *Muhlenbergia*? Who or what was or is *Muhlenbergia*?

Kathy's material didn't aim in that direction so back to Google.

Success! The term *Muhlenbergia* comes from the last name of Gotthilf Hunrich Ernst, (G.H.E. for short), Muhlenberg (1753-1815), a Lutheran minister and "a self-taught botanist." He was "considered by his contemporaries as the American Linnaeus, personally responsible for the names of about 150 species of plants. He was mainly interested in grasses and sedges." (1)

This must be one of the 150. I'm impressed and hope you are.

*Capillaris* refers to the slender, elongated, non-branched stems resembling hairs.

From Massachusetts through Florida and along the Gulf Coast Muhly grass graces the native dunes and other sandy alkaline sites. As a landscape enhancer it's used along roads and power line right of ways, along

retention ponds and swales, as a canal bank stabilizer, and in mixed flower gardens. It's equally "at home" as an individual or in a mass planting.

Some of Muhly's "best friends" are the plants of our own sand hill habitat: wire-grass, Lopsided Indian grass, St. John's wort, native blue berries, Longleaf pine, Da-

hoon holly and Gopher apple.

*Muhlenbergia* is a hardy grass, requiring little care, is salt tolerant, will do well in slightly acid to alkaline soils, and will tolerate some drought and some flooding. It does require full sun and will grow larger with periodic irrigation. It's a self-seeding perennial, which should maintain its population for many years. (2)

I know you've seen Muhly grass in the median at the entrance to On Top of the World as well as around the Arbor Center and along the road to Candler Hills.

Thanks, Ken, for including *Muhlenbergia capillaris* in On Top of the World's floral palette!

Our November meeting featured a presentation on native trees by arborist Betty Young. She provided a very complete list of criteria for selecting the right tree for that special spot. She shared proper planting, maintenance and pruning techniques. Thank you, Betty, for being our guest.

At our December 14 meeting of the Native Plant Club, Claudia Larsen, a biologist from the University of Florida, will conduct a program on propagation methods.

Come join us as we share the joy of Growing Native.

(1) <http://www.tortoisreserve.org/research/Muhlenberg-body2html>

(2) 2004 *Floridata.com* and a favorite book reference from Kathy Patterson, program coordinator of Florida Yards and Neighborhoods



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Muhly grass is shown at the entrance to the Arbor Club.



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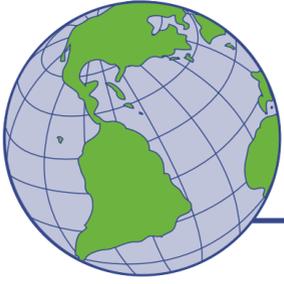
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**Dodie Phillips, Jean Pigott, Jeanette Volk, Lois Miller, Gordy Phillips, Joanie Crist and Pat Schroeder pose against a tropical backdrop at the Hawaii dance in November.**

## Hawaii Returns To H&R Ballroom

By LARRY RESNICK

On November 12, our Health & Recreation Ballroom was transformed into a little piece of Hawaii. Upon entering the Ballroom you immediately spotted a large tiki grass hut with open sides and rear, beads flowing down and two chairs set up under its roof complete with simulated tiki torches along with all types of Hawaiian decorations. This setup was used for photo posing all night long. Lots of folks came with their digital cameras.

As usual, the On Top of the World Dance Committee members outdid themselves. They titled the evening as a "Tropical Nights Dance." The Northern Sounds Band provided the music. The dress code for the evening was casual Hawaiian. Most of the men had on Hawaiian-style shirts and the ladies had flowery dresses and clothes of just about every description. The only thing missing that night was someone in a grass skirt. This reporter didn't see one of those and I was looking. Thought I would have, as I know there are a lot of extroverts residing here in On Top of the World. Maybe next time!

The sellout crowd got right into the swing of things. The Dance Committee provided Hawaiian leis and beaded necklaces for all and lots of the ladies had flowers in their hair which made for a very colorful event.

During the band's breaks, dance committee members went around the room refilling some of the bowls of goodies that were put on all the tables for all to munch on and enjoy. Quite a few lucky seat holders got their seat numbers drawn for some great door prizes.

Gordy Phillips of the On Top of the World Dance Committee also announced that the next event in the H&R Ballroom will be a New Year's Eve Bash followed by a February Sweetheart Ball. Let's see just what they have in store for us for these upcoming events. It's always a surprise and always very well done and in good taste. The good times are rolling along. Thanks guys. ☺

## Senior Games ... It's A Wrap!

By TONI TAYLOR

The 2005 Gainesville/On Top of the World Senior Games ended on October 30 with the 5K and 10K cycling events.

The games this year were very different than they had been in the past. This year, On Top of the World Communities joined forces with the City of Gainesville Sport Organizing Committee (GSOC). On Top of the World Communities was a fledgling sponsor of the games for only two years with the City of Ocala before they decided to "pass the baton" and discontinue running the event. Because On Top of the World does not have the staffing or facility resources to totally host the entire event, the Florida Sports Foundation pitched the idea of a combined senior games event to On Top of the World Communities and the GSOC.

The GSOC was extremely receptive to the idea of hosting a combined event in affiliation with On Top of the World and were very excited when the agreement was cemented.

"I'm really glad that On Top of the World made the decision to do this year's games with us," says Jack Hughes, director of the GSOC. "When we toured their facilities we thought many of the games, tennis for one, would be the perfect place for that event." Other events besides tennis held at On Top of the World Communities were cycling; 5K and 10K; road race, shuffleboard and bocce ball. Off-premise events were bowling and horseshoes.

A Celebration of Athletes, hosted by the GSOC, was held on October 20 in Gainesville at The Village, an assisted-living retirement community, and everyone who attended enjoyed a fabulous buffet-style dinner. The decision was made to not have a closing ceremony like previous years because many participants traveled from other towns and cities. It would have been somewhat difficult for them to make the Celebration of Athletes, and then attend a closing ceremony as well.

The games officially got underway the day after the buffet dinner in Gainesville on October 21 with table tennis. On Top of the World events began on, October 23 with bowling.

Although the games were held in two different cities, the overall participant count was good; a little over 400 entrants. Because of the joined effort this year, something new to the game agenda saw two events qualifying participants for state finals in both cities with golf and bowling. Another new side to the games this year was that T-shirts were handed out at every event rather than participants picking them up at one designated spot.

Congratulations go out to all participating athletes of the games. Special congratulations to all On Top of the World participants. A huge "thank you" to each and every On Top of the World volunteer who helped out during events. The games have ended for another year ... so for now, it's a wrap! ☺



Photo by Toni Taylor

**Here are participants in the Road Race at the Senior Games: Dick Amato, Karen Potenza, Hal Lerch, Domenick Potenza, Don Magyari and Gabriel DaCosta (the only On Top of the World entrant).**



Photo by Larry Resnick

### 'Selling the House Will Be No Problem'

Marcia Miller and Jean Pigott act in the original one-act play, 'Selling The House Will Be No Problem,' performed in November at the H&R Ballroom. The play was written by On Top of the World resident Bob O'Neal and directed by On Top of the World resident Phyllis Huntington. The play had a cast of 12 On Top of the World residents and was a comedy about the trials and tribulations of trying to sell your own house without the help of real estate agents.



Photo by Larry Resnick

### Pretty in Pink

The Rally for the Cure golf tournament in November raised \$1,325 for breast cancer research. Pretty in pink from left are Marilyn Rose, Nancy Nicholas, Linda Bervinkle, Georgette Perrault, Sandy Chase and Jo Apperson.



### Words from the Pro Stan Brion

Many changes have occurred in the last few months and we know that you are missing the informative articles written by Jimmy Murphy. Our goal is to keep you up to date on what is going on out on the links.

Overseeding is done on all three golf courses and now we can enjoy the bright green color of the winter greens and tees. Candler Hills has overseeded their fairways as well. I am sure you will all enjoy it.

All of us at the Golf Pro Shop at On Top of the World would like to take time to thank you for your patience and consideration during the time of overseeding which occurs every October. We also want to thank those who are fixing not only their own divots but those of others.

The first of January, golfers with handicap stickers will need to renew their stick-

ers at the On Top of the World Pro Shop even if your handicap is permanent. Sorry if this is inconvenient; we are updating all of our records.

Golfers having handicap stickers will be asked to comply with a new rule. If two golfers are going to play, with one being handicapped, please allow the non-handicapped person to drive the golf cart. This will allow the non-handicapped golfer to adhere to the cart rules while dropping off the other player near his ball.

The handicapped person can be dropped within 30 feet from the green but please don't get too close to the green or bunkers. The cart must be taken to the designated area for parking while putting on the green.

This will allow faster play, golf course etiquette and enjoyable golf. If both players are handicapped, use the 90-degree rule to your ball, and taking the passenger player to his ball even if within 30 feet is allowed. The cart cannot be left there while putting. It must be taken to the designated parking area. The players should take turns taking the cart to the designated parking area for the green.

A handicapped golfer playing alone should apply the 90-degree rule on all 18 holes and drive to the ball if off the green but no player can leave the cart near the green. It must be taken to the designated area for parking. On the No. 17 hole, handicapped men can leave the cart path to get to the tee, but please stay an adequate distance from the tee.

Many of you know that the ropes are down on the On Top of the World golf courses. This was not done so carts could go down the middle of the fairways. Hitting

more than one ball means that you should be on the driving range. No one has been given the right to hit more than one ball, or to leave your divot without filling it first. Some golfers do not play preferred lies and your unfilled divot penalizes them. Remember, there was green grass there before you made that divot. Golf etiquette is part of the game.

We want to remind all golfers that this is the time of year when weather can get cold enough so that frost can delay play. The frost has to be watered off before play can begin. This procedure is necessary to protect the greens. Simply put, the heat from the shoe actually shocks the grass, burning the leaf and leaving shoe prints, which do not recover quickly.

Now that the greens and tees are overseeded, the surface of the greens are softer. When a ball mark is made and not repaired within a short while, the grass dies and more seed must be added. While the area heals, it doesn't look as good nor does it putt as well. **Please fix your ball marks.**

This is also the time of the year that temperatures begin to drop lower at night. This makes us happy as we enjoy the cooler weather but the grass on the fairway goes dormant from the lower temperatures. They begin to turn off color to an almost brown color when we get below 32 degrees. Dormant grass compacts easily, causing the ball not to sit up as we all prefer.

**Please drive your carts using the 90 degree rule. We cross only at 90 degrees.**

Areas that had been roped off in the past are already showing wear from breaking of this rule. There were many golfers unhappy with the ropes. Soon there will be many unhappy golfers because of the lack of healthy

grass in these areas from not respecting your home golf course.

Two holes in one have been reported. Joe Rosinski hit one on August 14 on the Links Golf Course on No. 5 with an 11 wood while playing with his wife, Cindy, Paul Del Vacchio and Jim Jordan. Nice going Joe! It seems that Paul Del Vacchio is always around holes in one.

The second hole in one belongs to Joe Bologna on the No. 8 hole of the Tortoise and Hare Golf Course with a 5 iron. This was witnessed by Jack Martin, Tom Deegan and John O'Neil. Joe has only been playing a couple of years. It seems that you must think it's a simple game Joe!

Jerry Gill shot a 76 the other day while playing with her hubby. Too bad for him but Rudy Normandin will be glad when that gets posted. Keep up the good work!

If there is anything that you would like to submit about your round or about someone from your group, please leave the information for me in the On Top of the World Pro Shop.

The 18-hole and 9-hole Ladies Golf Association recently hosted the Rally for a Cure Cancer Tournament. This is always a very nice tournament with a great cause behind it. Great going ladies, keep up the good work.

The Men's Golf Association hosted its Memorial Tournament. This tournament is individual with starting times from the first tee. This event is a fun 54-hole event, which the competitors enjoy.

The On Top of the World Pro Shop staff would like to extend a very thoughtful and joyful Christmas or Hanukkah to all. Have a wonderful time. See you next year, next month. 🌟



### Men's Golf Association Paul Del Vacchio

Those of you who attended our November chicken luncheon had a chance to hear and meet our new director of golf, Jeff McDonald. Please give him a chance to get his feet wet before you run complaining to him and hopefully in time he will work with us to improve our golfing communities.

Our 2006 MGA booklet (bible), should be available at our December 14 chicken luncheon. Last year the On Top of the World sales department was kind enough to print our 2005 booklets for us; this year they have a change in policy and they are not printing our booklets. Because we are paying for them the front cover will not be in color.

Please pick up and read your booklet, and READ your booklet, and before you have any questions PLEASE consult your booklet because the answer is probably in there. There are some changes in the booklet. One change in particular that the Board of Directors voted to change and you definitely need to be aware of if you want to play in the Club Championship is: To be eligible to compete in any flight, members need to have a current handicap and to have competed in five (5) MGA events between January 1 and the date of the Club Championship which is March 15.

The members of the Board of Directors have volunteered their time and effort to

make our organization efficient, viable for everyone and pleasant to be involved in. I thank them for their time and effort. They do a great job.

All we ask is that you check the bulletin board and your MGA booklet for information and if it's not there then call or talk to a board member. If you don't like what we're doing you have the option of running for the board and propose making your changes; that's why we have an election. I have never seen a lot of names signed up to run for election.

Congratulations to the winners of the Memorial Tournament, whoever you are because as of this writing I don't know the results. I for one was traveling and couldn't participate.

With the advent of our new communities at On Top of the World we are getting more and more golfers on the courses. I would like to touch again on a way to speed up play without affecting your play. If you and your riding partner are similar distances, get out of the cart, take two clubs, walk to your ball and be ready to take your shot. Another great way to save time is after you hit your shot, hold your clubs in your hand, sit in the golf cart and ride to the next shot or tee box before putting your clubs away and writing down the score.

There is a saying I have heard and it goes "women socialize and men play games." With the closing of the Pub we men cannot socialize after our event.

Jim Keller and John Hall have come up with a solution. For \$5 you can go to the picnic area by the horseshoe pit and eat hot dogs and hamburgers and whatever the special of the day is, and have beer or soda. You get to bond with some of the MGA players you may never have played with. Who knows, you may meet a new golfing partner that you may enjoy for the rest of your retirement. Give it a try.

Thanks, Jim and John, for coming up with this great idea.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving and will be having happy holidays.

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

I'll see you around the golf course. 🌟



### Handicap Committee Patricia K. Del Vacchio

I understand you had a beautiful day for the November 5 Scramble. We skipped the Scramble and went with friends to the Arts and Crafts Festival in Micanopy. Hope all of you that played had as much fun golfing as I had shopping.

### The Travelers Jo Apperson

On November 4, 40 members and guests played the Meadows course at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Fred and Esther Lang were the hosts of this event. Bud and Lou Borders, Don and Marlene Floeckher, Bob Carter, Doris Holman and Bev Ovrebø were guests and help everyone have a very enjoyable day.

Ed Darichuk won closest to the pin for the men and Andy Flannery took closest to the pin honors for the women.

The game that day was 1 ball on par 5's,

There were 88 players and 60 percent of the teams were paid and 55 percent of the players were paid. R. Goszewski, B. Borders and R. Border topped the chart with a 65. T. Smith, R. Schiller, M. Driver, M. Marquis and E. Klodzen, D. Scott, B. Buecher, D. Phillipson tied for second with 67. Alone in fourth with a 68 were D. Suver, B. Ovrebø, J. Hodd and M. Hink. Tied for 5th were R. D'addio, W. Flannery, M. Rose, S. Willoughby and C. Jones, R. Carter, B. Barringer, G. Perrault. Three teams tied for 7th: W. Dumeer, J. Schiller, B. Culp, A.J. Smallwood; C. Nicholas, R. Cook, J. Culp, C. Shirley; D. Norris, N. Nicholas, D. Hink, L. Borders. Three teams also tied for 10th place. P. Perrault, M. Driver, D. Miller, F. Foley; D. Gray, C. Arnold, J. Border, J. Page; E. Darichuk, L. Dumeer, B. Howe, M. Myhr. Congratulations to all the winners and the rest of us will put in a little more practice time.

December third will be a Traditional Scramble. Take the best shot each time and everybody plays.

FYI: For the months of December, January and February, we will rally at 9:30 a.m. and play will begin at 10 a.m. Happy holidays. I'll see you at the flags. 🌟

2 balls on par 4's and 3 balls on par 3's. The team winners were:

1st: Don and Margie Hink. 2nd: Rick and Joan D'Addio. 3rd: Phil and Connie Shirley. 4th: Bud and Lou Borders; Gene and Mary Sohler; Dick Hess and Doris Holman. 5th: Bill and Linda Bervinkle; Bill and Andy Flannery; Art and Barb Buecher. 6th: Carl Arnold and Phyllis Jarskey; Bob Carter and Bev Ovrebø; Doug Coleman and Elsie Calabrese.

Our next outing will be on December 9 at Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake. Our hosts will be Don and Margie Hink. Our annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 7, at the Arbor Conference Center. Jean Culp, Nancy Nicholas, Georgette Perrault and Margie Hink are the hostesses for this party; any of them can be contacted for more information. 🌟

## MGA Results

### Nine Hole Two Man Team Net

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Team Net Scoring

60: Zane Barnett, Mike Sica, Gordon Blanchard, Dick Rohde

### 18-Hole Two Man

Team Net by Flight

October 19 • Tortoise & Hare

**A Flight:** 133—Art Buecher, Roy Goszewski; 142—Dick Gray, Ron Thompson

**B Flight:** 135—Art Broman, Bill Carlson; 136—Dick Grimm, Bud Harris; 137—Jerry Chase, James Keller; Don Guymon, Joe Rosinski; Richard Beury, Bob Huegeli; 138—John Hall, Don Scott; 139—Charles Mattingly, Bev Seal

**C Flight:** 126—Tom Deegan, Jack Martin; 133—Frances Caprez, O J Wagner; 139—Harry Brower, Bud May; Robert Giljohann, Bill Krusen; Steve Becker; Hira Roy; 141—Ed Desmarest, Jerry Segovis; Beale Kinsey, David Miller

**D Flight:** 136—Jack Hegarty, John Hodd; 144—John Newell, Frank Palotta; 145—Arlo Janssen, Fred Phin; 146—Jack Border, Pena Armando

### Nine-Hole Team Scramble

November 2

Team Gross

32—L.J. Patterson, Rick Benzing and Mike Sica; 34—Fred Wallen, Dick Rohde and Bill Hunter

### 18-Hole Team Scramble

November 2

Team Gross

63—Raymond Beloin, Vince Nucaso, Mike Driver and Frank Palotta

64—Gar Hasset, Robert Giljohann, Bob Huegeli and Ralph Schmidt

Tie at 66—Rocky Grooms, Bob Cates, Jack Martin and Jimmy Johnson; James Keller, John Pachin, Bob Hoehn and Arlo Janssen; Millard Sadler, Mike Sutherland, Don Guymon and Bob Beale 🌟

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**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**  
BJ Leckbee

Have you signed up for the Christmas luncheon at Rainbow Springs on December 7? December 1 is the deadline. Cost is \$15. Cash bar opens at 11 a.m.; good food and camaraderie to follow.

On December 6, if all goes according to plan, our new pro, Jeff McDonald, will speak to us at the meeting after play. This is a "blue shirt" day. We expect to meet in the Health & Recreation Ballroom and are not planning to have lunch available for this meeting. Lots of events are happening over the next few months, so please join us if you can.

Lucy Quaranta, tournament committee director, recently announced that members are to gather at the flags each week prior to play instead of at the Pro Shop. Upon arrival, check the outdoor bulletin board for your captain's name and the hole where you'll be starting play. The captain will collect the money from her foursome and drive to the Pro Shop to pick up the scorecards for her group.

Have you paid your league dues for next year?

Tournament news: Carol Bell, Millie Nucaso and Marlene Floeckher were winners at the Seven Rivers "Life is a Beach" tournament on November 2. Mike Beyer, Darlene Clark, Lucy Quaranta, Gretchen Saker and Dot Wagner also participated. The weather was so beautiful that the teams discovered an alligator sunning himself on the fairway on the 13th hole. "We had a wonderful time

anyway," Millie reports.

More tournament news: Darlene Clark, Marlene Floeckher, Donna Swiger and Carol White participated in the "Putting at the Palms" invitational at Ocala Palms. "We didn't play well enough to win at golf, but we all won prizes anyway—wine, a plant, baskets, favors and food," Donna reports.

Best wishes to all our members during the holiday season. May your holidays be joyous and your family and friends be near—in spirit if not in person.

**Two Best Balls**  
October 18  
Team Net

Chip-in: Evy Stewart  
56—Ellie Rapacz, Dawn Hagberg, A.J. Smallwood, Eleanor Ford  
58—Carol White, Lois Tatonetti, Jean Flynn, Marge Warren  
63—Mary Hart, Marie Palombo, Sylvia Willoughby, Helen Bailey  
65—Deni DeHart, Sumiko Bridges, Alice Sanford, Sharon Bailey

**October 25**

No Play—Weather

**Scramble • Links**  
November 13  
Team Gross Back 9

44—Darlene Clark, Sylvia Willoughby, Nancy Booth, Kathy Bologna  
45—Lois Tatonetti, Dot Wagner, Ann Hetzel, Virginia Hawk

**Front 9**

44—BJ Leckbee, Virginia Blanchard, Marlene Floeckher, Sharon Bailey  
45—Lucy Quaranta, Marie Norwood, Gretchen Saker, Pat Black

**Tortoise**  
November 8  
Individual Gross

Chip-ins: Pauline Beloin, Pat Black, Eleanor Ford, Rolla Geiser, Arloa Vanderkolk

**Front 9**

**A Flight:** 48—Ellie Rapacz, 50—Marie Norwood, 54—Jean Gilmore

**B Flight:** 53—Bernice Michaelson, 55—Marlene Floeckher, 57—Ann Hetzel, 58—Ruth Koch

**Back 9**

**A Flight:** 51—Vi Sica, 52—Pauline Beloin, Tie at 53—Donna Swiger and Arloa Vanderkolk

**B Flight:** 58—June Tassinary, 60—Marge Warren, 62—Gretchen Saker



**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**  
Mary Sohler

'Tis the season already! December gets to be a busy time with all of the holiday goings-on, but you have an opportunity to get away from it all and have some fun on Tuesday mornings! I hope you signed up for the December luncheon on December 7 at Rainbow Springs. Last year's lunch was lovely and the camaraderie delightful. I hope to see you there again this year. The deadline for paying dues is coming up fast too. They must be paid by December 31.

The Rally For the Cure was a smashing success again this year. We raised \$1,325 for the cause. Nice going, 18-holers! We also thank the 9-holers and other guests who joined us and helped us reach that total! The committee—Marilyn Rose, Connie Shirley, Harriet Brower and Phyllis Carty—did a great job of organizing this event.

Carol Johnson is a new member of the 18-Holers. Welcome Carol!

Hostesses for December are Dea Johnson, Harriet Brower and Marilyn Rose. Please get a substitute if you cannot be there.

Four words you really don't like to hear on the golf course: It's still your turn.

**Tee to Green**

**October 18**

**Gross scores by flight:**

**A Flight:** 57—Beverly Ovrebø; 61—Nancy Darichuk; 62—Valerie Smith; 64—Mary Driver

**B Flight:** Tie at 68—Phyllis Jarskey and Glenna Swank; 69—Rose Hoover; 72—Marge Hink

**C Flight:** 71—Marjorie Myhr; 75—Ruth Border;

78—Lena Sneed; 86—Helen Foskett

**Net scores by flight:**

**A Flight:** 48—Phyllis Huntington; 49—Marge Wade; 50—Betty Gustafson; 51—Harriet Brower

**B Flight:** 52—Norma Clevering; 55—Lou Borders; 56—Fran Griswold; 58—Helen Bextermueller

**C Flight:** 54—Marie Marquis; 57—Mary Skennion; 59—Florence Foley; 67—Catherine Becraft

**Two Best Balls**

**October 25**

140: Beverly Ovrebø, Angelita Pena, Elsie Calabrese

141: Linda Bervinkle, Velma Rose, Patty Borgault, Lena Sneed

148: Ginny Huckel, Sylvia Keller, Connie Shirley, Marie Marquis

149: Marge Wade, Laury Hall, Helen Bextermueller, Helen Foskett

150: Nancy Darichuk, Phyl Huntington, Phyllis Jarskey, Florence Foley

Chip-ins: Marie Marquis, Glenna Swank

**Odd Holes**

**November 1**

**Gross scores by flight**

**A Flight:** 38—Nancy Nicholas; 39—Nancy Darichuk; 42—Ginny Huckel; tie at 43—Linda Dumeer, Carol Johnson, Beverly Ovrebø

**B Flight:** 40—Sylvia Keller; 44—Mary Driver; 45—Louise Suver; tie at 46—Fran Griswold, Marge Hink, Rose Hoover, Glenna Swank

**C Flight:** 39—Agnes Lindley; 43—Marilyn Rose; tie at 46—Jo Apperson, Andrea Flannery, Phyllis Huntington

**D Flight:** 42—Marjorie Myhr; 46—Connie Shirley; 47—Jackie Page; tie at 52—Ruth Border, Deb Phillipson, Laura Jean Teyral

**Rally for the Cure**

**November 8**

**Team Net**

121: Beverly Ovrebø, Hazel Benson, Barbara Paterson, Jackie Page

122: Linda Bervinkle, Velma Rose, Angelita Pena, Carolyn Cummings

126: Janet Juhlin, Doris Holman, Louise Suver, Florence Foley; and Valerie Smith, Flo Emanuel, Agnes Lindley, Betty Crippen

127: Joan D'Addio, Jean Culp, Mary Alice Narwold, Mary Skennion

Chip-ins: Phyllis Jarskey, Mary Sohler, Sandy Chase (2), Jo Apperson, Fran Griswold, Phyl Huntington, Marie Marquis, Marge Wade, Carol Johnson, Mary Alice Narwold.



**Mini Golf**  
Jack Coyle

**Providence Putters Mini-Golf**  
October 18

**Ladies:** 39—Emmy Ricciardone 40—Sandra Ensley 44—Inge Vogt

**Men:** 41—Bob Maxwell 44—John Ricciardone 46—Kurt Vogt

**October 25**

**Ladies:** 46—Dori McConville 49—Inge Vogt 50—Sandra Ensley

**Men:** 36—Doug Ensley 38—Kurt Vogt 41—Oliver Aube

**November 1**

**Ladies:** 42—Sandra Ensley 44—Emmy Ricciardone

ciardone 45—Dori McConville  
**Men:** 38—Kurt Vogt 41—Doug Ensley 42—Oliver Aube

**November 8**

**Ladies:** 46 (three-way tie)—Dori McConville, Inge Vogt and Emmy Ricciardone 54—Jennie Griglio

**Men:** 41—Joe McConville 42—Kurt Vogt 46 (tie)—Sal Tarallo and John Ricciardone

**Sunday Mini-Golf**

**October 16**

**Ladies:** 43—Florence Soens 47—Emmy Ricciardone 48 (tie)—Chris Resta and Jennie Griglio 49—Eleanor Krowka 51—Paulette Orscher 57—Connie

**Men:** 35—Ben Resta 36—Bob Maxwell 38—John Ricciardone 39—Dick Soens 48—Oliver Aube 54—Joe Griglio

**October 23**

**Ladies:** 43—Eleanor Krowka 46—Marilyn Cernecarl 47 (tie)—Florence Soens and Jennie Griglio 48—Dori McConville 53—Chris Resta 57—Emmy Ricciardone

**Men:** 39—Ben Resta 40—Joe McConville 41—Glenn Saxon 42 (tie)—Dick Soens and Don Cernecarl 49—John Ricciardone 50—Joe Griglio 56—Oliver Aube

**October 30**

**Ladies:** 42—Emmy Ricciardone 44—Florence Soens 47—Eleanor Krowka 49 (tie)—Chris Resta and Marilyn Cernecarl 61—Jennie Griglio

**Men:** 37 (tie)—John Ricciardone and Ben Resta 40—Dick Soens 41—Glenn Saxon 47—Oliver Aube 51—Joe Griglio

**November 6**

**Ladies:** 41—Chris Resta 46—Dori McConville 47 (tie)—Emmy Ricciardone and Eleanor Krowka 49 (tie)—Jennie Griglio and Maria France 53—Marge Saxon

**Men:** 40—Ben Resta 41 (tie)—Ray France and Sal Tarallo 42—Joe McConville 43—John Ricciardone 49—Ian 53—Joe Griglio 55—Oliver Aube

**Thursday Mini-Golf**

**October 13**

**Ladies:** 43—Marilyn Cernecarl 46 (tie)—Eleanor Krowka and Emmy Ricciardone 51—Chris Resta 55—Denise 56—Marge Saxon 59—Jennie Griglio 61—Paulette Orscher 67 Bernadette Jacobson

**Men:** 35—Ben Resta 39—John Ricciardone 41—Oliver Aube 44—Don Cernecarl 49 (tie)—Joe Griglio and Glenn Saxon.

**October 20**

**Ladies:** 44—Florence Soens 45—Eleanor Krowka 46—Emmy Ricciardone 50—Marge Saxon 50—Jennie Griglio

**Men:** 44—Dick Soens 45—John Ricciardone 49—Joe Griglio 52 (tie)—Joe McConville and

Oliver Aube 57—Glen Saxon

**October 27**

**Ladies:** 42—Florence Soens 43—Eleanor Krowka 49 (tie)—Jennie Griglio and Chris Resta 51—Emmy Ricciardone 56 (tie)—Dori McConville and Marge Saxon

**November 3**

**Ladies:** 41—Dori McConville 44—Marilyn Cernecarl 45—Florence Soens 47 (three-way tie)—Emmy Ricciardone, Jennie Griglio and Inge Vogt 48 (three-way tie)—Marge Saxon, Eleanor Krowka and Maria France 54—Rena Tarallo

**Men:** 35—Joe McConville 37 (tie)—John Ricciardone and Kurt Vogt 39—Ben Resta 42—Don Cernecarl 44—Glen Saxon 45—Oliver Aube 46 (tie)—Dick Soens and Ray France 49—Sal Tarallo 56—Joe Griglio

**November 10**

**Ladies:** 43—Florence Soens 46 (tie)—Eleanor Krowka and Chris Resta 48 (three-way tie)—Marie France, Emmy Ricciardone and Marilyn Cernecarl 51—Dori McConville 53—Jennie Griglio 55 (tie)—Marge Saxon and Rena Tarallo

**Men:** 38—Joe McConville 40 (tie)—John Ricciardone and Sal Tarallo 46—Don Cernecarl 47 (three-way tie)—Dick Soens, Oliver Aube and Ray France 48—Joe Griglio

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**Arbor Club  
Tennis**  
Les Saunders

Welcome to our new Director of Tennis, Jorge Privat! Jorge joined us on our courts November 1. He was born in Peru, moved to the U.S.A. 35 years ago, and lived in the Chicago area for 32 years. He taught tennis to high school students and adults. He organized the Oak Park Tennis Association (Illinois) in 1973 and became the tennis instructor. From 1983 to 2000 he coached students at the Oak Park River Forest High School. For the last three years he has lived in Florida and has taught at the Citrus Hills Tennis facility. Beginning in January, Jorge will write the Arbor Tennis Club column for the World News.

Jorge is on court Mondays through Fridays. He organizes the Round Robins (for

which we must sign up in advance at the Arbor Club) and conducts clinics on Tuesdays and Fridays. The fees for members are \$5 for clinics, \$18 for semi-private lessons and \$26 for private lessons. Those members who wish to reserve a court when organized activities are not scheduled may sign up for one at the Arbor Club.

The Arbor Tennis Club Christmas Party will be held Thursday evening, December 15, in the Arbor Club Ballroom. Cocktails (cash bar) are available at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and music and dancing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets at \$20 per person must be purchased by December 8. The menu includes choice of salads, green beans with mushrooms and almonds, butter glazed carrots, baked potatoes with sour cream, rice pilaf, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roast Beef and rolls. Dessert is chocolate and white chocolate mousse with strawberries.

The court scorekeeper numbers have become rusty and if swiveled the stem is broken. Until they can be replaced, please do not swivel them. Just flip the scorecard.

Don Firkins reported that the On Top of the World Tournament held October 11 through 15, drew 22 men for the Men's Doubles; the A team winners were Don Shaner and Bob O'Neal and the B team winners were Dale Paul and Gene Huber. The Men's Singles drew eight participants; the winner was Don Firkins; the Women's Singles drew eight participants; the winner was Maria Fried. The Women's Doubles event included 14 players; the A winners were Irene Moran and Pamela Haig and the B winners were Lucy Davis and Dodie Phillips. The Mixed

### Tennis Association H&R Center Courts Schedule

Saturday & Monday 8-noon:

Mixed Doubles

Tuesday & Thursday 8-noon:

Men's Doubles

Doubles drew 14 teams; the A winners were Maria Fried and Jim Lyman and the B winners were June Elting and Richard Marshall. The awards were presented at an Awards Luncheon on October 19.

Don Shaner reported that the Men's Doubles played Ocala Palms on October 20. Saul Braverman and Bob O'Neal lost 6-4, 6-4. Don Firkins and Ralph Bromund lost the first set, 6-1, and won the second set and third sets, 6-4, 6-3. Oscar Fernandez and Hal Stanley lost the first set, 6-4 and won the second and third sets, 6-1, 6-3. Don Shaner and Dan Bub won the first set, 7-5, lost the second set 6-4 and won the tiebreak 7-5. Bob Bartolotta and Chet Rickert won 6-2, 6-2.

The Seniors Tournament, October 25 through 27, was incredibly well organized and carried out by Lisa Anspacher with the assistance of Hans Westerkamp. Players from Gainesville, Ocala, the Villages, Oak Park, Ocala Palms, Oak Run, Spruce Creek Preserve, and On Top of the World participated.

Lisa provided the following list of On Top of the World tennis players who participated and their standing in this unique

tournament: Men's Singles 55-59, Jim Lyman, third place; Men's Singles 65-69, Jerry Dennis, seventh place, Don Firkins, sixth place, and Oscar Fernandez, fourth place; Women's Doubles 50-54, Maria Fried and Irene Moran, second place; Women's Doubles 55-59, Rosemarie Hueber and Kathleen Mullen, third place, Donna Infante and Joyce Perkins, second place; Women's Doubles 70-74, Norma Higgins and Christa Hossley, first place; Men's Doubles 55-59, Jim Lyman and Peter Paige, second place; Men's Doubles 60-64, Gene Hueber and Jerry Dennis, third place; Men's Doubles 65-69, Don Shaner and Don Firkins, sixth place, Ralph Bromund and Oscar Fernandez, fifth place; Men's Doubles 75-79, Bob Bartolotta and Richard Marshall, fourth place; Mixed Doubles 50-54, Maria Fried and Dale Paul, third place; Mixed Doubles 55-59, Rosemarie and Gene Hueber, fourth place; Mixed Doubles 60-64, Donna Infante and Don Shaner, fourth place; Mixed Doubles 65-69, Joyce Perkins and Ray Jask, second place; Mixed Doubles 70-74, June Elting and Richard Marshall, second place, Norma Higgins and Charles Flack, first place.

Don Firkins reported that the November 3 match with Ocala Palms Doubles was a great experience for everyone. Don Firkins and Joyce Perkins lost the first set 6-4, won the second set 6-2, then lost the tiebreaker 7-3. Jim Lyman and Marie Fried lost 6-4, 7-6. Don Shaner and Marilyn Beardsley won 6-2, 6-1. Bob Bartolotta and Irene Moran won 6-2, 6-3.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be the best one yet! 🌟



**Shuffleboard**  
Joe Tuohy

the 8 count zones. All rules and scoring areas is standard shuffle play with two exceptions. First, any disc that causes the pin to be knocked over is counted as a minus 10 and a small x is placed on the scoreboard in that frame as a reminder that the pin was toppled.

Second, the game can only be won by scoring a 10. In other words, the score always reverts to 65 points with normal scoring. Then the player with 65 must score a 10 to win the game (75 points). Example: player A has 56 points and scores a good 7 and a good 8. In normal play his score would be 56 plus 15 or 71. In 10 pin play his maximum allowed score is 65 and he must score a good 10 in the next frame to win. In the meantime his opponent can increase the score until he or she also has a 65.

The disc that causes 10 pin to fall is always removed from play and is a dead disc. If the disc just shot hits another disc that causes the fall only the disc just shot is removed. If the pin cannot be placed in its normal position because another disc is in the way, the pin is set as close as possible to the correct position and then placed properly at the beginning of the next frame.

If a player with 65 points scores a good 7 or 8 it will not be counted because a 10 is needed to win. However, if a player with 65 points gets in the kitchen it will be considered 10 off. The bowling pin should be re-adjusted at the start of each frame.

#### Winners for October Men

**Monday a.m.:** Wolfgang Piaskowski

**Monday p.m.:** John Mataya

**Tuesday p.m.:** Joe Veres

**Wednesday p.m.:** Tony Manzo, Carl Cadasco

**Thursday a.m.:** Greg Rasmussen

**Friday a.m.:** Dave Liddell

#### Women

**Monday a.m.:** Helen De Gray

**Monday p.m.:** June Hajjar

**Tuesday p.m.:** Sue Guiseppi, Lisa McCombs

**Wednesday p.m.:** Daisy Rowell

**Thursday a.m.:** Dorothy Link

**Friday a.m.:** Laura Kaminski 🌟

At the November meeting of the executive board, a slight increase in membership was reported. This is a healthy trend but the growth should be stepped up in view of the increased population here at On Top of the World. It was decided that a "welcome committee" would be organized under the direction of Connie Marley in order to make more personal contacts with new residents in order to promote more interest in shuffleboard.

The November general membership meeting was well attended. Following the meeting the members enjoyed a fine luncheon and were entertained by a fine musical program that featured some great organ selections. Many thanks to Helene Sternberger and her committee for doing such a good job on the arrangements. Also, the food was delicious, catered by Bruce.

Thursday afternoon is reserved for open play and all are invited to join in the 10-pin games. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and to sharpen your game.

For those not familiar with 10-pin play the following guide was furnished to me by Vito Chieco:

Ten-pin play is an exercise in accuracy, looking for good "hides," and as a diversion to regular shuffling. A bowling pin is placed in the center at the leading edge of



**Billiards**  
George Tookmanian

Twenty-one members of the Billiard Club attended the November meeting. We had a good meeting that was chaired by John Dieckman.

I am happy to report to you readers that we have nominees for officers in 2006. These candidates are: Richard Impressa for president; Cathy Lorenzo for vice president; Esther Lang for secretary; Ray Stover for treasurer; and Penny Wilson for second vice president.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6. The doors to the poolroom will have a posting a few days before the meeting to confirm time and place. May I suggest checking that out, be there if you can.

You may know we have a group of volunteers organized by Everett Wolf who call our members to remind them of the upcoming meeting.

So, kudos to Everett and his "gang" for their efforts. As of November 9, we have 126 members! Fantastic! Now we have many new members and we will be updating our calling lists so that all who do not mind being called will be called. However if one is called and does not wish further calls, please inform the caller to not call in the future. We certainly do not wish to annoy anyone! It is your club and we would like you to come and have a voice in the proceedings.

Also, Penny Wilson has done a "whale" of a job as hostess, serving delicious treats along with coffee. THANK YOU PENNY!

We are planning a combination "installation of officers luncheon" and meeting to be held on January 10. This will be the third annual luncheon and will be voted on at the December 6 meeting. Details and a sign-up sheet will be forthcoming after the De-

ember meeting. The posting will be on the bulletin board in the poolroom after it has been approved.

The club is grateful and thanks the folks that play on Monday night for their modest donations to the club treasury. We are continually trying to improve our poolroom to a first class facility and every bit helps. We also look for continued cooperation from management in the future.

We have two teams representing On Top of the World in a league with other facilities like On Top of the World. Team 1 has given a good account of themselves, as they were winners November 1 against Spruce Creek 20-16. Team 2 traveled to Spruce Creek Preserve and lost a tough match 19-17. On November 8, Team 1 traveled to Cherrywood and won over them 19-12. This match had some excitement as a fire alarm went off and could not be stopped. I guess our men were that "HOT." On the other hand Team 2 could not do any thing right. Ocala Palms creamed them 25-11. C'mon guys, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! Our gals did well overcoming the gals from Cherrywood 17-10. Nicely done! By the way the Red Hat Billiard ladies were wearing some very attractive pins. (A rack of 15 balls, lovely!)

Did you know that there are pool tables and cue sticks and other paraphernalia concerned with pool and billiard games that are highly prized by collectors? If one thumbs through the magazines located in the poolroom, you will see tables that are exquisite. Legs beautifully turned of rare hardwoods are supporting a firm frame of fine hardwoods with inlaid points on the rails, different colors of fine wool cloth over Italian slate.

George Balabushka made some of the most highly prized cue sticks ever. Some referred to him as the Stradivarius of cue-makers. He was a meticulous craftsman, who knew and understood wood. In 1970, you maybe could pick up a Balabushka for a few hundred bucks, but not any more! It would be a treat to stroke with one. Much like stepping up to the plate in Yankee Stadium! The wonder of it all is that he worked with a small Atlas lathe, a drill press and a saw. Very primitive equipment for what he created.

In my mind, it would be like DaVinci rendering his paintings using a toothbrush to apply the colors. His inlay work is uncanny as it was done without the use of any machine tools such as a pantograph. If one should ever come across a Balabushka, please let me know as I would love to see it and heft it. 🌟

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Photo by Bob Woods

**Workers install new carpet at the bocce courts.**



**Bocce**  
Bob Woods

Bocce got off to a challenging start in October when the week we were to begin play, the courts were torn up for replacement of carpeting and sideboards. Three courts were completed within the week but lane one took a couple of extra weeks to complete.

To add to delays, On Top of the World hosted the Bocce Senior Games, which shut down that Wednesday League play. One thing good came out of the delays and that was we now have good looking re-carpeted courts, thanks to management and the Senior Games brought two gold medals to our own bocce players. Taking gold in the men's division was Joe Szabo and gold in the woman's division was Helen Martinez. Their next step is playing at state level on grass courts in Mount Dora. I know everyone wishes them both the best of luck. Both Joe and Helen play on the same team on Tuesday's 11 a.m. league

Adding to problems in our fall league was our president taking ill winding up in the hospital where he remains at this writing. Vice President Bob O'Neil has taken over

Bob Orr's position and now is the club's acting president but please keep your phone calls to a minimum.

If players have a problem, contact your team captain. Team captains will contact the league representative and up the chain of command. If someone new would like to play bocce, an excellent way to meet your neighbors and have fun at the same time, then by all means call Bob O'Neil at 861-2861.

If any current player would like to be on one or more teams or be a substitute, contact your team captain or league rep.

The league realizes there have been difficulties and lack of communication between everyone. The league is presently trying to alleviate the problem and if all team players, captains, representatives and league officers do what is expected of them, everything should start running smoothly.

Here is a problem that arose during league play and see what you would have done. Most of both team's balls had been played when a measuring solution was needed. A member from each team who was judging measured the balls, seeing which one was closer to the pallina. During their measuring endeavor some balls were rolled out of the way which were not the contested balls. Now the problem: There was one ball still to be played and the judges could not remember where the balls they removed were originally located. What should have been done?

Another question: Who is responsible to see that a measurement is taken on all questionable distances for team balls from the pallina? Answers to these questions will be in the January column.

The Christmas party has been cancelled and don't forget the winter session starts January 9, 2006. It sounds like a long way off but it is just around the corner.

See you all on the courts—keep the balls rolling. ☺



**Travel Toppers**  
Eileen K. Vanderbosch

The Rags to Riches event went over well. Pictures were raffled and the winners are: Carol Millard, Betty Thayer, Eileen Vanderbosch, Bob Wolzewski, Eric Brigel, Frank Thomson, Dorothy Bresky, K. Brouillard, Pauline Beloin and Ruth Ann Briggs.

The winners had their choice of the paintings and wall hangings, and seemed pleased with the artwork. Between the sale of raffle tickets, the first dance and some donations, we have realized a total of \$719. We want to thank everyone who has supported us by buying tickets, attending the dance and donations. It really has helped Travel Toppers stay on track so we can offer trips to your liking.

Speaking of trips you like, we have space available on the following, so call the coordinator listed:

- Ice Festival, Gaylord Palms Resort, Thursday, December 1, \$38 per person. This is a fabulous must-see attraction with more than 2 million pounds of ice sculptures. Trip also includes visit to Orlando Art Museum.

- Roy Clark Concert, Thursday, January 19, \$45 per person, deadline December 5.
- Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Tues-

day, February 7, \$66 per person, deadline December 27 (or sooner if a sell-out).

- In the Mood, Tuesday, January 24, \$36 per person. Hey folks, our kind of music.

- Patti Page, Saturday, February 27, \$45 per person, deadline January 2.

- We need a waiting list for the Singing Christmas Trees, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Sunday, December 11, \$27 per person.

The above is quite a good listing, so if you have been thinking about it, stop thinking and act while you can still get a reservation.

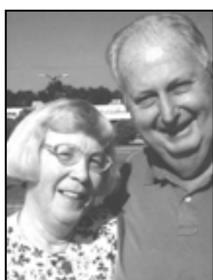
Grace Raymond and hubby Buddy, first time Toppers, enjoyed the Sleuth Mystery Dinner Show on October 31, As Grace wrote: "We began our early trip at 9:30 a.m. to the Sleuth Mystery Theater, Orlando. Our courteous and capable driver, Walt, gave a smooth ride, with Janet Fragapane as our escort handling all arrangements. It was nice to get acquainted with some other Toppers at the rest stop, with Theresa Doyle assuring us we were in for a real treat. We were given a hearty welcome by the cast and servers when we arrived at our destination, while amusing and entertaining the audience. Our own Danny Eddy "willingly" participated and soon found himself transformed by the "Great Alfonzo-Hairdresser Extraordinaire," emerging from back stage in a stunning bouffant blond wig. Danny was sure hamming it up with the cast but we told Danny not to give up his day job.

"All in all a great trip, food was delicious and plentiful and a good time was had by all, especially this writer."

We are slowly gaining ground financially, due in great part to your officers and all residents who work with us, support our fund raising and travel with us, for which we are very grateful.

We hope to have another brochure out in January sometime, so look for it.

In the meantime, happy holidays to everyone and keep traveling with Travel Toppers. ☺



**German Club**  
Eleanor & Ernie Liebow

We are on the way to becoming an active club. Helmut Joks provided entertainment with his accordion. It was "ein gemuetlicher abend."

Our new officers are Ernie Liebow, president-elect; John Hodd, vice president; Gerhard Wicky, treasurer.

We decided there will be no meetings in June, July and August. We intend to have videos, stories and travel slides.

Our December 8 meeting will be a Christmas potluck dinner. Residents are invited to join. We are looking forward to a Christmas sing-along.

For more information call Hilde Waltman at 237-9620. Till next time, Auf Wiedersehen. ☺

**Fellowship Bible**  
Alice Geyer

We have celebrated our national day of Thanksgiving. We can have a life of "thanksgiving." Let's continue to live with thankful hearts for the blessings we have experienced throughout our lives. Sure, we have all had our troubles of one sort or another. We should surely always be thankful people.

Fellowship Bible Study would like to share our joy, merry hearts, and gladness with you.

We meet every Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 in the Crafts Building.

For more information call Mabel Johnson at 873-0642 or Alice Geyer at 237-3059. ☺



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**Clown Express**  
Ferrell Van Horn

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and is fast getting ready for Christmas. It seems like the days are just flying by.

Ocala Clown Express always gives donations at this time of year. This year we were just a little early with our giving due to Hurricane Katrina. We were pleased to give \$100 to Community with a Heart, an organization that helps anyone that has come to the Ocala area from the stricken area. We also gave \$100 to Katrina Animal Rescue Relief Shelter. These are animals that were left behind to fend for themselves during the storm. They were picked up by van and driven to Ocala where they are now getting wonderful care. Efforts are being made to find the dogs' owners. So far five dogs and three cats (all in one family) have been reunited with their owners, at the shelter's expense. We still will give to other worthy groups by the end of this year.

Hospice Center held its Hospice Bereavement for children at the center in Ocala and we were asked to help out again this year. We were there for the children and applied tattoos that were suggested by the members of Hospice. This was just for an hour, but we did get a few smiles from them and we were thrilled that we could help.

Druid United Methodist Church held its fall festival again this year and it was a wonderful success. This church holds this festival for all who would like to attend. We were so busy doing tattoos, face painting and balloon art that we didn't even realize that we were having a little shower (rain that is). They provided games of all types and food and drink. What a great time for all.

Trinity Lutheran Church invited us to come to the children's Sunday school and do some religious skits. This is a small church, but growing, and we really feel at home. They all enjoyed our skits and it went right along with their class for the day.

Ocala West Methodist Church held its Harvest Fest and we were there to bring smiles and laughter. Face painting, balloons and tattoos were keeping our clowns busy. They had a wonderful turnout and we had a great time.

Marion Woods Retirement Center was so much fun. They seemed to really enjoy all of the skits that we performed for them. Our bells still remain the big hit of the day. Now that we have more than 50 bells, most anywhere we go they all have a bell. It really does keep us hopping getting new music ready. After the performance we walked around and visited with all the residents and met some wonderful people.

Pine Run is always a fun place to visit. They are such a fun group and really do enjoy our skits, magic and bells. We are working on different things so the next time we can really fool them with our magic. They are always great when it comes to joining in some of our fun skits and tomfoolery.

Sweetwater Oaks is a senior community development and this was our first visit with them. We had a great time showing

them some of our skits, sharing the bells and visiting with as many as possible. Of course we always give out clown stickers.

Red Ribbon Day was held at the Ocala Police Department on Pine Street again this year and we were asked to join them again. We had children by the dozens. Our face painters were really moving quickly. The tattoo artists were busy and thank goodness we had enough clowns to keep the lines moving.

Ocala Light the Night was another huge success. It was held at the downtown square and everything was really hopping. Since we were the only clowns there we were sooooo busy. We thought that another group was coming and that would have relieved the load. But, "Little Women" came to the rescue. Little Women is an organization of teenage girls who volunteer their time and talents throughout the community. They really stepped up "big time" for us. They asked if they could help our group and of course we said yes. Now we had four face painters going full bore. Our count for applying tattoos and balloons came close to 400. What a night!

Romeo School in Dunnellon held its annual Halloween party again this year. Just a little different this time. We came in and they were all dressed in Halloween costumes, which made it so much more fun. Poor "Patch" had blisters by the time he made more than 350 balloon art animals. Our face painters did an outstanding job. "Dotsy" and "Petals" never stopped once until it was time to leave. Boy, are they good! The tattoo clowns weren't shabby either. Never saw fingers move so quickly. Fun time for all and looking forward to next year.

Trinity Lutheran Church held its first festival and I would say it was a big success. You name it and they had it for you. Ocala Clown Express was there to share balloon art, tattoos and face painting. Plus, with all the goodies to buy, "Petals" and "Cricket" came away with a bag full.

Kenny's Place is a nursery that helps young disabled adults learn about the nursery business. We joined them for their pizza party for Halloween, yummy! While we were there we applied tattoos, made balloon art and had a super time with the bells. We go there so often that we know most of the people and it makes the visit very special.

Wow! When we were asked to come to the Halloween party at the new Sheriff's department on S.R. 200 we had no idea we would have such a great time. They really did a superb job getting things just right. They had games for all ages and a wonderful DJ that really kept us on the move. For the first hour we were really pushed then another group of clowns came in and that relieved some of the pressure. In fact I met some nice clowns and had a great time with the "pumpkin" head doing some crazy dances. That's what the DJ called her, not "Dotsy" was a solid rock, never stopping or sitting down from her face painting from 5 until 9 p.m. That is above and beyond the call of "clowndom." All types of goodies were available, plus hot dogs and cokes. Even the sheriff had his face painted on both sides. What a good sport. Oh yes, I almost forgot the balloon artists. "Patch" and "Jet" were really busy and always had lines waiting for them. The tattoo clowns were always busy. Especially "Rosey Nosey" since "SweetPea" and "Cricket" would take off and do some of the dances. By the time they returned "Rosey" would have a line. Thanks to the Sheriff's department for a wonderful and safe Halloween.

If you have a few extra minutes and would like to join us, we would be delighted to show you the ropes of being a clown. We really do have a wonderful time and it makes you feel good all over. Call "Dotsy" a.k.a. Carol for more information. 873-9223. Keep Smiling, "Cricket." ☺



**D'Clowns**  
Paula Magen

Can you believe it's December already! D'Clowns continue to be busy.

The highlight of October was the Sheriff's Halloween party at the Litz building. Hundreds turned out and the weather was perfect for the little kids in their wonderful costumes. The DJ was fabulous and the dancing terrific. You should have seen our CoCo the clown shake those booties! There were many fun games and free hot dogs and sodas. Along with another clown group we were kept busy face painting, doing tattoos and balloon sculptures. The children loved the gummy worms, stickers and rings we handed out.

Prior to going to the Halloween party, D'Clowns made a stop at Publix to go through Brian's Haunted House. He did a fabulous job turning the stock room into dark winding tunnels with very scary characters, sound effects and strobe lighting. It was an experience that clowns Nelly Belly, CoCo, Rosey, Smiley and Sunflower will never forget.

Our own clown Nelly Belly (Eileen McGrath) did face painting for her church at

their Fall Festival. Way to go, Eileen!

Smiley (Florence Binder) was a comical red hat clown at the gala Red Hat luncheon. She was a hit with her tray of coffee and "rolls."

We joined the walkers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma fund-raiser.

Clowns BoBo and Clarence (Linda and Jerry Chase), the "Happy Wanderers," had an amazing five-month itinerary. It included 25 states, four Canadian provinces and three RV rallies across the United States. At the end of their trip they caught a military "hop" to Germany and visited five countries. All in all they traveled 13,000 miles and enjoyed seeing family and friends. What a trip!

We look forward to doing our monthly show for the Alzheimer's residents at Summerville (formerly Park Place). They are a warm and appreciative audience and we get a chance to do our skits, songs and magic.

Another huge event in November was Light Up Ocala in the downtown square. D'Clowns were there to face paint, do tattoos and balloons for the kids. Many hundreds attended as they lit thousands of lights on the trees in the square. An amazing sight!

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new member to D'Clowns, Ellen Richards (Ellie the clown) recently moved here from New Hampshire with her husband. She will be an asset to the group.

We will be scheduling more shows and walkabouts, especially during the holiday season. How nice to bring holiday cheer!

D'Clowns are a fun group who enjoy bringing smiles and laughter. We just know there's a clown inside you bursting to come out. We will help you with all the aspects of clowning. Join us at our meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center.

Call Paula at 873-3433. ☺



**Southern Club**  
Charlotte Hancock

The November Southern Club meeting was great. The array of food items was truly noteworthy with all the variations of food, salads and desserts. The turkey from Publix was excellent.

We want to welcome our new members John Martin, Barbara Pisani, Barbara Marsden, John Baxter and Bill and Nancy Cochran and returning club members Anne Seales, George and Tommie Engel. It is always good to see our club members and to welcome new ones.

AMAZING! That is truly what the Good Spirit Foundation of Citrus County represents.

It is a not-for-profit corporation. Sue and Ed Messer have spent 21 years of their

life into this wonderful foundation helping young people through a variety of services including a summer camp, family and individual counseling, opportunities in the steel band, job opportunity programs and scholarships for education. The Southern Club has truly enjoyed this group and hope to have them return again next year.

December 1 meeting/dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will be having ham and chicken. Club members and guests are asked to pay additional \$1 to cover the cost. Members and guests are asked to bring a dish relative to their Christmas dinner traditions.

Southern Club members remember to bring your present for the children. Please have them wrapped and marked for a boy or girl and their age. We will take these to the fire department for distribution to needy children for Christmas.

Entertainment will start at 7 p.m. The West Port High School chorus will perform for us and all the residents of On Top of the World and their guests are invited.

Recipe for the day:

#### Broccoli Casserole

4 cups broccoli (frozen or fresh)  
1 ounce pimiento (chopped)  
1 can celery or chicken soup  
1/4 cup sour cream

1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese  
Cook broccoli a little, then mix other ingredients together with the broccoli. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with cheese during the last 15 minutes. ☺

## Dance Committee hosts New Year's Eve

By MARILYN ROSE

The New Year's Eve Dance theme is "Welcome To Our World."

Can you believe it! 2006 is just around the corner and the Dance Committee presents its plans for the celebration.

The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 31, until 1 a.m. Sunday, January 1.

The band will be New Rhythm Kings. Cost is \$10 per person, \$20 per couple, with singles table available. Only four tickets per person with proof of residence will be sold for this particular dance.

Party favors, a midnight toast, and coffee and doughnuts after midnight will be

provided.

A cash bar will be available.

Tickets will go on sale starting on Monday, December 5, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 8 to 10 a.m. Sales will continue on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the same time and place until all the tickets are gone.

Dress is semi-formal, so get out your best duds and be glamorous.

Remember, this dance is for residents of On Top of the World and their overnight guests only. Join us for this traditional event.

For more information, please contact Gordy at 854-7981. ☺



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**Italian American Club**  
Fran Kostnik

The year is fast approaching the holiday season, be it Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanza. By the time you read this article, Thanksgiving will already be only a memory.

The club is preparing to celebrate the holidays with its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3 in the Ballroom. The party is always early to allow everyone ample time to attend. By the middle of the month, many are on their way to spend the holiday with family or meeting up with them to celebrate at Disney or on a cruise. Whichever it is, have a happy holiday.

There will be no club meeting in Decem-

ber because the party is only three days away; therefore, we invite all new comers who would like to join the club to attend the first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, January 4, at 3 p.m. in the Ballroom. Dues are only \$10 per person, which equates to \$1 per meeting for coffee/cold drink, doughnuts or Danish and entertainment—not a bad deal. Many are starting to think about vacation time next year so I thought I would give you a little information on the area around Rome.

While seeing Rome on a trip to Italy is an absolute must, it is prudent to visit some of the outlying areas. Civitavecchia (old city) is the main port for Rome and Central Italy. You take the main ferry line from here to reach the island of Sardinia.

This city dates back to the Second Century A.D. when it was founded by Emperor Trajan. The Porto di Tiano is still preserved in the center of this modern city and is a great attraction for tourists. The town flourished in Roman times and was a strongly fortified Papal State. A naval arsenal was begun in 1508. The residential castle was commissioned by Pope Paul III, designed by Donato Bramante and completed by Michelangelo in 1537. There is much to be seen here. Although the city was heavily damaged during World War II (remember, this is a valuable harbor city), it has been rebuilt and expanded since then. These small side trips can be very enlightening.

Don't forget. There is no club meeting in December. We'll see you at the party. Happy holidays to all. Ciao. ☺



Photo by Larry Resnick

**Off to the races: from left, Frank Palotta, Andy Zarella, Joe Navatnack, Jackie Palotta and Joe Askenase (back to camera who conducted horse race game).**



**Great Lakes Club**  
Aleta Klaras

During the November meeting of the Great Lakes Club, we enjoyed delicious pumpkin pie with tea and coffee. As the honored state this month, Minnesota members got to be first in line for refreshments.

There will be no meeting on our regular day in December as we will be celebrating at our Christmas party on December 13 at the Arbor Club instead. Our entertainment after the dinner will be the Summerfield Chorus.

Tickets for the dinner will be on sale in the Health & Recreation Ballroom every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except the Friday after Thanksgiving) and the cost is \$11. Our event is catered by Bruce.

Jim Chandler introduced Minnesota members who told where they were from and how long they have lived at On Top of the World. Vice president Rosemary Klosterman honored people with November birthdays and anniversaries.

We were entertained by Live from Chicago with great songs. Several members danced to the music and many joined in the line dance number.

Our entertainment at the January meeting will be Leonard from Ocala Story Telling Club. Michigan members will be honored. ☺



**New York/ New Jersey**  
Terry Zarrella

The "Saint" (a.k.a. my husband Andy) and I were in New York in October visiting our son and his family and we also attended our niece's wedding. Nothing like a New York wedding ... holy cow ... the only thing they didn't serve was breakfast. We also saw two Broadway plays, "The Producers" and "Sweet Charity." If it weren't for the 13.28 inches of rain it would have been perfect.

Don't complain about the traffic on S.R. 200 ... if you haven't been to New York lately, driving in Manhattan (in the rain), count your blessings. It was great getting back to Florida alive and to our wonderful On Top Of The World.

Our member of the month is Mary Anne Nabet. I picked November to spotlight Mar because it was 54 years ago on November 21 we met and became "life-long friends." They say a measure of a good friend is "someone you can tell your innermost thoughts

to and never hear them repeated." This is such a friend. We met in eighth grade and have been each other's confidante, counselor, shoulder to cry on, giggle and laugh with tears of joy and souls with one purpose. We have never fought or argued and have been there for each other for a lifetime. Today I thank Mary Anne for her sweetness and kindness and for always being there not only for me but also for anyone who has the pleasure of knowing her. She is a member of our club and volunteers whenever she is needed.

Tickets were sold for our Christmas/holiday party, which will be held on December 20 in the Ballroom at our regular scheduled time. If you didn't purchase a ticket for our buffet dinner (the price is \$10 per person), please contact me at 861-4947.

The party will be catered by Bruce and we will have two entrees. The music will be by Fay and Ray who were wonderful last year so we asked them back again this year. Santa will be at our party and lucky ticket holders will receive a gift.

If you haven't gotten your tickets for Tampa Downs scheduled for February 7, please contact Fanny Baldacchini at 873-4255.

Several members are not dropping their badges off at the end of the meeting. Please be sure to drop them off in the badge box at the end of our meetings.

If you are a new resident from New York or New Jersey and want to join our club and need any information, please do not hesitate to call me. My phone number is mentioned above.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. I, for one, had a lot to be thankful for and I hope you did also. Now go gift wrap the Christmas presents ... until next month ... stay well. ☺



**Pennsylvania Club**  
Pat Utiss

The November meeting of the Pennsylvania Club was a covered dish dinner. Once again the good cooks from Pennsylvania came through in grand style, as the offerings were plentiful and delicious. Pete and Binky Maas, houseguests of Ray and Pat Utiss, were introduced. They had also been houseguests at the time the Pennsylvania Club was first organized in February 2000. The ironic part of this story is, when they attended the meeting in February 2000, they won a 50/50 prize and they also won a 50/50 prize at this meeting.

Tickets were on sale for the Pennsylvania Club Christmas party. This party will be held Wednesday, December 14, at 5 p.m. at the Golden Corral on State Road 200 in Ocala. Tickets are \$10 per person. You must have a ticket purchased from us to attend. If you were not at the November meeting, tickets are available by calling 861-2831. Tickets will also be on sale in the ballroom from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on December 5, 7, 9 and 12. ☺



**American Jewish Club**  
Erwin Fluss

Hanukkah originates from the remembrance of the Maccabees' victory after three years struggle by defeating the tyrannical Syrians in 165 BC. The Jews of Judea cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem, destroyed the Syrian idols and rededicated the Temple to God. They found a small amount of oil to light their lamps but miraculously it lasted for eight days. Their leader, Judah Maccabee, proclaimed a festival to be observed.

In celebration during Hanukkah, gifts are exchanged, charity given and each evening an additional candle is lit for eight days.

Our Jewish Club will meet on December 18 at 2 p.m. and we will enjoy some desserts and see a Hanukkah movie starring Theodore Bikel. In January a feast including lox and bagels is planned.

Our information and goodwill lady, Dorothy Bresky, invites you to call her, but please only after 4 p.m. at 854-0284.

The club invites all members of the Jewish community and their spouses to join us. ☺



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Bernie Caringe is in the back row on the far right, playing the bass, in Mechanicsville, N.Y., in 1938.

#### Bernie Caringe

When Bernie Caringe was 14, he saw a bass violin for the first time and in it—his future. Although he'd played violin for years, the sheer size of the instrument took his breath away; he had to have a bass viol.

It was the 1930s and new sounds were entering Big Bands—notably saxophones and bass viols. Two years later, a lad 16 years old, Bernie replaced a bass musician in Frankie Carle's band. Carle was the songwriter who composed "Sunrise Serenade," which later became Glenn Miller's signature song. Letting someone as young as Bernie travel with a band may seem a tad reckless to today's protective parents who sometimes follow their kids to college, but it was the middle of the Great Depression, and jobs and money were hard to come by.

Later Bernie would form his own band, The Royal Vagabonds, which began with seven instruments and grew to 11. During these years he met many famous musicians including Preacher Rollo, Bob Eberle and Louis Armstrong, who said to Bernie,



In the Spotlight  
Pat Wellington

"You're white, but you play like a black man."

Despite his growing reputation as a mu-

sician, Bernie would have to put his career on hold, as gathering war clouds would have him joining the Navy. A gunner's mate on the battleship USS Nevada, he would find himself in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

That morning, he recalls, he was preparing for a softball game with some of the crew from the USS West Virginia when the Japanese attacked. The Nevada survived but would spend four months stateside being repaired. Then it was back to the Pacific to reclaim from the Japanese one island after another, including Okinawa.

After the war Bernie married his childhood sweetheart, Helen, whom he'd known since kindergarten. And he began a new career with Chevrolet, climbing so fast in the company that at 24 he was the youngest man to have his own dealership—in Mechanicsville, New York—and the top salesman for all of General Motors.

Five years ago, Helen, a gifted organist, died. They had been married for 63 years and Bernie was devastated by his loss. In



Bernie Caringe still plays his Czech-made bass viol.

his large living room in Crescent Ridge, Helen's beautiful Hammond organ sits beside Bernie's Czech-made bass viol.

But Bernie was not destined to be alone for long. Two years ago at Citgo's Subway a chance encounter with a charming widow, Irene Pazula, changed his life. Her interest in music turned out to be as keen as his own, and today they travel to one concert after another. "We're having a ball," he says. ☺



Meeting the Neighbors  
BJ Leckbee

#### Hans Westerkamp

Born in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia), raised and educated in Holland, Hans Westerkamp has lived an international life. His early childhood included time in Japanese concentration camps, a return to Indonesia, and a later escape from Indonesia during time of political turmoil. These events significantly influenced his philosophy of life and his career choices.

The elementary school system in Holland consists of six grades, then students are tested before being selected to continue to high school. Hans followed this path, and simultaneously participated in sports, with emphasis on track and field and soccer.

Unlike intramural sports in the United States, in Holland and throughout Europe these activities are organized not through the schools but by outside clubs. One advantage to this system, Hans believes, is that children meet their counterparts from

other schools and become teammates with them. The clubs compete at different levels by age, with players paying their own expenses and the club providing a coach, whose compensation comes from club membership dues.

Hans was successful enough to compete internationally for his club, and also to compete in soccer in the Olympics—not once, but three times.

After high school he qualified for a special school for physical education and got his PhD in that major. For competition he remained an amateur. After college he fulfilled his compulsory two-year military obligation and then obtained a government job that would allow him the time to continue competing and to simultaneously coach track and field.

Eventually, tennis became his sport of choice, and Hans says, "At that time not much conditioning was done for sports, but track and field sports are the basis of movement for any sport. After someone asked me to condition him and coach his footwork for tennis, I started competing in that sport and I loved it! And my student became Dutch national champion the following year."

Professionally, Hans' traumatic early years in concentration camps led him toward wanting to help at-risk children, and he became assistant director of a juvenile prison. He obtained a degree in pedagogics and worked to change the juvenile court system in Holland. After some success in that field, he took steps to fulfill his desire to come to America. He was told he would have to wait 13 years, as he'd been born in Indonesia, and immigration quotas for natives of Indonesia were smaller than those for Holland. His wife would have had to wait only seven years.

Good luck came his way, and Hans'



Hans Westerkamp

unique background provided him with a job offer to run a child welfare agency in Boston. His ability to fill this need allowed him to immigrate quickly and begin working with at-risk children in this country. One of his first professional concerns was that "the children were held in a caged waiting area in the local courthouse." He worked hard to change that and, to boost his professional credentials, obtained an American PhD. As a college professor he taught students to become childcare counselors. "Helping people has been the big goal of my life," Hans says.

While all this was happening he coached the Boston College soccer team and track and field teams. He is credited with starting the women's soccer team at Boston College. As this was before Title IX was passed to

encourage women's sports, he used some of his own dollars to start the program.

In 1980 Hans found himself back in tennis after a relative asked for help. He had learned during his earlier experiences to fit the training to the person. He believes that each person is unique, and that individuals communicate through their personalities as well as their physical movements. He applied this philosophy to the training program, and his student, in less than two years, became ranked No. 1 in New England. More success followed and he found himself coaching seven of the 11 top female players in New England. "I did it for nothing," he remembers. "I did a lot of things for nothing. I just wanted to help."

Professional promotions caused Hans to spend time managing a staff, fund raising and politicking—not his favorite things to do. He eventually started several tennis schools and supplemented his income through these ventures while still playing the sport he loves.

His work as a therapist for inner-city children continued during these years, and his passion in this field continues.

In 1993 a heart attack that required surgery changed Hans' life. Other surgeries followed, and, while he continues to teach tennis on a very limited basis, he finds himself laughing more. "I even laugh on the tennis court now," he states.

For a short time he is working with On Top of the World's tennis committee to set up a tennis program. However, he sees that as short-term, and plans to let someone else take over.

In December, his wife, "the most important part of my life" will retire and leave Connecticut to join Hans in On Top of the World. He is practically counting the days, and it sounds as though he may retire for real at that time. ☺



Members of the Unique Birders saw this cluster of vultures on a field trip to Withlacoochee River in October.



Birders' Beat  
Jane Callender

Mary and Dave Carter gave the October presentation to the Unique Birders. It was a very interesting video, including many types of ducks, vultures, hawks and falcons. Also chicken-like birds, such as quail. The many species of birds are unending.

Polly Farineau organized our October field trip—a tour on the Withlacoochee River with Captain Mike. We encountered our first birds before boarding the boat. At least 24 black vultures on dead trees hovered above the river. The brilliant blue sky behind the black birds created a fascinating sight!

In November, Jeannie Konicki

from the Ocala Audubon Society gave the program. Greg Guidas was at this meeting to give us information for the Christmas Bird Count on December 16. (More about these activities in January.)

There was no field trip in November due to Thanksgiving.

The next regular meeting will be December 20 in Suite H at the Arbor Club Conference Center. For further information please call Roberta Campbell at 854-4814, or me, at 861-2983.

The Bird of the Month is everyone's neighborhood resident, the Mourning Dove.

The name comes from its mournful cooing. It is a smooth fawn-colored bird with a gray patch on the head; iridescent pink and green around the neck. It has black spots on wings and tail. The tail is wedge shaped with white edges. The pale ring around the eyes easily identifies this dove.

The Mourning Dove mates for life, roughly seven to 10 years. The male and female build a rough platform nest of twigs, with two broods per year. The incubation period is 12 to 14 days. The male incubates during the day and the female at night. Parents feed the young a regurgitated liquid called crop-milk the first few days of life.

The Mourning Dove is a non-migrator in Florida. ☺

# See Europe In Your Own Car Leipzig To The 'Leventh Tee



Photo by Hank Claterbos

Rococo altar of the Klosterkirche in Neuzelle, Germany.

By HANK CLATERBOS

In the early 1800s Napoleon Bonaparte knew the difficulties of the Erzgebirge (ore mountains) as well as the freedom to move through the rolling hills east of Leipzig. We, too, struggled on narrow roads through hill and dale to lunch with an ex-au pair in Limbach-Oberfrohna on our way to Leipzig. With time being of the essence to reach Radefeld, north of Leipzig, the locals espoused the Autobahn to the northeast, which added miles but trimmed time from the journey. Once again we were bitten by Montag Ruhetag (closed on Monday) - no innkeeper to greet us upon arrival. Contact was finally made and we learned that since our "reservations" two months earlier there was now no place at the inn, but "follow me". What a blessing in disguise! We were led to a picturesque, old, walled farm/stable complex converted into a short and long-term bed and breakfast complex by a geological engineer and his spouse. For an evening repast, a hop and a skip away, dinner was served personally by the innkeeper of a small pension, which catered to technicians visiting the nearby Porsche assembly plant. The excellent fare, price and genial host led us to enjoy all our dinners here while in Leipzig.

First on the agenda the next morning was the Völkerschlachtdenkmal, a publicly subscribed memorial to the thousands of soldiers who perished during the Battle of the Nations. A three-day episode in October 1813 which resulted in the largest battle of the Napoleonic Wars and concluded with the defeat of Napoleon and his allies by the combined armies of Austria, Russia, Prussia and Sweden. Over 600,000 troops were involved and estimates place the dead over 100,000. The memorial was directed toward those fallen, not to the victory. Consequently, the massive structure is somber in tone and achieves the reflective mood of its builders who sought a lasting peace one hundred years after the battle. In contrast, Leipzig has a vibrant and modern tone which mirrors the mood of the city fathers who managed to put their community in the running for the 2012 Summer Olympics. This strong stance toward the future has not dimmed the importance of the past such as J. S. Bach's song writing, organ pounding and choir leading during the 1820s in the Thomaskirche and Thomasschule, subterranean dining in Auerbach's Keller, or Saxony's coffee heritage preserved at the Coffee Baum (Coffee tree) Museum. Wednesday we opted to explore

Halle and Merseburg to the west of Leipzig and perambulated around the local castle and associated church whose architect had a penchant for extending a dragon-headed gutter several meters into the court yard - who knows why. Returning east we drove about the cobble stoned streets observing the recent reconstruction and seeking lunch at a location suggested by the innkeeper. Luck was with us again. Driving up to the restaurant, we observed ladies in their best bib and tucker plus the gentlemen in business attire in attendance, which caused us to shy away. Instead we happened upon a delightful piece of Greece on the edge of a swimming spa, in Lindenthal, a suburb. Nearby, on the first day of the Battle of the Nations, Prussian General Blücher defeated the French forces under Marshal Ley - Lindenthal anchored the Prussian right flank.

One of this area's claims to fame is the vast Braunkohle (lignite) fields, which currently produce about one-fourth of Germany's electricity. Unbeknownst to us, the local open-pit mines had been closed several years ago and simultaneously the huge rotary bucket excavators were disassembled and retired. Margitta noted on her map that the world's largest "Schaufelrad" (shovel wheel) resided near our B&B. Off we went traveling from two-lane asphalt to single-lane cobble stones to a seldom used dirt farm road to follow the "Schaufelrad" signs into a field of grain. There we found the key parts of a lignite mining machine set in concrete with the 55.25 foot diameter rotary bucket digging wheel as the centerpiece. Alone it weighs 190 tons and it appears grotesque standing on the edge of

a field in the middle of nowhere. The parent excavator and associated loading conveyors weighed 9,000 tons and could mine 262,000 cubic yards of lignite per day. Machines of equal capability still work in the area south of Leipzig.

On the last day of June we continued east through the southern edge of Berlin along Napoleon's ill-fated route to Russia almost two hundred years ago. At 75 miles an hour we covered more ground in a few hours than the Grand Arme'e accomplished in a few weeks. Our objective was Neuzelle close to the River Oder and the Polish border where an ancient relative founded a home for destitute women one hundred years ago. Another walled-in farm home provided our food and shelter in Treppeln eight miles west of the Klosterkirche and Brauerei overlooking the Oder. July ushered in its entry into 2005 with intermittent heavy rain, which did not dampen our enjoyment of the brewery established in 1589. The adjoining Kloster was simple on the outside but the interior was rococo garish as are most south German churches of that era. By this time the rain had ceased assuring the mandatory photo session for a bridal couple and their wedding photographer. Concurrently, we were joined in the Kloster garden for coffee and cake by the local lady spearheading the restoration of the ancient relative's sanctuary for whom Margitta had several old family photos.

On the morrow we skirted the north side of Berlin and fought the Saturday traffic to Hamburg and the trip's final visit to the hometown. Friends and relatives missed

going south were included on our short visitation along the Elbe for a couple days as we repacked for the flight to the eleventh tee. Except for crossing from Denmark to Sweden over, rather than on, the water and a few miles more on the Swedish Autobahn, our delivery of the Volvo to the point of acquisition was uneventful. With 4,400 miles on the odometer we relinquished our trusty vehicle to the friendly personnel at the delivery center who arranged for our last road trip to the Landvetter Airport and Hotel for Wednesday's flight to the States. Shipment of the car to the dealer in Tarpon Springs would take about six weeks, which meant we would not see it again until our return from Alaska about October 1st. For a change, our flight path took us to Tampa where it was a breeze to pick up luggage and rental car in record time for our early evening drive home to the 11th tee.

It may be difficult for us to repeat "See Europe in your own car" - I am sure Volvo would be ecstatic, but our exchequer would have a tantrum supreme. As a one-time occurrence, though, it was GREAT.

You should try it! Any questions? 🌐



From Page 11: Martha Evans

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## Table Tennis

Dorothy Link

The 2005 Senior Games are over but our table tennis players who participated in the games are still glowing ... and for a very good reason! Nine On Top of the World players traveled to Gainesville to compete against players from several Florida counties and from other states including Arkansas. We missed our On Top of the World friends and cheerleaders, our tournament tables and nets, and a very important fact, the safe area of the On Top of the World neighborhood. We thank the organizers of the table tennis competition in Gainesville, Matt and Laurie. They were very accommodating and handled the games very well.

Our proud winners enjoyed the competition and came back with a load of gold, silver and bronze medals. Our nine participating players competed in different age

brackets.

Ray Jask, our private coach from Spruce Creek Preserve, won gold medals in mixed doubles and men's doubles and a silver in singles. Lucy Davis, the president of our club, won three golds in mixed doubles, ladies doubles and singles. Ruth Lack, our treasurer, also won three golds in mixed doubles, ladies doubles and singles. Uncha Yoo won two golds, one in singles and one in ladies doubles.

Penny Wilson won a gold in singles, a gold in ladies doubles and a silver in mixed doubles. Dick Birkheimer won a gold in mixed doubles and a bronze in singles. Dick Marshall won a gold in mixed doubles. Jim Lynam won a silver in mixed doubles, a silver in men's doubles and a bronze in singles. Gary Engelbert won two silver medals in men's doubles, because he was asked to play in two different age brackets to help a player who did not have a registered partner.

All of these accomplishments by a small club like ours with a total of 42 members, show that percentage-wise, On Top of the World Table Tennis Club members were



**On Top of the World Table Tennis players competed in the Florida Senior Games in Gainesville. They are, from left: Gary Engelbert, Ruth Lack, Jim Lynam, Penny Wilson, Ray Jask, Lucy Davis, Uncha Yoo, Dick Birkheimer and Dick Marshall.**

able to bring home more medals than any other club in On Top of the World. We certainly hope that On Top of the World management will give some consideration to assigning a place somewhere in the community where we can play table tennis on a daily basis. With a room assigned to table tennis, the players will improve their game

and will be encouraged to participate in future competition.

Join us! Bring your own paddle. We play Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 1 p.m. If you are interested in joining the club, please call Lucy Davis 854-0911. We will be happy to see more new players. ☺



## Friendship Amateur Radio

Ed Brendle

Several issues were discussed at the November meeting of the Friendship Amateur Radio Club. The FARC Web site continues to show the club's newsletter, treasurer's report and secretary's meeting minutes.

The FARC's Club Call is K4FRC. It was noted that the FARC's scholarship fund, initiated by Don and Elizabeth Hatfield, KE4PMB, needed some refinement regarding specifics, and these were addressed and resolved.

The FARC will hold its annual Christmas

luncheon on December 13 at Bella Luna.

Discussions then took place regarding a member's equipment problem and were addressed by the membership. Further discussions, prompted by questions from Doug Morick, W3NNT, about the Web site initiated some suggestions as to methods of simplifying and making the Web site more "user friendly."

John Wolter, KE4RRM, has a TenTec Radio station for sale. Anyone interested may call him at 854-3988.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 12. All members are urged to attend and bring a guest.

The FARC is open to all "Hams" and their families. If you are interested, and not currently licensed, the FARC has instructors who can assist in teaching both Morse Code and theory to help you earn your license.

The FARC meets at the West State Road 200 Sheriff's Auxiliary Station the second Monday of each month. We have members who offer their expertise in radio and computers. The club newspaper and notices inform members of the club's many activities.

In addition, the FARC has a 2-meter net that meets on Monday at 4 p.m. on 145.170 MHz (except for Monday of the monthly meeting), and a CW net on Tuesday at 7 p.m. on 21.145 MHz.

For more information, call Ed Brendle, KA1INC, at 873-4354. ☺



## R/C Ladybirds

Carolyn Mallard

For our November meeting, the Ladybirds invited Raoul Mojica, a licensed massage therapist from the MRMC Lifetime Centers. Mr. Mojica spoke to the Ladybirds about maintaining good health through such simple things as regular exercise and good eating habits. Also, a few Ladybirds enjoyed a demonstration of Mr. Mojica's

massage therapy techniques geared toward particular muscular aches and general good health.

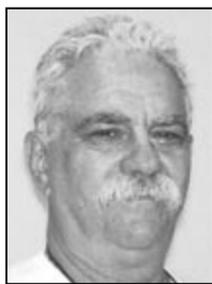
Continuing their objectives for camaraderie and adventure, the Ladybirds have traveled to the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort in Howey-In-The-Hills, enjoying a scrumptious lunch topped off by a trip to the Lakeridge Winery in Clermont. To get into the holiday spirit, a gift exchange and luncheon at Candler Hills Golf Club on December 9 and a cookie exchange on December 18 have been scheduled.

The Ladybirds are looking forward to the new year and plans are being made to visit the Butterfly Exhibit in Gainesville in January.

Joining the Ladybirds at the November meeting were Mary Balchunas from Colorado and Phyllis Gaddy from Oklahoma. In October we welcomed six new Ladybirds: Diane Asner, Lorraine Brokhof, Jean Jarmel, Jeanette Lundy, Karen Nace, and Shirley Shellman.

A hearty welcome to all of our new On Top of the World neighbors.

Happy holidays to all On Top of the World residents and our neighbors in Ocala. ☺



## Social Club

Mort Meretsky

sure you that it will almost never happen again.

Our next afternoon of poker and blackjack will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, December 16, at the Arbor Conference Center.

This will also be a good time for paying your dues for 2006. If you're not yet a member, come on down on the 16th and join. Our dues are still \$10 for the year. We always start the new year with our annual Super Bowl Party in the Ballroom. We have a chicken dinner and we all have a great time.

So come on over on the 16th and see our meritorious dean of membership, Professor Bob Tarpley. You may also call the Dean if you have any questions at 854-4027.

On behalf of the board I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

See y'all on the 16th. ☺

First let me apologize for missing getting the column in for last month's paper. I as-

## Stephanie's Computer Tip for December

By STEPHANIE ROHDE

### How to speak with a human

Nothing can be more frustrating than to dial a telephone number of a company with whom you do business, and then be forced to deal with the "press this, and press that" syndrome, which often goes on for minutes, many times never listing a choice that even closely fits your particular situation (even though their menu options have recently changed); and then for whatever reason you get disconnected.

Various well-intentioned lists are appearing on Web sites to help; but a typical problem with these lists is that some of the numbers and steps work and some of them clearly do not. And, the numbers listed are not always geographically oriented, like specifically for Ocala, Fla. Therefore I am starting an Ocala list of numbers that reach a human directly—or at least within seconds rather than minutes or hours. Here's an example—for those who occasionally need to speak with a human regarding Technical Support for Road Runner, if you are not already aware, you have an alternative to the usual 245-2408 number. Try dialing 1-407-215-5751. When the call is answered, press 1. Yes, there is a long distance charge if you are a Sprint telephone subscriber; there are no long distance charges if you are a Brighthouse digital phone subscriber.

If anyone would like to submit similar numbers to me for various businesses, financial institutions, etc. to be included on this list (which will eventually be on my Web site), please first verify the company name, the appropriate telephone number, and all steps necessary to get to a human and please e-mail this to me at: [www.endtheclutter.com](mailto:www.endtheclutter.com).



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## OTOW Computer Classes

December — April 2006

Course	Day & Time	Dates	Place	Instructor
Basic Computer	Tuesday 1-2:20 p.m.	Dec 6	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer	Monday 1-2:20 p.m.	Jan 9	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer	Tuesday 1-2:20 p.m.	April 18	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Maintenance	Friday 1-2:20 p.m.	Dec 9	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Maintenance	Tuesday 1-2:20 p.m.	Jan 10	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer II	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	Jan 11	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer II	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	April 19	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Purchasing	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	Dec 7	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Purchasing	Monday 1-2 p.m.	Feb 13	Arbor Club (Room TBA)	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Internet	Monday 1-2:20	Dec 5	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Internet	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	March 1	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Word Processing	Thursday 1-2:20 p.m.	Dec 8	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Word Processing	Thursday 1-2:20 p.m.	March 2	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde

**BASIC COMPUTER** — If you're new to computers, want to begin a fascinating journey or have never purchased a computer, this first class is perfect for you. In a very understandable fashion, you'll be introduced to hardware, software, and terminology that will allow you to speak the language. You'll learn exactly what you need - equipment and connections (ISP). Find out what the computer can do for you. Informative, understandable, interesting, and fun. Minimum 6 students, Maximum 8 students; \$25 per person.

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**BASIC INTERNET** — This course is designed for those who are familiar with a computer and mouse. Learn how to differentiate an e-mail from an instant message (IM), about chat rooms, newsgroups and Web surfing. Learn the meaning of browsers, favorites, bookmarks, and search engines. Explore various web sites and how to make safe on-line purchases. Know how "on-line banking" and "bill-paying on-line" differ. Minimum 6 students, Maximum 8 students; \$25 per person.

**BASIC WORD PROCESSING** — Via Microsoft Word teaches you opening, closing, save vs. save as, views, page set-up, shortcuts, print and print preview, print, clipboard, tables, table of contents, fonts, headers and footers, page numbers, page break, symbols, bullets, numbering lists and more. Your computing becomes more advanced, efficient and actually simpler. Minimum 6 students, Maximum 8 students; \$25 per person.

**COMPUTER PURCHASING** — This class is designed for individuals who are familiar with a computer and mouse especially if you are planning on buying a computer soon. You'll learn purchasing tips on what, how, why and where to buy the items you need to become "computer savvy." This class will also introduce you to the concept of connecting computers, better known as "Networking." By being an informed computer consumer, you'll save time and money. Minimum 6 students, Maximum 8 students; \$25 per person.

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**POET'S CORNER**  
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**Santa Needs A Well-Earned Rest**

ANNETTE SHARPE

Dear Santa, after Christmas,

You'll need a well-earned rest,  
So, come on down to Florida  
And be our special guest.  
You can sleep 'til noon, see some sights,  
And, play golf when you're free,  
And, if you follow my advice,  
You'll keep your anonymity.  
We'll have to call you Bob or Joe.  
All your other names most folks know.  
Listen, don't wear too much red.  
Wear something touristy instead.  
A plaid shirt and baggy shorts  
Are clothing you might choose,

With a baseball cap worn backwards,  
And beat up tennis shoes.  
Always have a camera on your shoulder,  
And, carry a sightseeing folder.  
Don't laugh heartily, with a Ho, Ho, Ho.  
That makes your belly jiggle so.  
Don't let your eyes twinkle and be merry.  
That might make some folks worry.  
Perhaps, you'd better wear some shades  
And keep those eyes under cover,  
For, if folks see the twinkle there,  
They'll think that you're a lover.  
Don't be quite so jolly,  
Or they'll think you're up to folly.  
You can be somewhat boisterous and loud  
So you'll fit into our crowd.  
Be happy, but don't be bolder,  
After all, we're all getting older.  
When you use the pool,  
Wear a hair net on your beard,  
And, bathing caps are requested.  
You can return to the North Pole again,  
Once you're thoroughly rested.

**How Blessed is Christmas**

HAZEL EHLE

Christmas Eve is finally here  
The carolers singing praise  
Children now so very good  
Especially these last days.

All the stores will soon be closed  
Crowds now thinning out  
People anxious to be home  
The Christmas spirit all about.

Outside the snow is falling  
Covering the ground pure white  
Trimming trees and bushes all around  
So glorious is this night.

Pews at churches filled  
Beautiful singing from the choir  
So hallowed this time of year  
Of which we never tire.

We feel so blessed at Christmas  
Bowing our heads in prayer  
Rejoicing in our savior's love  
With the joy of Christmas everywhere

When the wisemen followed the star  
That was shining so bright.  
To where our dear savior was born  
On that long ago Christmas night.



**Theater Group**  
Vivian Brown

As the days dwindle down to a precious few before the opening of our show, as president I want to take this time to tell the officers, directors, cast, stage crew, stage managers, artists, painters, prop persons, prompter, door men, usherettes, usher, ticket sellers and costume mistress how very, very proud I am of each and every one of you for the time, effort and hard work you all put into making it a success.

No one could ask for more than that and I just can't help feeling it will be great. I hope I'm right! By the time you read this the show will have closed and I will report on how it all went next month.

Our Christmas party will be Monday, December 12, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites F and G, from 3 to 7 p.m.. Dinner will be catered by Bruce. The cost is \$7 per person for members and the cost for non-members is \$14.50 per person.

A cash bar will be available. Pat Benson is chairperson and Shirley Coe will be contacting our members and collecting the money. All members and their guests are welcome to come. Besides the good food and fellowship there will be entertainment. The holidays are a great time to spread peace, love and laughter so let it begin with us. See you all there.

There will be no regular meeting in December.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, January 9, Suite D of the Arbor Conference Center at 2:30 p.m. This will be an important meeting as we will be making plans for our spring show which will be March 31 and April 1. If you want some input, please be there.

Happy holidays, everyone! ☺



**Harmonichords**  
Betty Barney

We still have our practice every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. but instead of the Arbor Club Ballroom we are in the meeting room at the end of the building.

We have several new members and hope to have many more by the time this year is over. We welcome all who wish to join us and think you will have an enjoyable time.

It is gratifying to play at the various nursing homes, etc., and to see the look on their faces when we play the old familiar songs. They really enjoy the old hymns, which are known from childhood. They bring back pleasant memories and that's what it is all about.

We also play for other organizations—nothing too small or too large. We love them all.

Come one, come all and join us at the Arbor Club on Tuesday mornings. We look forward to seeing you and know you will have a fun time. ☺



**Square Dancing**  
Ellen Everhart

The Circle Squares Dance Club has been visiting several other clubs in our area this month. There was a banner raid at Ocala Palms and at Prestige 55 Squares. We also made a trip to The Villages for a square dance clothing sale at the Orange Blossom Squares. After the sale several of us danced with them at their regular dance. It is always fun to see other dancers we've met and enjoy dancing to their callers.

Our Advanced-1 dance lessons have been canceled from lack of attendance. However, our "Dancing by Design" lessons are mak-

ing a big hit with local dancers. Meanwhile, our regular mainstream dance lessons are very well attended. We have what I believe is the largest class of aspiring dancers we have ever had at our club. Everyone seems to be enjoying the lessons and many of our experienced dancers are there to help the newcomers.

Our Pre-New Year's Eve Dance will be coming up on December 30 at the Arbor Club at 7 p.m. Expect a fun dance with snacks and goodies. February 15 will be our Valentine's Dance, also at the Arbor Club and at the same time. Invite your special Valentine for a sweet valentine experience.

Don't forget to consult our Web site, www.lonligon.com, to find out all about current events at our club. Go to the page for the Circle Squares. You will find the latest newsletter with all our planned dances and special activities. Any changes to the above mentioned schedule of dances and lessons should be listed there.

Happy Squares to each of you and keep on dancing! ☺



**Sunshine Singers**  
Betty Barney

We are now busy getting together a Christmas program, which we will be presenting to many groups.

We are practicing every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Health & Recreation building.

Also our "uniform" has changed from yellow to red shirts, still the white pants. This is more in keeping with the holiday season. We are also using the red binder, which contains our Christmas music.

We were honored to sing at the Veterans Day service, which took place in front of the H&R building near the flagpole on November 11. It was a lovely and moving occasion. Our own Bob sang the "Star Spangled Banner"—beautiful. Many of us get a "catch" in our throats and a tear in our eye when "Taps" is played and this was no different.

In December we will be singing at Park Place, Hampton Gardens, and CFCC in their new building. I imagine there will be many more engagements before the year is over.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. ☺

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# Card Clubs & Games

## Monday Afternoon Bridge

Lothar & Ruth Lack

We have a friendly bridge game going on Monday afternoon and invite anybody who likes to play bridge to join us. For information, call 237-0965.

**October 17**  
1. Shirley Stolly & Jayne Kaske. 2. Joan Lord & Mary Carol Geck. 3. Agnes LaSala & Katy Wood. 4. Robert Buchan & Phyllis Bressler.

**October 24**  
1. Betty Morris & Fran Griswold. 2. Ida Rosendahl & Carol Tompson. 3. Sara Anderson & Gar Terheide. 4. Ruth & Lothar Lack.

**October 31**  
1. Mary Carol Geck & Jane Kasky. 2. Ellen Horman & Mazie Milward. 3. Ruth & Lothar Lack. 4. Fran Griswold & Betty Morris

**November 7**  
1. Edith & Bill Hunter. 2. Mary Carol Geck & Doris Keathley 3. Eleanor Giardina & Geri Cassens. 4. Agnes LaSala & Kay Wood.

## Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Agnes LaSala  
& Shirley Johnson

**October 4**  
1. Eleanor Giardina & Geri Cassens 2. Gar Terheide & Mildred Lane 3. Ruth & Lothar Lack 4. Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly

**October 11**  
1. Gar Terheide & Shirley Johnson 2. Ruth & Lothar Lack 3. Elsie Helwig & Kay Wood 4. Geri Cassens & Eleanor Giardina

**October 18**  
1. Marcie Guerrein & Lee Sheffer 2. Shirley Johnson & Gar Terheide 3. Geri Cassens & Eleanor Giardina 4. Myra Butler & Betty Barney

**October 25**  
1. Shirley Johnson & Gar Terheide 2. Lynn & Ray Dietz 3. Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly 4. Agnes La Sala & Carl Woodbury

## Tuesday Night Duplicate

Bill Raines

We welcome new duplicate bridge players to our game. For more information, or to find a partner, call 873-0073. Last month's winners are listed below.

**October 18**  
1. Marjorie & Bruce Benton 2. Ida & Bill Carlson 3. Ida Rosendahl & Dorie Swanson 4. Doug Miller & Ernie Lord 5. Betty & Bill Raines

**October 25**  
1. Marjorie & Bruce Benton 2. Jerry Chase & Joe O'Brien 3. Betty & Bill Raines 4. Jean Vaughn & Liz Milleson 5. Ida & Bill Carlson

**November 1**  
1. Jerry Chase & Joe O'Brien 2. Jayne Kaske & Betty Raines 3. Ruth & Harry Tindall 4. Doug Miller & Ernie Lord 5. Joan Lord & Nel Bosschaart

**November 8**  
1. Margie & Don Hink 2. Betty & Bill Raines 3. Ida Rosendahl & Dorie Swanson 4. Doris Keathley & Mary Carol Geck 5. Doug Miller & Ernie Lord

## Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Fran Griswold

We are in the midst of our inner club tournament. We have had the good luck of having several people, who did not sign up, to play. Sometimes circumstances prevent players from coming every Wednesday. It is good to see Jan Moon coming back to On Top of the World and also Bernie Kelly, our winter resident from Chicago, has returned.

Because of the generosity of On Top of the World people we had a trunk filled with good items for the Rape Crisis Spouse Abuse Center. It is truly a blessing to live in this country so we show our thanks by sharing.

We meet every Wednesday for bridge at 12:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

**October 19**  
1. Flo Penn 5000 2. Ann Mahoney 3. Ruth Goldstine 4. Mary Culberson  
Cons: Marion Wade

**October 26**  
1. Mary Culberson 4950 2. Pat Holmes 3. Ann Mahoney 4. Esther Lang  
Cons: Jane Frost

**November 2**  
1. Renee Cahill 4396 2. Betty Frantz 3. Shirley Stolly 4. Bill Mahoney  
Cons: Fran Griswold

**November 9**  
1. Shirley Stolly 5090 2. Esther Lang 3. Fran Griswold 4. Stinson Frantz  
Cons: Pat Goltart

## Wednesday Night Duplicate

Doris Keathley

**October 12**  
1. Harry & Ruth Tindall 2. Jerry Chase & Mary Carol Geck 3. Don & Margie Hink 4. Bill & Betty Raines

**October 19**  
1. Bill & Betty Raines 2. Harry & Ruth Tindall 3. Bill & Ida Carlson 4. Doug Miller & Mary Carol Geck

**October 26**  
1. Bill & Ida Carlson 2. Doug Miller & Mary Carol Geck 3. Doris Keathley & Ida Rosendahl

**November 2**  
1. Bruce Benton & Dorie Swanson 2. Marjorie Benton & Nel Bosschaart 3. Don & Margie Hink 4. Harry & Ruth Tindall

**November 9**  
1. Doug Miller & Mary Carol Geck 2. Marjorie Benton & Nel Bosschaart 3. Ernie & Joan Lord



## Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Elsie Helwig

**October 6**  
1. Marion Wade 2. Delores Conrad 3. Marcie Guerrein

**October 13**  
1. Mazie Millward 2. Marcie Guerrein 3. Phyllis Bressler

**October 20**  
1. Mazie Millward 2. Marion Turbin 3. Ruth Christman

**October 27**  
1. Mazie Millward 2. Shirlee Wolcott 3. Kay Wood 4. Phyllis Bressler

## Thursday Night Bridge

Betty Barney  
& Helen DeGraw

**October 27**  
1. Dick Dakin 2. Carl Woodbury 3. Jim Mahoney 4. Dick Mansfield 5. Edith Hunter  
Cons: Helen DeGraw

**November 4**  
1. Myra Butler 2. Jean Vaughn 3. Mildred Lane 4. Geri Cassens 5. Eleanor Giardina  
Cons: Carl Woodbury

**November 10**  
1. Paul Agarwal 2. Luke Mullen 3. Eleanor Giardina 4. Geri Cassens 5. Mickey Martin 6. Gar Terheide  
Cons: Bill Hunter

## Friday Advanced Bridge

Ernie & Joan Lord

Foursomes are required for this delightful evening of Rubber Bridge. You may bring your own or call 873-7642 for help in finding partners. Or, if you wish, you may be added to our substitute list until you find partners.

**October 7**  
1. Bill Raines 2. Betty Barney 3. Dick Dakin 4. Phyllis Bressler 5. Betty Raines  
Cons: Myra Butler

**October 14**  
1. Harry Tindall 2. Joan Lord 3. Myra Butler 4. Catherine Edwards 5. Jane Kaske  
Cons: Jack Martin

**October 21**  
1. Ruth Tindall 2. Harry Tindall 3. Jayne Kaske 4. Dick Mansfield 5. Joan Lord

**October 28**  
1. Margie Hink 2. Don Hink 3. Betty Barney 4. Harry Tindall 5. Ruth Tindall



## Tuesday Night Pinochle

Viola Horton

**October 4  
Single Deck Winner**  
1st place: Lois & Partners Helene Reaney & Joe Lacker, Lois & Vernon Uzzell. 2nd place: Carole & Joe Lacker

**Double/Triple Deck Winners**  
Table 1. Ruth Christman, Ray Bock & Vi Horton 2. Lucille Perry, Jo Birnbryer & John Berish 3. Dick Beury & Don Richards  
October 11

**Single Deck Winners**  
Four-way tie: Audrey & Bob Bartolotta, Carole & Joe Lacker, Lois & Vernon Uzzell, Marge & Carl Cordasco

**Double/Triple Deck Winners**  
Table 1. Alberta Sarris, James Nottingham & Art Netto 2. Billy Swing 3. Harry Harrington  
October 19

**Single Deck Winner**  
Lois & Vernon Uzzell

**Double/Triple Deck Winners**  
Table 1. Ruth Christman, James Nottingham & Vi Horton 2. Billy Swing 3. Don Richards  
October 25

**Single Deck Winners**  
1st place: Carole & Joe Lacker. 2nd place: Lois & Vernon Uzzell

**Double/Triple Deck Winners**  
Table 1. Wanda Hansen 2. Billy Swing 3. Dick Beury



## Friday Night Euchre

Joe Askenase

**October 14  
Four-Handed Game**  
1. Dottie Findlay had a perfect Euchre night with 60 points 2. Clarence Lietzow 3. Zane Barnett 4. Cindy Rotherford 5. (tie) Genny Brenner, Richard Miles 6. (tie) Florence Penn, Betty Scervo 7. (tie) Marcy Askenase, Marie Marquis, Bill Eberle 8. (tie) Shirley Coe, Billy Swing

**Five-Handed Game**  
1. Ray Bock 2. Maria France 3. Pat Luis 4. Lee Morgan

**October 21  
Four-Handed Game**  
1. (tie) Beverly Lietzow, Betty Scervo 2. David Engelhardt 3. Bill Eberle 4. (tie) Pat Snable, Joe Scervo 5. (tie) Genny Brenner, Constance Marley, Russ Riegler 6. (tie) Florence Penn, Carol Polanowski

**Six-Handed Game**  
1. Pat Luis 2. Virgil Taylor 3. Vi Horton 4. Rich Miles 5. (tie) Dottie Findlay, Ray Bock 6. Lee Morgan

**October 28  
Four-Handed Game**  
1. Bill Eberle 2. (tie) Clarence Lietzow, Diana Riegler 3. (tie) Shirley Coe, Helen Foskett 4. Mary Nichols 5. (tie) Russ Riegler, Joseph Weber 6. Genny Brenner 7. (tie) Marie Marquis, Pat Snable 8. Constance Marley

**Five-Handed Game**  
1. (tie) Hank Kolb, Joseph Weber 2. (tie) Genny Brenner, Joe Scervo 3. (tie) Betty Scervo, Dot Weber 4. Gitte Agarwal 5. (tie) Constance Marley, Shirley Coe, Clarence Lietzow 6. David Engelhardt 7. (tie) Edith Kolb, Pat Snable 8. Beverly Lietzow



From left: Sara Anderson, Mildred Lane, Gar Terheide, Betty Barney, Jayne Kaske, Helen DeGraw and Eleanor Giardina.

## Sunday Bridge

Betty Barney  
& Helen DeGraw

A special monthly Sunday afternoon bridge party was held on October 30 and was restricted to 14 tables of 56 players. It was a gala affair with refreshments offered at intermission after completion of the third table move. The date of the next event has not been determined.

**October 30**  
1. Jayne Kaske 2. Gar Terheide 3. Mildred Lane 4. Eleanor Giardina 5. Cons: Sara Anderson.

**Five-Handed Game**  
1. Richard Miles 2. Helen Foskett 3. Florence Penn 4. Bill Eberle

**Six-Handed Game**  
1. (tie) Ray Bock, Virgil Taylor 2. Vi Horton 3. Lee Morgan 4. Marcy Askenase

**November 11  
Four-Handed Game**  
1. Paul Agarwal 2. Zane Barnett 3. (tie) Nancy Kowsky, Hank Kolb 4. Edith Kolb 5. (tie) Constance Marley, Joe Scervo 6. Clarence Lietzow 7. Beverly Lietzow 8. Carol Polanowski 9. (tie) Shirley Coe, Mary Nichols 10. Betty Scervo  
Six-Handed Game

1. (tie) Vi Horton, Lee Morgan 2. Virgil Taylor 3. Ray Bock 4. (tie) Dot Weber, Rich Miles 5. Pat Luis 6. Helen Foskett



## Saturday Night Singles Pinochle

Elsie Helwig

**October 15**  
1. Billy Swing 2. Viola Horton 3. Ruth Christman

**October 22**  
1. Harry Harrington 2. Billy Swing 3. Ruth Christman

**October 29**  
1. Betty Ruf 2. Carol Polanowski 3. Ruth Christman



## Cribbage

Dorothy Skillman

**September 23**  
1. Anne Jagielski "0" score! 2. Sheila Howell 3. Alberta Sarris  
Cons: Gar Terheide

**September 30**  
1. Margie Saxon 2. Ed Fullmer 3. Greg Skillman 4. Alberta Sarris  
Cons: Elsie Helwig

**October 7**  
1. Gar Terheide 2. Luke Mullen 3. Greg Skillman 4. Elsie Helwig  
Cons: Ed Fullmer

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**Bingo**  
Bunny Barba

Were you there on November 9 at 6 p.m.? Did you yell and scream for your friends? Did you gorge yourself on all kinds of really great, sugar-laden, cholesterol-rich snacks? Did you win bunches of money? Was your number called for a truly great prize? Did you laugh at the silly mistakes some people made? If your answers are no, then you missed one of the greatest events of the entire year, SUPER BINGO.

Attendance broke all records. We had 368 players competing for the 17 \$50 prizes and three \$250 grand prizes. Fourteen prizes of \$20 each were awarded to those holders of lucky 70/30 tickets. Special prizes donated by Jasmine Jewelers, Lemieux Jewelers and our own Chandler Hills restaurant were a special bonus secured by our Bingo Committee and greatly enjoyed by the winners. Mort Meretsky did his usual superb job of calling the numbers and verifying the winning cards along with our capable runners. Our thanks to Lolly Foos for organizing everything behind the scenes.

Denise Johnson was the group leader

for the evening and provided us with interesting and varied games. Great job Denise and thank you from all of us to your entire group. A special thank-you to Ernie LaDuke and his crew for the extra work in setting up the tables and restoring the ballroom to its usual order. I don't think anyone has a remote idea of all the work that goes into running a successful bingo operation.

Most important: Did you take a look around at all the food? It appeared no one had eaten for days. The tables were loaded with sandwiches, cookies, sodas, candy, juices, homemade cakes, fruit, cheeses, nuts, fried chicken and assorted cold cuts. No bagels, lox and cream cheese? Oh well! You can't have everything.

If you are disappointed because you missed this SUPER night, hold on, as another one is scheduled for April 2006. (Date to be advised.) In the meantime why don't you get away from the TV on Wednesday evenings for a night out, not only to win some money, but to meet many of your fellow residents, make new friends and just have a few laughs? We look forward to seeing you. Please let me know if this is your first time at bingo. I am usually running around with a red, white and blue nametag. We have found that first timers frequently win so come on up and cash in.

Take note: bingo games will not take place during the month of December. Bingo will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

To all of our players, residents and On Top of the World staff, the Bingo Committee wishes you a very healthy, happy holiday season and fantastically fabulous, wonderful New Year.

If you have any money you want me to have, or feel you need to criticize (don't dare) or comment on the column, my e-mail is Thebunster29@aol.com.

May the wizards of bingo bring you good luck always in all ways. ☺



**Taste Buds**  
Marcia Miller

Holiday time, special treats. The first recipe this month is by special request from Frank Beeby. He actually had two requests, one for strawberry rhubarb pie and the other for pumpkin cheesecake. Since strawberries are not currently in season, I will fulfill his request for a recipe for Pumpkin Cheesecake. I reminded him that I only provide the recipes; he would have to do the baking.

**Pumpkin Cheesecake**

- 2 cups crushed gingersnaps (about 40 cookies)
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream

Combine crumbs, 3 tablespoons brown sugar and butter. Press into bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Beat cream cheese and flour until creamy. Add pumpkin and next 5 ingredients. Pour into prepared crumb crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce oven to 225 degrees and bake 1 hour. Cool on wire rack for 5 minutes. Combine sour cream and remaining brown sugar. Spread over cheesecake. Bake 5 more minutes. Cool on wire rack for 30 minutes, cover and chill overnight.

Note: You can use low-fat variety of

cream cheese, sour cream and condensed milk and 3/4 cup egg substitute to reduce fat and calories.

**Mexican Confetti Pinwheels**

- 1 can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 1/3 cup nacho cheese dip
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Unroll crescent rolls and separate into 4 rectangles. Press perforations to seal. Spread cheese dip on rectangles to within 1/4 inch of edge. Sprinkle with chopped peppers and onions. Starting with short side, roll up each rectangle. Press to seal. With serrated knife, cut each roll into 6 slices. Place on baking sheet. Bake for 11 to 15 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Serve hot.

**Pineapple and Raisin Kugel**

- 2 cups Sorrento Ricotta cheese (whole or skim)
- 12-ounce package egg noodles, cooked and drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- 5 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple
- 1/2 stick melted butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 325. Grease 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Whisk together ricotta, sour cream and eggs until smooth. Stir in milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, raisins and pineapple. Add noodles and melted butter; stir until evenly blended. Pour into baking dish. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until set and slightly golden on top. Serve hot.

**Sugared Peanut Treats**

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup brewed coffee
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 jar (16-ounce) Dry roasted peanuts

Bring sugar, coffee, corn syrup and cinnamon to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cook until 240 degrees. Remove from heat, and add vanilla. Add peanuts, and then stir quickly. Pour onto large baking sheet. Quickly separate into small pieces using 2 forks. Store in airtight container. ☺



**Irish American Club**  
C.M. Casey

On October 20, the Irish American Club met for their "Fighting Irish" event with 145 members present for the fun and festivities. With the transformation of the Health & Recreation Ballroom and a wee bit of imagination you could hear the crowds roar.

The tables were graced with fall centerpieces and football memorabilia decorated the bandstand. Our mischievous Bob O'Neal introduced our new members and put them to the Irish test. Everyone had a good time.

Please mark your calendars for December 9. That evening we will celebrate our Christmas Event, which will be held in the H & R Ballroom starting at 6 p.m.

Entertainment for the event will be the world-renowned entertainer, Michael Funge.

Michael is well known in the U.S. and abroad having played Carnegie Hall several times.

In addition a surprise entertainment group will lead Christmas carols. This event is open to all On Top of the World residents and tickets are on sale December 2 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the H&R Ballroom. Ticket prices for the meal and festivities will be \$13 per person. Come join us for a fun-filled evening. ☺



**Wood Shop**  
Ray Utiss

This month, I have some information that came out of a recent board meeting, and some comments from our president, Gordon. Our Wood Shop needs an updated list of members willing to help with the Thursday clean up. If you can help, give your name and phone number to Gordon.

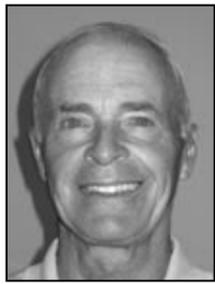
Our annual membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2006. This could be a breakfast meeting. If either of these ideas comes to fruition the notice will be in this paper and on Channel 19.

During the month of December, someone will be at the Wood Shop on Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. to accept dues for 2006. This will be for old and new members. The dues will remain at \$12. This is a real bargain.

Monday night classes will resume in December. This is a good time to go over your skills and receive some safety training.

Our thanks to Hank Claterbos for his donation of a 10-inch Delta table saw to our Wood Shop.

I have some personal thoughts to end this article. When you go to the Wood Shop, please sign in the log. When you are finished, please clean up after yourself. When you leave the Wood Shop, turn the lights off. From the time you enter the Wood Shop until you leave, think "safety." ☺



**Favorite Recipes**  
Dinner Club  
Luke Mullen

A celebratory flair marked our first six months as a club with two tantalizingly incredible dinners on October 29 to capture this milestone. These exceptional meals were hosted by Kathy and Luke Mullen and Sylvia Andrews and Oliver Aube.

Kathy and Luke called their dinner experience the "Mediterranean Adventure." This meal focused on the delights of Mediterranean foods of Italian and Greek cuisine with complimentary dishes prepared to enhance the entire experience.

The evening kicked off with aperitifs and various crunchies, accompanied by a background of Italian classics music. Kathy and Luke then cooked the hot appetizer roasted peppers Palermo. This peppers Palermo dish was served hot after the provolone cheese was melted. Following the appetizer Kathy and Luke served a Greek salad. The salad included the standard Greek ingredients with garden fresh mint leaves drizzled with a combination of extra-virgin olive oil and red-wine vinegar.

The entree was polla alla cacciatore. Kathy and Luke created this Italian favorite using typical ingredients, which also included marinara sauce.

Jean and Joe Breslin brought an accompanying dish for the entree, a classic Italian risotto. This dish was composed of Arboria rice simmered in chicken broth, with scallions, mushrooms and escarole and was absolutely supreme.

Also complimenting the meal was a wonderful creation by Mary and Bob O'Neal. This was baked eggplant made with a combination of sun-dried tomato, basil, Mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses. It was delicious.

Marlys and Wayne Bielunski topped off the meal adventure with two homemade desserts. The first was a classic Greek baklava and the other an Italian chocolate-dipped toasted walnut biscotti. What a defining touch to a great meal!

Hosting our second meal were Sylvia Andrews and Oliver Aube. The evening began with two appetizers brought by Ann and

Conrad Massa. The appetizers were spiced pecans and a hot artichoke spread on an interesting variety of crackers.

As we sat down at the dinner table the first item we saw was a spectacular salad brought by Helene and Al Sternberger. It consisted of green string beans, artichoke hearts, grape tomatoes, red onion, and sliced black olives mixed with a vinegar and oil dressing.

Sylvia and Oliver created the entree for this meal. It was imported spring lamb chops that were cooked on an outdoor grill and served with mint jelly. Accompanying the meal was a sensational sweet potato casserole topped with chopped pecans. It was delightful for the host and hostess to watch as the guests as well as themselves enjoyed several helpings. Mixed vegetables that consisting of cauliflower, red pepper and broccoli were served with the meal. The dessert for this dinner was brought by Irene Runick and Bob Poris, friends of Sylvia and Oliver. We enjoyed a divine Italian cream cake along with our coffee.

This was a marvelous dinner party. Following the dinner the eight of us sat at the table for over an hour just chatting with one another. Laughter rang throughout the house until after 11 p.m. ☺

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**October 14**

- 1. Doris Terheide 2. Glenn Saxon 3. Dorothy Skillman 4. Pauline Eremich

**October 21**

- 1. Greg Skillman 2. Anne Jagielski 3. Luke Mullen 4. Dorothy Skillman

**October 28**

- 1. Sheila Howell 2. Bill Hansen 3. Glenn Saxon 4. Doris Terheide

**November 4**

- 1. (tie) Walter Eremich 2. Bill Hansen, Alberta Sarris, Luke Mullen 3. Sheila Howell 4. (tie) Frank Chamberlain, Wanda Hansen

**November 13**

- 1. Elsie Helwig 2. Ed Fullmer 3. Doris Terheide

Cons: Gar Terheide



**Mah Jongg**  
Mary Ehle

There is not much news for this month but I want to remind you all to tell your friends that if they want to learn how to play this very addictive game I will be having classes starting in January 2006.

The class will be on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Suite G of the Arbor Conference Center. The cost is \$10 and you will need to purchase a card. You need to go to Yours Truly Card shop and ask them for a Mah Jongg card. They keep them behind the counter.

You also need to call me to register for the class. It is for five weeks but there is a break in the middle so it is six weeks of time.

My number is 873-7507. Hope to see you and I promise you will have fun. ☺

**Notice To Bingo Players**

There will be no Bingo during the month of December. Bingo will resume on Wednesday, January 4. The Bingo Committee wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

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**Furniture:** Broyhill dining room set, eggshell color; table, 4 chairs, 2 captain chairs, large leaf, china cabinet. Like new. 694-5067

**Furniture:** Desk, solid wood arts and crafts style with 6 drawers, 41-1/2" x 81" w x 29" h, great for laptop and printer, \$55. Rocking chair, platform, Bentwood style in light wood, \$30. 861-6508 before 6 p.m.

**Furniture:** Large dining room table with 6 chairs, excellent condition. \$400. 854-5782

**Furniture:** Rattan dinette set, 42" table, 4 chairs, mauve pads, \$450; 2 fan backed rattan chairs, \$200 each; matching ottoman, \$50; sideboard table-pulls out to seat 10, \$400; lamp, \$10. 861-8549

**Golf Clubs:** Men's right hand; irons 3 thru PW; Hogan sand wedge; 60 deg. lob wedge; 1, 3 and 5 metal "woods"; extra driver with 12 eg. Loft and fiberglass shaft; Acushnet "bullseye" putter; bag and balls included. \$75. 873-3271

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**Misc. Items:** 12-speed Huffy 26", \$50; 3-speed ladies Schwinn 24", \$50; 2 Bohms Earth speakers with receiver with 4 microphone outlets and one master control switch, \$200. 854-4555

**Misc. Items:** 18' G.E. refrigerator, almond, top freezer, \$100; man's bike, coaster brakes, green, \$50; Kirby Generation II vacuum, \$100. 873-1877

**Misc. Items:** Boy's polyvinyl brown winter jacket, sheepskin collar, size 18-20, new; clothes hamper, cranberry color, 25" h x 20" w; ladies Dexter bowling shoes size 7-8; 2 twin-size bedspreads, pumpkin color. 873-4289

**Misc. Items:** Go-Go electric cart, year old, \$800 obo; undershell coffee maker, best offer; FREE - portable cedar closet, must be dismantled. 854-8822

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## Lost

**Large black tote bag and laptop computer holder** that was at the back door of the H&R Center on the day of the Rags to Riches sale. Please return to 8714F SW 92nd Lane, Friendship Colony, or call 291-7670, and I will pick up.

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**Crafty Ladies**  
Dot Tripp

Since it takes time to deliver and distribute the gifts we give to the various charities, it was decided that what we received after November 1 would be counted as next year's donations.

This year we sent 95 hats and 33 scarves to the Christmas-At-Sea project for the Merchant Marines.

Donations to the children who attend Sunrise Elementary School included 177 hats, 202 pairs of mittens, and 84 headbands (head coverings for girls).

The donations given to Project Linus were: 39 Afghans/lap robes, six crib sheets,

15 blankets, 28 toys and games, five baby bibs, 12 children's tote bags, two pairs baby mittens, 84 baby hats, 32 children's hats, 256 personal items, 108 school items, 28 walker kaddies and six carrier/car seat covers with hats to match.

Project Linus is a charitable organization, which receives, sorts, and distributes handmade items to other charitable organizations. They also accept and distribute the toys, games, personal items, school items, and any other donations they may receive.

Our Crafty Ladies group also has a "cash donations jar" that is placed on the table each week. When we have collected enough money, usually \$100, to give away, we take a vote to determine where the money will be donated. Hospice won our vote last month, and a check for \$100 was sent to them. Our empty jar is now waiting for a refill, and who knows which charity will be chosen next?

Since our Christmas luncheon has not yet happened, I cannot report on it but next month I will tell you what took place.

If you are interested in crafts, and we sound like a fun group to join, come visit us any Wednesday morning between 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Card Room in the Arts & Crafts Building, or call Dot at 854-4913 for more information.

Talk to you next month ... in the meantime, do your best to keep happy, healthy, and "crafty." ☺



**Rug & Latch Hook**  
Yvonne Bednar

Can you believe it, "Happy Hookers"? The holiday season is upon us fast and furious. With the temperatures in the 80s of late, it's hard to believe we'll be seeing Christmas lights and decorations aglow all over our community.

Mark your calendar for December 5 at 1 p.m. Our holiday luncheon will be at the Hilton on State Road 200, near Lowe's. We'll have a choice of a buffet or a selection off the menu. We've been there several times over the years and it's always been extreme-

ly delicious. Are you coming? If yes, Carol Toye needs a head count. Give her a call at 873-1646 ASAP.

In November, Cecily Lucas brought in over two dozen hats of various colors and designs she and Hilda Woodcock have knitted as Christmas gifts for children at Romeo Elementary School of Dunnellon. The hats will come in handy on chilly January and February mornings at the bus stop. Cecily said the yarn used was left over from other projects or donated, so if you find that you have some yarn stored away and don't know what to do with it, think of our group. They work wonders with a knitting needle or crochet hook. Carol Toye is working her magic knitting lap robes for patients at Timberidge Nursing and Rehab Center. The Seaman's Church Institute of New York will be happy to see the beautiful sweaters that Kaye Kazan has completed for them.

Everyone ohhed and ahed upon seeing Carol Berta's finished projects—two latch hook rugs, an afghan and a framed cross stitch picture, all of which were beautiful.

Our informal group meets on Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m. in the Ceramics/Art Studio. Stop by any time. We have no dues, minutes to read or stress, just a group of residents handy with their hands, making various projects for themselves, family or a needy someone. Pam Jennings stopped by recently and is knitting and purling already.

Enjoy the holiday everyone. ☺



**Sewing Bees**  
Eileen Vanderbosch

When you use the rooms at the Arts and Crafts Center on Thursdays, have you heard all that loud buzzing? Whew, talk about buzzing around. The Bees are working on small quilts, stuffed animals, sewing Christmas stockings, which we will stuff in November, and fitting in small personal

projects for ourselves. If this keeps up, we might have to sweep up some sawdust (not from the workshop either).

With about 60 stockings to stuff, we have our work cut out for us and will gladly accept any donations for small toys, crayons, etc.

Also our Christmas luncheon is on December 15 at the Hilton and we hope to have a good turnout. Bea Maxwell will be teaching class on a placemat purse in December, which looks very interesting. Later, Ann Stamper will show us how to make different stuffed animals with patterns other than those we have been using.

Marcy and Joe Askenase continue to make deliveries of tote bags, animals and small quilts and we work hard to keep up because there is such a demand, which has really increased with the holidays coming.

We have had a good year under the leadership of Marcy Askenase but she will definitely need "officer help" in the coming year, if she is to continue in her capacity. So, people, let's join in and keep this worthwhile group going. Happy holidays to all. ☺



**Stitch Witch Quilters**  
Ann Weldishofer

The On Top of the World Quilt group had a very busy meeting in November. We welcomed new member Jeanette Wroblewski, and guests Wilma Foreman, Florence Wright, and Shirley Kilpatrick.

After our successful show in late October, we settled into some of our regular activities. Betty Pettit gave a quilt show wrap-up report, and heartily thanked all the quilters whose contributions made the show such a success. And, we in turn, gave Betty our most heartfelt "thank you" for the outstanding job she did in single-handedly bringing all the details of the show in line. A super job, and we really do appreciate all the hours she put in!

We then worked on some of the activities we will be undertaking in the coming weeks and months. We will start with making two different quilted purse projects. The first is

by Mary Jo Wiley and is a handbag with a zipper and pockets. We will follow that with a clutch bag by Alexander Rankin. Both result in really neat-looking bags that are considered "designer" type in better stores!

We also decided we will continue our comfort quilt workshops every last Tuesday of the month. We meet by 9:30 a.m. that morning and all work as a group on these small quilts that go to several different children's agencies in the area.

In the coming months, we will be doing a stitch and fold table runner; learning to do cathedral windows; starting a folded sculptured flower project that will involve learning to make many different blossoms, then how to create a lovely project using the flowers; and possibly doing a quilted jacket series.

So we will have many different projects to keep us busy.

We finalized plans for the December 6 holiday luncheon. We will carpool from the Health & Recreation parking area by our meeting room at 11 a.m. Be a few minutes early, so we can leave at 11.

Since everyone enjoyed the snacks we had at an earlier meeting, we decided to serve snacks at each of our business meetings. This will begin at the first meeting in 2006, and hopefully continue throughout the year. It's a nice social time, and makes the business meeting a bit more fun!

Ann Weldishofer will continue as leader for the first three months of 2006, and Ruth Flack volunteered to be secretary for that quarter. Thank you, Ruth. It was also announced that we are going to be selling the items from the boutique at the H&R Ballroom on Tuesday mornings from 9 until 11 a.m. It is a great opportunity to get those extra gifts you need! More next time! ☺



**Arts & Crafts**  
Loretta Troutman

Our number has grown steadily in the last couple of months. We now have 12 crafters displaying their handcrafts on Tuesdays in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Each has a specialty with a variety of style and color, all suitable for household decor or gift giving. On a whim, I thought that I would count the varied kinds of items displayed. It was a mind-boggling task. That total, if possible to accomplish, would have to be multiplied over and over from table to table to an unbelievable figure.

Maybe you have been in the H&R Ballroom early on Tuesday morning. You've marveled at how the ladies transport their works and set up their tables. Ingenuity is shown there too.

Here's a bit of interesting information about Frances and her beautiful tatting. A few years ago, people had told her that a piece of her work that they were buying was for a friend in Germany. Another mentioned Nova Scotia. A third told her the doilies purchased would go to Australia. This prompted Frances to begin her list. Now, she has listed 30 states and eight countries, including such exotic places as Bolivia, Kenya and Thailand! Quite an accomplishment from a source as limited as we have here in the On Top of the World Ballroom.

Frances retains her table loyally from week to week, displaying her craft. Her ability to produce those intricate patterns is truly to be admired. Tatting is becoming more and more recognized as a disappearing art. She continues to search for new patterns. Recently, she added bookmarks, tatted in red and purple for the Red Hat Ladies.

We want to welcome two new crafters. Phoebe Demers brought her lovely jewelry done in sterling silver and semi precious gemstones. It was interesting to learn that some of the beautiful stones are said to have healing powers. Ask about the magnetic and hematite stones that she has expertly crafted into pieces of jewelry.

Gigi Pette has her unique framed art pieces. You'll enjoy discovering that certain one so fitting for one of your family or for a friend. She also has some novel decorative lighted bottles—something new in crafting.

We are all looking forward, and planning, for the coming holidays—may yours be healthy and happy—Merry Christmas. ☺



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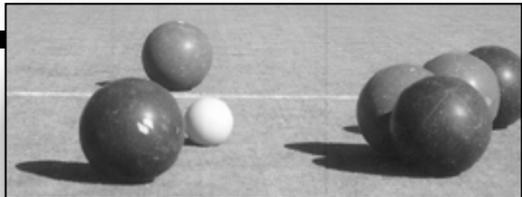
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