

On Top of the World NEWS

Where the News is Always Good

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Community News & Update

By Kenneth Colen
Publisher

I've often said that if ever you need to find a specialist in any given field, you'll probably find that person living at an On Top of the World Community. It never ceases to amaze me how much real talent we have in these communities. More to the point is the fact that we have so many residents engaged in activities that promote continuous learning and improvement.

It gives us great pleasure to provide you with the spring (April/May/June) "Master the Possibilities" catalog. I think you'll see that we are very serious about offering very high quality classes in our community. Astronomy, Cuisine, Theater — just to name a few!

Our winter (January/February/March) session concluded with well over 500 people attending classes right here at On Top of the World Communities. We hope this revitalization continues. Your support is most gratifying and appreciated. Check out the "possibilities"—look at what "the world" has to offer you! See you in class!

CONTROLLED BURNING. Following the much-needed rains in early February, property owners were allowed to burn native plant habitats for several days. On Top of the World employees were able to burn only a small portion of woodlands west of the community. Controlled burning is a very important practice from several perspectives. First, a controlled burn reduces the chance of wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon to have fires started by lightning in Florida, which brings me to my second point. Fire in the upland habitats is necessary to healthy succession. Much of the local plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire to break down the seed coat in order to germinate. Invasive and competitive species are also reduced, allowing for less competition with more established native plants.

In the coming months, we hope to have additional opportunities for controlled burning. Steps are taken to make sure a burn stays under control. These include plowing wide firebreaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy equipment to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. However, better to have a planned, controlled burn than a wild fire.

RECOGNIZE TELEMARKETING FRAUD: In the past two weeks I have been contacted by several residents wishing to make me aware of probable telemarketing fraud. The first even occurred around 2 a.m. with the caller identifying themselves as being with a bank fraud investigation department and requesting personal information from the resident. Not the brightest of scammers calls at 2 a.m. It was an easy giveaway.

Normally, I would put this down to the usual random "fishers" looking for a mark. However, when I heard from another resident in short order, it made me wonder if something larger wasn't in the works. On Top of the World is easily identified as a retirement center. The following excerpt was taken from the Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services Web site (www.800helpfla.com/telemkt_text.html). It is about the best and most concise report I've seen on protecting yourself from telephone (and other) scams.

"Few inventions have had greater impact on society than the telephone. This system of instant communication has made life easier for consumers and businesses. Unfortunately, the telephone has also made life easier for con artists. It is estimated that telemarketing fraud robs Americans of more than \$40 billion dollars annually.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is the state's

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Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings Time returns on Sunday, April 2, so remember to set you clocks ahead one hour.

Now is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.



Photo by Larry Resnick

On Top of the World Safety Officer Art Del Zotto, left, instructs residents in CPR training during a March class.

CPR Training Available To All Residents

By LARRY RESNICK

We all are a little bit safer now in our On Top of the World Communities, thanks to classes being offered for CPR training.

On Top of the World management has a Safety Training Officer on staff by the name of Art Del Zotto who is a retired fire-fighting official and is a qualified American Heart Association trained instructor. This guy knows his stuff and he knows how to train others in learning the how to and what not to do in administering CPR.

Art instructs on what symptoms to look for and what a person having a heart attack or cardiac arrest problem shows symptoms of and how to check for those symptoms. He also explains the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest. He also explains when to call 911 emergency rescue and when to use an available defibrillator.

Such a class in CPR instruction was conducted in early March and was attended by both On Top of the World residents as well as On Top of the World community employees. Hands-on instruction was used on mannequins made especially for this type of training; videos were shown on how-

to-do; and those in attendance were given one-on-one instruction on when and how to help someone in distress.

Aren't we lucky to have in-house help like this available to us and care enough to train employees as well as staff and residents. 🙏

CPR Classes

- April 13, Indigo Community Center
- May 12, Arbor Conference Center, Suite D
- June 8, Arbor Conference Center, Suite D

Classes are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per person.

Register by calling the Activities Office at 854-8707. Class size is limited to 8 participants.

Concert in the Park

Kicks Off April 29 at Sholom Park

By DAN ROBINSON

The second performance of The Concert in the Park—Sholom Park Series for 2006 is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, at 4 p.m. and features The "Amazing" Steel Drum Ensemble. The season began in March with the Good Company Dixieland Jazz Band.

The Horticultural Arts and Park Institute, Inc., with the assistance of the LadyBirds volunteers are excited to bring the "Amazing" Steel Drum Ensemble to perform a concert at beautiful Sholom Park, Marion County's park dedicated to offering introflective peace among its gardens, walkways and labyrinth. It is the hope of its founders, Sidney and Ina Colen, as well as Sholom Park Director, Steve Curl, that everyone who visits the park will leave with peace and joy that will spread to the community and to the world. Music will hopefully enhance your peaceful park experience.

The "Amazing" Steel Drum Ensemble is a group of local youths who play steel drum instruments, performing musical selections ranging from Calypso to patriotic tunes. Everywhere they travel they draw large crowds of all ages. A recent event attracted well over 1,000 enthusiastic listeners. The group began as a summer camp music teaching activity for the Good Spirit Foundation, a not-for-profit group. Two lead pans served as introductory instruments. Interest in the steel pans led to buying all the instruments of a pan orchestra. Tom Reynolds of Sanford, from St. Croix, Virgin Islands, is the hand crafter of the instruments. The band now has 14 pan positions and a trap set.

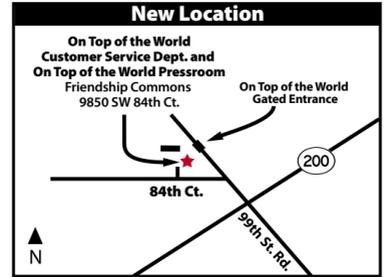


The 'Amazing' Steel Drum Ensemble returns to Sholom Park at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

The instruments perform best in the cool of the afternoon out of the sunlight. An afternoon of distinctively unique contemporary music is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Rene Beck and Gloria Scicluna, both officers of the LadyBirds and serving on the Concert in the Park Series Committee, have heard the group perform and feel strongly that the music will compliment the Sholom Park experience beautifully. The LadyBirds are spouses of the R/C Flyers and reside at On Top of the World.

There will be plenty of parking coordinated by the volunteers. Drinks and snacks will be provided at reasonable prices by John Langville and Candy Barker, of Candy's Sno-Balls, Inc., sharing a portion of sales to further endow the park. The concert is sponsored by the Horticultural Arts and Park Institute, Inc., a charitable organization exempt from federal income tax, and volunteers. There is no admission charge for the concert; however, donations are encouraged.

Plans call for two additional concerts in the fall: a harvest concert in October and a holiday concert in early December. We invite you to leave your pets, food, drinks and busy life at home. Bring your friends, youngsters, blankets and lawn chairs to Sholom Park on April 29. Sholom Park is located 5.5 miles west of I-75, one mile north of State Road 200, 6602 S.W. 80th Ave., just north of Candler Hills Golf Course. Come early and catch the "Spirit of Sholom" among the many spring flowers, the introspective labyrinth, and the wildlife pond. 🙏



Customer Service, Pressroom Move to New Location

By LYNN PEITHMAN STOCK

By the end of April, the Service Department, the *World News* and Billing should be in new offices just outside the main gate of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

"Residents contacts can be made in this office," said Lynette Vermillion, General Manager for On Top of the World Communities.

The Service Department days of operation will be expanded to Mondays through Fridays. The hours will be 8 a.m. to noon.

Residents payments that have been made at the Accounting office—water, DCM cable, mortgage and CSF—will now be made in the building just next door, at 9850 S.W. 84th Court, Friendship Commons (formerly Dr. Roman's office).

Even though the Service Department and the *World News* will be moving just outside the gate, visitors will no longer need to climb stairs to reach those staffs. Parking will also be close by.

"Our goal is to make Customer Service more convenient to our residents and more accessible," Lynette said. "Even though the office is outside the gate, it is still accessible by walking or golf cart or bike."

Service, Billing and the *World News* will also have drop boxes outside the building for after-hours drop offs.

The Service Department e-mail address will remain the same: otowservice@otowfl.com.

The phone number and e-mail address for the *World News* are also unchanged: 854-0248 and otownews@otowfl.com.

Watch the community news channel for updates. 🙏

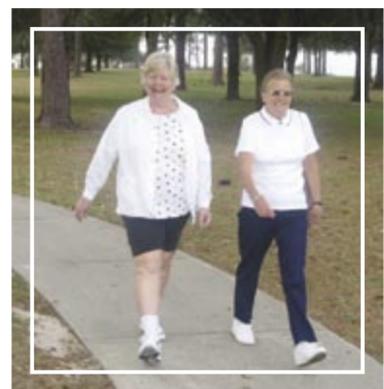


Photo by Larry Resnick

On Top of the World residents walk for Hospice.

Hoofin' It For Hospice Has Done It Again

By LARRY RESNICK

On Top of the World's sixth annual Hoofin' It for Hospice raised more than \$5,000 for the agency. The many Red Hat ladies who participated helped raise \$2,137 of that figure.

Also, the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee presented a check for \$5,025 to Jan Hathway of Hospice along with another check for \$750 from the Entertainment Group, and yet another check in the amount of \$750 from the On Top of the World New Pretenders. This presentation totaled \$6,775 that is scheduled to go toward buying another room at Hospice's Legacy House here in Ocala that presently costs some \$30,000.

Special notes of thank you are extended to the On Top of the World CERT for patrolling more than two miles of the walking route.

Ruth Goldstine, who spearheads this annual On Top of the World fund raising event, says, "On Top of the World residents are the greatest with their continued support." 🙏



On Top of the World NEWS

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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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Golden Oldies Humor by Stan Goldstein



Who in the World!

By PAT WELLINGTON



Wood Shop
Ray Utiss

This is the last time I will be able to remind you of our upcoming picnic. This information was published before, but it never fails that someone does not get the message. If you miss the picnic, you will miss a fun time.

It will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the Picnic Pavilion. The picnic is open to all Wood Shop members and their guests, free of charge.

The Wood Shop will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, paper plates and condiments. Members are requested to bring a covered dish to share.

Think about bringing an item for "show and tell." If you wish, your show and tell item could be raffled off. Tom Jellifer has donated a computer clock and Jim Horler has donated a pen set to be raffled. All proceeds will go towards improving your Wood Shop and keeping our dues from increasing.

Our social activities are always fun, thanks to our dedicated members. Paul Bronsard and his helpers will be providing a good time for all.

Clue: This 17-year-old now sings ballads at karaoke and has his own group of swooners. See answer on Page 27.

Heading North?

Download a PDF of the World News at www.otowinfo.com

OTOW Computer Classes

April — July 2006

Course	Day & Time	Dates	Place	Instructor
Basic Computer	Tuesday 1-2:20 p.m.	April 18	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer	Tuesday 1-2:20 p.m.	June 13	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer	Tuesday 1-2:20 p.m.	July 25	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Maintenance	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	May 31	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Maintenance	Thursday 1-2:20 p.m.	July 27	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer II	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	April 19	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer II	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	June 14	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Computer II	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	July 26	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Computer Purchasing	Monday 1-2 p.m.	July 24	Arbor Club (Room TBA)	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Internet	Thursday 1-2:20 p.m.	May 11	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Basic Internet	Friday 1-2:20 p.m.	July 28	Health & Recreation	Stephanie Rohde
Outlook Express	Wednesday 1-2:20 p.m.	May 10	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. E-Z Registration \$25 per person.

BASIC COMPUTER II — Know the basics? Now continue your journey. Distinguish among CD-ROM, CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-ROM, DVD-R, DVD-RW, disks and drives. Sound confusing? Then take this class. You'll learn about word processing, spreadsheets, and databases - what they are, how they interact with each other, and most importantly, how they can make your life easier. E-Z Registration \$25 per person.

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. E-Z Registration \$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. E-Z Registration \$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. E-Z Registration \$20 per person.

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE — Learn how to keep your computer working well for 5-6 years rather than 3 years or fewer by performing routine preventative maintenance. Instruction on daily, weekly and monthly PC maintenance relative to the Windows Operating System is covered. This class is for those who are familiar with a computer and mouse. This is that "ounce of prevention" that saves a lot. E-Z Registration \$25 per person.

OUTLOOK EXPRESS — Every Windows computer is equipped with Outlook Express—an e-mail management software program. In this class you will learn how to maximize this valuable tool. Learn the importance of updating; how to customize the main screen view and toolbar as well as the e-mail message screen and toolbar; how to create and forward respectful e-mail; how the Windows Address book works—enter or edit contacts and create groups; how to backup, organize, and print. Your instructor has even written a book on Outlook Express. Let her mastery of this enhance your knowledge and make your life simpler! (This program does not interface with Juno, AOL, CompuServe, or Wal-Mart Connect users.) E-Z Registration \$25 per person.



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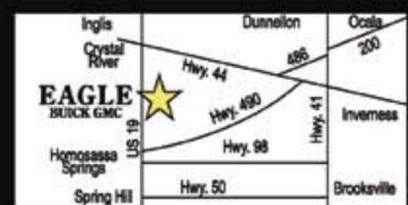
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**From
Debbie's Desk**
Debbie Clark

We are into the month of April. How time flies when we are busy.

First off, happy spring! Second, for those residents who will be traveling back home at this time of year to spend the summer months up north, please have a safe trip, and we look forward to seeing you when you return in the fall.

Onto the activities for the month of April: as I stated in my March article, there is a lot to discuss for April. Right out of the gate we have the annual **Hands Across the Highway** event at the Arbor Conference Center on April 1. This will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will have a chance to come up and view the talent of our own On Top of the World artists as well as the many artists who are participating from the other area communities. There will be entertainment and light refreshments for you to enjoy as well.

Also on this day there will be the **Big Fly In** at our own R/C Flyers Field.

On Friday, April 7, we will hold our bi-annual **Rags to Riches Sale** at the Arbor Conference Center from 9 a.m. to noon in Suites A through H. Unfortunately, there are no tables available at this date, so if you were interested in participating in this event, please keep reading my column to find out when this will be held in the fall. Also on this date the themed **Happy Hour** will be taking place from 5 to 8 p.m. and the

theme will be a **Beach Party** with entertainment being provided by Live from Chicago. Please remember that the bar opens at 4:30 p.m.; also there is no reserving tables; seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Also I realize we all love big bills, but if you could kindly try to bring smaller bills with you to pay for your alcoholic beverages, as we only have a certain amount of money allotted to us for the bank in the cash register. There have been some Friday evenings where we have run out of ones completely and have had to go through our own wallets to try and make change. In line with Happy Hour, this is a reminder that there will be no Happy Hour on Friday, April 14, as this is Good Friday.

Please do not forget about the basketball game on Monday, April 17, to watch the **Orlando Magic** take on the Chicago Bulls. We still have plenty of seats available for the bus. The cost of this trip is \$35 per person.

On Thursday, April 20, there will be a **Mini Food Show** in the H&R Ballroom from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and we must limit this event to the first 500 residents. We currently have more than 100 residents who have called in for this event. You may call the H&R office Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to sign up for this event.

For the week of April 24 through 29, there will be a **Senior Art Exhibit** taking place at the Arbor Club showcasing the talents of the senior class of West Port High School. We will also have an open reception where you can come up and meet the artists on Monday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact the H&R office Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. so that we may plan accordingly. The items that are going to be on display at the Arbor Club will also be for sale, and there will be a silent auction for them.

There is one event that I would like to mention for the month of May. Directly following the Senior Art Show there will be an all-age **Art Show** at the Arbor Club for the students of West Port High School. This event will also have an open reception on Monday, May 1. The same applies with this event: if you could contact our offices to let us know, if you will be attending, so that we may plan accordingly.

To the residents of Candler and Indigo, I



Photo by Larry Resnick

Dave and Paula Guildford, bedecked with shiny beads, take to the dance floor during the Mardi Gras Happy Hour.

am in the process of trying to bring to you some of the same social activities that we offer our residents here at On Top of the World. The first event I am trying to put together will be a High Tea which will take place at all three communities, just on different days. I will work from there and see how well this first event is received. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see offered in your community buildings, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me where we can sit down and

discuss what you would like to see offered.

Also, to the residents of On Top of the World, I have not forgotten about the room schematics for the Arbor Conference Center. I hope to have these completed and posted soon. On this note, until such time as the schematics are completed, please try to remember that, if you borrow a table and/or chairs from another room, to kindly return them to the room, which you took them from.

Let's go out and have some fun. ☺



**Food &
Beverage**
Denise Fuqua

day. Please join us from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Easter Sunday by reservations only. Please call 861-9720 to reserve your table for this holiday season and please note the last seating will be at 5 p.m. on this Sunday only.

Don't forget, Thursday, April 20, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., the Hospitality Division will host the mini food show in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

If you haven't already done so, please see Debbie Clark to reserve your spot at the show. You are welcome to stop by Debbie's office or simply call her at 854-8707 and she would be happy to reserve a spot for you at the show.

Regarding the ticket stubs from the recent shows at the Ballroom that are being honored at Candler Hills Restaurant: please note that these stubs expire on April 15. If you haven't already done so, hurry down to the restaurant for lunch or dinner to redeem your stub for \$2 off your next meal. We appreciate your patronage and look forward to offering this deal to you again in the fall.

Also, please note the following change has taken place at Candler Hills Restaurant: effective immediately, we will only run the Happy Hour 2 for 1 drinks from Monday through Friday only. The Happy Hour will run from 3 until 6 p.m. as normal but we will not be running this special on the week-

ends. For large parties wishing to partake in this special, please contact the catering department to arrange for special events at the Candler Community Center. Which brings the next subject to light!

Please join me in welcoming Kacey Brack as our new Catering Sales Manager. Kacey is working very hard to bring the catering department to a whole new level and we ask the residents to support this effort by allowing Kacey and her staff to host your next event.

For all your party plans, please contact Kacey in the Hospitality Trailer at 861-9188. Kacey has brought several new employees aboard who are anxiously waiting to serve you at your next event so please keep us in mind when planning your next get together. Remember, large or small, we do it all!

Also, don't forget that the Pub is open for lunch Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. If you have a large group, please call the Pub at 854-0761 and make advanced reservations. We are now accepting to-go orders as well and would be happy to service you on the terrace just outside the Pub, adjacent to the pool.

Until next month, the Hospitality Division would like to wish all of you a wonderful Easter and enjoy all your children who will be visiting during spring break and remember the first rule of thumb—have fun! ☺

Group Donates New Screen in Ballroom

Gone from the Ballroom are those unsightly wooden screens used to hide backstage when different entertainment appears. In place is a 24-foot folding "Screenflex" partition.

As one of the Entertainment Group's "put backs" to the community, they proposed buying this partition to be used by all groups holding a function that has a need to "hide" backstage.

Debbie Clark approached management and received their approval for the Entertainment Group's offer to purchase this "Screenflex".

Without the support of the residents who attend the group's shows they would not be able to have made this donation along with other similar "put backs" such as the dressing rooms and the lighting of the mini-golf course, to name a few.

An interesting footnote: Backstage at the New Pretenders show, Ken Colen asked how much this screen was costing. When told, he said On Top of the World would share the cost. That is why the plaque on the screen says: "Courtesy of The Entertainment Group and OTOW." ☺

Festival of The Horse

Saturday, April 22, 2006 • 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Cost: \$20 Per Person

Join in the festivities. Watch world-class riders compete. Enjoy presentations and demonstrations! Learn why Marion County is truly the "Horse Capitol of the World". Held at the Florida Horse Park, it's an event and venue like no other.

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Call 854-8707 to register. Tally ho!

Please see the Festival of the Horse ad on Page 14 for additional details.

On Top of the World Bus Schedule

PICK-UP	ROUTE	TIME
Crescent Ridge 1&2	97 th Lane - 99 th Ave. - 96 th st.	8:57 am
Americana Village	89 th Ct. Rd - 85 th Terr. Rd.	9:02 am
Friendship Village	96 th Lane - 84 th Terr.- 93 rd St.	9:05 am
Friendship Colony	83 rd Terr. - 90 th st. - 87 th Ave.- 97 th St	9:05 am
Friendship Park	97 th St. - 94 th Lane	9:07 am
Friendship Village	89 th Ct. Rd.-92 nd st. Renaissance	9:10 am
Williamsburg	90 th St.-91 st Cir. East-91 st Cir West.	9:10 am
Providence	90 th st. - SW 96 th Terr. - SW 92 nd Pl.	9:15 am
	Rd - 96 th Ct. Rd.	
Exit Community		9:25 am

OCALA RUN: TUE, WED, TH, FRI.	ARRIVE	PICKUP
Lowe's	9:45 am	11:20 am
Paddock Mall	9:50 am	11:40 am
Wal-Mart superstore	10:00 am	11:40 am
Target	10:15 am	11:40 am
K-Mart	10:15 am	11:45 am
Gaitway Plaza	10:27 am	11:45 am
Paddock Mall	11:50 am	
Wal-Mart Superstore	11:55 am	1:40 pm
Target	12:00 pm	1:40 pm
K-Mart	12:00 pm	1:40 pm
Gaitway Plaza	12:00 pm	1:40 pm
Paddock Mall (Final Pickup)		1:45 pm
Publix (Final Stop of the Day)	½ hour	
Thursday Grocery Run		4:00 pm
Sam's Club 3 rd Friday of the month.	1:00 pm	2:30 pm
Down Town Square Ocala 1 st Fri. of the month	1:00 pm	2:30 pm

Congratulations

Anniversaries • Birthdays • New Residents



Jean & Joe Breslin
New Residents



Janet Fragapane
Birthday



Mary Carol Geck
Birthday



Ida Ging
Birthday



Fred & Claudia Robinson
New Residents



John & Sue Zanazzi
New Residents



Ralph & Sandy Voight
New Residents & 7-Year Anniversary
Sandy Birthday

Welcome to On Top of the World

Edward C. and Kathleen C. Wilson Jr., 8841-B S.W. 91st St.
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Doris P. Snable, 9825-D S.W. 90th Ave.
Imogene I. Doyle, 8920-B S.W. 92nd St.
Jack and Julia Tabor, 9781 S.W. 97th Lane
Shirley D. Robbins, 8660-C S.W. 94th St.
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I have volunteered to write the column temporarily for the Theatre Group. The position came up suddenly and I hope to bring you information about our club and all its activities.

First I must ask any and all new residents that have moved to our community that are interested in acting or have any skills other than acting that will enable our club to perfect our performances to contact me at 861-4947 or attend one of our meetings.

In March, we held nominations for the following year and next month voting will be held at our meeting. All of our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center in Suite D at 2:30 p.m.

In April, we will ask for seating for our May dinner. If you will be attending our May dinner come prepared to pay. All members will pay half of the charge per plate (to be determined as of this writing). Non-members will be full price. If you do not purchase your meal you will not be able to attend our "End of Year" party in May.

Marcia Miller, who will direct our No-



Theater Group
Terry Zarrella

ember play on November 17 and 18, will hold auditions May 10 at 2:30 p.m.

The play, which was cancelled a year ago, is now a "go" for the Theatre Group. "The Bermuda Avenue Triangle" will again go into rehearsals immediately after auditions except for a short time off for the summer. Marcia Miller is a great asset to our club and has numerous credits to her resume as an actress/singer, stage manager, props and reader's theater the list goes on. We're sure she will put on a great show this coming November.

One more reminder ... if you haven't purchased your tickets for the March 31 and April 1 show in the Ballroom, "Musical Theatre Potpourri," tickets are available at the door for performances starting at 7 p.m. each evening.

Tickets are \$7 reserved and \$5 general admission. Dottie Berkowitz directs the show and it's going to be a fantastic show with lots of glitz, glamour and song and dance.

Please try and attend to support all the performers as they really work very hard to please our community. ☺

Photos by Larry Resnick



Jackie Randolph



Marcia Miller



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Crescent residents enjoy getting together.

Crescent Residents Celebrate Seventh Annual Potluck Dinner

By BUNNY BARBA

On February 28, approximately 280 residents of Crescent Ridge I, II and Crescent Greens joined together for our annual potluck dinner. The amount and quality of the food were outstanding. Everyone brought their very favorite creations and the \$2 ticket price included chicken, ham, coffee, table decorations, favors and entertainment. Jim Chandler was the host for the evening.

Eight years ago, when Crescent Ridge II and Crescent Greens were just plans on a drawing board and Crescent Ridge I was almost completed, Kay Chandler and Bunny Barba decided to get to know their neighbors better. Invitations were hand delivered to every door (as it is done to be held at the picnic area near the horseshoe courts. Unfortunately the day of the planned picnic was extremely cold and the rain was fierce. The Activities Office then gave us permission to move our event into the Health & Recreation Ballroom where it has been held ever since.

Approximately 75 cold, wet, hungry and bedraggled residents bravely brought their food contributions up to the Ballroom and we had an absolutely great time. Entertainment was impromptu, provided by our own Sandy and Dottie Berkowitz. We promised that we would continue to hold this event every year and so far aided by a wonderful imaginative committee we have managed to keep that promise.

Committee members this year were Kay and Jim Chandler, Mary Jo and Jim Hammond, Bunny Barba, Elaine Hersh, Dottie Metcalf, Clair Krause, Marge Sexton, Edie Dickman, Marie and Joe McGlynn, Shirley Stolly and Ginny Angarolla. They worked from 3 to 8:30 p.m. and several members never got to eat.

This year the entertainment was provided by a new dance group from On Top of the World and a chorus from Cherywood. The highlight of the entertainment was a stirring rendition of "God Bless America" done by Elaine Hersh. A special thank you to Elaine for agreeing to perform without any rehearsals or notification. As usual she was wonderful. Hope to see everyone next year. ☺

Schedule Of Amenities And Facilities Use By Neighborhood.

From time to time, questions arise about the use of facilities by our residents. The following list outlines by neighborhood what is currently included as part of your monthly Community Service Fee. We hope this addresses any questions you may have.

Thank You!

Maintenance Free Residents:

- Full access to H&R Center¹ and Arbor Center²
- Discounted rates at Circle Square Commons
- Candler Hills Golf at reduced rate



Candler Hills Residents:

- Full access to Candler Hills Clubhouse and Pool
- Discounted rates at Circle Square Commons
- Use of H&R Center¹
- Use of Arbor Club/Conference Center²
- Golf at Tortoise & Hare/The Links at guest rates



Indigo Residents:

- Full access to Indigo East Clubhouse and Pool
- Amenities included if Indigo resident purchases Gateway of Services:
 - Use of H&R Center¹
 - Use of Arbor Club/Conference Center²
 - Golf at Tortoise & Hare/The Links at guest rates
 - Discounted rates at Circle Square Commons



¹ Additional fees apply for Fitness Classes

² Additional fees apply to join the Arbor Tennis Club



Community News & Update

By Kenneth Colen
Publisher

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leading consumer protection agency. The Department actively investigates telemarketing fraud and works to protect consumers by public education and consumer outreach.

As with most scams, the best protection against telemarketing fraud is public awareness. The more people know about telemarketing fraud, the less likely they will fall victim to this faceless crime.

Unfortunately, fraudulent telemarketers are hard to track down. Most are "fly-by-night" operators working out of "boiler rooms" — leased space with rooms full of telephones staffed by trained scam artists. Once under investigation, they can easily shut down and move —virtually overnight — to another town or state. They usually change their name to cover their tracks.

Con artists are industrious and continually develop new ways to separate consumers from their money — in the form of cash, credit card, check or electronic debit from a bank account.

Early forms of telemarketing fraud involved con artists obtaining a consumer credit card account number over the telephone and making unauthorized charges against it.

In a newer twist on this scam, con artists obtain the consumer's checking account number and electronically debit the account with unauthorized or inflated charges using a demand draft (a check that is generated by the merchant). A fraudulent demand draft is made by generating a check and imprinting it with the consumer's name, address, phone number and, most importantly, the account number and the numbers necessary to route the draft through the bank's check clearing system. The fraudulent check is then deposited the same as any conventional check and, in most cases, it clears in exactly the same way as a conventional check; the lack of a handwritten signature is not a problem in processing it.

The Department warns consumers not to give out bank account, credit card or personal information (date of birth, mother's maiden name, Social Security Number, etc.) over the telephone, unless it is to a trusted source.

Before doing business with any telemarketer, find out if any complaints have been filed against the company by calling the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352). You may call the same number to obtain information on how to file a complaint or to subscribe to the Florida Do Not Call List.

It's tempting to believe that fraud only happens to someone else — someone less educated, less sophisticated, less financially astute. But, victims belong to all social and economic classes and age groups. In fact, 92 percent of adult Americans are affected.

Swindlers also infiltrate social clubs, ethnic organizations and places of worship, to target victims more effectively.

Profile of a con artist: The heart of the telemarketing operation is a room filled with desks, telephones and sales people who call hundreds of prospective customers all over the country. Most are assertive and highly skilled in conversational patter. Sales people use persuasive sales pitches, weaving together facts and half-truths. They deceive the prospective customer into

believing that financial gains will be great, with very little risk.

Con artists may be reluctant to send literature by mail; however, keep in mind that items that are sent may not necessarily be legitimate. They pressure the prospective customer to act quickly — usually immediately and over the phone.

Allowing the customer time to think gives the potential victim a chance to become suspicious, check out the scheme or back out of the deal. As a result, telephone fraud usually involves urgency and includes phrases such as:

"This opportunity is being offered to only a few investors."

"Prices will rise in the next few days, so act now."

"Large profits are guaranteed."

"Low risk or risk free. You can't lose."

"Insured against loss."

"Government guaranteed."

"Refundable, money-back guarantee."

Remember, think before you act. Don't allow yourself to be pressured into something you are unsure of.

Ten Tip-off signs

1. High pressure sales tactics.
2. Insists on an immediate decision.
3. The offer sounds too good to be true.
4. A request for your credit card number for any purpose.
5. They offer to send someone to your home or office to pick up the money, or suggest methods of overnight mail to get your funds quickly.
6. A statement that something is "free" followed by a requirement that you pay for something.
7. An investment that is without risk.
8. Unwillingness to provide written information or references. Legitimate telemarketers answer questions, provide written material to back up their claims and give the consumer ample time to decide.
9. A suggestion that you should buy or invest on the basis of trust.
10. You have been selected because of ("insert flattering reason here") e.g., your outstanding credit, you have been a generous supporter in the past, etc.

Ten ways to avoid becoming a victim

1. Allow yourself time to decide.
2. Require written information by mail about the product, service, investment or charity. Additionally, ask for written information about the organization.
3. Make certain you fully understand the investment before purchasing. Do the math. For example, if you are offered your choice of six magazines for only 15 cents an issue per day, that multiplies out to \$1,620 for a five-year subscription and may far exceed even the newsstand cover price!
4. Investigate which state and federal agencies regulate this firm and which agencies require the telemarketer to be registered.
5. Check the background of a company or organization before any purchase is made.
6. If investing or making a major purchase, request information also be sent to your accountant, financial advisor, banker or attorney for evaluation.
7. Ask what recourse you have if you buy and are not satisfied.
8. Beware of testimonials that you have no way of verifying.
9. Don't provide any personal or finan-

cial information over the phone, unless it is to a trusted source.

10. If necessary, HANG UP!

PROTECTION FROM UNWANTED CALLS: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services maintains the Florida "Do Not Call List." Florida residents, who do not wish to receive sales calls, may have their residential, mobile/paging device, telephone number(s) included on this list for a small annual fee.

The cost of having your telephone number listed is \$10 per number for the first year. A renewal fee of \$5 per year, per number is required to keep your number on the list. Annual notices are mailed to remind you to renew your subscription.

The Florida Do Not Call Law offers protection for consumers who do not wish to receive telephone sales solicitation calls at home. Furthermore, the law requires solicitors to identify themselves by true first and last name and by the name of the business on whose behalf they are calling.

Most telephone solicitation firms are prohibited from calling any phone number on the list. The list is updated quarterly and published on the first business day of January, April, July and October.

Pre-recorded sales messages (a sales call made with a pre-recorded message and without a real or "live" person to introduce that message) are prohibited in Florida. Pre-recorded messages frequently instruct you to remain on the line for a live operator, if you are interested. If you receive a pre-recorded sales message, it is a prohibited solicitation message. Please contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352), or file a complaint electronically.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE FLORIDA LAW: Some telephone sales calls are exempt from the provisions of the Do Not Call Law. Solicitors may make calls:

- In response to an express request by the person called;
- In reference to an existing debt, contract, payment or performance;
- To any person with whom the telephone solicitor has a prior existing business relationship. These companies include: debt-collection efforts and phone contracts;
- About the newspaper business, including newspaper publishers, agents or employees; or
- For solicitation of charitable contributions.

· Calls placed by a licensed real estate salesman or broker in response to a "For Sale" sign or similar advertisement placed by a consumer in their yard.

IF YOU ARE ON THE LIST AND RECEIVE A SOLICITATION CALL: If you are currently on the Florida Do Not Call List and receive a sales solicitation call that does not meet the exemptions outlined above, or a pre-recorded message, immediately report it to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by either calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352), or filing a complaint electronically.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has the authority to contact the solicitation firm, inform them of the requirements of the law and require them to comply.

The Department will warn the offender once through informal mediation. If the offender does not comply, the law provides for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation and injunctive relief through the courts.

Florida Do Not Call List

To subscribe to the Florida Do Not Call List, please contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352), or download a subscription form." ☎

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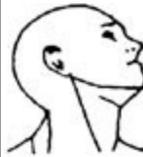
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Fitness Happenings Adela Anderson

Thank you, Mr. Colen, for upgrading and re-surfacing the Health & Recreation tennis courts. We certainly appreciate the dual-purpose expansion to the courts so both tennis and pickleball can be played. Our pickleball players have become extremely energized with the improvements. Pickleball is a sport that has been gaining popularity not only at On Top of the World but throughout Florida as well. Thank you again.

Lockers at the H&R

Lockers in the men and ladies rooms are provided for your personal use. Please make sure you do not forget to remove your personal belongings at the end of the day. These lockers are intended for daily use only.

Chatty Exercise Classes

All of us instructors love to teach classes. We love to see friends making friends and residents finding the special values of group classes beyond physical benefits: support, socialization, caring, cheerfulness and emotional well-being. Every class has a special personality and is composed of very unique human beings. Teachers try to be their best when they teach and excessive talking can change their focus. We know that socializing is a very important component of our lives, but whenever participating in group classes, please help us by keeping your voices inside you. Let us keep socializing and entertaining before and after classes! Thank you for your support!

Free Pickleball Lessons

Bill Daugherty will be teaching Pickleball every third Saturday of the month. Please call him at 854-2751 to set an appointment.

Free seminar on proper

Lifting Techniques

A myriad of benefits is contributed to weight lifting and it is great to see so many of you engaged in a weight or resistance training program. When you lift weights, are you sure you are breathing correctly? Are you using appropriate techniques to lift free weights? Are you lifting the Cybex machines properly? Do you use good posture? You might have been lifting weights for a long time but created some bad habits or maybe you want to learn or renew good lifting techniques and habits. Come to our free seminar and learn how to get the most out of your weight training routines. Bring a set of free weights with you.

PROPER LIFTING TECHNIQUES: 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, H&R Exercise Room. Instructor: Adela

Special Yoga Patch Work Class

On Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m., six yoga instructors from the area will be gathering to offer you this very unique class. Bring your mat and drinking water. We will see you at Sholom Park!

Walking at the Park

Join us on the following Mondays for the 10,000 STEPS walking program and enjoy the beauty of Sholom Park: 4 p.m. April 10 and April 24.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 854-8707 to get together for a free consultation, or if you need assistance with your fitness experience. ☺



RECREATION CENTER FITNESS SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:15 a.m. 20 Min Aerobics Room	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video
8:00 a.m. 60 Min Aerobics Room	Cardio Burn & Firm Traci	Condition and Stretch Fusion Traci	Cardio Burn & Firm Traci	Condition and Stretch Fusion Lorraine	Cardio Burn & Firm Traci
8:00 a.m. H&R Parking lot			Bicycle Club		
9:00 a.m. 60 Min Aerobics Room	Cardio Step & Sculpt Traci	Advanced Tai-Chi* Shannon	Cardio Step & Sculpt Traci/Adela	Advanced Tai-Chi* Shannon	Cardio Step & Sculpt Traci
10:15 a.m. Aerobics Room		Beginners Tai-Chi* Shannon		Beginners Tai-Chi* Shannon	
10:30 a.m. 40 Min Ballroom	Intermediate Aerobics Kitti		Intermediate Aerobics Kitti		Intermediate Aerobics Kitti
10:30 a.m. 40 Min Aerobics Room	Beginners Aerobics Lyn		Beginners Aerobics Traci		Beginners Aerobics Lyn
11:30 a.m. 35 Min Aerobics Room	Sit & Be Fit Kitti		Sit & Be Fit Kitti		Sit & Be Fit Kitti
Noon Gym	Cybex Orientation Lyn				Cybex Orientation Lyn
12:15 p.m. 20 Min. Aerobics Room	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video
6:15 p.m. 20 Min Aerobics Room	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video	Oxycise Video

Saturday

12:15 Oxycise (20 Min.)
Aerobics Room

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Yoga Class
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10,000 Steps at
Sholom Park
2nd & 4th Mon.
March, 4 p.m.

Oxycise: Deep breathing and stretches. Seated and Floor exercises. Mat required.
Cardio, Burn & Firm: Warm-up, low impact aerobics, strengthening and stretching Exercises. Mat required.
Condition & Stretch Fusion: Warm-up, strengthening and stretching exercises Mat Required.
Cardio, Step & Sculpt: Warm-up, basic routines using step, strength training and Abdominal work. Mat and step required.
Beginner Aerobics: Warm-up, simple aerobic choreography, strength training and Stretching. No floor work.
Intermediate Aerobics: Warm-up, cardiovascular work with fun choreography, strength training and stretching. No floor work.
Tai Chi: A Chinese exercise form that involves fluid & relaxing movements that utilize the entire body.
Aqua Yoga: The flowing movements of yoga will help your balance, flexibility, strength and promote Relaxation. (Spring & Summer Months)
Ai-Chi: Simple, fluid and relaxed movements using the arms, legs and torso. Ai-Chi is like a beautiful Dance in the water. (Spring & Summer Months)
Sit & Be Fit: Seated cardio and strength training work using resistive bands and weights.
Cybex Gym Equip. Orientation: Learn how to use and adjust the machines correctly.
One-on-One Personal Training: Fee based instruction with certified instructor.
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Kitti's Corner Kitti Surette

Senior Fitness Focus

Fitness comes in many forms. And it seems like every time you turn around, someone has a different suggestion about what kind of exercise seniors should focus on. But according to Wayne Thomas, a senior program director in Birmingham, Ala., seniors should focus on their fitness efforts primarily on weight training and flexibility. "Because of bone density issues and osteoporosis, seniors need to focus on weight

training," Thomas says. He adds that weight training is one of the primary ways to combat and possibly even avoid these conditions that are reported to affect 55 percent of the U.S. population aged 50 and older, according to the most recent figures from the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

According to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, moderate weight lifting can help seniors, particularly post-menopausal women, reduce body fat, increase muscle mass, build bones and improve balance. In fact, many experts assert that weight training can prevent and even reverse some of the more disabling effects of aging on the body.

The American College of Sports Medicine's (ACSM) exercise prescription focuses on performing moderately intense aerobic exercise frequently—three to five times per week—for a total of 20 to 60 minutes each day. However, this exercise can be accomplished in 10-minute increments accumulated during the day. Walking, running, cycling, swimming and stair climbing are examples of activities that exercise the major muscle groups. Other choices can be aqua classes, aerobics, stretch and tone, step classes, Pilates and yoga.

To improve muscular strength and endurance, body composition and flexibility, the ACSM also recommends a well-rounded program of resistance or strength training.

For flexibility, general stretching exercises involving the major muscle and tendon groups can help maintain range-of-motion in joints and overall flexibility as adults age.

Some Special advice for seniors from ACSM:

Those over age 65 may need longer periods of time to adapt to an exercise program. Both healthy and frail elderly individuals can make significant increases in strength and muscle mass through resistance and strength training. By including flexibility training—such as stretching exercises—in an exercise program, you can offset naturally occurring muscle and skeletal changes that significantly impair daily lift. Flexibility exercises can improve range of motion and function of joints, and can also be key in preventing musculoskeletal injuries in your bodies. The exercise program should provide the proper amount of physical activity to attain a maximum benefit at the lowest risk.

As I stated last month be sure to see your doctor before beginning an exercise program. Think about taking a family member or a friend who knows your history along with you. As we grow younger (don't we wish) we should be up and moving seven (yes 7) days a week. We should spend five of those days doing extra flexibility exercises or walking. This can help with depression (you won't have time to be depressed) and it will help reduce deterioration of intellectual processes that often occur as we age.

I now hear you saying it's difficult to get started on a program; it's a little foreign to me. OK, I can understand that. When I first started my program I wasn't always at ease either but the more I went on with my program and developed it I felt better and better. I also made a lot of friends and those friends made it fun.

Regardless of what you decide to do for your program or who designed it for you, one just needs to get started and stick with it, those are the keys to success. Getting into a fitness program and remaining consistently active and involved in the program are essential to optimal health at any age.

Come to any class and have fun. All the instructors and personal trainers at On Top of the World have one goal: To see you stay as healthy as you can be. Well, that's going to be it on your fitness for now. I've been here for two months to help you see how important it is to exercise.

Now it's your turn to take the ball and run with it. ☺

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Health & Fitness
Traci Rivera

Dancing Great Form Of Fun, Healthy Exercise

For all of the dancing enthusiasts out there, you already know the healthy benefits that dancing can have ... and the best part of it is it's fun!

Those who have been in the exercise business for many years know that "aerobics" and "jazzercise" is just basically dancing. Dancing gives you such a great cardiovascular workout that if done regularly, you can lower your pulse and blood pressure as well as improve your cholesterol levels.

When dancing, your large muscle groups are being used (thighs, quads and hamstrings) not to mention your heart. When your heart rate goes up, your blood pumps through your heart and throughout your body more. This will raise your body temperature. As our body temperature goes up we sweat and BURN calories. For those you take my Latin cardio class, you know that we SWEAT and at the same time we have a great time! We have so much fun that we tend to forget that this is exercise.

According to an article that I read on www.courier-journal.com, a 17-year-old high school senior, 6 feet tall and 253 pounds, was told by his doctor that he had high blood pressure and if something were not done about this, he would die of a stroke. That is not something that anyone would like to hear at any age. He started taking a hip-hop dance class in December of 2004 and now he is 75 pounds lighter and has a normal blood pressure.

"Dancing for exercise" is sweeping the country. TV reality shows like "Dancing With The Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance" are big hits. Most of those dancers are in such great shape; they dance and dance and dance. Many styles of dancing from salsa, belly dancing, line dancing, ballet and hip-hop are being offered at many health clubs, dance studios and even churches around the U.S. So trying to locate a class to get started should not be very difficult. Once you take that step, you will become healthier and enjoy life a little more.

Dancing on a social level, you can burn from 100 to 400 calories per hour. When you are a competitive dancer you can burn 600 or more calories per hour ... wow! So just think, when you are at Happy Hour at the Arbor Club ... drinking water ... and dancing A LOT, you could be burning off some major calories!

Here are some benefits to dancing that I found on www.rjdance.com that I wanted to share with you. Some are very interesting to read. Dancing can be very good for the mind, body, and soul.

Great Benefits of Dancing

- No calories, no fat, no sugar!
- Burns 100 to 400 calories per hour
- Increases energy
- Lowers blood pressure
- Increases lung capacity and respiratory function
- Increases circulation
- Can slow degenerative changes in skeletal structure (such as osteoporosis)
- Strengthens our weight bearing bones
- Increases flexibility and functioning of joints
- Increases muscle tone
- Sharpens coordination, balance and reaction time
- Improves posture
- Improves internal organ functions because of improved posture
- Improve ps mental health and attitude
- Reduces stress and depression
- Improves sleep and increases vigor
- Helps overcome social awkwardness
- Improves self-esteem and confidence
- Helps meeting new people easier
- Fun social activity men and women can enjoy together.

As a reminder, here at On Top of the World, we do offer many dance classes as part of our Health and Recreation, so please take a peek at the Master The Possibilities.

Let's get dancing, have fun and get healthy! ☺

ARBOR CLUB FITNESS & AQUATIC SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15 a.m. Specialty Class* Indoor Pool		Aquacise* Shallow water Lyn		Aquacise* Shallow water Lyn	
8:30 a.m. Arbor Club Fitness Room	Aqua & Fitness Orientation Adela Please call for appt. 854-8707				
9:15 a.m. Specialty Class* Indoor Pool	Deep Water Aquacise* Lyn	Total Core & Body Strength* Adela	Deep Water Aquacise* Lyn	Total Core & Body Strength* Adela	Deep Water Aquacise* Adela
10:15 a.m. Specialty Class* Fitness Room	Beginner Yoga* Adela		Beginner Mat Pilates* Lyn		
10:30 a.m. Specialty Class* Ballroom		Latin/Cardio* Traci		Latin/Cardio* Traci	
10:30 a.m. Specialty Class* Fitness Room Outdoor Pool		Yogacise* Adela		Yogacise* Adela	
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* Adela		Shallow Water Exercises* Lyn		Shallow Water Exercises* Lyn
6:30 p.m. Arbor Club Ballroom (Tu) & Fitness Room (Th)		Belly Dancing* Lorraine Kay		Belly Dancing* Lorraine Kay	
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.
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Callanetics: Exercises that isolate muscle groups using small, precise movements.
Latin Cardio: A mixture of Aerobic dancing that includes: Cha-Cha-Cha, Salsa, Merengue & Samba
Ballet-Barre: Ballet based workout consisting of barre and center floor exercises. Conditioning of body While dancing.
Arthritis Aquatic Class: Specialized aquatic class for individuals with arthritis. Exercises will increase joint range of motion and flexibility. May - September
Arthritis Class: Specialized indoor class for individuals with arthritis. Exercises help individuals increase their joint flexibility and range of motion. September - May
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 aquatic walking more effective. May - September
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.**

What is Exercise-Induced Asthma?

By ADELA ANDERSON

Exercise-induced Asthma (EIA) is caused by prolonged or vigorous exercise or by exertion. The most common symptoms include shortness of breath, chest tightness, wheezing or unusual fatigue during or after physical activity. People with chronic asthma experience symptoms with exercise. There are also people without chronic asthma who develop symptoms only during exercise. These people often ignore the

symptoms because they attribute them to being out of shape, or to a decrease of exercise tolerance due to the aging process.

As you know, exercise is good for you, but it may be particularly beneficial for individuals with asthma. Before engaging in an exercise program, people with asthma should plan a consultation with their doctors. The physician will be able to advise which activities may provoke asthma. Seek a physician's clearance and follow a safe and well-planned exercise program that can improve your physical and emotional well-being.

For people with EIA, some activities are better than others. Activities that involve short periods of exertion (stop-and-go sports), such as water volleyball and tennis or walking and aquatic exercises are usually tolerated best. Activities that involve long periods of exertion, like distance running, are less tolerated.

People with asthma should keep their noses clear when exercising. The nasal passages act as natural filters and humidifiers that keep the air at proper temperatures and filter out allergens and pollutants. Avoid outdoor exercises in cold, windy weather or when the pollen count is high. Also, avoid exercising near fields of grass or in areas where there are high levels of respiratory irritants, like smoke.

Swimming and water exercises are especially good for individuals with EIA. Aquatic exercises are good because warm and humid air near the water surface helps prevent the cooling and drying of the lung airways. Aquatic exercises improve lung capacity, breath control, circulation and aerobic capacity.

EIA can be easily diagnosed and treated. When treated properly, you will be able to participate in many physical activities. To help prevent asthmatic attacks, talk to your doctor to find out if you need to take medication. If you need medication, request what type you need and how often and when you should take it. Here are some exercise guidelines that will help people with EIA:

- Plan a long warm-up of approximately 15 minutes at a low to moderate intensity. It will prepare your body for more vigorous activity.
- Pace yourself when exercising and listen to your body.

· In case of an asthma attack, decrease the exercise intensity immediately. If symptoms do not subside, please seek medical attention.

- Make sure you are properly hydrated before, during and after exercise.
- Choose your activities wisely.
- Avoid exercise environments that will trigger EIA episodes. Breathing warm humid air is more beneficial than breathing cold dry air.

· Plan a prolonged cool-down after exercising. Yoga will help you learn how to breathe properly and will enhance relaxation.

For both physical and mental health, it is very important to continue maintaining an active lifestyle. From all the exercise programs offered at On Top of the World, you will be able to find the one that will suit you best. ☺



Diabetes Support Group
Lennie Rodoff

Our February 28 meeting was quite interesting as we had Dr. Hina Ahmed from Ocala Eye as our guest speaker. She also had very interesting slides showing the types of damage diabetes can cause in the eyes. Our members had ample opportunity to ask questions, and Dr. Ahmed was happy to answer them.

I would like to thank Myra Post and Doris West for their help in setting up our February meeting.

Our March 28th meeting was a general discussion meeting, and we firmed up our "field trip" to Munroe Regional Hospital to visit their Diabetes Support Group. They had a guest speaker who explained what the A1c means, and had hand-outs for attendees.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to call me at 291-7508. ☺



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Singles Club
Garda Facci

In February, we met at the new Marion County Public Library, centrally located off Silver Springs Boulevard, with plenty of free parking, for a tour of the facilities. The library opened at 10 a.m. and we were met by Leonard Kransdorf, our very pleasant and capable tour director. On entering, the Friends of the Library have a display of used books for sale with the proceeds for the benefit of the library.

There are three children's rooms, one for crafts, one for storytelling and the other for staff and Internet access. There is also an area for younger children and a room for young adults with four computers and special furniture for their age group.

The technology section had 23 computers with free computer classes. Sign up is the first Monday of the month before classes start and cover beginning to advanced courses.

The genealogy room has two computers

with links to relevant information.

There are three meeting rooms that non-profit organizations can reserve for their use. One 150-foot wall houses books in large print on many interesting topics.

There is also a growing Spanish section, books on tape, books on CDs and a large video section devoted mostly to educational and historical topics.

The back of the library has 100 different magazines in current and past issues, plus daily newspapers from around the area and country.

There is also an excellent business reference area. It was a great tour and illustrated what a wonderful library system we have. They are always in need of volunteers as well.

From there we went to Harry's for lunch which made a great ending for the morning.

Our monthly meeting was held at Summerville, an assisted living facility just adjacent to On Top of the World. It is a lovely place and tastefully decorated. We were given a warm reception and a tour of the facilities. Refreshments were served as well. They also would welcome volunteers.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, suites G and H. We are still looking for a volunteer secretary. One does not need to use a computer or typewriter for this position. Entertainment will be by the Ocala Golden Troupers and there will be refreshments as well.

Our mid-month activity will be lunch at Rusty Pontoons in Dunnellon. It is right on 484 going into Dunnellon and is at noon. Information can be had at our regular monthly meeting or by phoning Gennie Keebler at 854-3948. We hope to have a gentleman for our next vice president and are counting on lots of male members to lend him support.

April is the month when snowbirds start traveling north, leaving the truly seasoned southerners behind. May their journey be safe until they return to the land of the sun once again, and God bless. ☺

Arthritis Support Group Set to Meet April 4

If there is continued interest in an arthritis support group, the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, at 2 p.m. in Suite G of the Arbor Conference Center. The subject will be the Top 10 Arthritis Advances of 2005. For further information, contact Pat at the Arthritis Foundation 861-6155.

2006 Ocala Arthritis Walk

Join the Walk to fight Arthritis on May 20 at Silver Springs Nature's Theme Park. Register online at www.arthritis.org or contact the Arthritis Foundation at 861-6155. By teaming up and participating in the Arthritis Walk, individuals can make a difference in the lives of 66 million or one in three adults and 300,000 children who have arthritis or chronic joint symptoms. ☺



Arbor Club Tennis
Jorge Privat

With the improvement in the weather conditions, tennis playing is getting into full gear. The Mixed Doubles Round Robin, with its usual hiccups is doing fine. (Some players still sign up to play, but do not show up to play.)

We are also putting together a calendar of tennis activities, which hopefully will improve the level of play (for those who wish to improve their game), and also to keep tennis as something fun and a healthy thing to do. We will increase the number of clinics to make them available to beginners, intermediate and more advanced players. We are considering instituting a monthly tournament as well. We will also test a "Challenge Day" when anybody is welcome to play without having to sign up for it, just pick a partner and challenge another doubles team. More details later.

To celebrate St. Valentine's day, the social committee organized a lunch gathering at the OK Corral ... or was it The Golden Corral which was a complete success, and it appears that nobody walked out of there hungry.

Don Firkins reported that of the five matches played in early February against Ocala Palms, On Top of the World won three and lost two.

On February 13, the mixed doubles team from On Top of the World met its counterpart from Spruce Creek. Here are the results:

- Dick Dzik and Joyce Perkins won over Ray Jask and Linda Helmer 6-4, 7-5
- Don Firkins and Maria Fried won over Larry Wiatrovich and Mary Sands 6-4, 6-4
- Ross Clark and Marilyn Beardsley won over Dave Shapiro and Peggy Toy 6-2, 6-1
- Wendell Crist and Donna Infante won over George Ebenhardt and Nancy Anderson 6-1, 6-3, and Carl Sciacca and Rosemarie Hueber won over Clarence Pelkie and Bobbie Christensen 6-4, 6-4.

We also have the results of the match up between On Top of the World and Oak Run on Feb. 22:

- Dick Dzik/Don Firkins won 6-2, 6-2, Hal Stanley/Toni Maiorino lost 3-6, 4-6
- Ralph Bromund/Oscar Fernandez won 6-2, 3-6, 6-0, Don Shaner/Peter Paige lost 3-6, 6-2, 6-8, and Ross Clark/Elliott Sief lost 4-6, 3-6.

Tennis Association

H&R Center Courts

Schedule

Saturday & Monday 8-noon: Mixed Doubles

Tuesday & Thursday 8-noon: Men's Doubles

All Resident Tennis Players Welcome.

Worth mentioning is the fact that the senior men's team that participated in the USTA league gained some good experiences about the level of competition, other teams approach to playing in that league, level of commitment to the team, etc., which will be valuable in the future. Thanks to captain Peter Paige for the time and effort he put into running the team. And cheers to all the team captains and their teams for their efforts!

Tennis Tip Of The Month

Equipment: How to pick a racquet: When shopping for a racquet, you should take your time, demo several racquets that you believe would complement your game, and decide which one feels the best.

From the Experts of "Tennis" magazine, these five steps will help you make an informed decision:

1. Contact your teaching pro, or a local pro shop. Let them ask you questions about the equipment you are using, your style and level of play, and they will tell you what type of racquet specifications would best fit your needs, and they can also help you pick four or five frames that you should try.

2. Demo each racquet for at least 20 to 30 minutes, hitting all your strokes, and see if you can generate the right amount of power, control and spin for your game.

3. Narrow your choices to the two frames that felt the best. Hit with each one for about two hours, and play points to see if they actually respond to your expectations when playing under pressure.

4. Select the racquet that feels the best. Perhaps at this point, you should consider the price of the racquet. If the second best frame is very close in performance, but much cheaper than the best, you may opt for that frame. But, if you consider the number of hours you are going to use the frame and divide the cost by those hours, maybe the difference in price is not too significant.

5. After you have found the right racquet, talk to your local pro about strings and the string tension to be placed on your racquet.

The Weight of Your Racquet: There are some exceptions, but generally speaking, the weight of your racquet should go along with your skill level. Beginners should use the lightest and easiest to swing with; 9.5 ounces or less. Intermediates should use medium weight frames, between 9.5 and 10.5 ounces, and, advanced players (big hitters) should use frames from 11 ounces and up. The most important factors to consider are the length and the strength of your swing.

The Head Size of your Racquet: This should also conform to your level of play. Usually the larger the head the more forgiving the racquet, due to an increase in the size of the "sweet spot." However, I would stay away from extremely large frames (larger than 115 square inches) as they can become cumbersome.

The Grip Size: Matching your hand to the correct grip size is not a complicated process, but it is important to have the correct size grip. Expert advice is that you should have the largest grip on your racquet that feels comfortable in your hand. A simple way to determine your grip size is to extend your fingers and measure the distance between the tip of your ring finger and the second lateral crease (life-line) in the palm of your hand.

Grip Types and Textures: There are grips and grip wraps (also called overgrips). Grips and replacement grips are the initial cover placed on the racquet handle. They come in different textures; firm, cushioned, perforated, ridged, etc. Replacement grips allow you to change say, from a firm grip to a cushioned grip or to a tack (sticky) one.

Overgrips are thin wraps used to prevent slippage or control perspiration, and in some cases to increase the size of the grip, slightly.

On a separate note, we welcome Margaret Adams, Bernie Goldhill and Patty Ware as new Arbor Club members. Surely, they will be a great addition to the club. ☺

Please Donate Next Time Florida Blood Bank Visits

By EILEEN K. VANDERBOSCH

When that big red bus comes to On Top of the World again, it is hoped that more people will volunteer to donate a gift of life. We are very lucky seniors in that we have doctors who perform sometimes "miracles" to keep us alive, but not without cost and that is blood when needed.

It does not hurt. There are perks: the juice and cookies are delicious and it only takes about an hour. How about giving that hour to help a person in need and do yourself a big favor. ☺

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Republican Club
Tony Tortora

Michael Preston, legislative aide to Florida State Representative Larry Cretul, was the guest speaker at the March meeting. Preston is a 22-year-old graduate of the University of Florida and is extremely knowledgeable of the legislative process and status of the bills in Tallahassee. His presentation was interesting and informative and well received by the membership. He represents the future of the Republican Party in Florida.

Other guests present were Commissioner Charlie Stone, who gave a short briefing of the hot topics being considered by the County Commission, and School Board member and current Chair, Sue Mosley, who gave a very brief look at the problems confronting the School District.

The next meeting will be one week later than usual on April 21.

We will host Marion County Schools Su-

perintendent, Jim Yancey, at a picnic that night. Tickets and reservations are required. For further information call President Jerry Cauda at 873-2007.

Expected guests are Jim and Kay Yancey, Dr Gene and Judith Zanetti (school board member), Michelle and Charlie Stone, Sue Mosley and the former president of the Republican Women Ocala Marion Federated Club, Pat Sasso.

Membership dues are now overdue. A donation of \$5 is requested for membership in the most active community Republican Club in Marion County. Send dues to Tony Tortora, 8563-G S.W. 93rd Lane, Ocala, Fla. 34481. Please include your telephone number and e-mail address if you have one.

Our guest speakers for the future months are County Commissioner Jim Payton in May, candidate for State Attorney General Bill McCullum in June, and School Board member Kurt Kelly in July.

This is an election year. Every vote counts. We expect to see more candidates for office at future meetings. Now is the time that they need to qualify for the ballot by getting voter signatures. Signing their cards gives the voters a choice on the ballot. The judicial and school board candidates are required to run as non-partisan candidates. Note that all incumbent school board members are registered Republicans. These seats are decided in the September primary so plan on voting. If you are going to travel, apply at the supervisor of elections office for an absentee ballot. Remember, every vote counts and voting is one of the most important actions you can take to have a voice in your government.

Keep informed by joining your Republican Club and by reading these articles. Republican candidate information will be presented as it emerges. ☺



Photo by Norman Scott

CERT team members help with the safety of walkers in the Hoofin' It For Hospice charity walk in March. From left, front row, are Muriel Marcussi, Gwyn Champlin, Caroline Scott, Lennie Rodoff, Mickey Redlinger, Mary Lou Caruana, Roger Tremblay and Eddice Tremblay; back row, Erwin Fluss, Rob Caruana and Gary Rodoff; and not shown, Norman Scott.

ruana, Gwyn Champlin, Norman and I attended the Leadership Conference at the Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, along with many other CERT members from several surrounding counties. After being assigned to one of three teams, we attended courses on Advanced Medical Training for Leaders, How to Recognize and Deal with Stress, and Team Building. These courses were given by trained professionals and enhanced our knowledge of what would be expected of us in times of trauma. Of course, there was also some fun time, including a campfire at night with an original song contest. It showed that CERT members have a great sense of humor and talents that don't show up every day.

On February 25, we monitored the walkers for the Hoofin' It For Hospice Walk, by being at busy intersections to keep the walkers safe from traffic. The walk is only 2 miles, but we feel our participation is an important one. A man explained to us that last year he couldn't make the whole walk due to breathing problems, and this year he brought his inhaler and he did fine. With being at each corner with our radios, we were able to keep track and check on him constantly. Congratulations to him for doing this and being a good citizen as well.

There are many projects that we, as a team participate in.

To find out how you as a resident can help yourself and your neighbors, you are welcome to attend any of our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in Suites E, F and G of the Arbor Conference Center. ☺



Citizens Emergency Response Team
Caroline Scott

February was a very busy month for our team. At our monthly meeting, Public Information Officer Randy Robinson came with a fully equipped ambulance for us to inspect.

He answered many questions that we all have, concerning traffic, placement of the ambulances, what services are available, how they handle calls, and how they find an address. He stated that during the month and a half of 2006, the service had answered 6,300 calls! We then went outside and were able to tour the truck, see the actual equipment and, again, Randy answered our questions.

For three days Rob and Mary Lou Ca-



View from the Library
Donna O'Neil

One of her students, Corrine Sullivan, constantly challenged Angie but Angie became very fond of the girl. A devastating incident involving Corrine occurred and in the end this was the catalyst that caused Angie to leave the convent.

Kathleen entered the convent in 1963. After her she took her final vows, Kathleen was assigned to attend education classes at the University of Minneapolis. The following year she would be teaching first grade at St. Peter's School. Over a few summers Kathleen took many college level courses in business math and then was assigned to teach ninth- and tenth-grade bookkeeping at St. Peter's High School. She also became part time bookkeeper for the church. An act of kindness on Kathleen's part in helping someone out led to a very difficult situation. Eventually the situation caused Kathleen to leave the convent.

Joanna joined the convent in 1967. Prior to this she had been in nursing school. She had been engaged to be married. When the wedding plans were cancelled, Joanna decided to become a nun. However, a favorite nun, Sister Theresa, advised her to wait for six months to see if this was the right path for her. At the end of the six months Joanna felt deeply that this was the path that she wanted to follow. After she took her final vows she was assigned to the convent in Minneapolis. She would finish nursing school and then work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Sister Joanna proved to be an excellent nurse and was well liked by all. Her feelings toward Dr. Tim Murray, a young surgeon on the staff who had recently returned from the Vietnam War, began to cause her to seriously question her commitment to God. Eventually she took a leave of absence from the convent.

This story took place during the time when many changes took place in the Catholic Church. Debbie Macomber, the author, wrote a most interesting and enjoyable book. ☺

"Changing Habits," c.2003 by Debbie Macomber, is the story of three young women Angelina (Angie) Marcello, Kathleen O'Shaughnessy and Joanna Baird who joined the order of the St. Bridget's Sisters of the Assumption.

The three girls were from very different backgrounds and lived in different areas of our country. Angie came from Buffalo, Kathleen from Boston and Joanna from Providence.

Eventually all three were assigned to the same motherhouse in Minneapolis. There they became lifelong friends.

Each one entered the religious life for different reasons and during the course of the story each one left for different reasons.

Angie entered the convent in 1958. After taking her final vows she was assigned to teach religion and home economics at a high school in San Antonio. She was there for 10 years. In 1972 she was sent to St. Peter's High School in Minneapolis. She would be living in the order's largest convent. Here Angie taught health and home economics.

Keep The Lifeline Going

By HARRY PLOW

Are you aware that Veterans and Services transport veteran patients from Ocala from the Cascades to the Veterans Hospital in Gainesville? At present, more than 70 are transported from the Highway 200 corridor, and a dozen right here from On Top of the World?

We have two vans, and one van needs to be replaced by 2007. To get in line to obtain this van, the Veterans and Services need to raise \$13,500 by this September. If there is no second van to transport these veteran patients for medical care, they won't get the service they deserve and need.

Donations may be sent to Marion County Veterans Council, Inc. Pam Styx, Treasurer, 10761 S.E. 72nd Terrace, Belleview, Fla. 34420. Please be sure to specify "for the van." ☺

May Dance Tickets On Sale

By MARILYN ROSE

The Dance Committee presents its May function for your dancing pleasure. The dance is open to all residents of On Top of the World and their overnight guests.

The May Dance will be Saturday, May 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

The band will be Cool Breeze. Cost is \$6 per person, \$12 per couple.

There will be snacks and door prizes. A singles table will be available. There will also be a cash bar available. The dress for this event is elegant casual.

Ticket sales will start on Monday, April 17, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the H&R Ballroom, and will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until all the tickets are sold. Be sure to get your tickets early as they quickly sell out. See you at the dance! ☺

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Native Plant Club Ron Broman

It was August 2001, one month before the unspeakable, and a different world. I can't even remember the major topics on everyone's minds; but the Native Plant Club's article was all about a healthy environment and the role that native plants play.

Betty, my girlfriend of 50 years, (we just might make it legal one of these days), thinks it's time for a revisit, back to the days before, and back to the plant known as Walter Viburnum.

For some reason, I was calling it Walter's Viburnum, but have since discovered that "Walter Viburnum honors Thomas Walter, (1740-1789), English-born planter of South

Carolina, who described this species in his Flora Caroliniana."(1)

Walter Viburnum, *Viburnum obovatum*, Small Viburnum or Black Haw, grows natively in Florida "from about Washington County eastward and southward to about Hendry County."(2)

In our yard four distinct forms fill a niche. The dwarf makes a perfect compact, low and low maintenance hedge out front. The larger compact form separates our two houses and could hide an "eyesore." The darker and smaller leaved Black Haw is available for contrast. Then there is the more open, tree-like form, which "can be trained into a single-trunk plant well suited for planting along streets, especially when wires are overhead."(3)

The species' name, *obovatum*, describes the shape of the leaves, obovate, shaped like an egg, wider at the apex (distant end)." The evergreen leaves vary from very small to medium-sized, glossy, leathery and dark green." (In the very northern part of its range, however, it may lose its leaves in the winter).

This is the time of year that *Viburnum obovatum* is in full bloom, which can be quite a display. Some sources state the blossoms remain for two or three weeks; others, from as long as the middle of February through the end of spring. Our experience suggests the bloom period depends on the form of Walter. The prize in our backyard habitat seems to belong to the larger, more compact, larger-leaved form, where some blooms appear throughout the year.

The fruit, ripening during the summer, turns black in the fall. "Birds consume large quantities of the fruit."(1)

"Walter Viburnum will grow well in a site that receives full sun or shade." "In the opinion of some nursery growers (it) is the very best *Viburnum* for use in central and south Florida"

"(Its) early flowering period and attractive fall fruit make it a good shrub for naturalistic settings."(2)

The bad news, unfortunately, is that Walter Viburnum, as is the case with most native plants, is not readily available in your "regular" nursery. The good news, however, is that more nurseries are making it available every year.

You know the three-legged stool of economics: supply, demand and education. Folks who know what to ask for begin to ask. With patience and perseverance the nurseries begin to supply.

We in the Native Plant Club believe that striving for a healthy environment is a worthy goal and that plants native to an area are a major player in that health. It's not easy bringing about changes in the way folks think; but what worthy goal is easy? We enjoy the challenge as well as each other's company in the process.

The guest speakers for our April 12 meeting are the Lippmans, Joan and Al. They have always been interested in studying birds. In fact they made the connection that in order to "spot birds" it is important to know the plants. It's an easy step from there to realizing that the wider the variety

of native plants an area has, the wider the variety and greater the number of birds and other animals that depend on those plants.

In May 2001 they helped start the Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

The title of their PowerPoint presentation, "Landscaping Naturally with Florida Native Plants," will put the ball in our court. Come join us Wednesday, April 12, at 1:45 p.m. (new time) in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center, as we bolster the education leg of the economics stool.

By the way, to overcome the challenge presented by a lack of supply, the spring native plant sale in Morningside Nature Center is April 7 and 8. Walter will be well represented in the plants for sale.

Friday, April 7, is for Native Plant Society members (you can renew or join here), from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 8, the general public is invited from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The address and phone number are Morningside Nature Center, 3540 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Fla. (352) 334-2170.

Remember, cash and checks only. If you're looking to carpool, call me at 861-4560.

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1) Gateway: *Walter Viburnum: E Nature.com Nature Guides*

2) *The Trees of Florida*, by Gil Nelson, Pineapple Press, Inc., Sarasota, Fla. 1994

3) Gateway: *Walter Viburnum: Dr. Ed. Gilman, Professor, Environmental Horticulture Dept., University of Florida.*



Photo by Norm Lantz

Norm Lantz captured this pair of burrowing owls on a February walk at On Top of the World with the Unique Birders.



Birders' Beat Jane Callender

The Unique Birders will meet on April 18 at 1:30 p.m. in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center. Carole Rau will present a very interesting program on "Winged Migration."

Evelyn Sarns is the organizer for the April 27 field trip. This will be a trip to Johnson's Pond Trail (a well kept 1.8 mile gravel trail.) Brunch at Spruce Creek will follow. For further information call Roberta Campbell at 854-4814 or me at 861-2983.

Norm Lantz was host for the March meeting. Our speakers, Jerry and Sandy Ulrikson, shared their Wisconsin farm with the "Op-

eration Migration for Whooping Cranes."

Isabelle Moller was in charge of the March field trip. More information on the March activities will be in the May World News.

The February meeting was the planning meeting for programs and trips. The fourth Thursday was just two days after the meeting date — so an impromptu visit to see burrowing owls was surprisingly well attended.

The outing was followed by a very good brunch at Candler Hills Restaurant.

The burrowing owl is brown with bold white spots, white belly, very long legs and round yellow eyes. The female is same as the male; the juvenile has a brown belly. It is an owl of fields, open backyards, golf courses and airports. It nests in small family units or colonies. It takes over underground dens of mammals, lining the dens with cow pies, horse dung, grass and feathers. Some people have had success attracting these owls to their back yards by creating artificial dens. They are often seen during the day, standing or sleeping by the den entrance. The male brings food to the incubating female — six to eight white eggs, 21 to 28 days of incubation. The male often moves the family to a new den when young are just a few days old.

This species is on a list of "special interest." The long-term stability of the family here at On Top of the World should be a matter of care and concern so they do not become extinct. ☹



Friendship Club Wanda Simpson

Whistling Bob Rodgers was our mystery entertainer on March 12. Judy kept the tunes at just the right sound level for his singing voice as well as his whistling. Thanks to you both.

Kay and her crew served an assortment of Dunkin Donuts. Who doesn't enjoy them with a glass of tea or a cup of Doug's coffee? Thanks to all of you.

Our club secretary, Shirley, has submitted her resignation and we need to have nominations for her replacement. You can volunteer for this position by calling the nominating chairpersons, Hank and Edie Kolb, at 854-3224.

Our next meeting is April 9. Mark your calendars. Kay and Crew are planning a special treat of barbecue sandwiches with chips and an assortment of sodas. There will be a \$2 charge for your guest to cover the cost of the special menu. This is the only time you pay extra for your guest.

Membership to the Friendship Club is open to all residents of On Top of the World Communities; the annual fee per person is \$7 per year.

The meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month, except Mother's Day, from 2 to 4 p.m. Come early, visit with your friends, eat at 2:30 p.m., then Lolly will have a short business meeting at 3 p.m., followed by the entertainment.

Mick Page will be singing oldies for our entertainment.

Call Mary Carol Geck, if you know a member who has a special concern. She will send a card from the club. Her number is 854-8996.

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

Women of the World to Host Benefit Dance

By BETTY THAYER

Women of the World will host a benefit afternoon of music and dance to raise funds for the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center in Ocala on April 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the H&R Ballroom.

Donations will be taken at the door in lieu of selling tickets.

This benefit will be a first for Women of the World. As a charitable group we usually collect needed items for our charities on a monthly basis. However, as a women's group we felt strongly about the work the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center does to help victims get back their self esteem and to stop the cycle of violence. This center provides victims and their children with a safe shelter and a full range of prevention and survival services. The center recently expanded in order to help more victims and needs help in securing funds. A recent article in the Ocala Star-Banner cited the growth of this center and the care they provide, making a difference in the victim's life.

The musical group Northern Sound will perform for your listening and dancing pleasure. Snacks along with coffee and tea will be provided.

Please join Women of the World on April 2 as we try to make a difference. ☹

Landscape Debris Curbside Pickup Schedule

Monday

Americana Village
Friendship Village
Friendship Park

Tuesday/Wednesday

Friendship Colony

Thursday

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Friday

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Activities April

Monday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Mixed Tennis D	CTS
	Cardio Burn & Firm	H&R
8:30	Aqua & Fitness	AC
	Orientation	
9:00	Cardio Step & Sculpt	H&R
	Computer Lab	H&R
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Golden Slippers	BR
	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 Aerobics	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
	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	AC
	Shuffleboard	CTS
2:00	Rug/Latch Hooking	Art
	Rummicube	CC:E&F
2:45	Beg. C-W Line Dance	BR
3:15	Bible Class	MR3
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Poker	MR3
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
6:30	Bridge	CR
6:30	Euchre II	CC:H
7:00	Wood Shop	WW
7:30	Callanetics	H&R

1st Week

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

2nd Week

10:00	Genealogical Society	MR3
*2:00	Book Club 4/10	CCC
2:30	Theatre Group	CC: D
4:00	10,000 Steps at Sholom	Park
6:30	International Club	Art

3rd Week

2:30	Readers' Theatre	CC: D
*1:30	Open Classroom 4/17	CC: H
1:30	D'Clowns	CC: B&C
*6:30	Diag Bar & Crystal Bracelet 4/17	CC: E&F
7:00	Sunshine Singers	BR

4th Week

10:00	Williamsburg Social Club	ACC-H
*2:00	Astrology 4/24	CC: H
3:00	Community Patrol Prog.	CC: B&C
4:00	10,000 Steps at Sholom	Park

* Advance registration and fee may be required. Please check in advance.

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	AC
	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
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
	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. Response Team	CC: E,F&G

*10:00	Digital Camera Class 4/11	CCC: A
12:00	Ham Radio Club	CC: F
1:30	Visually Impaired Support Group	CC: H
3:00	Nutrition Discussion	CC: B&C
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
6:30	German Club	CC: E,F&G

3rd Week

*1:00	Basic Computer 4/18	CLC
*1:00	Culinary Class - Fish 4/18	BR
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

8:30	Ladies Tennis	CTS
	Bicycle Club	H&R
	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	
9-2:30p.m.	Ceramics	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
11:30	Sit & Be Fit	H&R
	Tai Chi Practice	AC
	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
12:15	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
3:00	Dance Committee	CC: B&C
4:00	Softball Practice	SBF
5:30	Square Dance Class	AC
	Bingo	BR
6:00	Poker	MR3
6:15	Oxycise	H&R
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	CR
7:00	Poker	MR3
	Square Dancing	AC
7:30	Stretching Class	HR
	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

*9:00	Fl Lawns & Gardens 4/19	CC: B&C
*1:00	Basic Computer II 4/19	CLC
1:30	Stamp Club	Bank PAB

4th Week

*10:30	Current Events 4/26	CC: H
*2:00	Beyond the Ordinary 4/26	CC: E&F
*7:00	Marion County User's 4/26	ICC

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 (Advanced)	HR
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Miniature Golf	MGC
9:15	Total Core & Body	AC
	Strength	AC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Round Dance Class	CC: E&F
10:15	Tai-Chi (Beginners)	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	
	Mah Jongg	CC: A
12:15	Oxycise	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
	Square Dancing DBD	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
7:00	Poker	MR3
	Mixed Poker	CC: H

1st Week

10:00	NY/NJ Board Meeting	CC-H
1:00	Bunko Dice Game	MR3
	Opera Appreciation	CC-C

5:30	Southern Club	BR
	2nd Week	
*1:00	CPR 4/13	ICC
1:30	Singles Club	CC: G&H
2:00	NARFE Chapter 2279	CH
7:00	Karaoke Night	CC: E,F&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	Round Dance Class	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
2:00	Fun In The Water	AC
2:15	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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2nd Week

7:00	Northern Lights	CC: B&C
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4th Week

*10:00	Festival of Horse 4/22	TBA
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Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	HR CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC
12:00	Mah Jongg	CC: A
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
2:00	Pickleball	CTS
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC: A
	Miniature Golf	MGC
6:30	Pickleball	CTS
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC: H



Red Hat Society
Vivian Brown

Wow! Another hilarious, wonderful, hand clapping PJ Party. Each and every Red Hat lady deserves a pat on the back for her performance. Every year you think, it couldn't be better than the last, yet it just keeps getting better and better and better.

We want to give our sincere thanks to our hostesses, the Queen Bee and her Honeybees for a job very, very well done. They have hosted this affair for the last four years and have informed all the Queen Mothers that they will not be doing it next year.

Since this is one of the few times all the On Top of the World chapters all get together for fun and laughs, I suggest that each year a different chapter host our PJ Party.

Our next Queen Mothers meeting is April 17, time and place to be announced later. We can discuss the PJ Party and finalize our plans for our National Red Hat Day celebration on Tuesday, April 25, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE RED HAT DAMES: Like everyone else, we spent a wonderful evening at the PJ Party with the many talented Red Hat ladies, who prove every day "That Life Really Does Begin at 50" and I for one, am having the time of my life. No rocking chairs for my gals. We still have a lot of living to do, right ladies? Our monthly luncheon was hosted by Delores Billelo who made arrangements at the Hilton. The food

was good, the company was delightful and laughter filled the air as it usually does when we all get together. Our birthday gal this month was Jean Stanley; Miss Charlotte serenaded her on her kazoo while the rest of us sang "Happy Birthday." We plan to attend the National Red Hat Day Celebration on Tuesday, April 25. It should be great fun. Ladies, I am very proud and honored to be your Queen Mother. You all are the greatest! Till next month happy Easter and God bless. ... *QM Vivian Brown*

THE QUEEN BEE AND HER HONEYBEES hosted their annual Red Hat PJ Party for all On Top of the World chapters on February 26. The Ballroom was rocking with laughter, chatters and such a fun group of seniors like you have never seen before. Too bad our offsprings couldn't have seen all these get-up-and-go Red Hatters. This was the fourth year the Honeybees have hosted this fun event. Our first PJ Party hosted 62 attendees, the next year it was 98, the following year it was 107, and this year there were 168 attendees. That's how fast these Red Hat chapters have caught on in On Top of the World alone. Each chapter brought in its favorite food for others to sample and each chapter also brought all their talent on stage to entertain their Red Hat sisters. Very clever, and some so funny, it was hard to believe they were senior citizens. Thank you all for coming and helping to make such an unforgettable evening for our gals. ... *QM Martha Evans*

THE DIVINE DIVAS celebrated St. Patrick's at the fine "Irish" pub, Bella Luna. The Duchess of Wine, Carol Campbell, and Lady Bells, Gloria Connolly, were hostesses and did an amazing job. The PJ Party and the Hoofin' It for Hospice were great successes as always. Thanks to all who participated and especially our Queen Mom Gail LaRue for coming up with the idea for the skit we performed at the PJ Party. The "Let's Go Girls" theme really embodies the Divine Divas spirit. ... *QM Gail LaRue by Chris Guidas*

THE CRESCENT RIDGE RED HATTERS had a ball at the PJ Party. What wonderful food, skits and camaraderie! Good job all! Our February hostess, Joan Irvine, chose the Ivy House in Williston for our monthly outing. As usual, the food and service were excellent and we enjoyed poking around in all the rooms upstairs looking for treasures.

Red Hat Ladies perform at the Pajama Party.



Can't believe the fun we have in Red Hats! ... *QM Anne Seales*

THE CRIMSON BELLS thought the Red Hat PJ Party was a great success. Ten of our ladies attended and we all thank Martha and her Honeybees for hosting this event. All the skits were wonderful and the food was great. I want to thank Jeanette Messer for making our presentation and Shirley Kilpatrick for naming our skit. We had fun making our fans and hats and all the girls helped one another. Annette Carlo hosted our February 28 outing. She chose Your Heart's Desire cafe and gift shop. A wonderful little tearoom with delicious homemade food was enjoyed by 11 of us. We shopped and then went back to Annette's home for meeting and dessert. She offered us her homemade blueberry wine, which was delicious and some crackers, dips and chocolate cake. Our thanks to Annette for this lovely day. ... *QM Joan Motchkavitz*

THE COOL CATS IN RED HATS' trip of the month was planned by Alice Stewart. The Cool Cats traveled cross town to the Appleton Art Museum, where we were given a guided tour of the lovely art on display. Our museum guide was very informative about the history of the museum and artwork that we viewed. Ocala should be very proud of the wonderful treasure of art that it has for its people. We had a lovely lunch at the Copper Pot. The food servings were big enough that several of us were able to take enough home for another meal. We all loved the PJ Party. It is so much fun to be with all the Red Hat groups of On Top of the World. We always know this will be a laugh-filled night. We were not disappointed in the laughs or the food that was available. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the evening a success. Our Cool Cat, May Holtz, has not been back with us. She is still on the mend. We miss her. Hurry back May! ... *QM Janet Fragapane*

THE CRIMSON CUE-TEES had their monthly luncheon at Sam St. John's Seafood restaurant, where the food was good and the prices reasonable. After lunch we all gathered back at princess Ruth Gretchen's lovely home where we celebrated Rena Glenester's birthday. Cake and refreshments were served and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" was performed by all in attendance on our kazooos. After the party we all settled down for our monthly meeting. Upon leaving, our hostess presented a lovely scented candle to each sister. Later in the month Queen Shirley attended an On Top of the World queens' meeting. Plans for the pajama party and National Red Hat Day party were finalized. It was also decided that a quarterly meeting of the queens would be beneficial to coordinate future activities for all chapters. Until next month, may all your outfits be purple and all your hats be red. ... *QM Shirley Impresa*

THE GLITZY GALS want to thank the Queen Bee and her Honeybees for the fun PJ Party. The food was delicious and we certainly enjoyed the entertainment. Our February Outing at Shell's was a Valentine party with Marie Johnson our hostess. Marie beautifully decorated a box for our valentines. She made each of us a valentine bag with candy

and other goodies in it. Everyone enjoyed the valentine exchange. Queen Mother Mary gave each girl a long stemmed red rose and heart beads. Some of us attended The Red Hat Mardi Gras Blast at Rainbow Springs Golf and Country Club. A taste of New Orleans at Mardi Gras time was the theme. Lunch was very good and the dessert was cake, with ladies who found a tiny plastic baby in their piece, receiving a prize. No one at our table found a baby. Vendors were there for the favorite sport of shopping. Games were played and we were all awarded a certificate of achievement with the title "Old as Dirt" for remembering many things from the past. Many of us walked for the Hoofin' for Hospice and then had breakfast at Candler Hills. February was a short but busy month. April brings a trip to the Culinary Institute at Inverness and National Red Hat Day. Happiness is a purple dress and a red hat. ... *QM Mary Curry by Janet Wahl*

EIGHT DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH could certainly use more hours in the day for all the fun things we have to do. Who ever said the winter goes so slow and there's nothing to do. Those people live up north in the snow. What a PJ Party we had. Every year it gets better and better. We all laughed so hard and with our stomachs filled with such a feast it hurt the muscles. I always wonder how the year before can be topped. But these great ladies do it in style. March came in like a lion for the Red Hat group. In March, we saw "Menopause," a fashion show at the Ocala Civic Theatre and our usual Red Hat lunch, plus had two great card game days. The calendar is already filling up for April and May. If this keeps up we will all need to hire house cleaners and cooks. Wishing everyone a special Easter. ... *QM Lois Powers*

THE SCARLET FOXES had a wonderful lunch at the Sandwedge Cafe courtesy of our hostesses Janet Abrahamson and Betty Serwecki. The best part was being with such a wonderful group of ladies. We reminisced about the PJ Party, laughing and looking at pictures. Our thanks to the Honeybees for hosting this event. It was a treat to be with all our Red Hat sisters. Our birthday girls, Edwina Cogar, Ruth Koch, Linda Heenan and Marie Russo were serenaded on our kazooos. Some day we'll get in tune. Our three new Foxes, Betty Bushman, Kathy Hoefer and Peg Walker, took their solemn Red Hat vows to greet middle age with verve, humor, and elan! BJ Leckbee was our lucky Fox winning this month's drawing, which means she got lunch free. We are eager to participate in National Red Hat Day so we can again join with all the On Top of the World Red Hatters in spirit and friendship. Till next month, laugh a lot! ... *QM Betty Thayer*

WEDNESDAY'S WILD WOMEN have been so involved with their PJ entertainment they haven't written in a while. Hi, everyone! We really enjoyed putting on our dance "Something Better Than This" and Red Hat (red robin), even though we had to go first. Yikes! Weren't the acts great this year? It's my second year here and it just keeps getting better and better all the time and such originality. Our February outing was having lunch at Thai Ruby, celebrating Evie's birthday and of course shopping. The service was great at Thai Ruby and they really know how to celebrate a birthday, with symbols, lights out, candles and all. For March Joleen picked dinner at McCall's Tavern in the Villages and dancing in the square afterwards. We had a great time and what a fun night. Next month we are going to have a "High Tea" and we'll let you know next month how it went. Love and kisses. ... *QM Sue Moody*

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Mis-delivery of mail is a problem, still. This time I think it set a record for the Post Office. One day a resident received 12 pieces of mail for 12 other residents. It was such an outrage that I took the mail to our postmaster, myself.

All the Post Office could do was apologize until they questioned the carrier the

next day. It was obvious the carrier was distracted in some way. As many times as I have asked residents to PLEASE not talk to the carriers, almost every time I go to the mail center, I still see residents talking to the carrier.

When you talk to them, either outside or inside the mail center, you are distracting them. How will you feel if you cause a delay or mistake to be made with medicine or some financial mail delivery? I never have a reason to talk to our mail carriers.

The Post Office did thank me for bringing this problem to their attention. The clerk said, "They do not know that a problem exists, unless it is brought to their attention." She also said she would call when the results are found out.

You may not think this is of any importance, until it happens to you. This may seem like a carbon copy of previous articles, but the problems still exist. Hopefully I can stop mentioning these in the future.

If you want to e-mail me, my address is grandmaandraisin@cfl.rr.com. You can reach me at home, 9274-C S.W. 97th Lane, Ocala, Fla. 34481. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Happy mailing! ☺



Computer Club
Sherry Surdam

On March 11, Gene and Linda Barlow of User Group Relations visited us again with several new program offerings, as well as some familiar standbys, upgraded of course! Gene was, as always, entertaining and informative and we hope to have him with us every year. From comments I overheard, everyone enjoyed his presentation and I noticed Linda was very busy selling a good many of us new programs to enhance our computing experience! I was particularly interested in a program from White Canyon Software called My Privacy Vault. We'll report on what we think after some of us have had a chance to use it! The Barlows always give us a good discount as members of the club and you know how we like to take advantage of discounts!

The Saturday class schedule for April: Burning Discs Part I on the 8th; Burning Discs Part II on the 22nd; and Using Outlook Express (a class for beginners and experienced users alike) on April 29. There will be no meeting on Saturday, April 1, or Thursday, April 6, as the conference center is being used for Hands Across the Highway and the Rags to Riches events. The club's computer lab will be closed on April 14 and there will be no meeting on the 15th, due to it being Easter weekend.

As there is no meeting on April 6, we will not have our special session on digital photography. However, that does not preclude you from asking questions on that subject at our regular meetings. If Ray or Larry is in attendance I'm sure they'll be happy to help.

A couple of months ago I promised to

try to explain the best way to forward an attachment. I know you have all been sent attachments that have been forwarded multiple times and if you're anything like me, it's very annoying to have to open six or seven (or more!) attachments to finally see the message the sender wants you to see. For my part, if I have to open more than one attachment I dump it straight into the trash—never seeing what was intended for me!

If you are persistent and have muddled your way through the multiple attachments and finally reach something you find interesting enough to send along to others, here is the best way to do it. Stay right where you are, at the original attachment, and forward it from there! If you do so, there will be only one header to delete in order to have a clean message go to your recipient(s). I would thank you and I'm sure others would as well.

Another way to accomplish the same thing is to highlight (select) the part of the attachment you want to send, copy it and then paste it into a new message. Either way you will have accomplished what you intended—a clean message to forward along to others. I would thank you and I'm sure others would do the same!

One last "tip." Have you noticed those sideways carets (">>>>") in some of your messages? That is because the message has been forwarded multiple times from computers with differently spaced mail programs. There are two free programs you can download either of which will clean those emails nicely for further use. You can one called "ECleaner" from www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fd,6492,00.asp. The second one is available from www.papercut.biz/emailStripper.htm.

Both of them will restore "forwarded" or "replied" emails back to their original state so they're easier to read. They are easy to use and best of all, there is no charge for either of them. Just follow the instructions for downloading and installing.

Club meetings and classes are held from 9 to 10 a.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. All members and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions, there is always someone there with an answer!

Be sure to check the calendar on our website frequently for the dates of our classes and for any scheduling changes that are inevitable

Until next time, happy computing! ☺



Women of the World
Betty Thayer

Our March meeting was well attended and very eventful with all our members lined up to get their tickets for this year's Fashion Show for Hospice.

Robert Egolf, Master Gardener, was our guest speaker and shared with us tips for sprucing up our gardens. Handouts included a list by the University of Florida of plants guaranteed to grow in our area.

So if you're looking to add to your garden try: cast iron plant, yellow African bulbine or a dwarf powderpuff. These are drought-resistant plants and can survive our hot climate.

Elections have been held and Officers for 2006-07 are: Betty Thayer, president; Bobbie Roeder, first vice president; Nancy Grabowski, second vice president; Charlotte Hancock, secretary; and Charlotte Erickson, treasurer. The new board is excited and making plans for the September meeting.

Questionnaires were passed out for our members to provide input on speakers for 2006-07. So if you didn't fill one out let any of the above board know your choices.

On April 2 in the H&R Ballroom, Women of the World will host a benefit for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault from 2 to 5 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Join us for an afternoon of dance and music from the band Northern Sound.

There will not be tickets sold for this event. Instead, donations will be accepted at the door. So join us for fun, music and dancing while helping raise money for this worthy cause.

Women of the World is a charitable organization and we invite all ladies living in On Top of the World to join us. ☺

American Jewish Club
Erwin Fluss

Ruth thought last month's recipe for Hamantashen was so good that she suggested in honor of Passover this month, we should feature matzo balls.

The balls, sometimes called knoedel or kloese (depends where the ancestors came from), are actually dumplings. Combine 1 cup of matzo meal, 2 to 3 well-beaten eggs, 1/2 cup chicken broth, 1/2 cup water and 1 teaspoon salt. Let stand or chill in the refrigerator. Make balls, drop into soup. The secret however is the variant combinations of the basics and the addition of parsley, nutmeg, pepper, etc. If all fails before com-

pany arrives, buy a jar of Manischewitz.

The discussion group date has been changed to the last Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A. This should prove to be interesting and we invite your participation.

The "Eat, Drink and be Merry" trip to Yalaha Bakery, Lakeridge Winery, Russell Stover Outlet and a lunch at Mission Inn restaurant on April 26 is something we look forward to and hope you and your guests will join us. Call Mary Chang 861-2056 to reserve your place.

At the April 16 meeting we will have a penny cup auction. A barbecue is planned for the last meeting of the season, May 21.

As always call our information and sunshine lady, Dorothy Bresky, for information at 854-0284 (after 4 p.m.).

We invite all members of the Jewish community and their spouses to become members. See you at the next meeting. ☺

Genealogical Society
Helen Grollmusz

When our March column with the great picture of our members was in the World News, I didn't give credit to June Lachler who took the picture. I thank you now, June.

I sent the column to Twila Malesh, who was happy to receive it and wants to be remembered not only to the Genealogical Society members, but also to all her friends in On Top of the World.

As we all know there are new people moving in to On Top of the World and some have expressed an interest in genealogy. I welcome them into our community and in-

vite them to join our meetings. Starting out researching can be a bit challenging, not knowing where to begin. It may sound trite, but we should start with what we know. Sometimes in our wish to find everything, we don't write down the information that we now have. Then we should write what we know about our parents, when and where they were born, their siblings, etc. Too often we want to go back for information before we know how it fits in with what we already have.

Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Diann DeBari has the meeting times on Channel 17. Any questions you may have, please e-mail me: Helen Grollmusz at handlova2@aol.com. Thank you. ☺

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**Nature
Around Us**
Doris Mauricio

Rose gardening in Central Florida can be rewarding and fun. Please consider some of the following in order to make your rose gardening a pleasure and not a frustration.

In Florida, the rose is an evergreen bush. In Marion County, these bushes tend to slow their growth and flower production during our coldest and hottest months. Winter protection is not needed. The bushes will grow in full sun and filtered shade. The preference would be morning sun, but it is not necessary.

If you are a lover of hybrid teas, it is important to understand the different types of rootstock roses are grown on. Hybrid teas do not do well in Central Florida on their own rootstock. Most quality hybrid teas are grafted on to Fortuniana or Doctor Huey rootstock. There appears to be controversy over what type grows better, Fortuniana or Doctor Huey. The rootstock is often graded (one or two). You will have a longer growth

life and fuller bush with highly graded (one) rootstock. I personally have eliminated this problem by sticking to old garden roses that grow just fine on their own rootstock.

All roses do need weekly care. At least one hour a week should be set aside for cutting dead blooms, fertilizing, grooming and watering. The biggest problems I have with my roses are thrips and aphids. These pests can be controlled with a systemic fertilizer containing a pesticide applied in the soil around the base of the plants three or four times a year.

The easiest roses to grow in Florida are old garden roses (also referred to as antique roses). They require considerably less maintenance, often grow on their own rootstock, have fewer problems with pests, are more fragrant and usually require less garden space. The roses that do well in this area are originally from the Orient (They have been grown in the Southern states for hundreds of years.) and are known as Chinas, Noisettes, Teas and modern shrub roses (hybrid forms of the older varieties). You will not get the large color variance as with hybrid teas but the plants should have an abundance of shiny green leaves and fragrant flowers most months of the year.

Following are some of the roses that I have successfully grown:

- Old Blush: This old garden rose is a China with clusters of light to deep pink blossoms. It comes in two varieties — shrub and symmetrical bush - and takes well to shaping and pruning.

- Louis Philippe is another China and is sometimes referred to as the Cracker Rose due to its plantings around old home sites. The flowers grow in clusters with a magenta red color and a lighter pink center. It is slightly fragrant, a constant bloomer and can be used as a hedge or large plant.

- Pink Pet: This China has large clusters of small, very full, bright pink flowers. This bush is very similar to Seven Sisters, which is very popular up North. This bush can be pruned to stay short and neat at a height of 3 to 4 feet.

- Cecile Brunner is a Polyantha. In the 1920s it was known as the "Sweetheart Rose", as it was popular in the making of boutonnières. There are three varieties of this bush.

- Other favorites of mine include Mrs. B. R. Cant (a tea, dark pink, large heavy fragrant, constantly blooming flowers), Belinda's Dream (a shrub with large, full medium pink, long stem fragrant flowers) and Care-free Beauty (a shrub with large loose medium pink, constantly blooming flowers).



A new addition to the rose scene in Central Florida is the Knockout Rose.

While visiting Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., I purchased the book, "Antique Roses for the South" by William C. Welch. The author goes into the history of old garden roses and has beautiful illustrations. This book would be useful if you should decide to undertake the search for these great roses. I've purchased them at flea markets, Master Gardener plant sales, Marion Rose Society plant sales, Taylor Gardens and Color Country. Last fall, I spotted and purchased Belinda's Dream while entering the Home Depot garden center.

A new addition to the rose scene in Central Florida is the Knockout Rose. I planted two last fall (one pink and one red). They are very healthy, fast growers and lively bloomers. Like my old garden roses, there is no problem with black spot. At the first sign of an aphid infestation, I put down my systemic fertilizer. Double Knockout Roses are being introduced this year for fuller blooms.

Marion County Master Gardeners are on duty in the Marion County Extension office to answer your gardening concerns. You can call them at 671-8400. You can reach me at 237-3479 or dmauricio@atlantic.net. I will do my best to assist you.

On Top of the World Native Plant Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:45 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center. Come and join us. Take time to walk the nature trail located behind the Arbor Conference Center. Happy gardening! ☺

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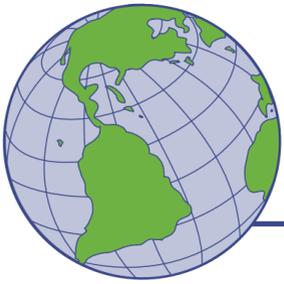
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Scenes from the 2006 Variety Show



Photos by Larry Resnick
Betty Tesmer dances in the Variety Show.



Charlotte Hancock and Ed Beck perform a hillbilly comedy routine during this year's Variety Show.



George Engel drives his big 'Bulldog Mack' truck. At 4 years old, he knew 'trucks are beautiful.'



Photo by Larry Resnick

The Tir-Na-Greine dancers perform at the St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 9.



In the Spotlight
Pat Wellington

George Engel

George Engel is a born entrepreneur whose career began at the tender age of seven. It was during the Depression when he had a small shoe shining concession in the Chicago area. One day he heard someone hawking his wares by saying, "Buy this and help a vet." George had no idea what that meant but seeing the successful results, he decided to imitate it by yelling, "Get a shoe shine and help a vet." The response was as puzzling to the youngster as the exciting increase in business.

Then when he was 11, George witnessed a mother's struggle to hang on to three small children at a local zoo and an idea was born. He remembered an old baby buggy in his grandmother's attic and thus began his career in transportation. In no time he had a whole crew of youngsters with old buggies rescued from dumps hiring themselves out to beleaguered parents at the zoo.

So it's not surprising that in World War II he'd become a motor sergeant in charge of trucks, trailers and heavy road and bridge building equipment in the South Pacific. (George says his GIs could have built State Road 200 in one year flat without a problem.) After the war, Engel owned and operated Engel and Son Cartage Co. for 35 "loose cannon" years.

An active retiree, he and his wife Tommie first retired in Arkansas where he was president of the Fairfield Bay Shrine Club and Shrine clowns. Ten years ago the Engels moved to On Top of the World where George has appeared in plays and variety shows, and has twice imitated Ted Lewis'



George Engel

shambling style in "Is everybody happy" monologues.

A member of the Ocala Shrine Club, he's won the "Standing Tall" award for outstanding dedication to Shriner hospitals. He also operated the On Top of the World Sunshine Room that loaned out hospital equipment. And he's past president of the On Top of the World Southern Club, past president of the "High 12" Mason Organization, and Tail Twister for the On Top of the World Lions Club for the past eight years.

An irrepressible optimist and raconteur, George has a philosophy that happiness is a matter of attitude, a thesis well recorded in his book "Why I'm So Darn Happy" and in his weekly columns for the South Marion Citizen.

Although George is not sure just why he's so happy, he suspects it's partly due to loving parents and living through the Depression and World War II: Those two events "taught me to enjoy the simple pleasures of life." Having escaped death three times, once in an L.S.T. during a typhoon, he says, "You can't believe how green that makes the grass look." 🌍



Irish American Club
C.M. Casey

March 9 was truly a night to remember as 280 members and guests gathered at the Health & Recreation Ballroom for our annual Irish event. The ballroom was transformed with leprechauns and shamrocks so one knew the Irish were here. Tables were decorated with green cloths and the centerpieces were all designed with the shamrock in mind.

In addition a special treat was provided by the club as they arranged for the bar to be opened.

The festivities began as you heard the bagpipes, piper David Rodgers, from Marion County Sheriff's Pipes and Drum Unit lead the march with our president, John Dieckman, vice president, Marge Moore, and our treasurer, Joe O'Brien entering the room. Then the Pledge of Allegiance

was given, followed by a wonderful invocation given by Pat D'Auteuil that brought a tear to many of our eyes. Professional entertainers presented an evening of entertainment. They were the Tir-Na-Greine dancers who kept us memorized with their wonderful footwork and colorful costumes; Larry Gerber, (Florida State Music Director) was given a standing ovation for his magnificent performance. Wow! What a wonderful baritone voice. He was accompanied by our own Walter Koenig. We also enjoyed the Celtic Weavers, who were just a wee bit Irish and entertained us with whimsical tunes and were quite full of blarney, and last but not least piper David Rodgers entertained us with several Irish melodies and who exited playing a somber tune of "Wearing of the Green."

Our very own Bob O'Neal was the emcee for the night and as usual he had us all in stitches, from telling jokes to interviewing new members. Quite a nice singing voice Bob has as well.

As we go to press we are already planning our next event.

Please keep May 13 open on your calendar, as it will be our last social event until fall. Catering will be by Bruce. Come join us for a night of fun and laughter at the H&R Building. Be sure to look for more details on this event in the next issue.

A gentle reminder for those who may have forgotten, the dues for your membership in the Irish American Club should be paid to Joe O'Brien. You will find Joe at all of our events and he also is listed in the community directory. He will gladly take your money.

Until next time, "May your troubles be few and your blessings be more." 🌍

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**Director
of Golf**
Jeff McDonald

I am writing this letter as I stand behind the counter in the Golf Shop at On Top of the World. The window is open, birds are singing, men are laughing and ladies are talking. Several people are putting on the practice green and I see people playing the first hole on the Links course. I cannot help but to think back on my days as an assistant at Camden Country Club and how excited I get about the club here and I cannot wait to start playing golf with you. So, why not right now! The next time you are in the golf shop ask for the details concerning playing with the pros and eating dinner together.

Some of our ladies went to the Champions Tour event at the TPC Tampa Bay with me and we had a great day. The trip to the Outback Championship for some of them was their first professional golf event. I enjoyed the excitement that they showed, as the golf legends came roaring past. It is very nice to see people enjoy golf with such sincerity. So let me say thank you to Gretchen Saker, Michael Beyer, Betty Tully, BJ Leckbee and Lucy Quaranta for going with me

and for including me in with their plans.

Please remember to keep the carts on the cart paths around the tees and greens. Please fill in your divots and repair a few ball marks on all the greens. Remember you should keep up with the group in front of you not in front of the group behind you.

Nick and I would like to thank you all for abiding by the dress policy. I do appreciate the few times that some of you forgot and you went home to change for us. You are truly making a difference and you can be proud of that.

Candler Hills Golf Club
Everything at Candler Hills seems to be going very well and we are very busy.

The Friday free clinic is awesome! Bob and Nick have started a Ladies League for the women of Candler Hills and Indigo. Seventeen women played in the first outing and had a great time.

I am so excited to inform everyone that we have a new staff member, Sally Collins, who is a LPGA Class A member. Sally will be our new teaching professional at both On Top of the World and Candler Hills. When you meet Sally, please welcome her and I am sure that you will find her to be wonderful.

Remember to get a team and support a few of your favorite charities in some local golf events. First on April 7, we have the West Port drama fundraiser. The event is a four-person scramble and all proceeds will go to the drama team. I have also been fortunate to make new friends at Wachovia Bank and we will host the Marion County March of Dimes golf scramble called "Golfing for Babies" to raise funds for premature babies. This event is on April 22 at 8:30 a.m. It also is a scramble and I hope to have a team in the tournament myself. For information on these and many more events check in with the golf staff at Candler Hills where we love to serve you.

Thanks for your time and support! I look forward to a great summer with you all. ☺



**Men's Golf
Association**
Paul Del Vacchio

The President's Cup (Match Play) is over. It only took slightly more than a month to have 85 players compete and finish with three play-off rounds. And the winner is ...

Armando Pena who came out of the D Flight to best Charles Albert from the B Flight in 20 holes. The winner of the A Flight was Wes Dumeer and the C Flight was Guy Russell. Congratulations to everyone; you made this the best Match Play event since I've been here because so many of you participated. Armando Pena will have the privilege of taking our Match Play trophy home

for one year. A big round of applause for Armando! The talk around the board of directors table is to move this event to early June so it doesn't coincide with the MGA Club Championship and we have better weather to make our matches in.

At this writing the Club Championship has not started so I'll fill everyone in next month.

Another reminder that we are changing our time April 5. Rally at 8 a.m. at the flags and we'll be on the tee at 8:30 a.m.

Let me tell you how much one of our tournament directors is dedicated. Ross MacDonald, fresh out of the hospital after major surgery, showed up on Wednesday to resume his duties as tournament director. We don't even know if the doctor said he could drive a car yet, but here he is helping out on a Wednesday afternoon. Thank you, Ross, for your dedication. The only other reason I can think of that he came back so soon was that I was assisting Calvin Apperson with the tournament director's duties and Calvin wanted me out of there ... ha, ha! As I hope you know by now, we do have a dedicated board of directors and I thank each of them for being so involved.

Also a special thanks goes out to Stan Brion, for your interest in us and your courtesies to us. Thanks, Stan.

Words of Wisdom: "Golf is like solitaire. When you cheat, you cheat only yourself." Tony Lema

See you around the course. ☺



**Ladies 9-Hole
Golf**
BJ Leckbee

Our league's big day of the season was our Butterfly Invitational on March 7, with as many guests as On Top of the World players. We owe major thanks to Jeff McDonald and Nick Montanaro and their team for setting up and scoring the golf, and to the husbands who monitored closest to the line and closest to the pin, and served us lunch. Our members donated enough breakfast goodies to give the players an energy boost and enough prizes to make people want to come back next year.

Golf chairwoman Mike Beyer put a lot of time and effort into the tournament, Evy Stewart and her team came through with lovely decorations, Carol Bell and Darlene Clark collected, sorted and wrapped plenty of gifts, and the entire league went all out to make our guests feel welcome. Good job, everyone!

Some of our board members were able to attend the TPC tournament in Tampa courtesy of Jeff McDonald on February 25 and to get close enough to touch pro golfers Lee Trevino, Craig Stadler, Fuzzy Zoeller, Tom Kite, Jim Thorpe and celebrities Boomer Esiason, Jim Courier, Kevin Costner and Joe Theismann, among others.

Good news, ladies ... some of the celebs don't chip and putt all that well, either! "What a treat that day was!" Mike Beyer said. "The board doesn't usually get together unless it's a meeting or planning session." By the way, ask the chauffeur, Gretchen Saker, what happened when she got home that night.

Mike Beyer, Jean Flynn, Marilyn Rowe,

Marge Warren and Carol White played in the Rainbow's End invitational on March 1. Marilyn Rowe won low puts in her flight.

Calendar alert! Awards Luncheon April 19 at Juliette's in Rainbow Springs. Sign up now to reserve a seat.

**February 21
Low Net**

Chip-in: Elaine Parker

A Flight: 36—Deni DeHart, 37—Agnes Tetti, 38—Grace Bock

B Flight: Tie at 34—Judith Kane and Betty Tully; 35—Marilyn Rowe

C Flight: 34—Ann Hetzel, 36—Sharon Bailey, 37—Marge Warren

D Flight: 33—Kathy Walters, 36—Laura Jean Teyral, Tie at 37—Gretchen Saker, Evy Stewart, Helen Bailey

**February 28
Best Ball, Team Net**

Chip-ins: Deni DeHart, Jo Gardner, Rolla Geiser, Ginny Hawk (2), and June Schmidt

18—Grace Bock, Virginia Blanchard, Helen DeGraw and Virginia Hawk

20—Carol White, Marie Palombo, Donna Swiger, Mamie Palmer

24—Lois Tatonetti, Betty Tully, Helen Bailey, Lucille Quaranta

**March 7
Invitational, Best Ball**

No one hit closest to the pin at the tournament. Closest to the line honors went to guest players landing 2 1/2" and 11" from the line.

East Course: tie at 40—Helen DeGraw and Laura Jean Teyral, Jean Gilmore and Olive Eick; Jean Flynn and Dodie Phillips, Agnes Tetti and Mary Hart and their guests.

West Course: 38—Fran Mencher and Marilee Dam and guests; 39—Marie Norwood and Fran Cimini and guests; tie at 42—Carol White and Marge Warren; Judith Kane and Joan Krajcovich, Virginia Blanchard and Sumiko Bridges and their guests.

**March 14
Low Net**

Chip-ins: Pat Black, Jo Gardner, Ann Hetzel

Tortoise: 32—Betty Tully and Violet Sica; 33—Helen Bailey; 35—Virginia Blanchard; tie at 37—Carol White, Joan Krajcovich, Sumiko Bridges, Grace Bock and June Schmidt

Hare: 26—Olive Eick; 30—Ruth Koch; 32—Judith Kane; tie at 36—Helen DeGraw, Marie Greco, Jan Moon, Marilyn Rowe ☺

MGA Results

**Nine MGA Any Four Clubs
February 15
Individual Net**

29—John Gartung (1250); 30—Albert Novotny (1740)

**MGA Any Four Clubs
February 15
Links**

Flight A: 66—Frank Smith; 68—Roy Goszewski; 71—Dan Carty, Bill Steinmuller, Carl Zeiler; 72—Dick Norris, Paul Del Vacchio, Ed Klodzen
Flight B: 63—Bob Bell; 65—Leslie Finney, David Suver; 70—Norm Lantz; 71—Jack Ashenfelter; 72—Bill Howe; 78—James Keller; 80—Bob Cates; 81—Ron Cleveringa; 84—Calvin Apperson, Rocky Groomes

Flight C: 62—George Blankenship; 67—Charles Mattingly; 70—Carl Arnold; 71—Mike Driver; 72—Stanley Stein, Tom Deegan, David Miller, Joe Michaelson, Guy Russell, Frances Caprez
Flight D: 66—John Hodd; 67—Joe Morea; 68—Ed Desmarest, John Newell, Richard Hess; 70—Frank Palotta

**9-Hole Individual Net
February 22**

38—John Gartung, John Ricciardone; 41—Bill Hunter; 42—Mike Sica, Roland Smith

**MGA Individual Net by Flight
February 22
Links**

Flight B: 62—Dick Griswold; 64—Bill White, Bob Bell; 66—Bob Hoehn; 67—Glen Swiger, Bob Cates; 68—Jack Ashenfelter, Glenn Pecor, Bill Bervinkie, Ron Thompson, James Keller; 69—Bob Kendrick, Bob Huegeli, David Suver; 70—Clifford Jones; 77—Dick Norris, Wally Schilf, Philip Shirley, Vince Nucaso, Tom Fragapane; 79—Calvin Apperson, Leonard Ruble; 82—Robert Giljohann

Flight D: 62—Joe Morea; 65—Armando Pena; 69—Jack Border, Jack Hegarty, John Calella; 71—Gerry Achtenberg, Jimmy Johnson, Lee Goss, Phil Johnson; 72—Ken Cotte; 73—Bob Graff

**MGA individual Net by Flight
February 22
Tortoise & Hare**

Flight A: 65—Paul Del Vacchio; 66—Charlie Strauss, Charles Ulbert; 67—Rick Daddio, Johnny Gill, Paul Perrault, Joe Quaranta; 68—Roy Goszewski, Gary Hassett

Flight C: 61—Douglas Coleman; 66—Eugene Auckerman, Jerry Segovis; 67—Don Floeckher,

Joe Michaelson; 68—Dick Fields, Paul Bell, John O'Neil; 69—Tom Deegan, Rick Mallardi, Mike Driver, Arlo Janssen; 70—Barry Barringer, Tony Capillo

**Chicken Day Scramble
March 1
Tortoise & Hare
Team Gross Scoring**

63—Roy Goszewski, Douglas Coleman, Mike Flynn, Joe Groomes; 64—Dan Carty, Frances Caprez, Ed Desmarest, Don Floeckher, Ed Darichuk, Art Broman, Dick Fields, Ken Cotte; 65—Paul Del Vacchio, Bob Cronin, Carl Arnold, Rudy Rahoczy; 66—Bill Carlson, Ken Gilmore, Tom Deegan, Jack Border; 67—John Bennett, Bob Bell, John Bauer, Jose Cura, Marty Goetz, Bob Cowie, Jerry Chase, Lee Goss

**Links
Team Gross Scoring**

64—Charlie Strauss, Bob Hoehn, Don Scott, Fred Rodriguez; 65—Robert Kingsley, Michael Krajcovich, James Keller, Joseph Wilssens, Rudy Norman, Leonard Ruble, O.J. Wagner, Freddie Moody, Lloyd Hoefer, Ario Janssen, Armando Pena

**9-Hole Chicken Day Scramble
March 1
Team Gross Scoring**

38—L.J. Patterson, Gordon Blanchard, John Ricciardone; 39—Albert Novotny, Rick Benzing, Bill Hunter

**9-Hole Team Two Best Balls
March 8
Team Net Scoring**

66—Albert Novotny, Mike Sica, Gordon Blanchard

**Team Two Best Balls
March 8
Links**

107—John Bauer, Jack Border, Bob Cates, Paul Wade; 119—Gerry Achtenberg, Barry Barringer, Paul Bell, Glen Swiger, Ed Beanz, Douglas Coleman, Bill Culp, Paul Perrault; 119—Carl Arnold, Jack Ashenfelter, Charles Ulbert; 120—Rogers Rice, Guy Russell, Stanley Stein, Charlie Strauss; 111—Beale Kinsey, Jack Martin, Roy Myhr, Tom Paszek; 113—Ed Darichuk, Robert Giljohann, Jack Hegarty; 114—Tom Fragapane, Bob Huegeli, Carl Larsen, Philip Merchant; 116—Wes Dumeer, Joe Michaelson, Joe Morea, Ed Noe; 118—Leslie Finney, Lee Goss, Bud May, John O'Neil, Mike Driver, Dick Griswold, Phil Johnson, Michel Krajcovich ☺



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Ladies 18-Hole Golf
Mary Sohler

What a great day we had for the "wearin' o' the green" at the Member/Member event! Golf was followed by a corned beef and cabbage lunch served by six men all decked out in their Irish finery.

Thanks to Rick D'Addio, Paul Perrault, Frank Smith, Chuck Nicholas, Bill Bervinkle and Carl Arnold for doing a superb job (I didn't hear any crashing of glassware!). Thanks, too, to Gene Sohler for his help with the door prize tickets and other errands.

Rozella and Bev Ovrebo sang a beautiful blessing and "Danny Boy." It's always a pleasure to hear them singing. Just Golf, Rozella Ovrebo and the three pros, Jeff, Nicky and Bobby donated door prizes. Thank you so much! They were very much appreciated.

We're still having a problem with slow play. The Tournament Committee has a few tips that should help:

- Forget any tee honors and hit away. The same is true with all shots down the fairway.

- Be ready when it's your turn; don't just sit in the cart waiting to be driven a few feet to your ball. We all should be able to walk a short distance.

- Get on the cart with your club after hitting and exchange it when you are ready to play your next shot.

- If you are only 100 yards out, take the club you need to play the shot and your putter and walk to the green.

- Keep your focus by limiting chatting.

- If you do fall behind and the group behind you is waiting hole after hole, please let them play through.

Note: On the 1st of April our starting time will change to 8:30 a.m. (rally at 8 a.m.). The only time you should start before this time is if you are the first of two groups on the same tee (example: 17A and 17B). Group A goes 5 minutes before group B.

February 21
Low Gross and Low Net
Low Gross

Flight A: 83—Linda Bervinkle; 89 (tie)—Mary Lyon, Jerry Gill; 91—Sandy Chase

Flight B: 90—Margie Wade; 96—JoAnn Roney; 97 (tie)—Ginny Huckel, Linda Dumeer

Flight C: 101—Helen Bextermueller; 102—Louise Suver, 106 (tie)—Norma Cleveringa, Marg Mens

Flight D: 106—Marjorie Myhr; 111—Virginia

Broman; 112—Esther Lang; 113—Deb Phillipson

Low Net

Flight A: 69—Joan D'Addio; 72 (tie)—Nancy Darichuk, Nancy Nicholas; 75—Phyllis Gaddy

Flight B: 65—Mary McAtee; 68—Glenna Swank; 71 (tie)—Janet Kingsley, Jo Apperson

Flight C: 67—Dea Johnson; 70—Connie Shirley; 72—Rose Hoover; 77—Jeanne Rice

Flight D: 71—Peggy Grady; 73—Lena Sneed; 75—Ruth Border; 76—Dorothy Muller

Chip-ins: Linda Bervinkle, Mary McAtee, Elsie Calabrese, Dea Johnson, Lena Sneed, Sylvia Mark, Jo Apperson, Phyllis Gaddy, Linda Dumeer, Margie Wade

February 28
Blind Partners Same Flight Gross

Flight A: 184—Linda Bervinkle and Bev Ovrebo; 189—Sandy Chase and Laury Hall

Flight B: 191—Marge Cowie and JoAnn Roney; 197—Jo Apperson and Jean Culp

Flight C: 203—Connie Shirley and Blind C; 207—Norma Cleveringa and Angelita Pena

Flight D: 217—Dorothy Muller and Marjorie Myhr; Florence Foley and Deb Phillipson

Net

Flight A: 148—Linda Dumeer and Phyllis Gaddy; 151—Mary Driver and Carol Johnson

Flight B: 142—Lou Borders and Louise Suver; 144—Flo Emanuel and Mary McAtee

Flight C: 142—Rose Hoover and Phyllis Jarskey; 145—Helen Bextermueller and Dea Johnson

Flight D: 147—Ruth Border and Esther Lang; 158—Elsie Calabrese and Blind D

Chip-ins: Bev Ovrebo, Phyllis Jarskey, Virginia Broman, Glenna Swank, Jo Apperson, Marge Mens, Velma Rose, Phyllis Gaddy

March 7
Team Shamble North Course Team Net Scores

99—Nancy Zielinski, Jean Culp, Helen Bextermueller, Connie Shirley

102—Beverly Ovrebo, Agnes Lindley, Fran Griswold, Lena Sneed

104—Nancy Nicholas, Glenna Swank, Margie Hink, Jeanne Rice

109—Linda Bervinkle, Linda Dumeer, Carol Johnson, Elsie Calabrese

Chip-ins: Glenna Swank, Margie Hink, Agnes Lindley, Fran Griswold, Phyllis Jarskey, Norma Cleveringa

March 14
Member/Member Best Ball Twosome Gross Scores

58—Fran Griswold and Angelita Pena; 59—Ruth Border and Phyllis Jarskey; 60 (tie)—Virginia Broman and Linda Dumeer, Sandy Chase and Georgette Perrault; 61 (3-way tie)—Betty Crippen and Mary Skennion, Esther Lang and Pat Milly, Mary Driver and Andrea Flannery

Net Scores

81—Joan D'Addio and Jean Culp; 82—Jerry Gill and Nancy Zielinski; 84—Nancy Darichuk and Jo Apperson; 86—Betty Gustafson and Ginny Huckel; 89—Linda Bervinkle and Valerie Smith; 90 (tie)—Bev Ovrebo and Margie Wade, Mary Lyon and JoAnn Roney

Chip-ins: Helen Bextermueller, Agnes Lindley, Esther Lang, Mary McAtee, Mary Driver, Virginia Broman, Phyllis Carty, Ginny Huckel, Sandy Chase, Connie Shirley ☺



Meet the Golf Pro
Bob Hughes

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Bob, and I have really enjoyed getting to know everybody. I look forward to establishing relationships and

building friendships with you on a daily basis. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact or approach me. I will do my best to accommodate all of your golfing needs.

There are many new and exciting events happening at Candler Hills Golf Club.

I am pleased to announce the formation of a women's golf association. The Ladies of Candler Hills (LOCH) meet on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m., and tee off at 3 p.m. Ladies, come on out and enjoy nine holes of golf and the camaraderie that goes along with it. All ability levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. I am excited for the group, and impressed by the turnout on March 9 (17 ladies!). I am hopeful that the men will follow suit. Suggestions may be directed to Nick or me.

The Friday Clinic has been a ton of fun! Your participation is appreciated.

The clinic meets at Candler every Friday at 11 a.m. Instruction is provided in a relaxed setting and the only requirement is to have FUN!

See you next month. ☺



Handicap Committee
Patricia K. Del Vacchio

My thanks go to Florence Foley, Bud Borders and Ed Darichuk. They were my partners for the Shamble in March and as Paul would say, we "hammed and egged" it for 18 holes. Good job!

Before getting to the winners of the Shamble, I want to take this opportunity to talk a little about our Saturday Scrambles.

Anyone with a handicap is welcome to play in our Scrambles. We do ask that if you are "new" to the game you know the basic rules, i.e. a whiff (swinging at the ball and missing) is a stroke, no teeing the ball anywhere but on the tee, replacing divots, repairing ball marks; and know the etiquette of golf. No talking when someone is hitting, don't walk on the putting line of another golfer, don't stand or have your cart in the

line of someone hitting. I know there are many more, but these are the basics that come to mind. Get a USGA rules book.

Before signing up to play, think about the game we're playing and whether you will be helpful or a hindrance to the team you're placed on. I know we all have our "off" days with golf but if you're new you know what your capabilities are. If we're playing each hits 2 drives and you can't get the ball off the tee yet, that might not be the game for you, but if we're playing a regular scramble and you've got your short game and putting this would be a good game. All we're asking is you think about YOUR game before signing up to play.

Two foursomes placed first in the Shamble: P. Perrault, D. Miller, L. Dumeer, D. Phillipson and D. Carty, R. Carter, L. Borders, A. Pena. Tying for third were E. Darichuk, P. Del Vacchio, B. Borders, F. Foley and J. Rosinski, M. Zielinski, M.J. McAtee. Fifth place tied: E. Klodzen, A. Janssen, J. Culp, M. Sohler and D. Norris, N. Darichuk, L. Goss, R. Hoover. Alone in seventh were W. Dumeer, C. Mattingly, A. Pena and M. Marquis. G. Sohler, B. Howe, C. Johnson and F. Griswold placed eighth. Ninth went to J. D'addio, C. Arnold, B. Culp and J. Moon. Tying for 10th were R. Goszewski, N. Zielinski, J. Blandina E. Lang and N. Nicholas, B. Bervinkle, J. Johnson, L. Suver.

Congratulations to all, winners and non-winners!

April is a Modified Scramble. Whoever's ball is selected will not hit the next shot and this procedure continues until you get to the green; all four players putt. Rally is 8:30 a.m. and tee time is 9.

See you at the flags. ☺



Golf Rules Corner
Bob Hughes

March's Question

Q. Part of a boundary fence is bowed towards the course so that it is inside the boundary line formed by the fence posts. A player's ball comes to rest against this part of the fence. Is the player entitled to relief?

A. No. A fence defining out of bounds is not an obstruction even if part of it is inside the boundary line formed by the fence posts.

April's Question

Q. A player touches his line of putt in brushing aside loose impediments with his cap or towel. Is this permissible? ☺



Golf Tip of the Month
Nick Montanaro

Flipping your wrists too early

I see so many golfers attempting to lift the ball into the air by breaking down their wrists too early in the downswing. This action is commonly referred to as scooping or cupping. Remember, if you scoop it, you poop it!

It is a common misconception that you must somehow help get the ball in the air. This flaw leads to all kinds of trouble—chipping, fat shots, sculls, and hosel rockets. You must hit down into the ball for consistent contact.

Proper Chipping

The correct technique for chipping begins with a firm and straight left wrist at impact. This is achieved by focusing on a nice 1-2 tempo. There is no need to rush the backswing or forward swing. Make sure your clubhead is traveling downward at the moment it strikes the ball. Maintain your balance throughout the stroke and you will begin to play crisper chip shots.

Accomplishment Acknowledgements

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 - Gene Yarski, Eagle #3 Links
 - Beverly Ovrebo, Eagle #9 T&H
 - Bob Swift, Eagle #2 T&H
 - Chuck Nicholas, Eagle #12 T&H
 - Rudy Normandin, Ace #5 Links
 - Marty Goetz, fired a 68 on T&H
- Congratulations! ☺

Movie Club Presents 'Walk the Line'

By MARY EHLE

The movie for April 9 will be "Walk the Line." This is the story of the life of Johnny Cash.

The movie stars Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon, who recently won an Academy Award for her portrayal of June Carter. It will be shown in the ballroom at 6 p.m. and is open to all residents and their houseguests. The cost for non-members is \$2, payable at the door. Hope to see you there. ☺

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The On Top of the World ladies billiard travel team captured its first trophy in eight ball competitions over Cherry Wood. From left in the front row are Kathy Lorenzo, Diane Desrosiers and Florence Binder, and standing are Polly Farineau, Penny Wilson, Lili Bader, Dottie Rothwell and Ruth Gretchen.



Billiards
George Tookmanian

The Billiard Club met on February 20 in the Ceramics Room. A few items of interest came up that I will pass on to our readers.

In the near future the club will purchase a first aid kit and have it mounted on a wall in the poolroom. Also the club will purchase some ball cleaning fluid as the balls do get soiled and it is wise to clean them.

Residents who participate in and around the craft center, meeting rooms, pool room and the wood shop, should know that there is an emergency 911 phone just outside the ladies rest room. That is what it is: only for EMERGENCY! Hopefully, we will not have to use it!

As of February, we have 127 members, but I'm aware of at least six new members. You know, my wife Cathy is a member; how about getting spouses to sign up as members of the club? The ladies have a great group going, so why not join them, shoot some pool and "hang out" for a while!

We will have a "tag sale" in September.

We are collecting items to be donated to be sold at this event, but no clothing. Call Richard Impressa at 873-8247 for pick-up of donations. The club had a meeting and potluck supper on March 20.

On Top of the World Team 1 has been rolling along, vanquishing those who dare to show up to play them in a tournament. Team 2, ever the lambs of gentility, keeps on being "sociable," although they have lost some close contests to some very strong teams. Team 1 is in first place, while Team 2 is next to last. In the last match against Ocala Palms, they were behind 18-9, with the last set of 9 ball coming up. They needed to win all of the nine remaining games to gain a tie. They put on a valiant effort but fell one game short, and lost the match 19-17. Better days are coming for Team 2! Team 1 is like the Yankees, great!

How can one tell if they are addicted to pool/billiards? I warned you many columns ago, and reminded you in subsequent columns that this game could be addictive. So, how can one tell if they have become a "pool junkie"? Well, one can consider the following; take the test and see where you are.

1. You go to dispose of the garbage, and then find yourself in the poolroom.
2. You have a cube of chalk in your pocket all the time.
3. You go for the mail and wind up with a break stick in your hand.
4. You have a new pool table on your Christmas list.
5. You have a tattoo of the "Dragon Lady" (Jeanette Lee) on your arm.
6. Your favorite "pin-up" is Allison Fisher.
7. You buy your loving wife a cue-stick for a Valentine's Day gift.
8. You begin writing a billiard club column for the community newspaper. ☺

Table Tennis

Dorothy Link

It has been several months since I have written a column, and quite a few of you have asked why I don't write one every month like the other sports clubs. We are a little different than the other clubs, as we do not have winners to be announced every week and month. The only time we announce winners is when we have a tournament with other communities or an inter-community tournament.

We get together and draw for partners and for the opposing team. We play one game and alternate partners for the second game. Then we draw all over again. It is a lot of fun and we have some very competitive games and players. But our main objective is for everyone to really enjoy themselves and get some good exercise playing the fastest sport in the world.

We had election of officers for the year 2006. The club voted the same officers back in: Lucy Davis, president; Paul Fyfe, vice president; Dorothy Link, secretary; and Ruth Lack, treasurer. Since that time we have had to elect a new treasurer, which is Richard Miles. The club collected \$225 for Hospice, in memory of Ruth. She will be dearly missed.

Our yearly luncheon was held January 13 at the Golden Corral. We had 25 members attend, and everyone had a great time.

Ocala Table Tennis Club and other area communities participated in an all-day round robin singles tournament on March 18. The results will be in next month's newsletter. By inviting the area communities they are hoping to get more interest and participation in the senior games. We are planning an inter-community tournament in May. Date to be announced.

Our club keeps growing and we would like to welcome our new members: Carol Johnson, Leslie Kunter, Adele Stelljes, Hans Westerkamp, Ralph Voight, Millie Ferrell, Al Novotney, Robert "Butch" Robertson and Steve Ireland.

Come join us on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Give it a try. "You might like it." Any questions? Call Lucy at 854-0911 or Dorothy at 861-5564. See you there.

Tip Of The Month

Ball placement: "This is more important than the speed or spin you impart on the ball. Never think that the only real way to win a point is to overpower an opponent. If you do, you will wind up forcing the attack, looking for opportunities that do not exist. Being able to keep opponents off balance by pinpoint placement sets you up for power shots, like smashed and loop kills. As a thinking player you must make use of the whole table." ("Winning Table Tennis" by Dan Seemiller and Mark Holowchak) ☺

The Travelers

Jo Apperson

The Plantation Oaks Golf Club in Gainesville was the site of our March outing. The layout of the course was very nice but the condition of the course was another subject. Our hosts for this event were Gene and Mary Sohler. Sarah McVane and Lloyd and Kathy Hoefer were our guests for the day. Closest to the pin honors were won by San-

dy Chase and Gene Sohler.

Two best balls was the game and the winners were:

First: Don and Margie Hink, Bill and Andrea Flannery; second, Larry and Sandy Chase, Gene and Mary Sohler; third, Chuck and Nancy Nicholas, Lloyd and Kathy Hoefer; fourth, Johnny and Jerry Gill, Philip and Connie Shirley; fifth, Bill and Jean Culp, Mike and Mary Driver.

Art and Virginia Broman will be our hosts for the May outing at Lakeside Country Club. Our annual spring three-day outing will be held this year in Sebring on April 10, 11 and 12. Andy and Bill Flannery are taking care of all the arrangements. ☺



Mini Golf
Jack Coyle

Providence Putters Mini-Golf

February 14

Ladies: 39—Dori McConville

Men: 36—Joe McConville

February 21

Ladies: 44—Inge Vogt 49—Dori McConville 50—Emmy Ricciardone

Men: 33—Sal Tarallo 40—Bob Maxwell 42—Kurt Vogt

February 28

Ladies: 47—Emmy Ricciardone 49—Inge Vogt
Men: 37 (tie) —John Ricciardone & Sal Tarallo 38—Bob Maxwell 47—Kurt Vogt 53—Oliver Aube

March 7

Ladies: 43—Emmy Ricciardone 48—Dori McConville 52—Inge Vogt 54—Sandra Ensley
Men: 35—Bob Maxwell 40—Kurt Vogt 43—Sal Tarallo 46—Doug Ensley

Thursday Mini-Golf

February 16

Ladies: 47—Marie France 48—Emmy Ricciardone 49 (tie) —Rena Tarallo & Eleanor Krowka 52 (tie) —Chris Resta & Florence Soens 55—Jennie Griglio

Men: 41 (tie) —Dick Soens & Ben Resta 45—Sal Tarallo 46—Ray France 48—Joe Griglio

February 23

Ladies: 47—Maria France 51—Rena Tarallo 52—Chris Resta 54—Jennie Griglio 56—Emmy Ricciardone

Men: 37—John Ricciardone 38—Ben Resta 40—Ray France 42—Sal Tarallo 47—Joe Griglio

March 2

Ladies: 43—Dori McConville 45—Eleanor Krowka 49—Emmy Ricciardone 50—Florence Soens 52—Maria France 55 (tie) —Rena Tarallo and Marge Saxon

Men: 34—Sal Tarallo 40—Joe McConville 44—Dick Soens 45—Ray France 56—Glen Saxon

March 9

Ladies: 43—Dori McConville 45 (tie) —Marilyn Cernecarl & Eleanor Krowka 49—Florence Soens 51 (tie) —Chris Resta & Maria France 54—Rena Tarallo 58—Emmy Ricciardone

Men: 41—Bob Maxwell 42—Dick Soens 44—Sal Tarallo 46 (3-way tie) —Don Cernecarl Ben Resta & Ray France 52—Joe McConville.

Sunday Mini-Golf

February 19

Ladies: 45—Chris Resta 54—Jennie Griglio 55—Dori McConville 60—Rena Tarallo

Men: 40 (tie)—Ben Resta & Sal Tarallo 43—Joe McConville 59—Joe Griglio

February 26

Ladies: 44—Eleanor Krowka 45—Florence Soens 46—Maria France 51—Emmy Ricciardone 56—Rena Tarallo

Men: 40—Dick Soens 41—Sal Tarallo 46—John Ricciardone 52—Oliver Aube

March 5

Ladies: 41—Chris Resta 45—Emmy Ricciardone 46—Eleanor Krowka 48—Dori McConville 49—Maria France 51—Rena Tarallo

Men: 38—Ray France 42—Sal Tarallo 44 (tie) —Joe McConville & Ben Resta

March 12

Ladies: 46 (3-way tie) —Maria France, Eleanor Krowka & Marilyn Cernecarl 48—Florence Soens 49—Dori McConville 50—Chris Resta

Men: 39—Dick Soens 44—Ray France 45 (tie) —Ben Resta & Don Cernecarl 48—Joe McConville ☺

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Bocce
Bob Woods

There is a conspiracy taking place in On Top of the World by members of bocce and those who are non-players. It seems, whether these folks know each other or not, they have come up with a handle for me: Bocce Bob. They must be recognizing me from the picture that tags along with my column. Bocce Bob sounds nice; at least it distinguishes me from other Bobs.

First of all I, along with the entire bocce organization, would like to congratulate the Sandbaggers who won the winter session Best of Bocce. Team members present were Dougie and Len Ruble along with league substitutes Miriam Boyd and Audrey Baylor.

Congratulations and a job well done. There were many spectators witnessing the event cheering on their favorite teams. Everyone had a good time.

While I am on the subject of Best of Bocce, I would like to announce that the next Best of Bocce for the spring session will be on Monday, April 10, at 9 a.m. Let's all get to the courts and root for our favorite team.

Speaking of April 10, that evening at 6 p.m. will be the bocce party or banquet being catered by Bruce who will serve up an Italian cuisine and roast beef along with the trimmings.

Tickets for the event are on sale at present through your league representatives and bocce officers for \$10 for dues paying members. The deadline for those tickets is April 4 so call your league rep today and purchase your tickets. Also at this function will be the nomination and election of your bocce officers. This is the last event of the year for organized bocce until the fall, so let's all get out and enjoy the evening and say good-bye to those snowbird bocce players who will be heading north and welcome the league's new officers.

To let those snowbirds know, the fall session of bocce will start September 28.

Also I would like to announce that summer bocce will commence Monday, April 24, at 8:30 a.m. The Monday session will

be headed by Marilyn and Don Cernearl as it was last year. This year we have added something new. Bev and I will head summer bocce on Wednesdays commencing April 26. Both days will continue throughout the summer. For additional info contact me at 854-0702.

Now let me explain how the summer bocce will work. The first 32 players who sign the sheet at the courts that morning will play. (Only 32 people can play at one time). Each player will draw a card (like last year) that will determine who the teams will be and what court you will play.

For example: drawing a black ace will put you along with others drawing a black ace on the same team on alley number one. You will be playing against those drawing red aces. The same holds true for those drawing cards 2, 3, and 4s. All the black cards will be on the same teams playing against those drawing red cards. I hope all those folks who have never played bocce and would like to learn will show up. We are willing to show you and help you learn the game of bocce.

We have a non-restrictive league here at On Top of the World, meaning anyone can play on any team in the league regardless of which part of the On Top of the World complex they live in.

It has been brought to my attention that some players, for whatever reason, are coming onto the court especially when measuring to find out what teams ball is closer to the pallina. The rule is that no one is allowed on the playing surface of the courts or the walkways except those doing the judging. Players must remain at the ends of the courts where the benches are.

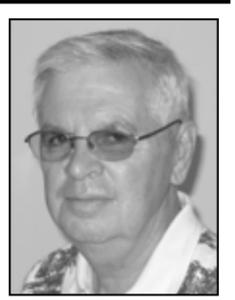
The answers to last month's questions: What is classified as a dead ball and what happens to a dead ball? A dead ball is one that leaves the playing area. A ball that strikes the head board without hitting another ball or sideboards. A player steps over the foul line when delivering a ball and a ball rolled out of turn. For those four reasons, the ball is removed from play.

Some thought: bocceing is the action of one ball hitting another ball of an opponent. There is no penalty and is a good strategy at times. The pallina can also be displaced at any time during a frame.

Since my next article will appear in the May addition of the World News, some of you bocce players would have departed for cooler climates in the north. Please have a safe trip and see you on the courts in September. For those remaining here at On Top of the World, hope to see some of you playing summer bocce.

If any player has any interesting tidbits concerning bocce or has something they would like to comment on, please get in touch with me. See you on the bocce courts.

Keep those bocce balls rolling. ☺



Shuffleboard
Claude Servais

In last month's column, Joe Tuohy announced that he was relinquishing his position as reporter for the Shuffleboard League.

We all owe him a debt of gratitude for more than seven years of dedication to the league with his numerous articles and insight into our sport. Joe will continue as league historian.

Please join me in thanking him and wishing him well.

I will be taking over Joe's duty as reporter and hope to be able to continue to keep you in touch with the activities of the league.

On March 8, a tournament was held at our courts between players from Marion Landing and players from On Top Of The World.

The results were positive as the On Top Of The World team defeated the Marion Landing team by a score of 11 to 10.

The general membership meeting was held on March 9. A slate of officers was elected to serve in the coming year.

Re-elected to their present positions were: Joe Veres, president; John Mataya, first vice president; and Mary Gackowski, second vice president. New officers for the following positions were also elected: Rae Nelson, secretary; and Elaine Servais, treasurer.

The membership in our league now totals 194. There is still room to grow, and if you have any friends or acquaintances who are not involved, it would be beneficial to the league if you could recruit a few.

The upcoming John Huart Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, with the April 22 as rain day make up if necessary. There is a need for 32 players. Sign-up sheets were put out for signature at end of meeting prior to entertainment.

President Joe Veres, pointed out that when a tournament is held, there are not enough members who volunteer to participate. This makes it difficult to compete on an even keel with other leagues.

He also pointed out that we have three slots available for additional teams: Tuesday a.m., Thursday p.m. and Friday p.m.

To fill these times, there is a need for some players to volunteer as Captains. At present, there are a few time slots that would be in trouble if all the members of the teams involved showed up.

If you would like to take this responsibility, as a captain, and begin the process of filling one of these time slots, contact the president for additional information.

The regular league play ends at the end of April. However, some captains keep the keys to the equipment and locker and continue play during summer. The time of play may be changed due to the high temperature and may vary from week to week. If you are interested in continuing your play after April, please contact your captain to see what his position is on the subject.

On Wednesday mornings, John Mataya will host a clinic designed for advanced players. This also should help in giving players confidence in becoming members of our tournament teams.

John has also taken the initiative to obtain information for those of us who want to purchase our own sticks. This information is posted in the equipment shed at the shuffleboard courts.

The president addressed the subject of playing on two different teams. This subject was debated in the Executive Committee Meeting in March with the following results: Players will be allowed to play on another team, provided there is no disruption, at the discretion of that team's captain. The score for this player will not count for the monthly records.

After the meeting was adjourned, we were treated to a great buffet lunch, organized by Helen Sternberger, who continues to provide exceptional service to the membership.

Following the lunch, we were entertained by a talented group of singers from West Port High School.

February
Men

Monday a.m.: Jerry Griffin

Monday p.m.: Vito Chieco and John Mataya

Tuesday p.m.: Mario Migliaccio

Wednesday p.m.: Joe Szabo

Thursday a.m.: Greg Rasmussen

Friday a.m.: George St. Denis

Ladies

Monday a.m.: Helen DeGraw

Monday p.m.: Penny Luetkemeyer and June Hager

Tuesday p.m.: Helen Eshbach, Dorothy Migliaccio, Carol Scruggs and Margot Thomas

Wednesday: Agnes Hickman

Thursday a.m.: Evelyn Wharen

Friday a.m.: Joann Oaks and Dorothy St. Denis

Thanks From Variety Show

By SHIRLEY SCHOPF

The decorating committee wishes to thank all those who in any way helped to make the Variety Show a success. Thanks to all those who gave of their time to perform for the entertainment of their fellow residents. Special thanks to Elaine Fitchpatrick for the music she provided both before the show and during intermission.

My co-chair person, Kay Chandler, was a

great asset and we certainly could not do any show without the help of the Sound and Light crew. Thanks to all the ushers.

With the combined effort of all those involved we were able to present Susan Reynolds from Hospice of Marion County with a check for \$1,000 for Legacy House. You, the residents, make this all possible by the wonderful support you give to us. Thanks again to everyone. ☺



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Clown Express
Ferrell Van Horn

What beautiful days we are having lately. It surely does make it easier for clowning around. We are getting busier with each passing day. With five new clowns joining our group it makes it easier to accept gigs and know that we have plenty of clowns to cover more than one gig in a day if needed. Each week in March we had classes in face painting, character development and matching your costume to your character. Even the clowns that have been around from the beginning can always learn something new.

This year the Greek Festival was held again at the Blessed Trinity Church. Each year we are blessed with winds, hurricanes, heat and this year—rain, rain, rain. But—we were lucky that we were not out in the elements this year. We were in the overhang entrance to the church and stayed dry and had a wonderful time. What a great time we had with all the children and adults. They all loved the tattoos, face painting and balloons. The new clowns had a great time entertaining the guests in the dining room and got their feet wet (ha ha) in the art of clowning. We are so lucky to have them. They are a great addition to our ever-growing group of super clowns.

HITS (Horses in the Sun) was held again this year. We have been with them from the beginning and really do feel like a part of the HITS program. We had a great time this year with some darling children and their moms.

We did face painting and tattoos, but no balloons since it would spook the horses. Once we had the children all taken care of, we headed to the stage and did some skits and dance routines with them. We had such a good time and all the audience joined in the fun. Some of the children were such quick learners and had the dances down pat in quick order. After we finished our skits and dance routines we were invited to the VIP tent to have some lunch and watch the riders and the beautiful horses.

Ocala Clown Express along with D'Clowns and the Sunshine Clowns of Gainesville were featured in a nice article in the Senior Times. It seems like senior clowns are everywhere in Florida and really do so much to make life a little more fun for so many people. We were pleased to be included in the article.

We just delivered a \$100 donation to Hospice. When we have money given to us we usually like to donate it to a worthy cause as soon as possible. We are so lucky that we are able to give so much back to the community and will continue to do our best to help out in any way that we can.

If you are new at On Top of the World, we would love to have you join us. We have such a good time and truly do feel that wherever we go we leave smiles behind. For more information call "Dotsy" at 873-9223 Keep Smiling, "Cricket." ☺



D'Clowns
Paula Magen

April ... finally, some warmer weather and thoughts of spring flowers! Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday, April 2, at 2 a.m. or before retiring Saturday night. Easter and Passover also happen to coincide this month.

March was a busy month. We have a new clown, Susan Moody. "Sparkles," Susan's clown name, has been busy getting the things she needs to make her first appearance with D'Clowns. She has resided in the Providence section of On Top of the World with her husband Fred for more than a year. They moved from Homosassa but Susan was born in Michigan. Her interests include clogging, line dancing, Red Hats, crafts and sewing. She says she is a "ham" and is eager to make people laugh because it's what the world needs. We welcome this energetic clown to the group.

In February, D'Clowns were interviewed by a writer from the Senior Times magazine. Our group dressed for the interview and pictures. The full-page article appeared in the March publication and it was wonderful ... especially the picture of 10 of us in full color. The reporter was especially impressed with Smiley's (Florence Binder) shoes with the flowers growing out of her toes.

A note of thanks to Dorothy Skillman and Helen Grollmusz for donating their Mardi

Gras beads. The residents we visit appreciate them. Speaking of beads, we handed out green ones to the residents of the memory support unit at Summerville and sang Irish songs in addition to doing a show for them. We again distributed green beads and sang Irish songs at Hampton Manor West and Hampton Gardens on St. Patrick's Day.

Exciting news ... a photo shoot is planned by the On Top of the World Photo Club at Sholom Park. D'Clowns are happy about that and it promises to be fun. Can't wait to see the clowns in action! We look forward to the pictures.

At the end of March we did "Walk a Bouts" at Chambrel and New Horizon Rehabilitation Center. In April we plan to return to Chambrel, an independent/assisted living community, to do a show. We continue to do our monthly show at Summerville and will again be participating in the exercise classes at TimberRidge Nursing Home. They love it and so do we!

However, the really huge show we are preparing for is our annual appearance at Signature Brand's Eggstravaganza, the day before Easter. We will be seeing hundreds of children who love the face painting, tattoos and balloons. The end of April will find us at the finish line for Walk America for healthier Babies. We are there every year with our water guns to cool off the walkers.

It's been busy, but it's been a joy! It's what we do ... and happily so!

Please join us at our meetings on the first and third Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. We'll teach you all about clowning and you'll be hooked!

For information, please call Paula at 873-3433. ☺

Community Patrol Offers Safety Tips

By LARRY RESNICK

The On Top of the World Community Patrol Group offers some safety tips.

Safety Tips for Walkers

- Wear light colored clothing at night.
- Walk against the traffic.
- Walk close to the curbing—single file.
- Wear some kind of reflective clothing.

Safety Tips for Golf Carts

- Signal when making turns or stopping.
- Stay on the right side of the road except when making a left turn.
- Do not have pets or children on the driver's lap.

All of this is very basic stuff that we know about but we just might get a little careless. The Community Patrol is trained

on how to teach us how not to forget these basic safety rules.

Guest speakers occasionally come to the Patrol's monthly meetings. Joe Pine from the Metro Crime Prevention Agency spoke at the Patrol's last meeting. His subject for this meeting was on how to prevent you from certain crimes and how to prevent many crimes. He also demonstrated many tools that can be used for that purpose. Things such as security systems, pepper sprays, cell phones and neck wallets, to name a few.

Our Community Patrol also has a good relationship with the On Top of the World CERT team and recently had Norm Scott from that group speak at their last meeting. ☺



Pennsylvania Club
Pat Utiss

A Spring Carnival was held in March for members of the Pennsylvania Club. Each member attending displayed their skills at 10 different games. Points were given for each game. Eileen Kreps was the highest point getter. She got 35 out of a possible 55 points. Ed Hinde was second; he had 30 points. Four other members who had point totals in the high 20s were awarded prizes. The 10 games were presided over by volunteers Geri Elliott, Betty Stock, Shirley and Larry Wilver, Florence and Dick Soens, Janet and Lou Wahl and Eileen and David Utiss.

In April, there will not be a regular meeting. Instead, on Friday, April 21, we will be going as a group to Ocala Jai Alai for lunch and an afternoon of watching the skilled Jai Alai athletes. Reservations are necessary for this trip. If you would like to attend, and you haven't signed up, please call me at 861-2831 before April 11.

Mark your calendar for May 10. This will be the date of our annual picnic. There will be one change in this year's picnic. We will be holding it at the Arbor Conference Center in Suites E and F. The picnic will be held at 3 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your table service. Drinks will be provided. Along with our usual outdoor games, we will be playing a few spirited games of bingo. ☺

K-9 Social Club

Paul Knight

The K-9 Social Club continues to grow. Several new residents have joined at the past few meetings.

Together, with interesting meetings, the group works to improve canine life at On Top of the World with discussions on health and training of our four-legged friends.

April is the 100th anniversary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In honor of this occasion, members agreed at their last meeting to wear orange on April 10 and conduct a bakeless bake sale from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Dog Park, which is open to all members of the On Top of the World Communities.

Members chose at the March meeting to begin our meetings at 7 p.m., an hour later than previous meetings. Come and join us the first Sunday in Suite D of the Arbor Conference Center. ☺



Lions Club
Dianne Lovely

On Top of the World Lions Club would like to welcome new member Cheryl Fotia. We already have Cheryl hard at work before she even put her signature on the last page.

The On Top of the World Lions Club would like to thank all who came to the Senior Senior Prom. What great fun we had this year. Congratulations to all the winners of the wonderful door prizes we received from the different merchants.

As of the printing of this paper I do not know who the King and Queen are and will publish the winner in my next column.

As a reminder, this was the Lions major fundraiser of the year and all proceeds go to helping the blind.

I also want to thank all who helped out for White Cane Days. A special thanks goes out to Al Hoffman for running this program again this year. Al, you always do a great job.

Don't forget we accept used eyeglasses. If you have a pair you're not using anymore, drop them off in one of the boxes that you see in the stores around town.

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Southern Club
Charlotte Hancock

Southern Club members enjoyed a feast of chicken and all the Southern food that was prepared by the members. The table decorations turned out great. This night was a "Salute to the South." The Southern Club is made up of 15 states and at each table was a sign with the state name and flag. At the bottom of each sign there was something to represent that state such as oranges/grapefruit, Gatorade and Mickey Mouse ears to represent Florida; peaches and pecans for Georgia; and so forth for each state. Researching for these items was great fun.

Our entertainer for the evening, Linda English-Holland, knew of our tribute to the South and performed songs pertaining to the states. Joni and Bud Barth waltzed for us to the song "Tennessee Waltz." Joni wore a lovely old-fashioned dress and hat reminiscent of the old South.

At the April meeting we will announce a slate of officers and if there are any Southern Club members willing to run for office, we would greatly appreciate your support.

Our meeting in April will be a covered dish buffet provided by the Southern Club members. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and entertainment will be at 7 p.m. We will have cloggers and singers.

Candler Golf Tournament

Benefits Ocala Civic Theatre

By Bob Kane

Candler Hills Golf Club at On Top of The World will host the Ocala Civic Theatre's 15th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 20.

Each year the event has been rotated among the local golf courses. This is the first year it will be played on the newest course, Candler Hills Golf Club, which will present a more challenging layout for the players under 60 years of age and a fair test of golf for the senior players.

The event will be a four-person Scramble with three flights, "A" & "B" flights for players under 60 years of age and a "senior" flight for players 60 and older. There will be four sets of tees. Entry forms are available at most pro shops.

Entry fee is \$75 per person, which includes morning coffee and doughnuts, green fees, cart, range balls, a goodie bag and a full course lunch of either turkey or roast beef, your choice.

Fellowship Bible Study

Alice Geyer

As I write this, we have entered the season of the church year known as Lent. Some churches provide additional worship services during this time. As we spend more time in public worship, we contemplate the load (the sins of all humanity) that Jesus carried to that cross on Good Friday. What loads are we carrying? Why not leave them with Jesus?

Studying the Old Testament writings we see the Law, which we are incapable of fully obeying. We also see God's promises to help us fulfill the requirements of that Law.

In earlier days a pure, unblemished lamb was sacrificed for sins. Jesus is the promised redeemer, the ultimate sacrificial lamb. So, under Law we are convicted; under Gospel we are redeemed. That is our good news.

Come study with us how all this can be! We meet each Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Room 3 in the Crafts Building. All are welcome to come visit the class.

For more information, call Alice Geyer at 237-3059.

Northern Lights

With spring just around the corner, the Northern Lights Club is in the blooming stage and hopes to be in full bloom in a few months.

As of Saturday, April 8, we will have our meetings and activity night the second Saturday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center.

Our first Saturday night, April 8, will be hosted by Ann Ellis and Barbara McArdle. Our meeting will begin at 7 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by the "Swingin' Singin'" Seniors."

We would like to say welcome to our new members. If you are interested in joining the Northern Lights Club, please contact Barbara McArdle at 369-1220 or Patty Bourgault at 861-9773. The annual dues are \$5 per person.

We welcome any new ideas and hope to see everyone at the next meeting and activity night. Stay tuned for other upcoming events.



German American Club
Ruth Felschow

After a short meeting in March, everyone enjoyed the potluck dinner. There was a great selection of delicious food and scrumptious desserts. We had three lucky winners at the 50/50 drawing.

The guest speakers of the evening were Mary Jo Hammond and Marge Cherry from the local Hummel Club in Ocala. The presentation was very informative and gave us a brief background of the history of Hummel figurines. A short question and answer period followed the presentation.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, in Suites D and E in the Arbor Conference Center at 6:30 p.m.

The German American club is open to all On Top of the World residents. For information, call Ernie Liebow at 854-5679.



New York/ New Jersey
Terry Zarrella

WOW ... have you seen all the new faces now residing in our lovely community? On Top of the World is certainly the place to be and so many residents are from New York and New Jersey. Our membership has grown and just last month John and Susan joined our club. If you're interested, please attend our next meeting on April 18 or call me at 861-4947 for details. The Singing Swinging Seniors will be our entertainment for the month of April.

At February's meeting we held a quiz show, "Entertainment Trivia Past and Present." Our contestants were very knowledgeable, especially one contestant, Elaine Hersh, who is quite a movie buff. Everyone had a great time and I want to thank Louise Roder for filling in at the last moment to

take Frank Palotta's place as team captain.

In March, we held our "Covered Dish" and as this column is submitted before the event happened I will tell you more next month. However, as in the past, this is a time for all the members to socialize and chat and get together with members old and new.

This month's "Members of the Month" are Carol and Bob Berta. This wonderful couple has resided at On Top of the World for seven and a half years. They both have been members of our club for six years and Carol has been our treasurer for the past five years. What a delightful couple they are, always willing and able to volunteer their services in making our club run smoothly. Bob is the "Master" of the computer and prints our tickets for the events held at our meetings. Carol volunteers whenever and wherever needed. She buys our gifts at Christmastime and is a cheerful person to be around. They belong to the Italian American Club, the Computer Club and have been married 25 years. They love playing cards, doing crafts and Carol loves to shop. Carol and Bob are the roses in our garden of friends.

No one can say there is nothing to do at On Top of the World. There is something for everyone. Keeping busy is the key to longevity. As someone once told me after I asked her what was the secret to her longevity (she was 98) she said: "Never sit down too long ... you take root, you rot, you die."

This leads me to the thought of the day, credited to Abe Lincoln who said: "It's not the years in your life that count ... it's the life in your years." Until next month, stay well, keep busy and laugh often.



Friendship Amateur Radio
Ed Brendle

The Friendship Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting on March 13 with the installation of its new officers with Ken Simpson, W8EK, presiding. There were 37 in attendance.

The FARC's Club Call is N4FRC. The FARC's Scholarship fund, initiated by Don and Elizabeth Hatfield, KE4PMB, remains in the club's treasury awaiting disposition.

The slate of officers that was installed was presented to the club by KE4PMB, Don Hatfield, for the year. They are: for president, Ken Simpson, W8EK; vice president,

Doug Hawkins, W3HH; secretary, Terry Sparks, K14HUK; and treasurer, Jim Hatfield, WA3FJF. A request for additional nominees was requested with none offered. The slate was accepted. Installation of these new officers then took place.

Bill Parker, WB4GAA noted that a simulated terrorist attack at the Belleview High School took place on March 11 with Mert and local hospitals participating. This was a test and emphasized the importance of communications.

The next scheduled meeting will be April 10 and all members are urged to attend and bring a guest. Discussions will involve the Web site access again and its contents.

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.

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International Club
Bill Shampine

I often am asked if you have to (1) be a member in order to come to one of our meetings or (2) be foreign born to join the club. The short answer to both is NO. If you would like to come by and see what the International Club is all about and listen to one of our speakers talk about their overseas adventure, PLEASE do! We would be happy to meet you!

During the spring of 2005, John and Valerie Woods (Providence) traveled to northern England and southern Scotland with a specific focus on viewing spring flowers. They had a wonderful trip and we were fortunate that they were willing to share their trip with us at our February meeting.

Eschewing the typical tourist travel pattern of visiting only the major cities in a country, John and Valerie opted to spend their time traveling to the smaller towns

and villages, which certainly gives you a better feel for the local people and culture. Being British, they were able to get along fine in the small villages because they speak the local language (which bears only a casual acquaintance with American English).

Starting in Gatwick airport, they rented a car and drove north to Nidd Hall, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, where they spent a few days exploring the area. Yorkshire is a beautiful part of England that includes the River Nidd, the Forest of Knaresborough, and the famous Knaresborough Castle. In looking up Knaresborough Castle on the Web, it was amusing to this author that, in typical British fashion, the Web site noted that the British consider the "early history" of the town to be obscure. As it turns out, the first reference to Knaresborough is located in the Domesday Book that dates from 1086! I guess "early" is relative to where you live! Regardless, it is a beautiful area with many public and private gardens in the area. The flowers were in full bloom and the photographs John and Valerie took were spectacular.

From Knaresborough John and Valerie drove around the Yorkshire Moors and coastline, an area of heather moors, rolling hills, picturesque country towns and historic houses. The coastline ranges from nice sandy beaches to the rugged wave-pounded rocks of the East Coast's highest cliffs.

To maximize their freedom to move about, John and Valerie rented a caravan (a trailer for us Americans—the English talk a bit funny sometimes). They then drove north into Scotland into an area known as the Scottish Borders. Covering about 1800 square miles, the Scottish Borders includes rolling hills and moorland, rich agricultural plains and rocky coastline with secluded



This view was taken from Knaresborough Castle in Knaresborough, Yorkshire, England.

coves and picturesque fishing villages. The area also contains many local castles and keeps that are left over from the English and Scottish wars (think "Braveheart" here).

Among other places, John and Valerie visited the towns of Melrose, Kelso and Jedburgh, all of which literally "drip" with history. There has been a monastery at Melrose, for example, since about 650 A.D. Later, the Melrose Abbey was built and dedicated in 1146 after 50 years of construction.

From the Borders area, they traveled north along the east coast and into the Highlands area, visiting the smallest cathedral city in the United Kingdom along the way. They finally ran out of land when they got to Dunnett Head, the most northerly point of mainland Britain. The weather was very chilly, but they still found and photographed many pretty flowers. Since they no longer could go any further north, John and Valerie continued their journey by heading west along the top of Scotland to Durness and eventually dropped south again along the west coast, traveling through Ullapool and Oban.

Completing the loop through Scotland and driving on into the English Lake District and back into the Midlands, they fin-

ished their trip at Elvaston Castle. Originally built in 1633, Elvaston Castle was redesigned about 1817. Although the castle is striking, the grounds are its real "claim to fame," with 200 acres of carefully landscaped grounds. It has a formal Italian garden with a parterre, wide herbaceous borders, clipped yews, a serpentine lake, an herb garden, and a rose garden. There also is a Moorish temple and some Golden Gates from a French royal palace. All in all, a gorgeous place to visit.

Our upcoming meeting agenda includes:
· April 10: The April meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner

· May 8: Merrill and Caroline Smith will talk about their Trans Canada train trip
· June, July, and August: no meetings.

Our plans for next fall have not been finalized yet, but tentatively include a talk about Japan (from someone who was born and grew up there) and a trip to Italy. Once again, we ask if YOU would be willing to tell us about YOUR trip to somewhere in the world? We would love to hear about your exciting venture! As I said earlier, you do NOT have to be a member to participate. If you are interested, please contact Bill Shampine at 873-0753 or fabls62@cfl.rr.com. ☺

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Eileen K. Vanderbosch

Of the trips coming up, we have room on the Epcot one on May 2. However, they raised the cost of the trip after our brochure went to press. The price is now \$75 per person and includes all rides, exhibits as well as the annual flower show.

It is important that anyone driving to our parking lot to park for a trip follow the directions of the person who is directing this and park as far back to the fence as possible. This is necessary because there are times that other groups also use our parking lot, trips may overlap and with the limited space, we need room for everyone.

Please be courteous and cooperative since the person is a volunteer and just trying to help.

We suggest you check the current brochure for trips you like, call the coordinator listed at the times listed and either book the trip or go on the waiting list since with our mature people, space opens up very frequently. Check especially for Mother's Day and the Sun Cruise gambling trip.

If you are interested in the Bermuda trip April 15 through 27, 2007, call Audrey Mangan. With 42 people already registered, space is going fast.

Hey, snowbirds—if you are going up north soon and want to get any brochures that may be available while you are away,

just self address an envelope, with stamp and give it to one of the officers and you will get one.

On a trip in February, Ruth Goldstine gave us the following great summary:

"Cruising On the MSC Lurica: On February 4, 32 early bird Travel Toppers boarded a motor coach heading for Port Everglades and a 12-day tour of the Western Caribbean with Panama as our main goal. The ship was tastefully decorated, kept meticulously clean the entire time, with service in all departments excellent.

"The passengers were comprised of multi-national backgrounds so all announcements were made in English, German, Italian, French and Spanish. Activities on board ship were plentiful and ranged from daily mass to gaming tables and slots in the Las Vegas lounge. A variety of tours were offered at the different ports with prices based on complexity and length of the trip.

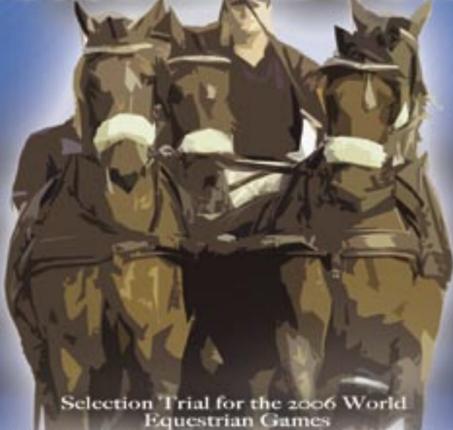
"Evening entertainment was diverse in nature: troupe of dancers, ventriloquist, gymnast, pianist, violinist, magician, talent show.

"As we disembarked, our luggage was bulging with Colombian coffee and hand-crafted wares by different port natives.

"We are not the same 32 that left Ocala. Now we have beautiful sun tans and a body that tells us that we enjoyed three full meals a day."

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R/C Flyers
Jim Lynam

No April fooling! Don't forget that the "Big Birds" show is being scheduled for Saturday, April 1.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with flying to start by 9 a.m. The event is an IMAA official meet that requires the aircraft to be very large: minimum 80-inch wingspans for monoplanes and 60-inch for biplanes. Participants have been invited to attend from throughout the southeastern United States and of course Florida. Doug Ensley, contest director, wishes to invite all On Top of the World residents to see the show, so bring your lawn chairs and a friend on April 1 and see the "Big Birds" fly!

Field Marshal Jim Ellis reported that the construction of the new prototype starting tables is well under way. He also thanked everyone for helping with the club's Pylon 40 Race. Safety Officer Jay Hartz discussed and asked everyone to please read the article "From the Ground Up; Flight-Preparation Safety" in the AMA's magazine Model Aviation. Jay is also looking into replacing the transmitter channel number tags for the impound board.

The On Top of the World R/C Flyers would like to welcome Don Sinclair as our newest Model Resident at On Top Of The World. The "Prestigious Traveling Trophy" was presented to Steve Millard for the month

of February. The new award known as The Golden KEY was presented to Charles Smith. 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 7:30 a.m. The club is also in the process of purchasing additional On Top of the World R/C Flyers' hats and shirts. If you would like a new hat or shirt, be sure to talk with one of the officers.

Members going north for the summer are reminded to give Bob Emery or Norm Wiley your e-mail and/or address while absent from On Top of the World so the club may keep you informed about events and important business items.

At the March meeting, several members participated in "show-n-tell." Ed Beck brought a Dyna Jet pulse engine from the 1951 era, while Sid Sherman brought several plans free for the club members, and Bob Emery brought his electric powered Dave Patrick Ultimate 40 biplane. Thanks gentlemen for the information.

All On Top of the World residents are always welcome to visit our 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 meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C.

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! ☺



R/C LadyBirds
Carolyn Millard

The R/C LadyBirds spent a beautiful spring day at the New England Shire Centre, a private gated farm situated on 200 beautifully manicured acres in Ocala. As we toured the farm, we learned the history of these gentle giants from England. Our tractor-drawn trolley went from pasture to pasture where we visited with these beautiful horses and fed them carrots. The owner of the farm was quite enthusiastic as she explained the history of the Shire and her efforts to breed, train and show these nearly extinct animals. We were treated to pictures with Hercules, the brother of Samson, a gelding, who is listed as the world's tallest horse in the Guinness World Book of Records. Samson is buried on the farm.

After our regular March meeting, several LadyBirds met with Horticulturist Steve Curl at Sholom Park. The attentive and inquisitive group learned about native plants, flowers and trees for use in their homes. Steve designed much of Sholom Park and is truly an excellent resource on the flora that is native to our area.

On March 30, after lunch at Felix's, the LadyBirds toured the Ocala Civic Theater. Our special thanks go to Sandie Briguera

and Pat Angle for planning the tours for the month of March.

We are looking forward to our April events.

On April 7, the annual Rags to Riches, similar to a garage sale, will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Arbor Conference Center. We will sell donated items with the proceeds going to the LadyBirds. Anyone interested in participating by donating some items or actually helping at the sale can contact Linda Ward. Items not sold will be donated to the Divine Providence Thrift Shop or the owners may reclaim them at the end of the sale.

Our 50's party will be held on April 22 and the chairperson for this event is Jean Jarmel. We will have a potluck dinner and DJ Bob Wroblewski will read some "memories" that we give him from those good old days. Be sure to attend.

Most important: The return of The Amazing Steel Drum Ensemble on Saturday, April 29, at 4 p.m. at Sholom Park sponsored by the LadyBirds. These young people have performed around the Ocala area at On Top of the World, Crystal River, Brooksville and Leesburg. As part of their program, they will play calypso and patriotic tunes, along with other contemporary pieces. The LadyBirds will provide much of the volunteer support for the concert and will accept donations. There is no admission for this event, but the donations support their summer camp where young people spend a very intensive week learning how to construct and play their instruments in addition to learning leadership skills.

If you are a LadyBird, please sign up to help at this community project during our next meeting, which will be held on Friday, April 14, in Suite B, at the Arbor Club Conference Center.

On Top of the World residents, please make plans to attend, 4 p.m., April 29, at Sholom Park. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets. Modestly priced refreshments will be available. See you there! ☺

Shutterbugs Photography Marilynn Cronin

The new On Top of the World Photography Club, Shutterbugs, has had two successful organizational meetings with a current membership of 40 people (and growing). Membership costs will be \$10 per calendar year. The Arbor Club has been reserved for meetings every other Tuesday and the club is looking for members at all levels of ability and knowledge: beginners, hobbyists and pros. Shutterbugs is hoping to provide lectures, workshops, demonstrations, field trips, challenges and exhibitions. All topic suggestions are welcome, but volunteers are needed; residents who have a background in photography related fields who are willing to speak to our group are welcome.

At the March meeting, nominations for club officers took place. The first field trip/challenge was to Sholom Park on March 20 where the On Top of the World Clowns in full costume posed and performed their antics for us to photograph. Best results were brought to the March meeting for a "show and tell." This was open to ALL skill levels, from rank amateur to professional.

If you are interested in joining Shutterbugs or would like more information, contact Gary Uhley at 854-8536 or e-mail at guhley@cfl.rr.com. ☺



Great Lakes Club
Aleta Klaras

In March, the Great Lakes Club enjoyed a delicious supper with a wide variety of salads brought by the members with brownies for dessert. As the honored states last month, all former Ohio and Indiana members got to serve themselves first.

Jim Hammond introduced all Ohio and Indiana members who gave their former hometowns and how long they had lived at

We were entertained by Bob O'Neal and by readers with many enjoyable skits, jokes and songs.

Our honored state in April will be Wisconsin and our entertainment will be Bark Rict. We will meet on April 4 at 3 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Join us. ☺



Harmonichords
Betty Barney

We meet every Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Arbor Club. We invite anyone interested in playing the harmonica to join us.

We play at various nursing homes in the area. Have harmonica, will travel.

This will be a short article as I am having trouble with my computer and am doing this longhand. Love the computer when it is working but am very frustrated now.

Again, come join us. ☺

Line Dancing Sherry Ashenfelter

In March, line dancers and partner pattern dancers celebrated their accomplishments at a party, the Big Deal, hosted by instructors, Sherry and Jack Ashenfelter.

Entertainment was provided by the SoundStage cloggers from Gainesville.

Dancers demonstrated their skills to many types of music, including waltz, cha-cha, merengue, rumba, swing, Irish and country.

Beginners can learn line dance from noon to 1 p.m. or from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. on Mondays.

A newcomer help session is held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Intermediate line dancers attend class from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. on Mondays. No partner is required for line dancing.

The Pattern Dance Club for partners meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

All classes are held in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. For further information, contact Sherry and Jack, 873-9440. ☺

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The second half of this twinbill is probably the most unique performer to appear at On Top of the World, the Chris Michaels Seven Instrument One Show. His comedic rapport is quick to delight any audience while impressing musicians in the audience, especially the members of the New Pretenders Band who recognize his skill.

Whether singing a straight ballad or an original parody, you enjoy Chris' strong baritone voice. A comedic rendition of "Over The Rainbow" brings down the house.

Tickets are on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Thanks to the folks at Central Florida Eye Institute, ticket prices are \$5 general and \$7 reserved and as usual a limit of four per purchase for On Top of the World house guests.



Chris Michaels

Reminder: your ticket stub has been worth \$2 off lunch or dinner at the New Candler Hills Restaurant. Make note this offer expires April 15 so if you have any stubs not used, post haste. ☎



Bandstand Showcase
Dean Gilchrist

Lenny and Jymie are Back!

By popular demand, Bandstand Showcase will present the Lenny Wilson Trio and Vocalist Jymie Charles in concert on Sunday, April 23, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the ballroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. for \$5 and \$7.

Save your ticket stubs, because they are worth \$2 off the price of a lunch or dinner at the Candler Hills Restaurant by April 15. The \$7 reserved seats have been selling quickly, so if you want reserved seats, come early.

This concert is sponsored by your neighborhood State Farm agent, Barbara J. Young, located in Steeplechase Plaza near Walgreen's. This is the second time this season she has sponsored us and we are very appreciative of her support.

Lenny and Jymie appeared here last May to a very enthusiastic audience. After being somewhat overwhelmed by the favorable comments I received immediately after the concert, my phone was ringing when I returned home with various requests that we have them back. I also received e-mails and even a letter, saying it was our best show ever. There were discussions about who was really the star of the show and what exactly made them tick.

Before the concert, I had written that I was unable to typecast their musical style. (It just doesn't fit with any of the usual words that are applied: jazz, bop, popular, etc.) Lenny says, "It's what we do, and people seem to like it." That's quite an understatement when you consider they have played steadily at various venues in The Villages for the past nine years and perform in concert at The Church on the Square every month from fall to spring.

Lenny and Jymie are accompanied by Dick Garrett on bass and percussionist Dave Norman, both of whom make great contributions to the show. Recently, they



The Lenny Wilson Trio and vocalist Jymie Charles

appeared in concert for the Orlando Jazz Society. They were also written about and pictured in the "Mississippi Rag" (a national jazz magazine we subscribe to) for last spring's performance at the Sarasota Jazz Festival.

To get more biographical detail, you'll have to come early to the concert and read the program, because at 2:30 p.m., you'll be focused on the music.

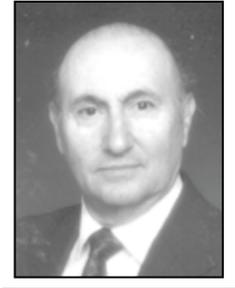
In keeping with our tradition, we are bringing quality musicians like this practically to your doorstep at a very low price, and we hope you will turn out in large numbers to enjoy it.

The winners of the Friendship Barbershop free ticket drawings for the "CanAmGer" concert were George Palmer and John Fogarty. They will be drawing again for tickets to the upcoming concert.

We are working on next season's schedule and we have one contract and one promise so far, and several discussions are ongoing. We expect to defer any more commitments pending the results of an audience survey you will see in the next program.

This will likely be the last Bandstand Showcase column until we can announce the results of our survey and the program for next season. This year has been very successful; the audience has been great, and once again I would like to thank our sponsors and all of the volunteers including my fellow directors, Jeannie Maire and Frank Palotta, the ticket sellers, hosts, boosters, the program and poster designers, the sound and light team, and everyone else that had a hand in making it work.

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



Opera
Tony Donato

In March 2, Opera Appreciation VIII held its fourth of five sessions. The class viewed a video of Mozart's "Don Giovanni." It was an enjoyable experience because it featured some of the composer's best music and fine singing by Samuel Ramey, Ferruccio Furlanetto, Kathleen Battle and Kurt Moll.

Our next and final session was to be held on Thursday, April 6, but has been changed to Thursday, April 13, because the Arbor Conference Center will be closed on April 6 and 7.

Our last presentation will be Franz Lehar's "The Merry Widow" in English. This is the second most popular operetta after

Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus (The Bat)." We presented "Die Fledermaus" in 2003.

Hollywood has made two sub-par versions of this Lehar work. The first was in 1934 with Jeanette MacDonald and Maurice Chevalier — a major disappointment. The second was in 1952 with Lana Turner (not a singer) and Fernando Lamas (not much better than Chevalier) although they were a very handsome couple and the film's color and costumes were beautiful. To make matters worse, "Vilja," the best song and a soprano aria, was crooned by Lamas, a baritone.

My favorite version is a 1996 Lincoln Center production starring Jane Thornglen as Hanna, the widow, and Michael Hayes as Count Danilo. Both singers are very good, and I can't understand why they have not achieved more recognition. Michael Hayes is so handsome, charming and talented that I would appreciate seeing or hearing him in some other musical, operetta or recording. Soprano Jane Thornglen's can-can and Robert Creighton's comic dancing are showstoppers. In this rousing, sparkling and breathtaking production the dancing almost outshines Lehar's beautiful music.

This delightful, light-hearted operetta is open to the public to view and enjoy on Thursday, April 13, without charge or obligation in Suite C of the Arbor Conference Center from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call Tony Donato 861-4211. ☎

Taps On Top Now Accepting Members

Taps on Top, On Top of the World's beginner/intermediate tap and jazz tap dance troop, is accepting new members during the month of April. If you've always wanted to try tap, this is your chance.

The group was formed in 2003 to give beginning tappers an opportunity to learn basic tap steps. The dancers decided they would like to perform, and have recently presented several shows in On Top of the World and the surrounding communities.

Classes meet on Wednesday mornings on the Health & Recreation Ballroom stage. Beginners meet at 8:30 a.m. and performing members of the troop take the stage at 9. Contact Jan at 861-1013 for more information, or drop by the ballroom any Wednesday morning between 9 and 10 a.m. ☎



Sunshine Singers
Betty Barney

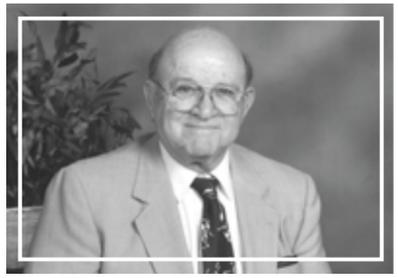
We have been very busy visiting various nursing homes in the area. It is very gratifying to bring smiles to the faces of the residents. They love the old remembered songs and especially love the hymns that most of us remember from childhood. "Amazing Grace" is a favorite.

We practice every first and third Monday in the Ballroom of the Health & Recreation building from 7 until 8 p.m. We do have space for three more members, so be sure to come up to the practice sessions.

We recently had a lovely dinner at the Arbor Conference Center with great food catered by Bruce. With pleasant company along with some funny stories from Dick Rohde, Lou Borders and Bob Giljohana it made for an evening to remember.

Our new officers are: James Oaks, president; Kathy Oaks, vice president; Caroline Scott, secretary; and Dick Rohde, treasurer.

We look forward to having you join our group and also our playing for your organization. ☎



From Page 2: George Quaranta

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Card Clubs & Games

Monday Afternoon Bridge

Gar Terheide & Sara Anderson

February 13

1. Maizie Millward and Mary Rose Jansson
2. Esther Lang and Shirley Stolly 3. Ida Rosendahl and Carol Thompson 4. Betty Morris and Fran Griswold.

February 20

1. Bill and Edith Hunter 2. Agnes LaSala and Kay Wood 3. Betty Morris and Fran Griswold 4. Eleanor Giardina and Geri Cassens.

February 27

1. Ida Rosendahl and Carol Thompson 2. Eleanor Giardina and Geri Cassens 3. Maizie Milwood and Phyllis Bressler 4. Betty Morris and Marjorie Benton.

March 6

1. Shirley Stolley and Esther Lang 2. Gar Terheide and Sara Anderson 3. Betty Morris and Fran Griswold

Monday Night Bridge

Shirley Johnson

February 13

1. Ida Rosendahl 2. Gar Terheide 3. Helen Degraw 4. Jan Smith
Cons. Ray Deitz

February 20

1. Paul Agarwal 2. Myra Butler: 3. Agnes Weber 4. Dick Mansfield 5. Eleanor Giardina
Cons. Carol Thompson

February 27

1. Charles Slupe 2. Fran Griswold 3. Norm Lalliey 4. Carol Johnson 5. Gail Tirpak
Cons. Dick Mansfield

March 6

1. Agnes Weber 2. Mildred Lane 3. Miriam McNeilly 4. Ron McNeilly 5. May Holtz
Cons. Norman Lallier

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Agnes LaSala & Shirley Johnson

February 7

1. Dick Mansfield & Mary Culbertson 2. Geri Cassens & Eleanor Giardina 3. Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris 4. Agnes LaSala & Carl Woodbury

February 14

1. Betty Barney & Myra Butler 2. Shirley Johnson & Gar Terheide 3. Lynn & Ray Dietz 4. Ruth Christman & Joe Zwick

February 21

1. Mildred Lane & Eleanor Giardina 2. Agnes La Sala & Carl Wodbury 3. Betty Barney & Myra Butler 4. Mary Culbertson & Dick Mansfield

February 28

1. Mary Culbertson Dick Mansfield 2. Lynn & Ray Dietz 3. Myra Butler & Betty Barney 4. Elsie Helwig & Kay Wood

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.

February 14

1. Ruth and Harry Tindall 2. Ida Rosendahl and Dick Mansfield 3. Betty and Bill Raines 4. Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck 5. Ida and Bill Carlson

February 21

1. Ida and Bill Carlson 2. Joan Lord and Charles Slupe 3. Ruth and Harry Tindall 4. Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck

February 28

1/2 (tie) Ida and Bill Carlson and Betty and Bill Raines 3. Mary Carol Geck and Charles Slupe
4/5 (tie) Marjorie and Bruce Benton and Doug Miller and Ernie Lord

March 7

1. Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck 2. Doug Miller and Ernie Lord 3. Ida Rosendahl and Dick Mansfield 4. Marilyn Beardsley and Mary Kalda

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Fran Griswold

Many bridge clubs were blessed with the gifts of candy from "candy man," Dick Mansfield. Many people were privileged to enjoy the generosity of Dick. We seem to be getting back to our growth of years ago. We are happy to welcome all new and old time residents of On Top of the World. You need only bring a quarter and a happy face, and we shall be pleased to call you our friend and partner for a fun afternoon. So get yourself together and join each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. or a little before. On Top of the World bridge players are always early.

February 15

1. Barb Mastin 4630 2. Marie White 3. Bill Mahoney 4. Flo Penn
Cons. Marlene Floeckher

February 22

1. Shirley Stolly 5180 2. Mary Culbertson 3. Betty Frantz 4. Marion Wade 5. Marie White
Cons. Betty Morris

March 1

1. Shirley Stolly 4570 2. Barb Munderloh 3. Betty Morris 4. Carol Johnson 5. Pat Holmes
Cons. Bernie Kelly

March 8

1. Carol Johnson 5160 2. Fran Griswold 3. Ruth Goldstine 4. Carol Thompson 5. Betty Frantz
Cons. Helene Sternberger

Wednesday Night Duplicate

Doris Keathley

February 15

1. Marjorie Benton and Nel Bosschaart, 2. Harry and Ruth Tindall, 3. Bill and Ida Carison, 4. Doug Miller and Mary Carol Geck

February 22

1. Doris Keathley and Ida Rosendahl, 2. Bill and Ida Carison, 3. Harry and Ruth Tindall

March 1

1. Charles Slupe and Ida Rosendahl, 2/3 (tie) Bill and Betty Raines and Doug Miller and Mary Carol Geck

March 8

1. Doris Keathley and Ida Rosendahl, 2/3/4 (tie) Bill and Betty Raines and Bill and Ida Carlson and Harry and Ruth Tindall



Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Elsie Helwig

February 2

1. Ruth Christman 2. Ginny Barrett 3. Agnes LaSala

February 9

1. Delores Conrad 2. Ruth Christman 3. Mary Rose Janson

February 16

1. Kay Wood 2. Arline Duggan 3. Phyllis Bressler

February 23

1. Phyllis Bressler 2. Annette Van Tronk 3. Marion Turbin

Thursday Night Bridge

Helen DeGraw & Jan Moon

February 16

1. Sara Anderson 2. Bill Hunter 3. Myra Butler 4. Elsie Helwig 5. Charles Slupe 6. Lynn Deitz
Cons. Ken Mosely

February 23

1. Bill Hunter 2. Carol Johnson 3. Shirley Johnson 4. Don Lamb 5. Jan Smith
Cons. Jan Moon

March 2

1. Dick Dakin 2. Eleanor Giardina 3. Jan Moon 4. Gar Terheide 5. Shirley Johnson 6. Agnes Weber
Cons. Wayne Turnbull

March 9
1. Charles Slupe 2. Bill Hunter 3. Carol Thompson 4. Fran Griswold 5. Gar Terheide
Cons. Phil DeVito

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.

February 3

1. Mickey Martin 2. Georgia Steinwedel 3. Ernie Lord 4. Doug Morick 5. Jayne Kaske
Cons. Lynn Dietz
Grand Slams: Ernie Lord and Joan Lord (7NT) and Helen DeGraw and Betty Barney (7C)

February 10

1. Doug Morick 2. Harry Tindall 3. John Bucci 4. Peggy Bucci 5. Don Hink
Cons. Dick Mansfield

February 17

1. Betty Barney 2. Phil Merchant 3. Mickey Martin 4. Shirley Ebert 5. Fay Rumens 6. Helen DeGraw
Cons. Erwin Fluss

February 24

1. Harry Tindall 2. Shirley Ebert 3. Geri Cassens 4. John Bucci 5. Ruth Tindall
Cons. Erwin Fluss



Cribbage

Dorothy Skillman

February 17

1. Luke Mullen 2. Doris Terheide 3. Alberta Sarris
Cons. Gar Terheide

February 24

1. Margie Saxon 2. Ruth Earlewine 3. Dorothy Skillman 4. Frank Chamberlain
Cons. Ruth Christman

March 3

1. Greg Skillman 2. Ruth Christman 3. Sheila Howell 4. Ed Fullmer
Cons. Doris Terheide

March 10

1. Gar Terheide "0" Score 2. Greg Skillman 3. Ruth Earlewine
Cons. Elsie Helwig



Tuesday Night Pinochle

Viola Horton

New arrivals this month in the double/triple deck game were Cathy and Ray Lang. Glad to have them. On Valentine's Day, Jo Swing brought in homemade truffles and red roses from her garden. Nice touch for the day from a newlywed. Thank you, Jo.

February 7

Single Deck Winners

3-way tie: Carole & Joe Lacker, Lou Fisher & Marge Cordasco, Lois & Vernon Uzzell

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. Ruth Christman & Alberta Sarris 2. Betty Ruf, Irene Pisani & Billy Swing 3. Dick Beury & Jim Mazzotta 4. Ray Bock & Virgil Taylor

February 14

Single Deck Winners

1. Lois & Vernon Uzzell 2. Marge Cordasco & Lou Fisher

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. Ruth Christman & Alberta Sarris 2. Betty Ruf & Jo Swing 3. Dick Beury 4. Ray Bock & Virgil Taylor

February 21
Single Deck Winner
Marge & Lou Fisher

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. Ann Pelham 2. Dick Beury 3. Ray Bock & Virgil Taylor

February 28

Single Deck Winners

1. Carole & Joe Lacker 2. Clarence Lietzow & Al Novotny

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. Alberta Sarris, Ruth Christman & Ray Lang 2. Jo & Billy Swing 3. Dick Beury 4. Ray Bock & Virgil Taylor



Saturday Night Singles Pinochle

Elsie Helwig

February 4

1. Harry Harrington 2. Charles Slupe 3. Viola Horton

February 11

1. Charles Slupe 2. Billy Swing 3. Elsie Helwig

February 18

1. Dottie Findlay 2. Lucille Perry 3. Betty Ruf

February 25

1. Harry Harrington 2. Betty Ruf 3. Charles Slupe



Friday Night Euchre

Joe Askenase

Thanks to Betty and Joe Scervo for the Euchre cards!

February 17

Four-Handed Game

1. Maria France was present with a score of "60" points 2. (Tie) Edith Kolbi, Hank Kolbi, Billy Swing 3. Zane Barnett 4. (Tie) Viola Horton, Joseph Weber 5. Helen Foskett 6. (Tie) Mary Nichols, Clarence Lietzow 7. (Tie) Carol Polanowski, Raya Bock 8. (Tie) Marcy Askenase, Betty Scervo, Lou Fisher 9. Diana Riegler 10. Rich Miles

February 24

Four-Handed Game

1. Joseph Weber. 2. (Tie) Helen Foskett, Dolores Barnett, Phyllis McLeod, Bill Eberle, Clarence Lietzow 3. Joe Scervo 4. Betty Scervo 5. (Tie) Edith Kolb, Billy Swing 6. Zane Barnett 7. (Tie) Gitte Agarwal, Bridget Hughes 8. (Tie) Paul Agarwal, Dick Beury 9. (Tie) Marcy Askenase, Carol Polanowski

Five-Handed Game

1. Shirley Coe 2. (Tie) Lee Phillips, Hank Kolb, 3. Marie McNeil

Six-Handed Game

1. (Tie) Vi Horton, Pat Luis, Lee Morgan, Virgil Taylor 2. Ray Bock

March 3

Four-Handed Game

1. Edith Kolb 2. Marge Fisher 3. (Tie) Marcy Askenase, Lou Fisher 4. Rich Miles 5. Clarence Lietzow 6. Russ Riegler 7. Bridget Hughes

Five-Handed Game

1. Helen Foskett 2. Marie Marquis 3. Diana Riegler 4. Mary Streich

Six-Handed Game

1. Hank Kolb was perfect 2. Shirley Coe 3. Ray Bock 4. Mary Nichols 5. Maria France 6. Virgil Taylor

March 10

Four-Handed Game

1. Zane Barnett 2. (Tie) Helen Foskett, Russ Riegler, Clarence Lietzow 3. Joseph Weber 4. Diana Riegler 5. (Tie) Henry Kolb, Billy Swing 6. (Tie) Marie Marquis, Pat Snable 7. (Tie) Dolores Barnett, Bill Eberle

Five-Handed Game

1. (Tie) Marcy Askenase, Joe Scervo 2. Gitte Agarwal 3. Parul Agarwal

Six-Handed Game

1. Lee Morgan 2. Virgil Taylor 3. Edith Kolb 4. Shirley Coe 5. Ray Bock



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Mah Jongg
Mary Ehle

Hats off to all the participants of the spring tournament! Everyone is getting better and better about helping provide a day of fun for all. I had a great day and I hope that you did too.

I can't believe that no one captured the prize for the BIG hand. The prize will be \$180 at the fall tournament.

When the games were done, first prize was a tie so our own devoted player Pat Utiss shared the first and second prize with a new, first time participant, Nancy Mudge. Great games ladies! They had one of the highest scores we ever had. They got 330 points to win for the day. Third prize went to Marcy Askenase. Marcy is a lifetime player and I was glad to see her do well today. Fourth place went to Darlene Clark. All of these ladies were in the three hundreds and only 5 points separated each one. They all had wonderful games.

There was another tie at fifth so fifth and sixth was awarded to Anita Burnham and Renee Filzer. Jimi Bartolone walked away with seventh place and Marilyn Wilensky was the eighth place victor. Ninth place was B.J. (I never win anything) Leckbee. Tenth

place went to Helene Sternberger. It made a nice birthday day for her.

Last but not least was a three-way tie for 11th place between Arlene Adams, Miriam Boyd and Pat Griffith. Congratulations to you all. Helen Tracy won a prize too but you have to ask her what it was for.

This year we started a new thing of presenting the high scorer for the morning session with a gift. Anita Burnham took this prize and then if she could only have continued her good luck in the afternoon she would have won the first prize.

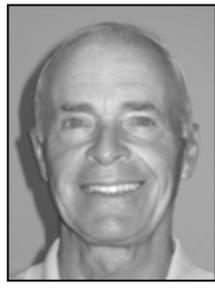
I want to thank all those who so willingly helped before, during and after. Everything worked like a well-oiled machine. Boy, are we good. I want to thank Pat and Ray Utiss. They stepped up and made our coffee for the morning. Do you know that they came up at 7 p.m. to get it ready so we could all just walk in and enjoy the breakfast? Thanks to all who helped set up on Friday night and clean up on Saturday. Ray Utiss stayed the day and he was a regular Jeeves, the butler. He just busied himself cleaning up after all the ladies all day. You are wonderful, Ray.

Pat Griffith never seems to fail coming up with a new idea for decorating. This year she gave us a complete Oriental theme. It was super and now we all know the Chinese symbol for "luck" and "lucky." The simplicity of the trimmings made for a very calming effect. Great job, as always, Pat!

There is so much more I could say but I know space is limited. I would be remiss if I didn't thank my husband Craig for all the many hours he devoted to helping me put this all together and then all the physical labor he did on Friday and Saturday. His patience and untiring help is the only way I can do the tournament. Thank you Craig!

A new class will be starting May 10. This is to teach mah jongg to any residents interested in learning this game. Call Mary Ehle at 873-7507 for more details.

There will be another tournament on October 7. Mark your calendar. ☺



Favorite Recipes
Dinner Club
Luke Mullen

A milestone event greeted our diners this month! The club experienced three concurrent dinners on the same night for the very first time. Twenty-four club members had dinner at three different members' homes on February 25.

Hosts were Ann and Conrad Massa, Marlys and Wayne Bielunski and Kathy and Luke Mullen.

Our first dinner was hosted by Ann and Conrad Massa. The theme for their dinner was German. Appetizers kicked off the evening and were provided by Sylvia Andrews and Oliver Aube. They consisted of mini quiches of Lorraine Swiss cheese and bacon as well as mini quiches of Florentine Swiss cheese with spinach.

Ann and Conrad followed the appetizers with a cold cucumber soup. This delicious soup was prepared with pureed rice and topped with sour cream and chives. The main course, which was created by Ann and Conrad, was roulade (a rolled round steak) served with dark gravy.

Mary and Bob O'Neal prepared French green bean almandine to complement the meal.

Following the main meal, dinner guests Tish and Don Dertien provided a light mousse-like dessert with two rum-based sauces, a white and strawberry sauce.

The cuisine of Spain was the theme of the dinner hosted by Marlys and Wayne Bielunski. Strains of classical Spanish guitar music complemented the festive food and conversation.

Jean and Joe Breslin prepared two delicious tapas and a classic gazpacho. The cooling and flavorful gazpacho complemented the salad and main courses.

New members Sharon and Fred Tarolli prepared Ensalada Mixta à la Española. Crisp greens, grape tomatoes and rings of sweet onion were topped with roasted red pepper, marinated artichoke hearts and anchovy-stuffed olives.

A Catalan-style paella was prepared by the hosts. Tender grains of short-grain rice were studded with chicken, sausage, shrimp and artichokes.

Flan is a fitting finale to a classic Spanish dinner. Ceci and Bob Marsh prepared individual flans that were served inverted on small white plates to showcase the beautiful amber caramel.

Kathy and Luke Mullen hosted our third dinner and started the meal with an appetizer of stuffed onions. A fresh salad, prepared by Gitte and Paul Agarwal, followed the appetizer. It consisted of a mixture of romaine lettuce, pears, toasted walnuts, dried cranberries and crumbled blue cheese.

The main dish by Kathy and Luke was hazelnut-crust pork chops with mushroom sauce. Complementing the meal was a Mediterranean Green Bean dish made by Valerie and Dean Bard.

Sue and Howard Bourland, new club members, created dessert. It was a compilation of devil's food cake saturated with caramel and sweetened milk, covered with crumbled chocolate English toffee bars and finished with whipped topping.

If the dinners described are something you would enjoy, please contact Luke at 291-8625 or your club neighbors. ☺



Bingo
Bunny Barba

Unfortunately this column is due into the news office by 14th of the month, therefore I cannot tell you anything about Super Bingo that was held on March 29. I suggest you postpone your trip up north and hang around for the next issue to find out what happened.

Bingo trivia question of the month: What was bingo originally called? (see * below)

The past four weeks have been relatively quiet. Attendance as usual continues to grow and our games get more and more interesting. We now have several new games such as the number 13, the butterfly and a block of nine with a tail. (Why does a block

of nine need a tail?) The American Flag game has become a big favorite.

Hank Kolb has really learned his trade and except for forgetting what he is doing, has graduated into one of our favorite callers. Hey guys, we love you all, especially Jimmy Johnson's great southern inflection on all the numbers and the way Mort Meretsky insists on calling N's when there are no N's in the game.

Josephine Ciserano (a/k/a Jo-Jo) hit a 50/50 this month after winning \$240 last month. We shoved her into the toilet outside at the pool and refused to let her out until the evening was over. Judy Furfaro won again so Joe won't make her to back to work. Many bingos were called in error. I notice it appears to be our younger players making the mistakes. Does that tell you something?

Has anyone noticed the handsome gentlemen with the hat helping Mae Adams and Maryanne Shahady at the 50/50 table? Well, his name is Ernie Barba and he belongs to me, however I am willing to auction him off if there are any takers.

* The original name of Bingo was beano, 'cause they used beans to cover the numbers.

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. ☺



Square Dancing
Ellen Everhart

Well, another year has come and gone. New officers were elected in March. As a result, this is the last of these articles you will read from yours truly. Nancy Clerke will most likely be your new reporter/author.

I am happy to report that your On Top of the World club has opened a new chapter in our program. We are now occasionally inviting international callers to our dances. This

first caller was Tim Crawford of Toronto, Canada. Tim is a well-known international caller and has called all over the world. It was a pleasure to see so many members and guests at the dance. We had 18 squares on the floor at the Health & Recreation Ballroom and another one or two squares relaxing at any given moment. The finger foods were excellent and there was plenty for all. Everyone had a good time and I know we will do this again.

On March 26, we went to the Orange Blossom Squares in The Villages to retrieve our banner.

Our big Anniversary Dance will be on April 8 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the H&R Ballroom with Lon Ligon and Don Hanhurst calling and Loretta Hanhurst cueing. It should be a big dance with lots of guests and good food for all.

Our new class of dancers will be graduating May 10 and we welcome them to the club as regular members. If you are thinking you might like to dance with us new classes will be forming later in the year so check this column for the date.

Thanks for allowing me to be your reporter this last year and I hope I have kept everyone well informed about our club activities. Thanks again. Happy Squares to each of you and keep on dancing! ☺

SPCA
Genevieve Mallardi

The S.P.C.A. is happy to report the adoption of two dogs. Both were given up by their elderly owners who could no longer care for them. "Checkers" now lives here at In Top of the World and "Prince" now resides in Pine Run. Both are being wonderfully spoiled.

We tried to help a family in distress with sick dogs by sending them to a vet. The dogs had eaten contaminated food from Diamond. Unfortunately, it was too late and both dogs died. The S.P.C.A. received a thank you note from the family for our caring.

Animal lovers should visit the Marion County Animal Control Center. The cleanliness, spaciousness and caring of the pets was wonderful to see. A call to 671-8200 to ask for an appointment is all that is needed.

The Heimlich maneuver was used on a choking dog with great success. It is nice to know if we find ourselves in that situation.

We are once again planning to be at the Rags to Riches sale with our doughnuts, coffee and 50/50 chances. Although this does

not take place until April, we started selling 50/50 chances in late March.

Watch for our S.P.C.A. members to sell in the Ballroom.

We are planning a visit to EARS the endangered animal sanctuary. We are not talking dogs and cats, although there may be a few. We will be seeing lions, tigers, etc. We will write at a future date about this.

The next S.P.C.A. meeting will be held the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center.

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Garage Sale: Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5x8' wool rug, chairs, table, tools, filing cabinets, miscellaneous items. 8665-F S.W. 92nd Lane, 237-9893

EZ GO: 1996 2-seater golf cart, six 6-volt batteries, green with white canopy. Very good condition. 873-0102

Lady's Schwinn Bicycle: 18-speed, excellent condition, \$125 obo. 237-5615

Misc. Items: Electronic organ with lesson books, bench, \$150; Black & Decker electric lawnmower, \$25. 237-2624

Misc. Items: Custom-made sofa and love seat, pastel multicolor, excellent condition; entertainment center in excellent condition. Reasonable. 873-2051

Misc. Items: Lamps, queen size spread, quilt and pillows, blanket rack and other items. 873-2051

Classified Section

The Classified Section is a service to the On Top of the World Community. There is no charge to residents as long as it is not of a business nature. There is a \$500 limit on FOR SALE items. Items valued at more than \$500 (i.e. golf carts) may be listed, but price will not accompany the ad. Auto, apartment, home, timeshare and real estate ads WILL NOT be accepted.

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DEADLINE: On Top of the World resident ads must be in the box next to the Press-room door (on east side of the Golf Pro Shop) no later than noon on the 13th of each month. Ads will appear once unless renewed in writing.

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Stitch Witch Quilters
Ann Weldishofer

Twenty-five quilters attended the March 7 meeting of the Stitch Witches. As has become our custom, we enjoyed excellent treats provided this month by Norma Noelcke and Marcy Askenase, with Viola Higgins helping. Thank you all! Delicious!

Earlier in the morning, Alexandra Rankin showed us how to make a "Schlep" Bag. We had a very good turnout for her class, and most of us will be able to finish our purses at home. For those who get stuck, Alexandra will be available to help. Betty Pettit showed an example of the "flip and sew" table runners, and gave us the list of supplies for her April classes. Theresa Randolph led us through a "quilt-as-you-go" method for

making comfort quilts at a March 28 workshop.

We always like to learn new ways to do things, and we have the talent in the group to show how!

Our Annual Spring Luncheon will be on April 4 at noon in our meeting room. Jeanette Wroblewski and Dot Hinde will chair the event, and we will all bring "finger food" to share.

It was decided that we would use some of our money to buy some fabric to coordinate with our current supply for making the comfort quilts. We also discussed buying a coffee pot for use at our workshops and other functions.

After some discussion, we decided to finish out the year 2006 with one set of officers.

President is Ann Weldishofer, vice president, Ruth Kinney; secretary, Ruth Flack; and treasurer, Marcy Askenase. The by-laws will be updated and changed to reflect current usage, and will be presented to the membership to be voted on.

We had a wonderful Show and Tell, with eight comfort quilts made by Grace Hansen, Nancy Booth, Viola Higgins, and Jeanette Wroblewski. All were lovely. There are many more quilts in various stages of completion that we can soon add to our pile!

The quilters meet every Tuesday in the Art Room at 12:30 p.m., with classes and workshops often held in the mornings. Any interested residents are urged to join us — we do good work and have fun doing it!



Artistic Crafts & Gifts
Loretta Troutman

"Just looking."

We hear this all the time and we don't mind a bit. The fact is, we are happy to have you see all the fine things we offer, as we know that you'll be pleased. Not only are there useful items such as needs for the kitchen, but also we can say there is something for everyone in the house and garden.

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Rene makes decorative leaded glass butterflies, dragonflies and frogs to stand in your garden and colorful panels for your yard light. Phoebe, Dianne, Cheryl and Elaine make jewelry, each unique in its method and styling. Frances always surprises us with new intricate patterns of doilies and little bits of her craft for varied decorative use.

Dot keeps a good supply of her pairs of round potholders in many different color combinations and patterns. You'll want to see Gail's plants now that the weather is warming and we can work on our landscapes. If you are overly ambitious with spring cleanup and end up with sore muscles, Olive is ready to help you with her soothing microwaveable corn bags.

You'll enjoy a stop at Lois' table, where she has a variety of novelties that will tickle your "funny" bone. If you are planning a special trip, or just need a new roomy handbag, you will want to see Audrey's beautiful quilted handbags. You will receive many compliments when you carry a handbag of her design. Just tell them that you bought it at the H & R Ballroom.

We are there every Tuesday from 9 a.m. until noon. Come on up.



Crafty Ladies
Dot Tripp

Although Marilyn N. no longer attends our meetings, she hasn't forgotten our charity work. Every once in a while, just before we start gathering for our meeting, she drops off an afghan or some other crocheted items that we can donate to our

Project Linus charities. Thank you, Marilyn ... your donations are greatly appreciated.

Rosalie, one of our newer members, has been crocheting isolette/car seat covers. These are very practical, since they are used to cover the isolettes that the premies are placed in while in the hospital. When it is time for the babies to be taken home, they are wrapped in this little "blanket," which is then used to cover the child when it is placed in a car seat. It helps to keep the baby warm, plus warding off the drafts. Thank you, Rosalie ... I'm sure they are very much appreciated by the recipients.

One of our members, Jay Vickers, volunteered to help with the Farm Share program. Way to go, Jay! We are proud to have you as a member of our group.

Looking for something to do during this summer? The Crafty Ladies group meets all year round in the Card Room in the Arts & Crafts Building every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11. Call Dot at 854-4913 if you would like to learn more about us. Do your best to keep happy, healthy, and "crafty."



Sewing Bees
Eileen Vanderbosch

We had good classes in March by Rita Miller, with her covered vase, and Marilyn Robinson, who taught "garters" for baskets, both lovely projects. We also had two workshops for stuffed animals and tote bags.

We must be really buzzing on these because Marcy and husband Joe delivered 26 tote bags filled with quilts, handmade blankets and stuffed animals to our children's advocacy groups. There is a never-ending need for such items, because of the ongoing situations with children.

We also met with the Oak Run sewers and had our usual end of month business meeting. At the meeting, members received the

updated version of our guidelines with just a few corrections to make them current.

On upcoming projects, the prep classes are at noon, and the classes start at 12:30 p.m. As a reminder, fee for classes must be paid at the time you register for a class.

Lots of projects and workshops are on an ongoing basis, and we hope for as many "Bees" as possible to join us for these. If you are interested in our group, please attend our business meeting the last Thursday of each month for particulars.

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Indigo East
Allie Gore

Spring! Another wonderful time of year! We had a pleasant spring-like day, February 25, when lots of high steppers covered the two-mile Hoofin' for Hospice course to raise money for Hospice of Marion County. As a former hospice nurse this cause is special to me. Bob and I were pleased to be the self appointed representatives for Indigo East this first year of participation. The generous support of our neighbors made it possible for our little community to contribute \$505 to the overall total of \$5,024.

Two On Top of the World groups generously added to this amount for a grand total of over \$6,500. Thank you to Ruth Goldstine and her organizers who did a great job (I am told this is annual excellence). Thanks also to the Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT) presence, which gave us all a sense of security (and kept us on the correct route). A special and very sincere thanks goes to our neighbors; you gave Indigo East formal representation through your generous donations. It was a fun walk; we met nice folks and helped a good cause. Make a note to walk with us next year.

March 2 found many neighbors at our

first Game Night at the community center. Euchre, Dominos, Upwords and Marbles challenged us. The evening passed quickly and we all agreed to make this a monthly event. Indigo East neighbors are invited to join us the second Tuesday and/or fourth Thursday each month. Come when it suits you. We start gathering at 6 p.m. and go until whenever. Bring your game of choice and have fun! We still need pinochle players. Our Hand and Foot group will be joining us this month.

Regarding confidentiality of your personal information. On Top of the World considers it a violation of confidentiality to give out new resident information; On Top of the World does not give your information out. In support of our effort to have early contact with new neighbors, On Top of the World closing agents have been given permission to distribute our newsletter, directory and welcome letter to new residents at the time they close on their home. New residents then provide their information to us as they choose. This is working well and we appreciate closing agents' willingness to add another task to their already busy closing meetings. Thank you, John and Judy! Our neighborhood directory and newsletter are available via e-mail. If you have not received the newsletter or directory or if your phone or e-mail has changed and you need to update the directory information please contact Michael and Nancy Ludvik at mnludvik@earthlink.net or 369-9973. They will pass your e-mail on to our newsletter editor and to me to add you to the events and activities list. We communicate events and activities via e-mail and leave announcements at the community center for those who do not have e-mail. If you have a special event, birthday, anniversary, suggestion for our community, idea for a get together or other information you want to see here let me know. R1lgore@aol.com or 861-4564. Until next time, enjoy life ... this is not a dress rehearsal.



Rug & Latch Hook
Yvonne Bednar

Spring has sprung and Easter is on its way. Shortly some of us "Happy Hookers" will be headed to far away places for a while. But don't fret, we don't close up shop for the summer months—we continue to meet every Monday and, yes, we also continue with our bi-monthly lunches.

Our ladies are busy doing projects: Jackie Palotta and Pat Utiss are knitting, Jackie a blue baby sweater and Pat a baby afghan. Mary Ehle finished a "fun fur" boa for a friend; Cecily Lucus is knitting a blue/tur-

quoise poncho for her granddaughter, and while I've been off my feet recuperating, I've embroidered pillowcases and did a cute cat picture in crewel yarn. Elaine Fitchpatrick is into creating very unique greeting cards, and also sells them at the Tuesday morning craft fair. Carol Berta is finishing a counted-cross stitch footstool cover, always the unusual and beautiful projects.

Speaking of Carol Berta and Pat Utiss, those of you who have been reading this column for a few years may remember the Bunka "piece" Pat was making and then decided to put away in her closet. Carol Berta asked her about it and was told that Pat is leaving it in her "will" to Carol. We all had a good laugh.

Our bi-monthly luncheon is Monday, April 3, at Applebee's. If interested in going, please call Carol Toye, 873-1646.

Just a reminder, if you have any unwanted yarn, the "Happy Hookers" will turn it into a useful hat, lap blanket, etc., and donate it to someone in need.

My thanks again to Carol Toye for keeping me informed on projects going on since I haven't been at our gatherings for the past three months.

Maybe we'll see you at our next gathering. We meet on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Arts and Ceramics studio. Need information? Give Pat Utiss a call at 861-2831.

Till next month, knit one, purl two and "Happy Hooking."

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