

On Top of the World NEWS

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R/C Flyers take to the skies with Antique Model Airplane Fly-In on April 26. See Page 21.



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Community News & Update

By Kenneth Colen, Publisher

As I am putting electrons on paper for this article, the Ocala Open is still in progress. We are all really thrilled that On Top of the World Communities and the Candler Hills Golf Course are able to host this event. The event raised \$50,000 split between two charities: Interfaith Emergency Services and the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign for heart health awareness. We had a field of 144 top golfers, both US and international.

The planning that has gone into this event was nothing short of phenomenal. Most of the effort comes down to the 60 days preceding the event. Jeff McDonald and Sally Collins, together with the other pros and golf course staff, have worked very hard at getting the word out to potential players and the PGA Tour coordinators.

Things wouldn't have gone nearly as well as they did without golf superintendent Andy Jorgenson and his staff in getting Candler in really terrific condition and able to withstand the rigors of four days of hard play. I must also note that the day before tournament play began he lost the main irrigation pump motor and controls to an electrical surge related to the recent storms! Still he persevered and kept the course in optimal condition!

So far as the technical aspects of course condition and tournament organization go, we were in great shape. That said, nothing would work as well as it did without the coordination of 168 resident volunteers. Lynette Vermillion oversaw the entire event coordination and Laurie Schloss was in charge of volunteer coordination.

The Hospitality Division headed by Alex Spiotta and Chef David Bland and staff did a phenomenal job on the food and beverage service for the Pro/Am dinner, as well as all three days of tournament play.

We look forward to 2009 and repeating this success. Hopefully we can expand the field of players and raise even more money for local charities.

MASTER THE POSSIBILITIES: Our first quarter of 2008 was a wonderful success for Master the Possibilities. We were able to run close to 150 programs and had enrollments of more than 5,500! Your continued support of our efforts to bring you the best in lifelong learning is our inspiration to do even better!

The Spring (April-May-June) catalog is included in this World News. It is also on-line at www.masterthepossibilities.com. We invite you to look over the sections and register online, by phone, or simply stop by the office. It's a good idea to register early — about 75 percent of enrollments come in during the first week of registration. Don't be left out — join us as we learn together. See you in class!

With the opening of the Town Square, beginning on April 15, some of the larger MTP classes will be moved from CSCC to the Live Oaks Hall. This is one of two large lecture halls located right next to the MTP Education Center in the new retail area. The locations for these classes are properly noted in the Spring catalog.

CIRCLE SQUARE COMMONS UPDATE: As you may have noticed, construction is winding down at the retail center and Town Square. Entertainment is being planned and look for a full calendar of events that will begin in mid-April. In these economic times and with the amount of commercial development that is going on along SR 200, retailers will be coming on slowly, much to my dismay. However, we will offer quality entertainment starting on Saturday, April 19 (weather permitting), beginning with Fred Campbell live on the Town Square from 5 to 8 p.m. Thereafter, we plan to provide entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. But we plan to see how the crowds respond and will add or delete accordingly. If crowds are not strong, we may only begin with one night a week, but we'll see how it goes.

All you need to do is show up with your dancing shoes on and we even provide folding chairs for your comfort.

On Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon, we will welcome a Farmers Market to the Circle Square Commons on the Town Square where you will enjoy quality produce. The Yalaha Country Bakery will even have a booth or two. Many of you may have already tried now famous and delectable treats offered by owner and founder Günter Herold, who is originally from Germany. You will be able to enjoy the Farmers Market every Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. Produce

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71.20
Average score of the tournament
(.8 under par)

Photo by Bob Woods

Spectators got close to the action during the Ocala Open golf tournament. See more photos on Pages 30 & 31.



Photo by Greg Wise

Eventual Ocala Open winner Travis Hampshire tees off on hole No. 10 during first round on March 12.

Ocala Open Pro Golf Tournament Showcases Candler Hills, Community & Volunteers

By MARY PAT GIFFIN
WORLD NEWS WRITER

From pro/am players and golf professionals to volunteers, residents and staffers, it looks like the 2008 Ocala Open has put Candler Hills Golf Club and everyone involved on top of the world.

John Elliot, a Nationwide tour player, expressed the sentiment of players on the field. "I was expecting just another mini-tour event, nothing special, but I was overwhelmed by the support, from marketing to maintenance."

Actually, the support came from the top with Ken Colen, president of On Top of the World. At the opening banquet, he recognized some of the major sponsors, including Greenberg Traurig, SCI, Hamlet, Clear Channel and Jones Edmunds. There were also companies sponsoring holes and in-kind sponsors, such as Bonefish Grill and Plants Plus.

The purse was \$100,000, with \$20,000 going to the top winner, Travis Hampshire. In addition, two charities received checks of \$25,000 each: Go Red for Women (the American Heart Association's national campaign to increase awareness of heart disease) and Interfaith Emergency Services (a not-for profit organization that brings people together of all faiths, who seek to minister to persons in need).

"This kind of event can't happen without a lot of support," explained Colen, applauding the community sponsors and the On Top of the World staff, particularly, "Andy and Jeff (golf course superintendent and director of golf), who worked tirelessly to make this a success."

While there weren't as many spectators as Director of Golf Jeff McDonald expected, the Ocala Open was a resounding success.

168
Resident
volunteers

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Concert Chorus Debuts April 20 New Musical Group Forms

By JOANIE BOLLING

Breaking news: The On Top of the World Concert Chorus will present its spring concert on Sunday, April 20, at 3 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. There will be no admission charge but donations will be appreciated.

Our members have been busy learning all the new music. In addition, our section leaders are conducting special rehearsals in order to master all the harmonies required.

There will be a wide variety of songs and rhythms along with some pretty whistling. Our audience will also be entertained with some special selections in the form of solos, duet, ensemble, barbershop and Southern gospel selections.

A special thank you to Marguerite Cox, our voice coach, who helps us with our warmups each week.

So, mark your calendar for April 20. We hope that you will hear our love of music through our performance.

Joanie's question: Why is music like cooking? Answer: Each "measure" must be correct in order to get the best results! 🍴



Photo by Bob Woods

Anita Atherton directs the Concert Chorus during a March rehearsal as Jean Muncy accompanies on piano.



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Is It Legal?
Gerald Colen

Q. Can you explain the installment sale rules of the Internal Revenue Service? I am thinking of selling my home and holding a mortgage and one concern I have is how much income will I have to report each year. I worry about that because if I hold the mortgage I don't want to have to report my income from the sale until I actually get it in hand.

A. First of all, the installment sale rules apply to persons who are not dealers in real estate. So if you are an investor who's been dealing in real estate or who's been "flipping" then you might come under a different situation than what I am about to discuss. Second, there are also exemptions about paying income tax on a gain that is related to whether you've occupied a home for two out of the last five years as your homestead. My answer does NOT cover that situation either.

Rather, my answer strictly deals with the sale of a property where you HAVE TO pay income tax on your gain. In such circumstances, the installment sale rules state that if you sell a property and hold a mortgage — that is, you receive your payments in installments, then you can report your gain on the sale as you receive your payments instead of reporting your entire gain in the year of your sale. The amount of taxable income that you have to pay in the tax year that you received your installment payment will be related to the ratio between the total gain and the amount of your installment payment. Example: If you sell a property for, say \$10,000 and your total gain is, say \$2,000, then you've made a 20 percent profit. So, 20 percent of your yearly installment payment is taxable gain. Now look! This is only a very brief summary of the installment rules. You should NOT assume that this answer applies to any specific facts that you might have. Thus, you should not rely on this for any specific situation that you may have; but rather, you should provide all your facts to your own accountant.

Q. Will you give us your thoughts on the upcoming national and state elections?

A. Nope. I want everyone to read my column and to enjoy it without any concern that I have some "agenda" or some philosophy that might color the comments or statements I make.

Q. Do you have a Web site we could look at?

A. Sure I do. It's www.gcolen.com. You will also find it at the bottom of every column I write.

Q. What would you say is the best form of

asset protection planning for folks who are concerned about being sued and who don't have enough insurance to cover a potential liability judgment?

A. I'd say it's probably an offshore trust that is structured very carefully by attorneys who know precisely what they are doing in that area of the law. However, an offshore trust is probably the most expensive way to do asset protection — but they do work. Yet, most of us do not need that kind of protection.

Q. If I don't really care what happens to me in the event I have a stroke and I don't care what happens in the event I die, why do I need a durable power of attorney or a living will or a will?

A. I get this question all the time — more times than I care to recall. The simple answer is you ought to have a will, durable power of attorney and an advance directive (living will and health care proxy) so that you are the one who makes decisions about your care and the distribution of your assets, not the State of Florida. Perhaps, you will remember the Teri Shiavo case?

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Golden Oldies Humor

by Stan Goldstein



"I'm not aging ... I just need repotting."

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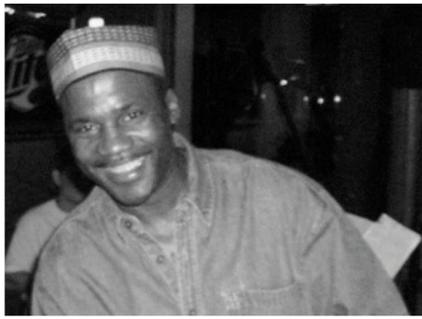
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**All Over
Our World**
Lynette Vermillion

Don't be fooled by April 1 and remember April 15 is tax day. What is the old saying, "April showers bring May flowers"? I know we all enjoy spring and the beautiful color we see in the landscapes; however, we also know warmer weather means it is time to gear up for the upcoming growing season.

Ocala Open

The Ocala Open was a huge success. It was home to some of the world's best golfers, and we heard from a number of residents who expressed how delighted they were to be part of the Ocala Open. The real winners were Go Red for Women and Interfaith Emergency Services who each received \$25,000, and Travis Hampshire who took first place in the tournament. Congratulations to Jeff McDonald, Andy Jorgensen and their staffs for a great event! We want to thank our golf committee who worked tirelessly to make the event successful and, of course, our volunteers. We would not have been successful without either of you. I can't wait until next year ... it will be bigger and better.

Remodeling/Improvement Update

Some of our planned improvements are complete. The bocce ball courts have been resurfaced, the men's bathroom and dressing area at the Health & Recreation Center is complete, the ladies' side is near completion, laser leveling of the softball field is complete and new carpeting has been added to the Arbor Conference Center suites.

We will be adding tile to Arbor's Suite F to accommodate more opportunities for our dancers. Some improvements still to come are: expanding the small dog park at Southwest 99th Street Road and Southwest 90th Street, adding dugouts at the horseshoe area, repairing the miniature golf course, adding tennis courts at the Arbor Club, new carpet for the entrance to the H&R fitness area, adding handicap parking at entrance, adding golf cart lane striping to 99th Street Road, and continuing to repave roadways needing repair. I will keep you posted of our planned updates.

Phonebook Recycling

Old phonebooks may be disposed of in the mixed paper recycling areas.

Gutters

After the strong winds and rains that we experienced in March, residents who have installed gutters may want to check them to make sure that they do not need to be cleaned out.

Cleaning leaves and debris on a regular basis from the gutters will allow water to flow through properly and not back up. If the water does back up, it can go into the flashing or the shingles which can cause a leak in your home.

Gutters are the resident's responsibility. Please make sure that you are cleaning your gutters on a regular basis.

Identity Theft

I was prompted to write about identity theft after receiving a mail insert from the Federal Trade Commission. Amazingly, identity theft is a serious crime that strikes nearly 10 mil-

lion U.S. consumers annually. It can range from fraudulent charges on an existing credit card account to the use of a person's identity to open a new account, take out a loan or commit a crime.

You can deter identity theft by safeguarding your information. Shred financial documents and paperwork with your personal information. Don't give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet. Never click on links sent in unsolicited e-mails; instead, type in a Web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware and anti-virus software to protect your home computer.

You can detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements. Routine bills that do not arrive as expected, unexpected credit card account statements, denials of credit for no apparent reason, calls about purchases you did not make, may all point to identity theft. It is important to review your financial accounts and billing statements regularly, looking for charges you did not make.

If you are a victim of identity theft, you may report it to the police department or the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC can be reached at 1-877-438-4338.

Safeguard Your Property

It is always a good idea to lock your car when valuables are left inside and especially overnight. I know it is easy to leave the car unlocked to run a quick errand; however, it only takes a moment for someone to grab what is in plain view. And, I always lock my car when pumping gas most especially if I leave my wallet inside. It is so easy for someone to sneak up on the passenger side, slip the door open, grab and go. It may take a moment longer to lock it, but it may be worth it.

Fertilization

Over the past few months, we have seen unprecedented fertilizer pricing increases, here in Florida and throughout the country. The driving factor is an increase in global demand for fertilizer putting upward pressure on fertilizer prices. The new reality is that the global middle class is growing dramatically in Asia, India and other countries creating competition to obtain goods for consumption. The U.S. farmer must now compete with farmers from around the world for nitrogen, phosphate and potash.

The impact of this global demand is creating record-setting raw material pricing and, when added to increased energy and transportation costs, price increases to fertilizer products are escalating beyond control and can have a significant impact on our costs and future applications.

Resident Complaints

Two of our most popular complaints recently have been about residents storing things on their driveway/carport and not maintaining the landscaped beds that were installed by residents. Residents should keep the outside of their homes free of stored items around the home and properly maintained when it is their responsibility.

Re-Roofing Schedule

The following is a list of the buildings that are scheduled to start within the next 90 days. Due to weather conditions, we are unable to provide exact dates. Buildings: 2202, 2206, 2212, 2214, 2215, 2217, 2218, 2231, 2233, 2403, 2412, 2415, and 2419. The schedule is posted on the www.otowinfo.com and updated as additional units are authorized for re-roofing to begin.

Parking In The Street

As stated in the Community Rules and Regulations, each owner shall provide for parking of vehicles off streets within Indigo and Candler. We have had several complaints from residents regarding neighbors who regularly park their vehicles in the street. If your guests are unable to park in your driveway and must park in the street, please make sure that they are not blocking anyone or parking in an area that may be dangerous to incoming and ongoing traffic. ☹

Association Financing Limits

By KENNETH COLEN

Regardless of what association your home is in, there are caps on financing that apply. This is a long-term practice by On Top of the World Communities, Inc., which begins when we first establish a new homeowners association. With the recent mortgage meltdown caps on financing have proven to be even more relevant than ever envisioned.

If you think about it carefully, it is clear that the financing cap is extremely beneficial to your community. The probability of a resident falling behind on mortgage payments increases greatly when the financing cap is exceeded. Related to a mortgage default is the inevitable default in community service fee (CSF) payments. Any shortfall in collection of CSF payments may influence anticipated revenues to your association, and this shortfall in revenue is an obligation that must be collected from all members of the association.

We then have the problem of a mortgage foreclosure action by the lender and the resulting loss of the home by the owner. After that, we find that almost always there is a failure to maintain the home by the foreclosing lender. Simply put, it is a vicious cycle that may take years to straighten out. If anything should be important to you and to all homestead owners (leasehold or fee simple), it should be the importance of maintaining property values.

In my opinion, more insidious of late is the media blitz we are seeing for reverse mortgages. I am also of the strong opinion there is a connection between the meltdown in home lending markets and what I perceive to be the advertising blitz to market reverse mortgages to seniors. Do you, or does anyone, believe that those companies offering reverse mortgages have not thought out how to make a substantial profit through their promotional efforts? I think they have. Do you, or does anyone, believe that companies offering reverse mortgages are at any kind of risk when they loan out their money on these mortgages? I, personally, believe that these companies have "factored" in all possibilities, and they have arrived at a type of mortgage that makes them a ton of money, and guess who pays the tab?

Your association cannot approve owners obtaining reverse mortgages when, by their very structure, reverse mortgages rapidly exceed all financing caps of the various associations throughout the communities, thus potentially putting a home owner in default of the obligations imposed by the Declarations of the Associations.

It is my opinion that reverse mortgages are abusive of seniors and truly constitute predatory lending (even though they are exempted from that definition under the laws of Florida and federal law as well). If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and swims like a duck, it's a duck — no matter what you call it.

Yes, I know that they are promoted as "approved by the federal government" and also, as being money you can borrow and you don't have to pay it back. In fact, the money you

borrow, plus all the accrued interest does, indeed, have to be paid back.

The marketing technique goes something like this: "Go and use up the equity you have built up in your home so you can enjoy the remaining years of your life." It's telling you to spend your home on your own golden years and leave nothing behind but a debt that your heirs do not even have to pay off if they don't want to do so. With all things that seem too good to be true, I personally believe that it just "ain't necessarily so."

For one thing, the interest rate fluctuates, and that means that the amount owed increases from time to time. For another thing, if you move from your home, the reverse mortgage must be paid off, and there's only a small window of time in which to do that or a foreclosure action will be initiated by the reverse mortgage lender. Also, if you go into an independent or assisted living or a long-term care facility, that event will trigger the requirement to pay off that mortgage, because after all, you will have moved and won't be residing in the home any longer.

What sounds like a good idea actually strips all equity out of the home very rapidly even leading to a negative equity in the home. Negative equity happens when the amount borrowed exceeds the market value of the home.

I believe there have been documented instances where an unwitting senior needs to give up his or her home in order to obtain long-term nursing care. They were counting on having some equity in that home to help pay for that needed care. When they attempt to sell the home, they discover that the payoff on the reverse mortgage is greater than any value they may receive. They may get slapped with a lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage and, following that, a mortgage foreclosure judgment. If unable to pay, the lender may look to a guarantor of the loan, usually a federally backed agency. "No problem," you may think, but guess again! With a proliferation of reverse mortgages the potential for yet a deepening of the mortgage crisis only exacerbates.

In addition, and I think this is really important, there is an unintended consequence of reverse mortgages — not in all circumstances but in enough to raise concern in the community. If the owner of a unit with a reverse mortgage dies, there very well may be little or no equity left. This being the case, why should heirs of the owner even bother to sell the property and pay off the mortgage since there may be no advantage to them in doing so? Further, why should heirs bother to make the monthly community services fees or pay taxes and insurance until the property is sold? What does this mean for the particular community in which that home is located? It will mean a probable mortgage foreclosure, coupled with a default in the payment of the community services fees that all of us depend upon in order to maintain our communities; and that, I sincerely believe, will reduce property values already under significant pressure. ☹

AARP Tax Assistance

Once again the Marion County Public Library is proud to host AARP tax preparers to help Marion County residents file their Income Tax returns. Four library branches offer this service:

Place: Marion County Public Library, Headquarters, Ocala, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Meeting Room B.

Days: Thursdays and Saturdays through April 12

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other: First come, first served.

Place: Freedom Public Library, 5870 S.W. 95th St.

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays through April 14

Time: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Other: First come, first served

Place: Fort McCoy Public Library, 14660 N.E. Highway 315.

Day: Wednesday, April 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Appointments are necessary. Call Kathy at 685-0985.

Place: Forest Public Library, 777 S. County Road 314A, Ocklawaha.

Days: Mondays through April 14.

Time: noon to 4 p.m.

Customers will be asked to give a first name and telephone number and the preparer will call to schedule an appointment time. If time allows each day, walk-ins may be accepted. ☹

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By Kenneth Colen, Publisher

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and goods offered at the Farmers Market will vary from week to week, as growers display what they actually grow according to their seasonality. We do, however, anticipate 10 to 12 vendors per week. There has been great interest in this market by vendors and potential customers alike. There is nothing better than a great Farmers Market as a gathering place to enjoy delicious, fresh farm grown produce, plants and baked goods. It is our sincere goal to make this Farmers Market a growing and vibrant weekly event. Here's a list of goodies you can expect to purchase on April 17:

- Seasonal produce to include items such as blueberries, strawberries, citrus, melons, persimmons, greens, tomatoes, squash, spinach, herbs, peppers, peanuts, chestnuts.
- Nubian Creations: organic meatless patty mix.
- Yalaha Country Bakery: organic breads, cookies, pastries.
- Bodacious Biscotti: handcrafted, no additives biscotti.
- Variety of handcrafted shea butter soaps, lotions.
- Olive trees and ornamental plants.

We will also be offering festivals, car shows, art shows, craft fairs and much more as the calendar unfolds. You won't want to miss any of the activities that are planned. Admission to these events is free. We will offer refresh-

ments for sale when events are going on at the Town Square. Stay tuned for more info!

CONTROLLED BURNING AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT: Following the much-needed rains in mid-March, On Top of the World employees were able to burn only a small portion of woodlands west of the community, subject to wind speed and direction.

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 of native plant communities. Much of the local plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire 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 maintaining wide fire breaks 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 it is better to have a planned, controlled burn than a wild fire. ☹

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Americana Village	89 th Ct. Rd – 85 th Terr. Rd.	9:05 am – 9:07 am
Friendship Village	96 th Lane – 84 th Terr – 93 rd St	9:08 am – 9:10 am
Friendship Colony	83 rd Terr – 90 th St – 87 th Ave – 97 th St	9:12 am – 9:15 am
Friendship Park	97 th St – 94 th Lane	9:17 am – 9:20 am
Friendship Village	89 th Ct Rd – 92 nd St Renaissance	9:21 am – 9:25 am
Williamsburg	90 th St – 91 st Cir East 91 st Cir West	9:26 am – 9:30 am
Providence	90 th St – SW 96 th Terr – SW 92 nd Pl Rd – 96 th Ct Rd	9:31 am – 9:32 am
Arbor Club Parking Lot		9:33 am – 9:34 am
Avalon		9:35 am – 9:40 am

OCALA RUN: TUE., WED., TH & FRI	ARRIVE	PICKUP
1 st run	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
2 nd run	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)		
Publix (Final Stop of the Day) Heath Brook	½ Hour	1:45 pm
Thursday Grocery Run (local Publix)	4:16 pm	5:15 pm
Sam's Club – 3 rd Friday of the Month	1:00 pm	2:30 pm
Beall's (Hwy 200/CR 484) 2 nd Friday of the Month (No regular runs – only Hwy 200 west of OTOW)	9:50 am	11:40 am

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Jackie & Butch Davis
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50th Anniversary



From
Debbie's Desk
Debbie Clark

Here are the events for April.
Happy Hours at the Arbor Club:
• **FRIDAY, APRIL 4:** Johnny Alston
• **FRIDAY, APRIL 11:** Barry & Nancy
• **FRIDAY, APRIL 18:** Roger
• **FRIDAY, APRIL 25:** Themed Happy Hour: Parrot Head Party with Fred Campbell
At the time of this article I still have seats for the Sterling Casino, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, but if you are interested in attending this bus trip please call the office to verify that I have seats available. If there are no seats left there is another trip for the Sterling Casino scheduled for July 15 and we will be more than happy to add you to the list.
Also at the time of writing this article Theresa's first trip to return to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino is completely full for Tuesday, April 15. The next scheduled trip to the Hard Rock is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, and you may register at the Health & Recreation Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hello to all. We are already into the month of April. It is finally spring which brings the weather that all of us love who live here in Florida. It is not too hot and it is not too cold. I hope everyone is enjoying the great outdoors.
The month of March brought us the Ocala Open that proved to be a huge success; also we had the Annual Hands Across the Highway Fine Art Exhibit at the Circle Square Cultural Center. At the time of writing this article, Hands Across the Highway has not taken place. I will highlight this event in my May article.

The Rags to Riches, which is scheduled for Friday, April 18, is completely full. This event will be held at the Arbor Conference Center from 9 a.m. to noon. If you were not able to reserve a table please do not forget to come out and see what everyone else is trying to sell. Also if you just want to come out for some friendly neighborhood talk over a fresh cup of coffee and a doughnut do not forget that the SPCA will be selling coffee and doughnuts in Suite D.
In regards to the Red Sox Game I am completely sold out for this game. If you were not able to attend this one there is another trip scheduled to see the Tampa Bay Rays take on the Boston Red Sox on June 30. I do not have a price yet for this game. I will have a price in my May column. If you are a New York Yankee fan I still have tickets available for the game on May 15. This is an afternoon game and the cost is \$36 per person. You may register at the Health & Recreation Building, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Amenity News: By now all of the renovations are complete at the Health & Recreation Building in both the men and women's restrooms and also in the locker rooms. I hope everyone likes the changes that we have made. There will be other renovations happening in some of the other amenity areas as the year progresses please pay attention to my article to find out what areas will be affected next.
As always play safe and have fun!



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Do you realize what time of the year it is? We will soon be saying adieu to our seasonal neighbors! How time flies ... when you are having fun, that is! Surely "fun" is near the top of your activity list along with volunteering, of course. Lots of volunteering opportunities are fun also.

Our First Friday (in March) gathering was lots of fun. The Golden Troupers entertained us. It was one of our stormy, wet nights but the turnout was great. Thanks to all who came out to support this group. If you have suggestions for similar entertainment let me hear from you, or contact me for an unscheduled month and you arrange something you think the community would enjoy. Please note, there will be no First Friday gathering in April because we are having a community social April 12; see below.

Hey, did I see you at the Candler Hills golf course enjoying the Ocala Open? What fun that was. It sure made me want to get out on the links. In case you missed seeing Nick Montanero, one of our Candler golf family, Nick is recovering from a broken ankle. Get back on your feet soon, Nick! We miss you.

If you have not already done so, mark

your calendar for April 12. This is the date of our next community social. Pizza and cola are \$5 per person. For planning purposes it is necessary for you to RSVP by April 7 to indigo8062@earthlink.net. Cash payment can be dropped off by April 9 to either 8062 S.W. 81st Loop or 8078 S.W. 81st Loop. Thanks.

The following dates are reserved for our community socials: June 21, Aug. 17, Oct. 18 and Dec. 13. You are invited to help plan any of these events. Let me hear from you.

The book club will meet April 8 at 1 p.m. in the community center. This month's book is "Angela's Ashes."

Our ladies were invited to join Candler ladies on a bus trip to LakeRidge Winery, Mission Inn and Yahala Bakery. What a good time we had! Be on the lookout for e-mails of future shared events.

Another fun day! A group went to Orlando to see "Menopause, the Musical." We laughed and laughed! We all agreed it was such fun we will go see it again if given the chance. I tell you what fun we have to encourage you to join us. First Friday, Game Nights, line dancing, yoga, water exercise, book club, mah jongg, poker group. Lots to do.

Remember the Exchange Library is well stocked. You are welcome to borrow and return on the honor system. If you have an activity or an idea for an activity and want it mentioned here, contact me through the email address above.

April 1 is our next community blood drive. Help save a life and donate. The blood drive is held inside our community center 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A photo ID and approximately one hour is all you need. See you there!

Marion County is in need of volunteers for the Ombudsman program. Volunteers receive training in Ocala, and help to protect the health, safety, welfare and human and civil rights of our frail elderly in nursing homes, adult family care homes and assisted living facilities. Interested in becoming involved? Contact 620-3088.

Until next time remember. Enjoy life — this is not a dress rehearsal! ☺



Candler Hills
Mary Pat Giffin

Heddy Racinowski is at it again — bringing fresh, creative, formidable adventures to our residents. And, this is one outing you don't want to miss. On April 15, a group is going to St. Petersburg for a tour of the largest Vatican exhibition ever to visit North America, Vatican Splendors from Saint Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums and Swiss Guard. It's the first of three exclusive stops on its North American tour, hosted by the Florida International Museum.

Many of the treasures are rarely on display, even at the Vatican and now they are presented in dramatic settings. For example, you can view the Tomb of St. Peter, The Sistine Chapel, and the Renaissance Basilica of Saint Peter in recreated environments. The vast collection of nearly 200 objects, dates back to the earliest days of papal history.

If you are an art lover or have an interest in culture you don't want to miss this unprecedented opportunity to view artwork from as early as the third century, created by masters

like Michelangelo, Bernini, Giotti, Gurecino and others. This is a once in a lifetime chance to see the venerated relics (bone fragments) of Saint Peter and items from the election of Pope Benedict XVI. See for yourself how the Papacy has impacted and been impacted by the world throughout the centuries.

Before taking in the exhibit, Heddy has planned a dining experience at the Columbia Restaurant on the water. Cost is \$34 per person, which includes the bus, driver tip and admission to the exhibit. Call Heddy as soon as possible as this is on a first come basis. She can be reached at 861-6120.

If you don't want to veer far from home, the potluck dinner gathering is the place to be. The first event drew 87 neighbors to Steve and Bev McCarthy's home. It was a rousing success. The food was delicious and there was plenty of room for everybody.

Unfortunately, by the time of this printing, the second gathering will have been held at the Club House. However, in the future, mark your calendar for the last Tuesday of the month. Set up time is from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and cleanup is after dinner, around 7 p.m.

If you're willing to help out with setup or cleanup, please call Bev at the number below so she can plan the event.

There is a \$1 per person charge to cover the cost for coffee, plates, napkins, etc. If you'd like to help on setup and cleanup please call Bev McCarthy at 854-9416.

Monday afternoon social bridge at the Candler Community Center is starting up. Play is from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact Sandi Hirschbein for more information at 291-0565.

Naturally, the sundry activities established by Candler residents, such as Bunco, the Excursion Club, RV Trekking, and more are active and welcome new members.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please call 854-8545 or e-mail me at marypatgiffin@yahoo.com. ☺

Potluck menu divided into three sections, by your last name:

Month	A-G	H-N	O-Z
January, April, July, October	Main Entrée	Veggies and Salad	Desserts
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Lions Club
Dianne Lovely

On Top Of The World Lions Club would like to welcome three new members to our club: Eileen Stallone, Bob Hook and Angie Hook.

Congratulations go out to Ed Michelson for receiving the Grand Lion Award from the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind. Way to go, Ed.

On April 26, the Lions Club will have its Semi-Annual White Cane Day. We will be in front of Winn-Dixie, Publix, and Wal-Mart on State Road 200. All donations will go to the Florida Center for the Blind.

If you missed going to the dance you missed out on a wonderful dance that the On Top of the World Lions put on. We just held our fifth Annual Charity Dinner Dance at the Circle Square Cultural Center and to say it was a rousing success would be an understatement.

By all accounts from 99 percent of the attendees the food and service from Friendship Catering was outstanding. Without our sponsors we would not be able to give almost \$4,000 to the visually and hearing impaired. They are Park Avenue Bank, Ocala Regional and West Marion Community Hospital, A2Z Pest Control, Ford of Ocala, and On Top Of The World Communities.

We would like to extend our thanks to them but also to all the On Top of the World Lions for their work in making this event a big success and a big thanks to all those who attended.

We also would like to thank those who donated door prizes: the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel and Resorts in Clearwater Beach, Sheraton Safari Hotel and Suites in Lake Buena Vista, Perry's Ocean Edge Resort Daytona Beach, the Bahama House in Daytona Beach, J&J Jewelers, Lemieux Diamond Company, Starlight Cruises, Sterling Casino Lines, Friendship Barbers, IHOP, Sammy's Italian Restaurant, Chef Dave Bland, Cindy Dunlow Frames, and Tee Pee Tire, Inc. Thanks to everyone.

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Candler

Hills Community Center at 8:30 a.m. We no longer serve breakfast. We do have coffee for a dollar donation.

If you would like to become a Lion, contact Estelle Clark at 861-7358. ☺

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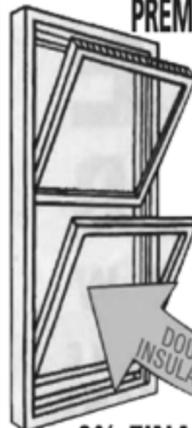


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Bloodmobile
Don Pixley

The need for blood never ceases. Soon our winter residents will be heading north and the need for new donors will become even more critical.

We have been averaging about 40 units per drive the past few months and considering the population of the On Top of the World Communities, we can and should be exceeding that number at each collection.

Perhaps you have been a donor who was at some time rejected and feel you are not eligible to donate. We urge you to report to the Big Red Bus again and see if you can now give. While there are some who cannot give because of medical reasons, there are far more who can. It only takes about an hour and the rewards are very worthwhile. Stop and think: an hour to assist someone back to health and/or even save his or her life! There are few, if any, volunteer endeavors that can boast such a return for your generosity.

The next drive will take place in the Health & Recreation parking lot on April 7 from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Won't you please mark your calendars now and give someone the gift of life.

We are the sole supplier of Marion County hospitals. Any of us or a member of our family can become a patient at one of our hospitals and we should be able to take some comfort knowing they have an adequate supply.

We hope to see you there! ☺



Photo by Andrew Works

Ann Ryan, an expert on Mark Twain, presents a class at Master the Possibilities.

Twain Scholar Speaks at Education Center

Ann Ryan, Ph.D., is a professor of English and editor of "The Mark Twain Annual." Early in March she spoke at the Master the Possibilities Education Center as part of its visiting scholar program. Recognized as an outstanding teacher, Ryan presented a three-part series on Mark Twain — life and times, Twain and the Civil War and a good dose of Twain's political humor — "on idiots, half-wits and Congress."

Dr. Ryan was very impressed with the students and will return in the future for a more in-depth class. Judging from class comments, her return would be a very popular part of MTP. ☺



Keeping It Green
Phillip B. Hisey

Many residents are thinking about hurricane preparedness, and April is a great time to start. Make sure you have your emergency kits ready, non-perishable foods, flashlights, batteries, water and the list goes on and on. Many lists are available on the Web, but the one I found that is most comprehensive is located at www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Something else many residents think about all too much is tree hazards and the potential for tree failures. Hurricane season typically brings out the "knee jerk" reaction in everyone to trim trees for the season and this many times is the cause for additional failure in trees during catastrophic situations.

Tree trimming is something that should be done by a professional. You can easily educate

yourself on the ways of proper pruning techniques and methods by using the Internet.

Dr. Ed Gilman of the University of Florida has put together a great Web site <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/pruning/> with tons of great information. I would strongly encourage you visit this site prior to hiring an arborist. This site will cover information on what type of pruning you should consider, why you should prune and when to prune.

A pruning practice that is not approved by the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) or ANSI (American National Standards Institute) is topping.

Unfortunately, many uneducated practicing tree trimmers are still using this method of tree trimming potentially causing more damage to you and your home. This method significantly reduces the trees structural integrity.

Topping trees is essentially what it sounds like; you take the tops right out of the trees. The effects of topping a tree are not seen normally for a few years; branches begin to grow out of one location on a tree thus creating very weak attachments. Also, topping also creates a large wound leading to large amounts of dead, rotting wood of which all of these attachments are connected. This type of trimming is irreversible and is not recommended nor allowed in this community.

Finding a Certified Arborist in our area can be done by going to www.isa-arbor.com. Don't be afraid to ask the contractor for their credentials, licensing and most importantly their insurance. If you are looking to remove a tree, please make sure that you have an approved modification request and a tree hazard evaluation performed before the work is started. ☺

Avalon Social Club
Lorriane Rourke

Our March St. Patty's Day event was March 3 at the Arbor Club Ballroom with folks wearing green in honor of the day. Tables were decorated and food was in abundance thanks to the tasty treats our neighbors brought. Everyone had fun.

A singles table was set up to enable those without partners to meet each other. Folks remember when you are sitting with friends that that extra couple or person at the table may be new and not know anyone. Find something unique about the folks around you and pull them into the conversation. It could be a quiz question at the next event — what's unique about your neighbor? We still have some new residents moving in who have yet to meet folks.

If you are new a great way to meet people is to volunteer and help out at the sign-in table. I'm still trying to remember all your names; there are so many of you. Sandi had a game that got everyone involved so all had a good time. Thank you, Sandi, for running and coordinating this event.

Our next event will have an Easter/spring theme on April 7 (first Monday of April). We would like to make some spring-like centerpieces. Those interested in helping to make the centerpieces should meet at Sandi's April 2 at 1 p.m. For questions you can reach Sandi at 237-9073.

This will be our traditional bring a dish event. Bring an appetizer, casserole, vegetable, fruit, meat, bread, main dish, salad, soup or dip (no desserts please, as we assign these). Also bring any serving tool you need, and your own non-alcoholic beverages. We will provide the paper products. Event setup is at 4:30 p.m. with start time at 5 p.m. on April 7 at the Arbor Club Ballroom. We will have another game to play plus the fun of chatting with your neighbors. Also we will be asking for input on future get togethers and what you'd like. Any questions contact Lorraine 390-2120 or Sandi at 237-9073. ☺



Democratic Club
Lee Wittmer

Don't be a victim of crime! Our speaker at our general meeting on Tuesday, April 15, will be Joe Pine who is a representative of Metro Crime Prevention.

Metro Crime Prevention is a non-profit community service organization. For 18 years it has provided crime awareness programs to all types of community organizations with up-to-date information on current crime trends and tested ways of enhancing personal safety.

The organization's goals are saving lives, preventing personal injury and/or property loss.

Just a few of the items Mr. Pine will speak on are: How could a cell phone save your life? What is mace? Is it effective? What time of day do most burglaries occur?

Any person that would like to hear Mr. Pine speak is welcome to attend.

Our meeting commences at 7 p.m., with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. ☺



Republican Club
Tony Tortora

Republican Club meetings are generally held on the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center rooms. Occasionally, the date or time changes to accommodate a special event. Always check the TV announcements for the next meeting.

The plans for the next few months are:

- May 9: Tentative planning for the annual picnic is being made. Candidates for county commission district 5 are invited to speak. They are the incumbent commissioner Charlie Stone and challenger Ray Strickland.
- June 13: Candidates for county commission district 1 are invited to speak. They are Jimmy Walton and Mike Amsden.
- Aug. 8: Candidate School Superintendent Jim Yancey will join us for the Jim Yancey Pizza Party. Republican school board members and candidates are welcome.

All Republican candidates for office are welcome at the meetings and many will attend. They are given an opportunity to introduce themselves but not to give a campaign speech unless invited to do so. ☺

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Great Lakes Club
Marilyn Nielsen

We are need new officers to volunteer. This is a pleasant, enjoyable club that is "low key" so we would like to have some good people offer to take some offices. It has been a large, vital club for many years so we hope some of you readers will step forward so we can continue functioning.

The Good Time Cloggers gave us a high energy and professional program in March. Our decorations and refreshments were in keeping with St. Patrick's Day — green shamrock cookies, candy and ice cream. Unfortunately, the group was small, so there were lots of "seconds."

The April meeting refreshments will be handled by the Phillips who have also arranged to have the Country Kickers to entertain us. Should be fun.

Come on you nice folks who are connected to one of the Great Lakes states and join us at the April 1 meeting. ☺

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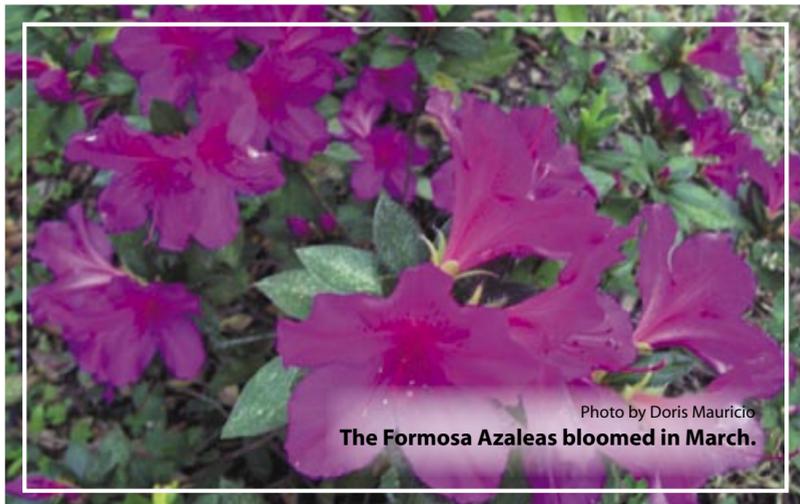


Photo by Doris Mauricio

The Formosa Azaleas bloomed in March.



**Nature
Around Us**
Doris Mauricio

Spring has sprung! The danger of frost is over. We suffered through a couple of damaging frosts this winter, but do not fret. You should see signs of most of your plants starting to sprout. If you have not already done so, cut your perennials back to green growth. You can fertilize your garden beds with a good quality fertilizer. A ratio of 6-6-6 with slow release minerals is good. Fertilize your palms and shrubs. Azaleas should be trimmed back after they are through blooming. This is a good time to replace shrubs that are no longer performing well. Loropetalum (Chinese Burgundy) is an attractive, easy to grow shrub for a sunny location. Shady areas can be a little more difficult. I picked up a Formosa Azalea at the Spring Festival. If it does well, I am planting more since the Pittosporum shrubs are dying out from old age. The Formosa Azaleas are the ones we have been enjoying throughout On Top of the World through the month of March.

This is a great time to plant annual flower seeds; such as zinnias, Mexican Sun Flowers, vincas, marigolds and cosmos. They are very easy to plant and love the Florida sunshine. They will grow with gusto. Petunias and pansies will look nice until June. If you have them in a partly shady area and keep them well watered, they will last longer. Impatiens must be in the shade and like plenty of water.

Some perennials that love our Florida summer are pentas, milkweed, firebush, firespike, salvia, plumbago, blue daze and bush daisies. Most of these are also butterfly attractors. This is also a great time to put in a patio garden of herbs, tomatoes and peppers that you can enjoy throughout the summer. These plants will do best in large pots filled with a good quality potting soil.

This would be a good time to plug those bare spots in your St. Augustine lawns. Your plugs will grow faster if you enrich the area with a little potting soil before putting in the plug.

Keep the ground moist until the grass starts to grow and watch for weeds. They grow faster than grass seed. Atrazine is recommended for weed control in established St. Augustine lawns. If you would like to spot-control weeds, buy this product in spray bottles at your local garden center and use as needed.

You do not need to fertilize your lawn if it is being done by On Top of the World lawn service. If you fertilize your own lawn, 15 (Nitrogen)-0 (Phosphorus)-15 (Potassium) is recommended twice a year - in the spring and in the fall. (16-4-8 is also recommended.) Remember - when you fertilize and water excessively you are creating a great salad for Florida bugs. If you get a large yellow spot on your lawn that continues to grow in a circular fashion, you may have chinch bugs. Check with the On Top of the World Service Center regarding pesticide spraying.

Watering via your sprinkler system is only allowed once a week except when establishing a new lawn. Use of a hose or a watering can is not monitored. If you are in charge of your own sprinkler system, turn it off during rainy periods. A sure sign that a lawn is being over-watered is Dollar weeds. They cannot survive in dry conditions. Please try not to get upset if your lawn does not look good. You can't win this one. Grass is very difficult to grow in Florida.

The Master Gardener Spring Festival was wonderful. The array of flowers and shrubs was spectacular. The Master Gardeners' next plant sale will be on May 31 (one day only). These will be plants grown in the propagation center at the Extension Office. The crape myrtle sale will take place some time in June. The date has not been set yet. We should have the date for the May On Top of the World paper. I am very pleased with the crape myrtle shrubs I purchased from this sale. These shrubs come in a variety of sizes and colors and are well suited for our area.

Have you been to Devils Millhopper Geological State Park? This is a great place to bring your visitors from up north. The park is located two miles northwest of Gainesville on Millhopper Road, off State Road 232. After walking through pine forest, follow a wooden staircase down 120 feet into a sinkhole where rainforest plants such as ferns abound.

The Marion County Extension Office has Master Gardeners on duty on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to answer your gardening concerns. You can call them at 671-8400. You can reach me at 237-3479 or dmauricio@cfl.rr.com. I will do my best to assist you with your gardening concerns. 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 them and take time to walk the nature trail located next to the building. Happy Gardening!

Doris Mauricio is an On Top of the World Resident and Master Gardener.



Photo by Roger Werner

An osprey carries its next meal.



Birders' Beat
Jane Callender

Attention, "Birders" and Native Plant Club members! Norm Lantz on behalf of Helen Ogren has made arrangements for Lucy Beebe Tobias to be the speaker at the April 15 Unique Birders meeting. Mark your calendar and mention it to others. The local author will give a slide presentation and sign her book "50 Great Walks in Florida."

The meeting is the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center. For further information please call Roberta Campbell at 854-4814 or

me at 861-2983.

The weather was perfect for our February field trip to Wood Duck Wild Life Drive in Emerald Marsh. To quote Norm Lantz: "Still one of the premier spots in Central Florida for wading/water birds. So many birds, so little time. Could have spent another hour or two enjoying this 'smorgasbord' of bird diversity. Forty-three species seen, four heard."

Roger Werner took the accompanying picture. Quite a sight to see an osprey carrying food back to its nest. Ospreys are widely spread in Florida due to the abundance of open water habitats. A fish-catching specialist, an osprey can be seen hovering 50 to 200 feet above water - then plunge in feet first to get its fish (unique among raptors). It carries its fish in a head-first position for better aerodynamics.

The osprey was once threatened by use of DDT, but since this and other pesticides have been banned, populations have recovered.

Its nest is a large construction of sticks in a tall tree, rock pinnacle or any tall structure near water, and is re-used year after year. Two to four buffy, blotched with brown eggs are incubated by the female for about a month. The young are downy white and leave the nest around two months after hatching. The adult bird has long narrow wings (63-inch wing span), held above horizontal and slightly arched in flight. Its plumage is dark brown above and white below, with a white head and dark eye stripe. ☺

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Can a laugh every day keep the heart attack away? Maybe so.

Laughter, along with an active sense of humor, may help protect you against a heart attack, according to a new study by cardiologists at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. The study, which is the first to indicate that laughter may help prevent heart disease, was presented at the American Heart Association's 73rd Scientific Sessions in November in New Orleans. The researchers found that people with heart disease were 40 percent less likely to laugh in a variety of situations compared to people of the same age without heart disease.

"The old saying that 'laughter is the best medicine,' definitely appears to be true when it comes to protecting your heart," says Michael Miller, M.D., and F.A.C.C., director of the Center for Preventive Cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center. "We don't know yet why laughing protects the heart, but we know that mental stress is associated with impairment of the endothelium, the protective barrier lining our blood vessels. This can cause a series of inflammatory reactions that lead to fat and cholesterol build-up in the coronary arteries and ultimately to a heart attack," says Dr. Miller who is also an associate professor of medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

In the study, researchers compared the humor responses of 300 people. Half of the participants had either suffered a heart attack or had undergone coronary artery bypass surgery. The other 150 were healthy, age-matched participants who did not have heart disease.

Participants in the study were asked to complete two questionnaires. One questionnaire had a series of multiple-choice answers to find out how much or how little the participant laughs in certain situations. The second questionnaire used 50 true or false answers to measure anger and hostility.

For example, the questions included the following:

From the multiple-choice section:
If you arrived at a party and found that someone else was wearing a piece of clothing identical to yours, would you:

(a) not find it particularly amusing (b) be amused but not show it outwardly (c) smile (d) laugh or (e) laugh heartily.

If you were eating in a restaurant with some friends and the waiter accidentally spilled a drink on you, would you:

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00-8:50 Aerobics Room	Cardio Mix Mary Pat	Condition & Stretch Cammy	Cardio Mix Donna	Condition & Stretch Cammy	Cardio Mix Kitti	Sunday
9:00-9:50 Aerobics Room	Primary Pilates Mary Pat	Tai Qi Po* Frank	Pilates Pot Potpourri Mary Pat	Tai Qi Po* Frank	Precision Pilates Kitti	Oxycize 12:15 20 Min.
10:00-10:30 Aerobics Room	Balanced Body Mary Pat	Absolutely Abs Howie	Balanced Body Mary Pat	Absolutely Abs Howie	Balanced Body Mary Pat	
10:45-11:30 Aerobics Room	Light Aerobics Mary Pat	Healthy Living Seminar 1st Tuesday of the Month	Light Aerobics Mary Pat		Light Aerobics Mary Pat	
10:30-11:15 H&R Ballroom	Power Aerobics Kitti		Power Aerobics Kitti	Let's Dance* Kitti (Aerobics Room) 2nd and 4th Thurs.	Power Aerobics Kitti	
12:00-1:00 Fitness Center		Cybox Orientation Howie				
12:15 Aerobics Room	Oxycize 20 min. Video	Oxycize 20 min. Video	Oxycize 20 min. Video	Oxycize 20 min. Video	Oxycize 20 min. Video	
Aerobics Room	All Ball Howie		All Ball Howie			
3:00-4:00 Aerobics Room						

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(a) not find it particularly amusing (b) be amused but not show it outwardly (c) smile (d) laugh or (e) laugh heartily.

From the true or false section:
I often wonder what hidden reasons another person may have for doing something nice for me. True or false.

I am likely not to talk to people until they speak to me. True or false

People with heart disease were less likely to recognize humor or use it to get out of uncomfortable situations. They generally laughed less, even in positive situations and they displayed more anger and hostility.

"The ability to laugh — either naturally or as learned behavior may have important implications in societies such as the U.S. where heart disease remains the number one killer," says Dr. Miller. "We know that exercising, not smoking and eating foods low in saturated fat will reduce the risk of heart disease. Perhaps regular, hearty laughter should be added to the list." Dr. Miller says it may be possible to incorporate laughter into our daily activities, just as we do with other heart-healthy activities, such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

"We could perhaps read something humorous or watch a funny video and try to find ways to take ourselves less seriously," Dr. Miller says. "The recommendation for a healthy heart may one day be exercise, eat right and

laugh a few times a day." Join us in the Get Fit While You Sit class and you will be laughing almost the whole class. This class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:45 a.m. at the Arbor Club Ballroom.

A University of Maryland School of Medicine study shows laughter helps blood vessels function better. Volunteers were shown funny and disturbing movies to test the effect of emotions on blood vessels.

Using laughter-provoking movies to gauge the effect of emotions on cardiovascular health, researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore have shown for the first time that laughter is linked to healthy function of blood vessels. Laughter appears to cause the tissue that forms the inner lining of blood vessels, the endothelium, to dilate or expand in order to increase blood flow.

When the same group of study volunteers was shown a movie that produced mental stress, their blood vessel lining developed a potentially unhealthy response called vasoconstriction, reducing blood flow. That finding confirms previous studies, which suggested there was a link between mental stress and the narrowing of blood vessels.

The endothelium has a powerful effect on blood vessel tone and regulates blood flow, adjusts coagulation and blood thickening, and secretes chemicals and other substances in re-

sponse to wounds, infections or irritation. It also plays an important role in the development of cardiovascular disease.

"The endothelium is the first line in the development of atherosclerosis or hardening of the arteries, so, given the results of our study, it is conceivable that laughing may be important to maintain a healthy endothelium, and reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease," says Dr. Miller. "At the very least, laughter offsets the impact of mental stress, which is harmful to the endothelium."

"The magnitude of change we saw in the endothelium is similar to the benefit we might see with aerobic activity, but without the aches, pains and muscle tension associated with exercise," says Dr. Miller. "We don't recommend that you laugh and not exercise, but we do recommend that you try to laugh on a regular basis. Thirty minutes of exercise three times a week, and 15 minutes of laughter on a daily basis is probably good for the vascular system."

How well does your sense of humor protect you from heart disease?

There is a humor survey you can take to answer this question:

In this questionnaire you will find descriptions of a number of situations in which you may have found yourself from time to time. For each question, you will be asked to take a moment to recall a time when you were actually in such a situation. If you cannot remember such an experience, you will try to imagine yourself in such a situation, filling in the details in ways that reflect your own experiences. Then, you will mark the number beside the phrase that best describes the way you have responded or would respond in such a situation. You will then tally your score and see if you have enough laughter in your daily life to have laughter protection.

If you are interested in taking this humor survey and would like to see it in my article next month, let me know when you see me. Or drop me a note in my mailbox at the Health & Recreation Fitness Office.

See you in class with some laughs. ☺

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Members of the Spirit of Ocala Irish Dance Group perform.

Irish Dominance

Irish-American Club Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

It was quite a night for the Irish and those want-to-be Irish folks who were lucky enough to eat their fill of a traditional Irish dinner and at the same time enjoy Irish humor and entertainment. On March 13, the Irish-American Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

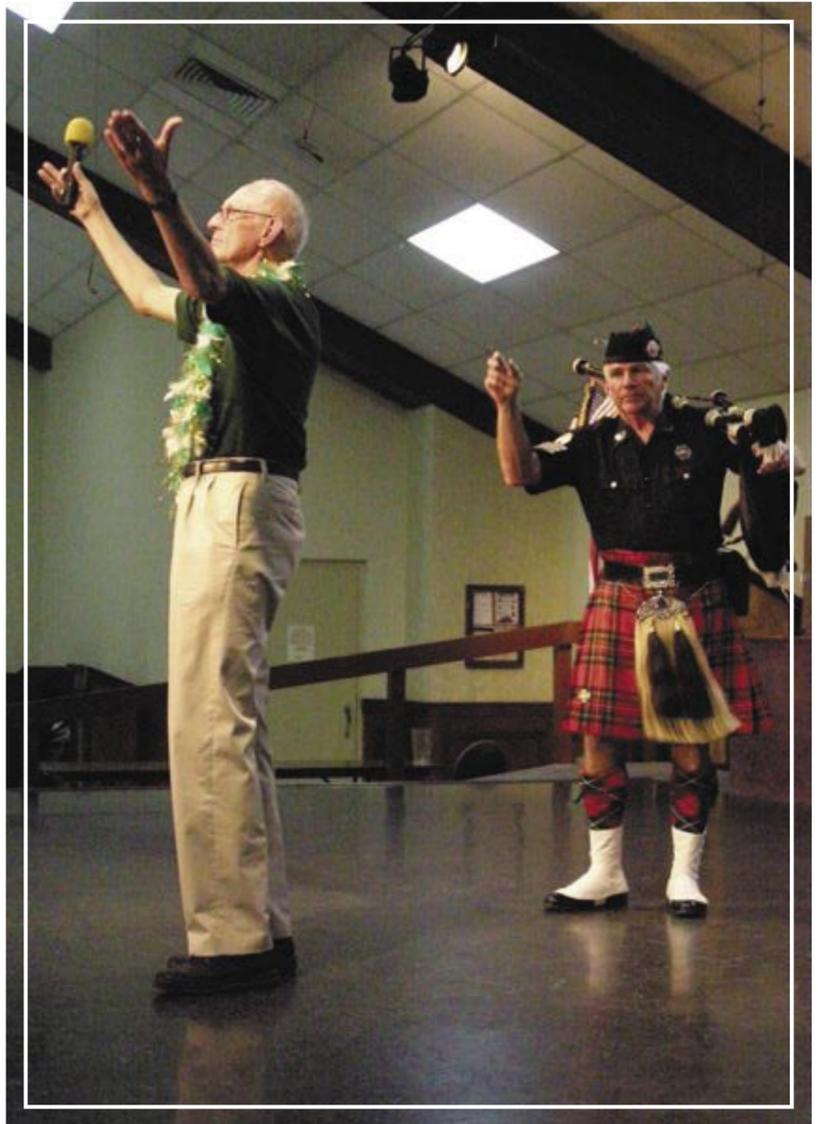
To a sold out crowd, Bob O'Neal, president of the Irish-American Club here in On Top of the World, cranked out some Irish humor while acting as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Most here in On Top of the World have heard O'Neal's humorous stories and satire in the past but this evening he was at his prime.

It was a fantastic evening of entertainment starting off with a traditional bagpiper named Kevin Doherty, who just happens to be O'Neal's brother-in-law who hails from Westchester County, N.Y., and is a member of the N.Y. Emerald Society Pipe Band. The Spirit of Ocala Irish Dancers took over the stage with some typical traditional Irish dances followed by some ballads and songs from Kate O'Neal and daughter Maggie, both of whom

are daughter and grand-daughter of On Top of the World residents, Bob and Mary O'Neal. The Celtic Weavers, a band comprised of residents from Ocala Palms finished the evening's entertainment.

No St. Paddy's Day would be complete without the traditional Irish dinner of corn beef and cabbage. Picture it! Delicious corn beef topped over steaming cooked cabbage along with boiled potatoes and carrots, cooked just right making the mouth water before the first fork full could be consumed. No matter how much of the traditional meat and vegetables are eaten, no St. Paddy's Day is complete without finishing off the Irish feast by consuming a corn beef sandwich on rye bread and plenty of mustard. This year, as in past years, this traditional fanfare had plenty of corn beef left over for those sandwiches.

It was a great evening. There was plenty of fantastic food and great traditional Irish entertainment to fill the hearts and memories of those attending the sold out affair. There was plenty of green clothing worn by all attending. Even those who were not Irish sported the traditional green garments. A great evening for the Irish was had and celebrated by all. ☺



Bob O'Neal, president of the Irish-American Club, and Kevin Doherty, a member of the New York Emerald Society Pipe Band, lead the crowd on March 13 during the club's celebration of St. Patrick's Day.



Photo by Elizabeth Kyle

Genealogical Society member volunteers Kay Johnston, Bill Shampine and Margaret Smith work on The Garden of The Cross.



Genealogical Society
Elizabeth Kyle

By the time you read this I expect that the cemetery indexing project is continuing to make good progress. This is one project available to members to help others now, and in the future, with their search for their roots.

At our March meeting, Margaret Smith reported that 23.9 percent or 1,740 names and dates have been entered. The Garden of The

Apostles and The Garden of the Cross are finished.

The work of the people in the field and of those entering the data into the spreadsheet has contributed about 65 hours — no small number when you consider that less than a quarter of the cemetery. A group of us is scheduled to begin Resurrection next. After Resurrection come the two veteran's gardens. Volunteers are always welcome. Many hands do make light work. Please e-mail me at mackiec13@yahoo.com if you can spare a couple of hours to help with this worthwhile project.

We have already come across many veterans in the areas we have completed. If you are especially interested in finding veterans, one of the best sources is the National Cemetery Administration Web site, www.cem.va.gov.

This site has a nationwide gravesite locator. Many veterans of foreign wars went missing in action or were buried abroad. The American Battlefield Memorial Commission cares for these overseas cemeteries. These can also be found at www.findagrave.com.

We continue to have our educational and mentoring meetings on the third Monday at 10 a.m. in Suites A B at the Arbor Conference Center. Business meetings are on the second Monday at 10 a.m. in Room 3 of the Arts and Crafts building. ☺

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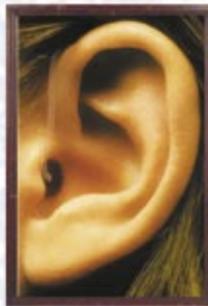
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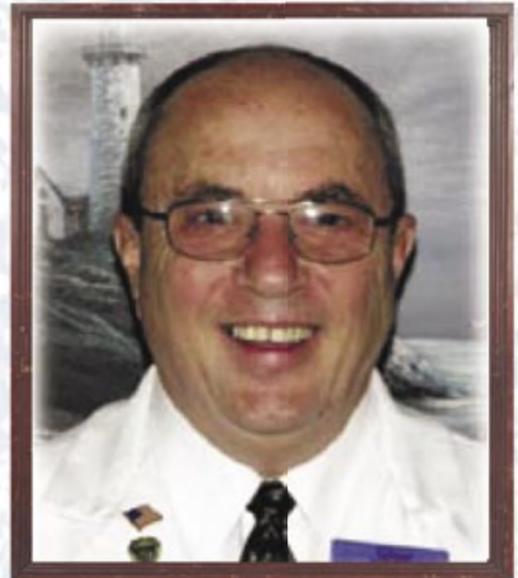


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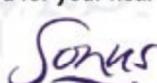
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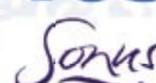


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Fitness Happenings Cammy Dennis

Pilates ... "Powerhouse" Fitness

We are very excited to be offering Pilates classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. at the Health & Recreation Building starting April 1! For many of you attending a Pilates class will be a new experience. Let me help to acquaint you with the philosophy and principles of Pilates. The name "Pilates" comes from the man who first developed this type of exercise, Joseph Pilates. He was born in Germany in 1880 and dedicated his life to making himself physically stronger after battling with asthma, rickets and rheumatic fever as a child. He later immigrated to the United States and established a studio in New York City.

The focus of Pilates exercise is that mind control is necessary for muscle control. The reason that I entitled this article "Powerhouse Fitness" is that the Pilates method of exercise describes the core muscle group (abdominals, mid- and lower back, hips and buttocks) as the center or "powerhouse" of our strength. It is reasoned in Pilates that core strength is essential for overall body control and balance.

Pilates Principles

- **Concentration:** Pilates emphasizes the importance of being mindful of your movements. Understanding where and how you should feel during the exercises are explained very carefully during class. This allows for a mind-body connection, which will most definitely enable you to execute the exercises with more precision and increase the effectiveness of the exercise.

- **Centering:** This refers to the core or the "powerhouse" muscles. Pilates exercises increase your core strength and provide fluidity for all the body's movements.

- **Breathing:** The emphasis is on deep inhalations and exhalations. This technique will energize your mind and body and, at the same time, help rid the body of toxins.

- **Control:** This principle combines the first three; utilizing concentration, centering and breathing to make each movement purposeful with an emphasis on avoiding injury and promoting the effectiveness of the exercise.

- **Precision:** This emphasizes that the Pilates student applies a strong focus to their movements and exercises. Precision in movement will also promote the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

- **Fluidity:** This principle reflects how we move about in our daily life. We do not stand still and perform static, isolated movement but rather we move about combining multiple or compound actions. This is what we would refer to as "functional fitness," exercises that help us to perform activities of daily living more efficiently and improve the quality of our lives.

I encourage everyone to come out and give Pilates a try. It is currently one of the most popular group exercise classes in the fitness industry for good reason. Pilates can give you the "powerhouse" you need to improve the quality of your life!

"Fabulous Friday" is back! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 11! Meet us in the H&R Ballroom at 10:30 a.m. for a mind-body experience that will leave you feeling energized and empowered. You will have the opportunity to experience Pilates, yoga, Tai-Qi-Po and even meditation! Every fitness level is welcome in this class ... you will not have to do floor exercises if you prefer not to! There will be modifications for all exercises so that you will not have to lie down on the floor! Don't miss this very special event! ☺

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All blood types are needed and Florida's Blood Center is calling out the general public to donate as soon as possible.

With spring break, vacations and annual events in full swing, Florida's temporary population swells and accidents multiply. Unfortunately many accidents and surgeries occur at a time of low blood donations.

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ARBOR CLUB FITNESS SCHEDULE

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15-10:00 Arbor Club Indoor Pool	Deep Water Aerobics* Cammy	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barbara	Deep Water Aerobics* Debra	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barbara	Deep Water Aerobics* Rob	Open Swim
9:15-10:15	Yoga* Ronnese AC Ballroom	Advanced Yoga* Ronnese Fitness Room	Yoga* Ronnese AC Ballroom			Sunday Open Swim
10:15-11:15 Fitness Room	Chair Yoga* Claudia Fitness Room		Light Yoga* Claudia Fitness Room		Yoga* Bryony AC Ballroom	
11:45-12:30 Arbor Club Ballroom	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	
1:30-2:15 Arbor Club Indoor Pool	Shallow Water Aerobics* Cammy		Shallow Water Aerobics* Therese		Shallow Water Aerobics* Debra	

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NEW: Yoga on Fridays and More Pilates at H&R!!!



Ask the Trainer Howie Williams

Spring Into Fitness

That's right, gang ... spring is just around the corner and it's never a better time to start your fitness program or improve your current exercise regimen. We are offering new programming starting this month that should pique everyone's interest. We will have a unique Pilates class three times a week from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Monday is Primary Pilates with Mary Pat Giffin, Wednesday is Pilates Pot Potpourri with Mary Pat, and Friday is Precision Pilates with Kitti Surrette. This will be in the Health & Recreation Building in the Aerobics Room. Let's Dance will also be taught by Kitti every second and fourth Thursday in the Aerobics Room from 10:30 to 11:15 p.m. See Cammy Dennis' article for more information.

Absolutely Abs is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and is a great way to get those tough muscles in shape. Your New Power Class will become All Ball and is Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 3:50 p.m. It's a great way to learn how to use a stability

ball and improve your strength, balance and have fun. All fitness levels are invited to welcome. Please join us.

Orientations are available every Tuesday at noon. This is a great way to learn how to use our fitness center and kickoff your fitness program or restart an old program.

Five Points of Life Half-Marathon (See Mary Pat Giffin's article)

We had a beautiful day in Gainesville walking around the University of Florida campus and even running through Ben Hill Griffin stadium. We had 10 participants and expect more next year as we will be handing out a training regimen for the 13-mile race. Coming in first was our Cammy Dennis and me ... well, not even close. Early that morning when it was still dark, I forgot to put socks in my backpack. The result of that wasn't too good as one shoe was completely red with blood at the finish and I had to go to the triage tent for treatment. All is well although I limped around for over a week with a rubbed raw heel.

But it was a great day and I will be back next year with socks!

Improving Functional Abilities in Older Adults

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 27 percent of adults between the ages of 65 and 74 have difficulty with, or are unable to perform, at least one basic activity of daily living. That number climbs to 44 percent for adults 75 and older. In addition, it is estimated that 22 percent to 54 percent of the older-adult population will develop sarcopenia, a significant loss of muscle mass and strength seen with advancing age and an independent risk factor for the development of disability.

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widely accepted as a primary intervention for improving function and quality of life in older adults — even the very old.

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It is never too late to start!

Member of the Month

Helen Schlaifer came to me about a year ago wanting to embark on an exercise program. She had special considerations in that she had a heart attack in 1991, a knee replacement in 2004, and a frozen right shoulder. She was frequently tired and had some vertigo but was determined to exercise. Helen progressed beyond all expectations. She has greater movement in her shoulder, has more energy, is stronger and feels and looks better than ever. She attends the Your New Power class and can balance on a stability ball with no feet on the ground. When asked what her favorite thing was about personal training, she stated "You, of course, and that fact that it is fun and I am accountable to come." Kudos to you Helen!

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Arbor Club Tennis
Jorge Privat

Spring is in the air, and with it I noticed a lot of enthusiasm around the tennis courts.

As you all know, we held our (yearly) Mixed Doubles Tournament in mid-February, surviving two rained out days. The Tennis Committee worked very hard to make it as successful as it was. We had very nice prizes donated by On Top of the World, including a permanent trophy board where the names of the winners will be engraved each year. Thank you, On Top of the World.

This year, the deserving winners were Joan Gustafson and Dick Dzik, who in a very contested final came just ahead of Dianne and Dan Ryan. Also, this year, the Sportsmanship Award went to Diann De Bari and Gordy Phillips. Congratulations to the winners and to all participants for your competitive spirit and good manners during the entire tournament.

Because it was a cool day in mid-February, we are looking to move next year's tournament to a later date in March. However, hot coffee and bagels and tasty scones freshly baked by Peter Paige started the day for all of us the right way.

By the time you read this column, we will be getting ready for our second tournament of the year. This time it will be ladies doubles and men's doubles, separately. We are looking forward to it as well.

We continue to have tennis meets with our neighbors from Oak Run on the third and fourth Tuesday of each month, in the afternoon. Check with us about the time in case you are interested in coming to watch and cheer the good plays. We will also reinstate our mutual visits with the Spruce Creek Community, and with a group from Citrus Hills.

Tennis Tip of the Month

Keep Your Team's Communication Lines

Open

You are serving at 4-5 in the third set of an important match. A win means your entire USTA league goes to a regional competition. The score is 15-30. Your partner turns to you and says, "Come on, get this point, we need it!" That statement pushes your heart rate and blood pressure, close to those of someone critically ill. Your anxiety level goes off the chart and you are fortunate if your serve makes it to the net in three bounces. Your partner has made a common mistake. Rather than speak calmly and quietly about a plan for the point, the player succumbs to the pressure, abdicates all responsibility for this critical situation and really says to the server, "You do it! Please, God, don't let the ball come to me!" This kind of communication is so destructive that it may lose the match.

Communication Begins Off-Court

Good communication between partners starts before you take the court and should include a brief discussion of the game plan, including the strengths and weaknesses of the opponents, if known. If your partner for the day is not your regular partner, decide beforehand who will play which side of the court, who will serve first, and whether you will choose to serve or receive. Don't walk on the court and allow your opponents to witness a conversation like this:

"What side do you play?"
"Oh, I don't care! Do you?"
"No, not really, should I play forehand?"
"OK, shall we serve? We won the spin"
"Oh, I am not warmed up yet. You want to serve?"

After a discussion like this one, be assured that your opponents are at best supremely confident, and at worst, sure that you are a couple of lunatics who quite possibly have no idea what you're doing.

All good doubles teams communicate frequently between points (sometimes, after every point in a critical game). They share ideas, give positive and specific suggestions, encourage one another to stay confident; and even sometimes confess to anxiety or choking. This kind of dialog is much easier when you are winning and much harder, although more crucial when struggling to reverse a losing situation.

Golden Rules

of Good Communication

In general, always err on the side of speaking too much, not too little.

Great doubles teams don't make assumptions and don't leave things to chance. "Yours" or "mine" should be uttered every time there is any question as to who will hit the shot. Never stand idly and watch your partner struggle trying to decide whether or not to



Members of the Arbor Club Tennis: From left are Dianne Ryan, Dan Ryan, Dick Dzik, Joan Gustafson and kneeling, Jorge Privat.

play an out ball. Always help with a clear and loud "Bounce it" or "Out" if you believe the ball is going out. Never assume your partner can read your mind. If you are going to try a very wide serve, let your partner know of your intentions, so he can be ready to move to cover the angle.

Be Aware of Your Body Language

Look on the outside the way you want your partner to feel on the inside. Nobody loses points on purpose, and if when your partner blows the "perfect set-up" into the bottom of the net, you are a shoulder slumper, or a sigher, or a hands on hips starrer, it won't be long before your partner decides that the rules have been changed to allow three against one.

Trust your partner and never undermine him. If you believe he blew a call, don't indicate to your opponents that you are playing with a cheater or a candidate for bifocals. Tell your partner quietly that you believe the call was in error and let him correct the mistake, thus preserving the team's unity. If you are to hit a ball and your partner tells you to let it go, don't hit it anyway and then tell him that you know better. Trust on the court is a vital component of confidence.

Communication on the court must be a dialog, not a state of the union address.

Many times one player will have no trouble being vocal, while the other, perhaps shyer partner, is content to listen. For instance in the role of a server's partner, you will be a great help to your server if you tell him where you would like him to serve, or predict that a lob is in the offing. This way, you both feel that you are sharing responsibility for winning the service game.

Both partners should communicate kindly, thoughtfully, positively and confidently.

Each player must trust that his partner will be receptive to constructive criticism or suggestions for improving the team's performance, even though chances for victory may be dismal at a particular moment. It is all too easy when things are going badly, to become silent, withdrawn and resigned to the inevitable loss. At this point, many players actually become afraid to tell their partner anything. Take the courage to talk it up.

Good communication built on trust also serves to avoid ethical problems that some times arise.

Many players never overrule a partner's call. You serve what you think is an ace. Both you and your partner think the serve was good so one of you asks the opponent who called the ball out if he is sure. "Yes," he says. Then you turn to his partner and ask if he saw that ball. "No, I didn't see it at all," he says. Maybe he really didn't see it. But if that team is a "never overrule your partner" team, rest assured that he will never have seen any ball his partner calls out. Your tennis reputation is a vital part of your on-court presence, and unpleasant as it may be, you must overrule your partner's call if you clearly see a ball differently.

Always Present a United Front

Take the court together, sit together on the changeover, and leave the bench together. Not only this is important because it facilitates last-minute communication, but it also is designed to send important messages to your opponents. Do not use the "divide and conquer" approach. You don't need to chitchat without purpose, but bring forward a team spirit, which will help your confidence grow.

Communication Checklist

- Communicate well with your partner, as this strategy often makes the difference between a win and a loss in a tight match.
- Battle the tendency to "shut down" emotionally when things are tight. Talk more, not less, under pressure.
- Never take the enemy under your wing, or vice versa.
- Don't be timid. Stand up for your rights — together, as a team. ☺

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Hans Napfel, inventor of the 'black box' used in aircraft to record flight information, spoke at a recent meeting attended by the Friendship Amateur Radio Club.



**Friendship
Amateur Radio**
Ed Brendle

The Friendship Amateur Radio Club installed its club officers on March 10. They are: president, Charles Lucas, W1DOH; vice president, Elizabeth Hatfield, KF4RJG; secretary, "Woody," W3HII; treasurer, Len Lucas, W1GFX (temp).

Virginia Gallenburger, K4VHG, a retired airline pilot, gave a presentation on aircraft radios. The presentation illustrated the changes in equipment, transmission techniques and methods that have transpired over the years. "Old Time Radio" will be the subject of our next month's meeting on April 14.

The club's Web site continues to show the

**Friendship
Social Club**
Jinny Adolph

At our last meeting, Margaret Orlando took Kay Porter's place announcing birthdays and anniversaries. She started at the pool end of the room and the birthdays were in the 80 and 90 decades. As she moved along, the numbers became lower until we reached the late 60's. There were several shouts about "baby, baby" but a lot of laughter, too. We had one new member and one visitor this month.

There were no cards sent out by the Sunshine Committee, which is always nice to know. We had three \$10 50/50 winners and that brought some happy smiles to those lucky people.

Our entertainment at this meeting was the Charles Remillard Jazz Ensemble. Charles Remillard played the keyboard and his sidekick Buz Lewis played the bass guitar (it really is spelled with just one "z"). "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "All of Me" and "Georgia" were a few of the numbers. Nicely done too.

Next month, we will have Miss Sophie Tucker entertain us. That should be a good time. Angie Ferrigamo is the artist playing Sophie. So we hope to see you all in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on April 13 from 2:30 to 3 p.m. with your badge and your smile.



Upcoming Publication Dates

- **May issue:** Thursday, May 1
- **June issue:** Thursday, May 29
- **July issue:** Thursday, July 3

treasurer's and secretary's meeting minutes. The FARC's club call is N4FRC.

The QCWA's local chapter invited the FARC to their meeting on Feb. 28. Special guests were past QCWA national president, Croft Taylor, VE3CT; and Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB. Hans is the inventor of the "Black Box" which is used in all aircraft to record all of the flights vital information. FARC members are also members of the QCWA, Quarter Century Wireless Association.

The next meeting is for April 14 and will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the auxiliary Sheriff's Station on West SR 200. All hams are invited and members are urged to attend and to bring a guest.

A recent notation is that our club is now recognized as an SSC, Special Services Club, of which there are only four in the immediate area.

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 theory to help you earn your license.

The FARC meets at the West SR200 Sheriff's Auxiliary Station the second Monday of each month. We have members who offer their expertise in radio and computers. The club newspaper and notices inform members of the club's many activities. In addition, the FARC has a 2-meter net that meets on Monday at 4 p.m. on 145.170 MHz (except for Monday of the monthly meeting), and a CW net on Tuesday at 7 p.m. on 21.145 MHz.

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

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**100
Grandparents**
Barbara Greenwood

Due to FCAT, the 100 Grandparents did not go to Romeo Elementary School in March.

So...I've decided to tell you a little bit about our group, and if interested, maybe you'll consider going out with us on occasion. We do have a waiting list of names of volunteers that get called upon to fill in for a reader who cannot attend. It would be great if we could add you to that list.

We go once a month, on a Thursday morning, usually the second Thursday of the month. A Marion County school bus picks us up at approximately 9:15 a.m. in the parking lot of the Health & Recreation Center. We ask all of our readers going on that particular morning to arrive at the parking lot at 9 a.m. because sometimes our bus driver can get to us earlier.

Upon arrival at the school in Dunnellon, either Kathy Hultman, principal, or Lisa Coy, assistant principal, or if possible, both are standing out front, waiting to greet us when the bus pulls in to the school parking lot. They escort us to the Media Center. Mrs. Thomas, the school's dean, and Mrs. Coy have tables arranged with a lovely display of fruits, cakes, cookies and a variety of choices of beverages.

Mrs. Hultman sends out the call that "the grandparents have arrived." Two children from each classroom come to the Media Center to escort us to their individual class.

We strive to have at least 44 "grandparents" with us on each visit. That gives one "grandparent reader" to each class. It is always nicer to have a few extra "grandparents" along just in case at the last minute, someone can't make it. If the extra "grandparents" aren't needed in a classroom, they stay in the Media Center and help doing work for the teachers such as cutting out, pasting or whatever needs to be done to help the teacher.

In the classroom, the "grandparent" reader is greeted and takes his or her place. The teacher provides the books that we read. We do have some "grandparents" who prefer to

share their own books or stories that would provide a learning experience for the children.

The time in the classroom is always the best part of the morning. The children are absolutely wonderful. They partake if asked questions, they volunteer their own experiences, and they are always respectful and a joy to be with.

When our time is up, we return to the Media Center, again escorted by two students. All of the "grandparents" enter the room with big smiles and warm feelings toward all of Romeo. Mrs. Hultman or Mrs. Coy will make a few announcements keeping us up to date on the events at the school.

Then it's back on the bus for our return trip to On Top of the World. We are back in the H&R parking lot at approximately noontime.

We will be returning to Romeo Elementary School on April 3. The reason we are going so early in the month is because the children will be on spring break on the usual week that we would have been attending.

Our ongoing, very worthwhile project that the "grandparents" take part in throughout the school year is Food 4 Kids. With our donations, the donations of the Quilting Club, and the generosity of the On Top of the World residents, we have been able to increase the number of children who receive these backpacks which provide meals for them on the weekend.

If you would like to donate single-serving food items such as juices, cereals, snack bars, pop-top canned goods, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, canned or plastic containers of fruit, etc., it would certainly be appreciated. There are still many children in the school who are in need of this program. Your contribution may be delivered to the home of Elliott and Marlyn Barbour. There is a tote on the front porch where you may place your contributions. Their address is: 8680-H S.W. 94th St. or you may call Barbara at 861-2539 to have your donation picked up.

We also want to let you know how grateful we are to those who clip the Campbell's soups and the General Mills labels that say Box Tops for Education or Labels for Education. Don't forget, on the Campbell soup products, we need the picture of the Campbell kid and the UPC label in order for them to be valid. The drop site for the labels is the "Red School House," in the lobby, under the stairs of the H&R Center. Romeo receives 10 cents for each label donated, and the money that comes back to Romeo is used for the personal needs of the students.

Thank you so much for helping to make things better for the children of Romeo. You have shown what a caring and giving community we live in by participating in the above projects.

If you'd like to learn more or be a part of the "100 Grandparents" volunteer group, please call Barbara, 861-2539. Our next visit to the school will be on April 3. ☎

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Monday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Mixed Tennis D	CTS
9:00	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Golden Slippers	BRS
	Woodworking	WW
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Ceramics 9-2p.m.	Art
	Practice Bridge	CR
	No Bus on Mondays	
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
	Dancing Toppers	H&R
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Tennis Doubles	CTS
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
11:00	Water Walk	AC
	Boccee League	BCTS
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Line Dance	
	(Level Two)	H&R
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Mens Golf Group	CR
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Northern Lights Mah Jongg	CC:G
	Aqua Belles	AC
	Pan Club	CC:MR3
1:00	Bocce League	BCTS
	Computer Lab	H&R
1:15	Line Dance (Int.)	BR
1:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
2:00	Happy Hookers	Art
	Rummicube	CC:E&F
2:45	Line Dance (Level Two)	H&R
4:00	Line Dance (Level One)	H&R
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Poker	MR3
6:30	Bridge	CR
6:30	Euchre II	CC:H
7:00	Wood Shop	WW
	Dominoes	CC:G

1st Week

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

2nd Week

10:00	Genealogical Society	MR3
2:30	Theatre Group	CC:D

3rd Week

10:00	Genealogical Workshop	CC-B&C
2:30	Readers' Theatre	CC-D
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B&C
4:00	Billiards Club	Art 00
7:00	Sunshine Singers	BR

4th Week

3:00	Community Patrol Prog.	CC:B&C
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Tuesday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Men's Tennis	CTS
	Travel Toppers	CC:D
	Reservations	
	Clogging	BR

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

A full list of classes can be found in the Master the Possibilities catalog, available at the Education Building at Circle Square Commons.

Wednesday

8:30	Women's 18-Hole	GC
	Raquetball	HR CTS
9:00	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Woodworking	WW
	Arts & Crafts	BR
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Women's 9-Hole	GC
	Horse Shoe League	CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC
9:30	Pinochle	MR3
	Stitch Witches Quilters	Art
	Horseshoe League	CTS
10:30	Walleyball	CTS
11:00	Lap Swimming	AC
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Men's Poker	MR3
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Cybex Orientation	GYM
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Stitch Witches Quilters	Art
1:00	Singin' Swingin	CC:D
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Badminton	H&R
	(Racquetball Cts)	
1:30	The New Pretenders	HR
	Shuffleboard	CTS
5:15	Square Dance Class	AC
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Miniature Golf	MGC
	Table Tennis	HR
5:45	Mah Jongg	MR2
6:00	Pinochle	MR3 & Art
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	CR
	Mah Jongg	CC:G
	Pattern Dancing	BR
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H
	Pattern Dancing	BR
	Square Dance Class	AC

1st Week

8:00	Men's 9 Hole Golf	P.R.
3:00	Great Lakes Club	BR
	Shutterbugs	CC:B&C

2nd Week

7:00	*Sterling Casino 3-8-08	HR
8:00	Lions Club	Pub
9:00	Citizens Emer.	CC:E,F&G
	Response Team	

1:30	Visually Impaired	CC:H
	Support Group	
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
6:30	German Club	CC:G

3rd Week

8:00	*Seminole Hard	HR
	Rock Casino 3-15-08	
1:30	Unique Birders	CC:H
3:00	NY/NJ Club	BR
	Shutterbugs	CC:B&C
7:00	Democratic Club	CC:E&F

4th Week

8:00	Lions Club	Pub
11:30	VSP Luncheon	AC
1:00	Scan/American	CC:E
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
4:00	Diabetes Support Grp	CC:G

Thursday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Ladies Tennis	CTS
8:30	Men's 18 Hole	Golf
9:00	Taps on Top	BR

	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Woodworking	WW
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Ceramics 9-2:30p.m.	
9:30	Pinochle	MR3
	Crafty Ladies	CR
	Billiards 101	PI RM
11:30	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
	Aqua Belles	AC
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Pan Club	CC:MR3
1:00	Bocce League	BCTS
1:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
3:00	Dance Committee	CC:B&C
4:00	Softball Practice	SBF
5:30	Bingo	BR
6:00	Poker	MR3
	Pickleball	CTS
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	CR
7:00	Poker	MR3

1st Week

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

2nd Week

1:45	Native Plants	CC:H
3:00	Pennsylvania Club	CC:E & F

3rd Week

1:00	Stamp Club	Bank PAB
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Friday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Men's Tennis	CTS
	Clogging	BR
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
	Bus Ocala Run	
	Miniature Golf	MGC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Round Dance Class	CC:E&F
10:30	Water Walk	AC
	Advanced Tap	HR
	Concert Chrous	HR
	Friendship Bible Study	MR3
11:00	Walleyball	CTS
	Water Walk	AC
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Advanced Square Dancers	CC:E&F
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Sewing Bees	Art
	Theatre Group	BR
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Bridge	CR
1:00	Bocce League	BCTS
	Ten Pen	CTS
	Square Dancing DBD	CC:E&F
	Table Tennis	H&R
1:30	Shuffleboard	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
	Poker	MR3
	Pickleball	CTS
6:30	Bridge	CR
	Chess Club	ART
	Poker	MR3
	Mixed Poker	CC:H

1st Week

10:00	NY/NJ Board Meeting	CC:H
1:00	Rubber Stamping Cards	CC:D
	Bunko Dice Game	MR3
	Opera Appreciation	CC:C
5:30	Southern Club	BR

2nd Week

9:30	Scrabble Club	AC
10:30	Latin Cardio	AC
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
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1:00	Rubber Stamping Card	CC-D
	Bunka Dice Game	MR3
	S.P.C.A.	CC-H
1:30	Orchid Club	CC:B&C

Friday

7:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Ladies Tennis	CTS
8:10	Water Walk	AC
8:30	Dancing Toppers	H&R
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Dominoes	MR3
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Bus Ocala Run	
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Racquetball	H&R CTS
10:30	Light Aerobics	H&R
	Power Aerobics	H&R
	Water Walk	AC
11:00	Bocce League	BCTS
	Water Walk	AC
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Mens Golf Group	CR
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Aqua Belles	AC
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Table Tennis	H&R
	Canasta the Old	
	Fashion Way	CR
	Square Dancing	H&R BR
2:00	Fun In The Water	AC
5:00	Happy Hour	AC
6:00	Cribbage	Art
6:15	Nickel Nickel	MR3
	Euchre 4 Fun	CC:A
6:30	Advanced Bridge	CR
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,F
7:00	Republican Club	CC:E,F&G

3rd Week

9:00	*Rags to Riches	CC:ALL
	Sale 3-18-08	
2:00	Blackjack Poker	CC:E

4th Week

12:00	High 12 Club	TBA
3:00	*Baseball Game	HR
	Rays vs Sox 3-25-08	

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
	China Painters	Art
5:30	Open Mah Jongg	CC:A
5:45	Singles Pinochle	CR
6:30	Bridge	CR

1st Week

6:00	Ballroom Dancing	AC
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3rd Week

6:00	Ballroom Dancing	AC
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Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	HR CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC
12:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Scrapbooking	CC:D
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
1:00	China Painters	Art
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Miniature Golf	MGC
6:00	Pickleball	CTS
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H

1st Week

7:00	K-9 Social Club	CC:D
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2nd Week

2:30	Friendship Social Club	BR
6:00	Movie of the Month	BR

3rd Week

2:00	American/Jewish	CC:E,F & G
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Location Codes

AC	Arbor Club	FF	Flying Field
AC CTS	Arbor Tennis Courts	GC	Golf Course
ACIP	Arbor Indoor Pool	HR	H&R Exercise Room
ACOP	Arbor Outdoor Pool	H&R CTS	Tennis Courts
Art	Art Studio	H&R	Health & Rec Bldg
BR	Ballroom	HRP	H&R Pool
BCTS	Bocce Courts	ICC	Indigo Community Center
CC	Arbor Conference Center	MGC	Miniature Golf Course
CCC	Candler Community Center	MR1	Meeting Room 1
		MR3	Meeting Room 3
CLC	Computer Learning Center	PL	H&R Parking Lot
CSCC	Circle Square Cultural Center	PL RM	Poolroom
CR	Card Room	SBF	Softball Field
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Women of the World Marsha Vieu

The Women of the World annual Fashion Show held March 8 was a tremendous success. All in attendance enjoyed the clothing provided again this year by Beall's, as well as all of the delightful baskets that were raffled off. Thanks to the generosity of all our members, we were able to make a donation of more than \$3,200 to Hospice of Marion County.

We cannot extend a big enough thanks to Chuck MacDonald of Beall's for once again this year giving us "free reign" for several days in the store in order to choose the outfits worn by our models, along with providing a dressing room, and help from his staff. Additionally, Mr. MacDonald graciously provided all of those in attendance with a Beall's 15 percent discount coupon. Mr. MacDonald advised that he has available a program that will assist anyone in purchasing outfits from the fashion show. You just need to bring the name of the model and in which set (one, two or three) the outfit was worn. With this information he can ascertain from a list where it can readily be found.

We have so many people to thank for all the help that they provided for the Fashion Show that we couldn't possibly list them individually. We would, however, like to thank the following:

- Betty Thayer for her excellent job in organizing the entire Fashion Show.

- Betty Thayer and Bonnie Heinlein for coordinating, finding and bringing all of the outfits to the appropriate areas for the models to try on.

- Charlotte Haller for all her hard work and for doing a marvelous job as mistress of ceremonies for the Fashion Show, as well as all the members of her committee.

- Sandy Thomas and Evelyn Ruth for all of the "backstage" work provided for the models.

- Everyone who helped with the fantastic stage decorations.

- Judy Long, Bobby Roeder and their helpers for the original and delightful centerpieces.

- Everyone who helped with the set up on Saturday morning.

- All of our superb and personable models.

- All of the husbands who worked so hard as our waiters and helped with the clean up afterward.

- Joan Connolly and her committee for organizing the baskets and delivering them to the winning participants.

- All of the ladies who so generously created and donated the 76 baskets that were raffled off. The themes for the baskets this year were outstanding.

- Beverly Adam for the beautiful quilt she made and donated for the raffle.

- All of the ladies who sold raffle tickets.

- Joan Gattozzi for taking pictures.

- Debbie Clark for seeing that the tables were set up properly and in a timely fashion.

Our April meeting will be April 4 at 1 p.m. Our speaker for the month will be from the Marion Therapeutic Riding Association, Inc. and the charity will be Arnett House. Items needed for the charity include toiletry items, personal hygiene items and paper products.

We urge everyone to be sure and attend the April meeting, as there are important items to be addressed. The first of which will be a questionnaire provided for all members' input on what charities they would like to see selected to receive monetary donations from this year's budget and seeking topics of interest for speakers for next year's meetings. Additionally, the slate of officers for 2008-09 will be presented and voted upon.

Our Sunshine Committee has sent special "hugs" (in the form of cards) to 36 members who were ill, suffered a loss, or are in need of a friendly greeting. If you know someone who needs such a hug, please send her name and address to Nancy Grabowski at Nnutss456@aol.com or call her at 873-4315. This committee functions year-round; we don't want to forget any of our members when they need us the most.

For any of our residents (in any On Top of the World community) who are not WOW members, we hope you will consider joining us as a guest, either in April or May, in hopes that you will decide to become a member of our wonderful group.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. ☺

different time and place. This year we were lucky enough to have a piper from New York. Kevin Doherty is a member of the Westchester County Firefighters and was invited by his sister Mary O'Neal to perform. He was very good and we hope he will come back and visit. Our next group was the Spirit of Ocala Irish Dance group. These are talented young ladies who love to step dance, do a reel, and dance the jig and, we were mesmerized by their footwork. You could not help but clap and toe tap throughout their numbers.

Following the dancers, the Celtic Weavers entertained us with their whimsical tunes and ballads. You heard many a voice singing or humming to their music. Kevin Doherty, our piper, returned playing "Wearing of the Green." To our surprise and pleasure he went into renditions of "Anchors Aweigh," "The Cassons Go Rolling Along" and "The Marines Song," not your usual Irish music but we were certainly glad to hear those tunes. Kevin explained he was a former Navy man and he likes to hear "Anchors Aweigh."

Kate O'Neal, daughter of Bob and Mary O'Neal, was our next entertainer. She has such a beautiful, clear and vibrant voice, it was a pleasure to listen to her. She sang a melody of songs but my all-time favorite was "Molly Malone." Kate sang a duet, "The Briar and the Rose," with her daughter, Maggie Dutton, who for such a young lady has one incredible voice. After the rousing applause our evening ended with our 50/50 raffle and the tickets were drawn by Matthew, Kate O'Neal's son, who was a little shy at first but began to enjoy his role as he warmed up to the crowd. Our accompaniment on the piano was Walter Koenig, who always adds to our enthusiasm.

Our next event will be in May and more details will be released in the next column.

I am happy to report that our membership continues to grow and if you would like to be a member we would love to have you join. A gentle reminder to all members that your 2008 dues are now due.

To all our members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month, we wish you the very best.

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



Computer Club Sherry Surdam

Gene and Linda Barlow were with us on March 15, and Gene's presentation on the "Perfect Backup Approach" was, as usual, very informative. He is an excellent speaker and knows how to make himself understood. I'm sure many people came away with a clearer view on how to make backups less stressful and time-consuming.

Gene highly recommends Acronis True Image 11 Home, an easy-to-use program, which provides the maximum flexibility to ensure you are adequately protected and can recover from unforeseen events such as viruses, unstable software downloads, and hard drive failures. Create an exact copy of your PC for a full backup or back up only your important data and application settings — your choice! Linda was on hand to sell the software and though I have no idea how many copies of Acronis were purchased, there were hoards of

people gathered around her table at any given time!

Gene and Linda are always welcome presenters and we are grateful to them for including us in their busy schedule.

Upcoming schedule: On April 5, Don Sommer will give a talk on Zone Alarm, a free firewall program that protects your PC from intruders; April 12, Don will talk about using Quicken, a financial management program; Karen Fanta, who many of you already know, will be with us on April 19. I don't know the details of her presentation but I'm sure it will be very interesting, so please try to attend if your schedule permits; last, but certainly not least, Don will give us a presentation on using Microsoft's Excel software. If you are having problems using Excel, this is one not to miss!

If you have tried to access some of the sections of our Web site and found that the password you had no longer works, be sure to check with our membership chairman. We change our password each year and those who have not renewed their membership do not get the follow-up e-mail giving current members the new password.

All meetings are held at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If you aren't a member yet but want to see what we do, come on up and give us a look-see. I think you'll find we have much to offer both novice and more experienced users!

For Mac users, we have increased our sessions and will now hold them on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (this month it will be April 8 and 22). These days are dedicated to classes and/or questions and answers on the Mac operating system.

As always, be sure to check the calendar on our Web site at www.cccocala.org for the dates of our presentations and for any scheduling changes that are inevitable. Hope to see you soon and happy computing! ☺



Ballet Club Eugenie Martin

at their own weddings or other family events. Ballroom in all its variations continues to be popular on television and all kinds of dance, including line dancing, aerobic dancing, belly dancing, country and square dancing, and of course ballet have many devotees today.

Here at On Top of the World, members of our club continue to "glissade" and "pirouette" along with our ballet. We have new music that seems even more beautiful than what we used before.

At 10 p.m. the other night, I was in my bedroom planning my class for the next day, lost in the music that I was playing rather loudly. I suddenly remembered my next-door neighbor, a very nice lady whose bedroom backs up to mine. I felt terrible, and did a quick "pas de chat" to lower the volume on the music.

In the previous paragraph, I have used some of the French terms that are an integral part of ballet. All who study ballet learn some French, and those who already know the language learn a new way to use it. This is an additional benefit of ballet, to my thinking.

Our classes continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the exercise studio next to the indoor pool in the Arbor Club.

Whether or not you have ever taken ballet (or French, for that matter!) you are welcome to join our classes

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 854-8589. Happy dancing! ☺



Irish American Club C.M. Casey

PHRASE: Siochan leat. **PRONOUNCED:** shee/oh/con lat. **MEANING:** Peace be with you

March 13 was a grand night for the Irish. A sellout crowd of 277 members and guests were at the Health & Recreation Ballroom for the annual St. Patrick's Day event. Even though we still had four days until the real day, this group was ready to celebrate. Green was the color of the night, from the members and friends wearing various shades of green, to the hats and accessories with the St. Patrick's Day theme.

With the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation and toast by Pat D'Auteuil, we were ready to enjoy our meal of corn beef and cabbage. The meal was excellent and our thanks to Bruce. A big thank you to our many members who baked Irish soda bread, it was delicious.

As the dishes were cleared our emcee for the evening was Bob O'Neal who entertained us with his many jokes and he has a collection. He has an amazing memory.

Every year at our Irish celebration we look forward to the Piper and the Irish Dancers. There is something that tugs at your heart when you hear the bagpipes and when you see the dancers you are transformed into a



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Pennsylvania Club
Pat Utiss

Has spring finally arrived? With Easter being so early, it seems even here in Florida, it has been a long time coming.

This year, our annual Spring Carnival consisted of eight guessing games. Amounts of various items were placed in glass containers

and members guessed the amount. Those who guessed the closest amount were given the container and contents. Since I didn't write down the winners at the time, I am going by memory in announcing these names. If my memory is incorrect, I apologize. Good guessers who won two items were Ken Stillwagon; he got the jellybeans and the flower bulbs. Eileen Kreps guessed the cotton balls and cinnamon candy, and Suzi Burdan guessed the Tootsie Rolls and the pennies. Other winners were Mary Sparrow who guessed the prunes and Harrie Burdan won the popcorn kernels.

Time is running out to sign up for our April trip to Jai Alai. We will be going on Friday, April 11, at noon. Please call me before March 31 if you are interested, 861-2831. You do not have to be a member of the club to go with us. We have done this each year, for many years and those who go, always have a good time. Also, remember there is no regular meeting in April.

Our next regular meeting will be our Annual Picnic. It will be held on May 14 at 3 p.m. in Suite E of the Arbor Conference Center. Our picnic will be a covered dish dinner. Please bring a dish to share, and your table service. Drinks will be provided. ☺



Citizens Emergency Response Team
Caroline Scott

At last month's meeting, Bob Conn, a volunteer instructor from the Marion County Sheriff's Department, came to critique our latest drill that was held with the mounted unit. The general consensus was that we did a great job, and next time, with a few adjustments, it will be even better. One thing about doing all these exercises is that we can always learn more. Even though we take these events seriously, somehow we always seem to have a great time doing them.

The annual State CERT Conference was held at the Florida Elk's Youth Camp. It consisted

of three nights and four days of training, plus lots of food. Five of our team members attended: Pat Reiderman, Carol DeYoung, Debbie Knotts, Norman Scott and myself. There were a variety of classes to choose from. The most popular one was "How to Read a Map." This course taught how to read a topical map, and how to correctly use a compass. So many times, when asking for directions you are told to turn north. I have a problem with that. I have to be told left turn or right to understand where I'm going. A lot of people have that same problem. This course would help.

There was a surprise drill that tested our leadership skills and our knowledge of what to do properly in the event of a disaster.

There was also a disaster drill in the woods to test our knowledge of treating injured people. Many "victims" were moulaged and transported to the woods, while the rest of the volunteers were sent to help them by determining the extent of their injuries and how best to help them and get them to safety.

Besides movies at night, we couldn't go to a camp without having a campfire. On Saturday evening many teams from all over the state put on skits, sang funny songs, and did everything to entertain us. It always surprises me how creative some people can be. All and all, everyone had a good time.

Anyone interested in joining our group for the knowledge you accumulate, can call me at 861-5569. Or just attend any of our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 am in Suites E, F and G of the Arbor Conference Center. ☺

SPCA
Melanie Vittitow

For those who follow our column each month, let me report that we found a great home for Harley, the dog we featured last month. He is bringing joy to a couple who lost their pet of 13 years.

Since we are a small group of dedicated animal lovers, our main source of assistance to local pets in need is monetary. We would love to be able to find homes for all lost or unwanted pets that come to our attention, but that's not possible without people who will offer to foster a dog or cat while we find a home. If you think you would be able to help us out occasionally, please let us know.

If you would like to adopt a pet, we have a list that we call first when we get an animal, so call and tell us what you want and we'll add your name to the list. If circumstances dictate that you can't keep your pet any longer, we will make every effort to find a loving home that matches your pet's needs. Genevieve is the contact for adopting or giving up pets. Her number is 237-1322.

If you are looking for a pet now, and don't want to wait, there are several rescue groups in Ocala that have animals. There is usually a nominal adoption fee to cover the incurred costs of shots, spay/neutering and fostering. You can find animals for adoption at PetSmart on weekends or go on the Internet to www.Petfinder.com and type in our zip code in the left-hand column to see what's available.

Would you like a kitten or two? Arlene Cole of Feisty Acres is the one to contact, at 875-9761. She spoke to us at our March meeting. We have been working with her for a few months. She will take cats that we find and we

help her get the message out about cats that are ready for a new home.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17. Since the Arbor Conference Center will be getting set up for the Rags to Riches sale the next day, our meeting will be in the Arbor Club Ballroom at 1 p.m. As usual, the SPCA will be selling doughnuts and coffee (and 50/50 tickets) at the Rags to Riches sale, so come by and see us as you shop for your recycled treasures.

This month's discussion on pet care concerns knowing when it's time to take your pet to the vet (besides the yearly check-up). Since they can't talk to us, we have to be super observant. A good place to start is the daily or weekly grooming. Use this time to check his/her entire body for lumps, foul odors, discharges and healthy gums and skin (it should snap right back into place when you pull it up).

Animals are creatures of routine. If they start acting differently than usual, make a note of it because the vet will want to know how long it's been happening. Some obvious signs are limping, coughing and/or sneezing, vomiting, diarrhea, or blood in urine. Other signs are more subtle, such as lethargy, refusal to eat, excessive drinking accompanied by frequent urination, or refusal to play.

Cats are especially difficult to read because they will instinctively try to hide their infirmity (in the wild a sign of weakness will subject the cat to predators). If your kitty stays to herself for more than a day, then she is in some kind of distress. Basically, if your pet is just not acting like his/her usual self then you need to look for other symptoms and at least call the vet to see if he thinks it warrants a visit.

For more information on the SPCA, call Jodi at 861-9765 or Melanie at 873-8690. New members and new ideas are welcome. ☺



Canine Club
Bobbi Lipka
(Pictured: Ellery)

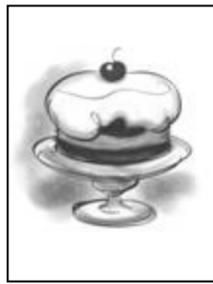
Coyotes are out and about in our community again, as their habitat is being disturbed by new construction. Management is doing everything in their power to trap and relocate

these critters, but dog owners, in particular, need to be watchful.

Please do not let your pets loose at night to do their business. They could provide dinner for the coyotes, get hit by a car, or at the very least, make a mess in a neighbor's yard. We had a recent incident where a dog owner was in the habit of doing just that every night. It's plain irresponsible!

Also, when walking your dog at night or pre-dawn, be alert to the presence of coyotes. While normally not aggressive, they have been known to work in packs, stalking owners and their dogs. Your dog will probably be the first to alert you. Please report any sightings to management, or to me, along with time of day, location, number of coyotes and a description of any incident. Management has been concerned on our behalf.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in Suite G of the Arbor Conference Center. Our speaker is Alice Clancy, who had an emergency and had to cancel last month. She'll be telling us all about canine nutrition, and Blue Buffalo dog food. All are welcome to attend. For additional information, please call Bobbi Lipka, 237-1245. ☺



American Jewish Club
Irene Rudick

The American Jewish Club's next meeting will be held at the Arbor Conference Center, Sunday, April 13, at 2p.m. This meeting brings us to election time.

Come out and vote for your officers.

We have planned a party to celebrate our members' birthdays. Jeanette Oswald, our resident astrologer, will give you some insight to your astrological sign. Who knows what you will learn?

We have "The AJC Bake-Off." Join in the fun. We invite all of you great bakers to show off your skills. Bring a homemade cake to this meeting. All who wish to participate please call Ruth Barnash at 237-9551.

A boutique sale is also planned at this meeting. Crafters, artisans and collectors, who wish to display their work, please call Renee Filzer at 861-0047 for information.

On April 16, the lunch bunch is taking us to Ipanema Brazilian Steakhouse. This should be a delectable afternoon. Call Ruth Barnash at 237-9551 for information.

Our May 18 meeting brings us to the end of our season and annual covered dish lunch. Our new officers for next year will be formally introduced to the membership. For information call Jean Singer at 873-1877.

For further information about The American Jewish Club, call Dorothy Bresky at 854-0284. ☺

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Betty LeBaire, Nancy Shilf and Paula Magen of D'Clowns perform at the Hampton Gardens Assisting Living Facility on Valentine's Day.



D'Clowns
Paula Magen

Winter's done and April's in the skies
Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes.
Charles D. Roberts

D'Clowns started the month of February at the memory support unit of Summerville with a one-hour program. We did our skits, jokes, magic and sing-a longs for an appreciative audience. The residents look forward to seeing us and we enjoy performing for them.

The second Tuesdays of the month we welcome the four- and five-year-olds from the Childhood Development Center to TimberRidge where they do an activity with the residents. Needless to say they love seeing the clowns.

In February, D'Clowns participated in two wonderful events at Hampton Gardens. The first celebrated Valentine's Day. Sunflower (Paula Magen) made a heart shaped balloon-on-a-stick for each resident. We gave out red bead necklaces. The room was decorated beautifully and there was a fun DJ. We returned a

week later to join in on the Mardi Gras fun. It was a magical evening event with amazing gold, green and purple decorations. There was a DJ and a fabulous buffet. The residents had masks. Glad we were invited!

The first Wednesday in March again found D'Clowns at Summerville Assisted Living Residence. We were happy to introduce a new clown, "Rainbow" (Margaret Hanrahan). Margaret is an eager and welcome participant. She and husband Steve have lived here two years. She was born in California. Her hobbies include rubber stamping greeting cards and writing the column for her club.

Our biggest event of the year in March was the Eggstravaganza, occurring just before Easter. It is a Signature Brands PAAS event that attracts hundreds of children every year. We were there to face paint and apply tattoos.

At one of our recent meetings we had workshops in makeup by Ellie (Ellen Richards) and face painting by Sunflower (Paula Magen) to benefit our members.

At the end of April we will be found at the finish line under an arc of balloons. We do this every year for the March of Dimes. It's a Walk America for Healthier Babies fundraiser. We greet the hundreds of runners and walkers, make a fuss over them and squirt them with water guns to cool them off. What fun!

To show appreciation to D'Clowns for their effort and participation we will be enjoying lunch together at the new Sky restaurant in April.

We are a fun group who invite you to our meetings. Come and meet us. We will train you in the aspects of clowning and you'll be hooked. "Boy" clowns invited as well. We meet the first and third Monday of each month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center at 1:30 p.m.

For information, call Paula at 873-3433.

Pattern Dance Club
Barb & Joe McArdle

Pattern dancing will be over for the season at the end of April. We will be starting up again in September to sharpen our skills on Sunday evenings from 5:30 until 6:30 in the Arbor Club Ballroom. New classes will begin Oct. 7 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

We have had a lot of fun this season and learned a lot of new dances. Thank you, Car-

la, for all your patience and, of course, we couldn't do it without Tony. The group has developed camaraderie and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Have a great summer, everybody.

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Caribbean Club
Luz Leon

Caribbean Club Goes Cruising

Members from the Caribbean Club celebrated Valentine's Day on a five-day Western Caribbean cruise. We visited Grand Cayman and Cozumel.

For some of our members it was their first time cruising. Some of us went on a jeep ride in Cayman Islands and on a glass-bottom boat ride in Cozumel. We had a caravan of eight Jeeps with four to a Jeep and each driven by our club members as we ventured throughout the island. We went along bumpy dirt roads in the forest and finalized our Jeep ride at a beach resort where we ate and swam in the beautiful clear blue waters.

In Cozumel, the glass-bottom boat was



Members of the Caribbean Club went on a Valentine's cruise.

dazzling as we glanced at the depths of the sea. Of course while in Cozumel, some of the woman couldn't resist the shopping. The fun continued onboard as we ate, danced, played and sang along with the band.

The fun didn't end there. After the cruise we had our monthly meeting where we shared our exploits and later entertained ourselves with the horse racing game and more food. Fun, fun, fun.

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Ocala Open

Pro Golf Tournament Showcases Candler Hills Golf Course, Community & Volunteers

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"It was a top notch event," said Lynette Vermillion, General Manager. "It was truly a community event. Everybody worked together."

Different departments, including Human Resources, Marketing, Land Development, and the golf course staff amalgamated. Residents and community sponsors did, too. It was wonderful to watch the interaction amongst all these different facets of our community.

Jeff McDonald concurred. "This is something for the residents and community to take pride in. And, those who were a part of the event as volunteers or spectators thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

"I'm having a ball," said Frank Smith, one of the few spectators who followed a foursome the second day of the event.

"I may not pick up any tips from these guys because I realize I don't have what flexibility is when I watch these guys swing. But it's a beautiful day out here. Why wouldn't you want to come out and walk around with these guys?"

"As we grow, our reputation will get around," Jeff said. "We'll have more spectators and players who want to make this event," said Jeff, who is pleased with how our members are "taking ownership of the event and establishing relationships with players."

Jeff's right. Hooters Tour Player John Li-manti was in Guatemala when his coach saved him the last spot on the Ocala Open. "I've never played in a mini-tour as good as this one. The course is in great condition. The greens are fast. We want good greens. These are perfect. They (On Top of the World) put in a lot

of time and effort. It shows. This is over the top."

Getting Ready

'Twas the day before the Ocala Open Pro-Am and Candler Hills Golf Course was stirring, from a team of 20 mowing fairways, greens, tee boxes, and rolling greens to crews pressure washing the rooftop of Candler Hills restaurant and blow drying debris off the paths, sidewalks and streets.

While Andy Jorgensen, superintendent of the golf course, watched over the course to ensure it was in tournament condition, Laurie Schloss, Human Resources Director, facilitated 168 volunteers, welcoming them, providing uniform shirts, and feeding them.

Laurie admitted "the first day was a learning experience. We listened to volunteers' suggestions and implemented a lot of them."

Lisa Lazaro, coordinator of land development, worked closely with Laurie and single handedly scheduled and shifted the volunteers to work two shifts for the three-day event. Some gathered at the volunteer station as early as 5:30 a.m. to man the parking lots and pick up their assignments.

"I learned quickly who was better qualified (avid golfers) to be at certain holes and on specific tees, fairways and greens," said Lisa, who had this revelation at 3 a.m. the second day. "So, we moved people to where they needed to be."

In the meantime, Laurie and her volunteer staff prepared to feed more than 200 people from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Then, the folks had to be shuttled to and from the course.



Photo by Andrew Works

Vincent Boudreau is director of the Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies at City College of New York. He was a visiting scholar at Master the Possibilities in February.

Director of Colin Powell Center Speaks at MTP

Vincent Boudreau, professor and chair of the political science department at City College of New York, is also the director of the Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies. Boudreau, who holds a doctorate from Cornell University, was chosen by the college and approved by General Powell as the center's first leader.

In February, Boudreau spoke as part of the Master the Possibilities visiting scholar initiative.

An expert in southeast Asia, Boudreau met with Dr. Joe Coffey and Bill Stubbs' class on the region and its impact on the United States. Later in the day he gave a talk entitled "Assisting Democracy: Post 9/11 Foreign Policy." Boudreau noted that over the past decade, particularly after 9/11, "democracy promotion

has risen to a position of new prominence in American foreign policy." He cited the antecedents to this movement, implications and problems. These issues are consistent with the work of the center — a non-partisan think tank that combines policy-related research with efforts to involve students directly in its program.

Boudreau took several questions from those in attendance and provided outstanding insights into foreign policy. He recently returned from a Fulbright grant supporting research about the relationships between civil society, social movements — and the democratization process in Indonesia and the Philippines. His lecture is part of MTP's commitment to begin outstanding and unique opportunities in lifelong learning to central Florida.



Theatre Group
Marcia Miller

The Golden Age of Radio is coming to On Top of the World The On Top of the World Theatre Group will be bringing you Baby Snooks, John and Blanche Bickerson and Blondie and Dagwood Bumstead.

For the evenings of April 11 and 12, the Health & Recreation Ballroom will be turned into a pre-1950s CBS radio broadcasting studio. Members of the Theatre Group will be presenting the radio scripts of old, much as they were done back then, complete with sound effects, which will be produced by our own Gary Rodoff. I understand that he has been practicing at home sounding like a horse and eggs cooking on the stove. These are just a couple of the sound effects needed for the shows.

Tickets are on sale in the Ballroom on Mon-

days, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. or from Pat Clark at 854-1768. General admission tickets are \$5 and reserved seats are \$7. A portion of the proceeds will be added to our Endowment Fund at CFCC, which gives scholarships to deserving students majoring in drama and/or the performing arts.

For all of you who remember listening to these radio shows, this is a must see. And for those of you too young to remember, why not come out and see what it was like before the days of television.

As usual, John Bickerson's snoring is keeping Blanche awake at night and when Blanche wakes him up, all he does is complain about her spending money. The Baby Snooks Show takes place on Halloween when Baby Snooks and friends go out trick or treating against her father's wishes. In the Dagwood and Blondie episode, they are in the need of a new icebox and a newer used car. Blondie ends up giving the sales people a lesson in wheeling and dealing.

The evening should prove to be a great one for reminiscing and a fun evening for all.

Members of the Theatre Group can look forward to our May dinner on Monday, May 12. This year it will feature deep fried turkey, prepared by chef and president, Jim Miller. The club will also provide drinks, table service and dessert. Members are asked to bring a side dish and \$5 to help cover the cost of meat etc. Either come to the next meeting, April 14, or tell your caller if you will be coming and what you will be bringing.

We will be seeing you in at the WOTO radio studio (On Top of the World Ballroom) on April 11 or 12 at 7 p.m.



Italian American Club
Marie Norwood

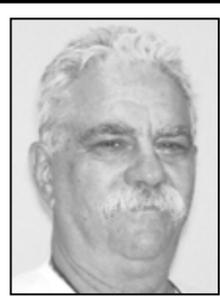
The next meeting of the Italian-American Club will be on April 2. We will be entertained by the Italian Sophie Tucker. The meeting will be held in the Health & Recreation Ballroom at 2:30 p.m. with refreshments to be served before the meeting.

We're sure you will enjoy getting together with your fellow club members.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable time at around Columbus Day. We will let you know more about this after we have made more plans.

Our annual picnic will be held at 1 p.m. on May 6. Please note the time when food will be served: 1 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$6 per person. The tickets will be on sale from now until the time of the affair. Usual picnic with an Italian flare will be served, with special entertainment from a fellow club member.



Social Club
Mort Meretsky

I'm sorry about no article last month. In February we had our annual Super Bowl Party. A big thank you goes out to Marie for frying all that chicken for us. We also have to thank Carmine for preparing all of the potato salads and the coleslaws. We had a great time.

Don't forget our cruise coming up in December. It's a seven-day cruise leaving on Dec. 7 to the eastern Caribbean leaving from Port Canaveral. There will be round-trip bus transportation from On Top of the World available for \$25 per person. The prices range from \$440 per person for an inside cabin to \$638 per person for a balcony cabin. Everyone must add \$211.77 for port taxes and government fees. There will be a \$50 per cabin credit. For additional information or to make a reservation contact either Larry Wilver at 861-0609 or Margaret Orlando at 854-7306. You may also call Affordable Travel directly (toll free) at 1-877-553-8537.

Our next poker/blackjack afternoon will be on April 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center. See y'all on the 18th.

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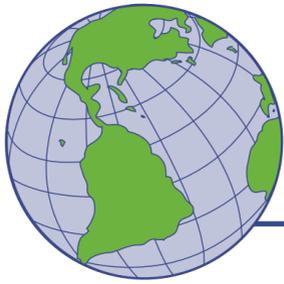
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Super Bingo

Super Bingo will be held in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Wednesday, April 9. Cards will be sold starting at 4:30 p.m. Games will start at approximately 6:15 p.m.

There will be 17 \$50 games and three \$250 games. The cost is \$5 for three cards. No guests are permitted. Proper On Top of the World I.D. is required to participate. See you there. ☺

Benefit Dance

By MARILYN ROSE

The Dance Committee presents "Let's Swing and Jive," a benefit dance for the Center for the Blind.

- DATE: Saturday, April 26.
- TIME: 7 to 10 p.m.
- MUSIC: The Cool Breeze Trio.
- PRICE: \$6 per person.
- DRESS: Casual.

There will be snacks and door prizes. There will be a singles table as usual.

Tickets will go on sale at the Health & Recreation Ballroom starting April 7 from 8 until 10 a.m. Ticket sales will continue Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until all are sold. There is no ticket limit. Just be sure that all tickets are for residents and overnight houseguests only. There will be no refunds on tickets purchased.

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

Hoofin' It for Hospice

On Top of the World clubs and Hoofin' It for Hospice raised almost \$17,000 for Hospice of Marion County, reports Ruth Goldstine.

Here is the breakdown: \$7,622 from the On Top of the World walkers; \$150 from Indigo East; \$3,542 from the county walk; \$1,500 from the Entertainment Group and the New Pretenders; and \$3,274 from the Women of the World Fashion Show, for a total of \$16,353.

"A special thanks to those who worked on this activity to make it successful," Ruth said. "Kudos to everyone who participated financially to support such a worthy cause." ☺



Photo by Bob Woods

Al Sorensen helps Nick Scicluna get his vintage model airplane ready for flight.

Antique Model Airplane Fly-In R/C Flyers Host Event April 26

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

Mark your calendars by circling April 26 as a day to enjoy the outdoors, perhaps indulge in a hamburger or hot dog while watching the first Antique Model Airplane fly-in at our own R/C Flying Field. The admission price to the event is very cheap, in fact, the price tag is free. There is plenty of parking at the field so the only reason you might not want to attend is inclement weather. If the weather is good, then you have no excuse for not attending.

The Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) has a membership of 13. They are also members of the R/C Flyers organization located here in On Top of the World. All the members of SAM must first be a member of the Academy of Model Avionics (AMA). Members of our On Top of the World SAM group of antique modelers have invited other SAM members from around the state to participate in a "fly-in."

I was told by one of the SAM members that Jerry Asner, who is president of the On Top of the World SAM group, that his AMA membership number is 212 out of more than 60,000 members country wide. Jerry will explain how he obtained such a low number when you meet him, as it is an intriguing story. One other member told me his number is in the 38,000 range

having joined the organization in 1981.

Society members must have a model plane that is a replica of a model dating before World War II. There are very few model kits dating back before the war so almost all the models have to be constructed from plans or built from partial kits which are very minute in parts.

Before the war, model airplanes were of the "Free Flight" category, which meant no controlling lines or radio control. As one club member told me, "you throw the model airplane into the air and hope it somehow came back towards you." Two vintage models are very rare, I was told. There was a Japanese national before World War II that made this particular model out of solid wood. This model was a little smaller than those at the club and the model is called "Heavenly Daze," which is the closest possible translation.

Asner had his model of this Japanese replica made a little bigger and constructed out of balsa wood. The original was approximately two-thirds the size of Asner's model and constructed out of bamboo and palowina wood covered with rice paper. I was told that Asner has the only plans for this vintage pre-World War II model airplane.

Asner explained that this palowina wood is the same type wood used in the handles of the

Japanese Samari Swords used by peasants.

Today's models have a little better engine. In fact, one of the largest models that dates back to 1938 was powered by electric motors. It was so quiet I couldn't believe it was flying. The model, when you see it at the field has a large yellow body and is called "Dallaire."

Most of these antique models I witnessed at the flying field have transparent skins covering wooden frames. I was offered to hold one of these models and I couldn't believe how light it was. I believe the engine weighs twice as much as the model itself. Most of these antique models cannot take off by themselves; they have to be thrown into the air by a pilot's assistant.

So pack up your sunscreen, sunglasses and don't forget your camera and head out to the R/C Flying field and witness these old models going through their paces as the pilot controls the model's movement from a little black box containing many levers. Refreshments will be available at this event. If you have never watched the R/C flyers doing their thing, the flying field is at the end of 94th Street. When the pavement ends just beyond the Arbor Club a dirt road will take you to the field. There are signs at the pavement's end.

If you have any questions concerning this event, please call Jerry Asner, at 390-3366. ☺



The On Top of the World half-marathon team pose at the start line. From left are Toni Trask, Howie Williams, Cammy Dennis, Dianne Bowles, Kitty Willis, Debra Taylor and Jaye Abbott.

Residents Compete in Half-Marathon

By MARY PAT GIFFIN
WORLD NEWS WRITER

Recently, On Top of the World participated in annual Five Points of Life half-marathon in Gainesville. Cammy Dennis, fitness director, rallied residents to participate in their first half-marathon. The group met and she outlined a training program for them.

Without a doubt, Ed Hord, 81 years old, came in first for his age group. He walked and jogged the 13 miles in about three hours. Unfortunately, he forgot to attach the counter to his sneaker so we don't have an exact time when he crossed the finish line.

Regardless, when our team came in they cheered and hugged one another; danced a little to the live music; devoured piping hot pizza; and licked Ben and Jerry's ice cream cones. ☺



Dianne, Mary, Kitty and Howie race through the finish line.

Photos by Mary Pat Giffin



Director of Golf

Jeff McDonald

On Top of the World

I would like to thank all of you who played in the Ocala Open Pro/Am, volunteered or came out to watch. Because of you it was a great event. Next year you will have a chance to have a player stay at your home and maybe even caddy for one of the players.

Thank you all, once again. This month, our golf trip will be to the Gainesville Country Club on April 28. The golf shop will have the details for you.

Looking at the scoreboard just outside of the golf shop at On Top of the World, I noticed that the On Top of the World LGA 18-hole ladies had a challenge match with the Candler Hills LGA 18-hole ladies. I know that all of you must have had a great time and I hope some new friendships came out of it.

Concerning chits instead of cash for the associations and why we have to make this change now: Most of you are aware that this is something that I was intending to do, but in the future, like in 2009 would have been better for me.

I had planned on waiting to do this because I had never seen anything in writing and felt that I would be fighting a battle without anything to back me up. So, I was hoping by showing you all the things we were willing to do, that we might earn your trust and you would not object so much.

Well! Every Monday night I host a live television show and Steve Fischer from Citrus

Hills assists me with the show. So, sometime in late December or early January, during a commercial break he started talking about a tournament that a man was trying to run at his club, where they wanted to pay cash back to the players. This is when he was shown in writing for the first time the following rule and was asking me if I had ever seen the rule? I was ashamed to say, no. I had never seen the rule and wondered if it was new. It had always been inferred or recommended but I had never had anything in writing.

So, I called the USGA and spoke to Bernie Loehr and asked if the following rule meant period. His reply was Yes! Period! I then asked, even if it was for only a penny or 50 cents or maybe even a dollar and he again replied period. He then explained the rules for gambling.

Please see the following rule that is in your Rules of Golf book.

*** The Rules of Golf ***
And the Rules of Amateur Status
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Rule 3. Prizes

3 - 1. Playing for Prize Money

An amateur golfer must not play golf for prize money or its equivalent in a match, competition or exhibition.

Note: An amateur golfer may participate in an event where prize money or its equivalent is offered, provided that prior to participation he waives his right to accept prize money in that event (Conduct contrary to the purpose and spirit of the Rules - see Rule 7-2.)

3 - 2. Prize Limits

a. General

An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of \$750 or the equivalent, or such a lesser figure as may be decided by the USGA. This limit applies to the total prizes or prize vouchers received by an amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions.

Exception: A prize, including a cash prize, for a hole-in-one made while playing golf may exceed the above prize limit.

The following is part of an e-mail that was based on a phone call to the USGA with Bernie Loehr. This phone call was a conference call, held in my office over the speaker with Cal Apperson, Bob Cates and Ron Cleveringa present, during the Last Chicken Day.

It reads: In reply to your phone call, please refer to the USGA Policy on Gambling. There

is no objection to informal gambling or wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when it is incidental to the game. It is not practicable to define informal gambling or wagering precisely, but features that would be consistent with such gambling or wagering include: (a) the players know each other; (b) participation in the gambling or wagering is optional and is limited to the players; (c) the sole source of all money won by the players is advanced by the players; and (d) the amount of money involved is not generally considered to be excessive. Therefore, informal gambling is acceptable provided the criteria above are met and the primary purpose is the playing of the game for enjoyment and not for financial gain.

If the \$3 entry fee is mandatory, it must be used to pay for the cost of the competition (i.e. green fees, cart fees, lunches, etc) and for conforming prizes (i.e. merchandise and or prize vouchers with a retail value equal to or less than \$750) — see Rule 3-2a. If the \$3 entry fee is mandatory, the players would be playing for prize money and not gambling, and forfeit their amateur status for a breach of Rule 3-2a if cash prizes were awarded.

Thank you for your interest in the Rules of Amateur Status. The USGA Policy on Gambling and the Rule mentioned above can be found on the USGA's Web site at http://www.usga.org/playing/amateur_status/amateur_status.html.

Bernie Loehr, Manager, Rules of Golf and Amateur Status, United States Golf Association, P.O. Box 708, 77 Liberty Corner Road, Far Hills, NJ 07931, (908) 234-2300 Extension 1238, FAX (908) 234-9687, CELL (908) 655-7491, www.usga.org_bloehr@usga.org

April is going to be a huge month for all of us. The nine-hole Ladies Golf Association is hosting their Invitational on April first and this event should prove to be a first class affair.

Don't forget that the Fool's Day Give-A-Way will also be on the first. We will hold a golf tournament at Candler Hills, starting at 9 a.m.

Because the Ballroom is booked, we will have the dinner at the Candler Hills Community Center. A cash bar will be available from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. for cocktail hour and dinner will start at 6:30.

At 7:30 p.m. the drawing will start and will run until the last prize is given a way. Remember that in order to win one of the five grand

prizes you must be present. For the other 35 prizes you do not have to be present to win and you can win as many times as your name is drawn.

The cost of this event will be applicable golf fees plus \$5 for the prizes and \$15.27 per person for dinner. (So, if you are a golf member at On Top of the World you will be charged a total of \$20.27 person). This will include golf, trail fee, prizes and dinner.

Should any of you have questions, my door is open. If I am not in feel free to schedule a meeting with Gwen. Thanks for all of your support.

Candler Hills Golf Club

First of all, I would like to say that we will all miss Jeff Hill and we wish him all the best. He is going to pursue his dream of being a professional golfer.

The Pro/Am on Tuesday was a blast. First of all, Gerry James, who was formerly Mr. California and is the National Long Drive Champion, put on a great show for the amateurs before teeing off.

The scores were very low and reflected how perfect the weather and the condition of the golf course were.

I am sure that Bruce Venslavsky, Paul Fratarangelo, Garry Gerlach, Tom Smith, Phil Moberg and Carl Zeiler had a great time. Please ask them about the experience they had playing with a tour player. Don't miss out on your opportunity to play in the Pro/Am yourself next year.

If you were standing around the 18th green watching the finish of the second annual Ocala Open you saw a great show on the final hole of regulation play. Then once the scores were final, the three players that were tied, headed to the 18th tee once again. The show that they put on for one hole was awesome. The three players were Jesse Smith, Gareth Maybin and the 2008 Ocala Open Champion Travis Hampshire. Travis shot a 67, 64 70 for a total of 201 and won the three man play off on hole 18 with a very short birdie putt.

All of the players indicated that they enjoyed your hospitality and unless they are playing at Bay Hill next year they will be here.

Jason is starting a Wednesday night couples nine-hole event, once a month. For details check in with the golf shop staff. Play well and have a great time with your friends.

Thanks for all the support that you have shown. ☺



Golf Rules

Nick Montanaro

Etiquette: Behavior on the Course

The Spirit of the Game

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or an umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for the other players and to abide by the rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. This is the game of Golf.

Safety

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such situation is "fore."

Consideration for Other Players

No Disturbance or Distraction

Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.

Players should make sure that any electronic devices taken onto the course does not distract other players.

On the teeing ground, a player should not tee his ball until it is his turn to play.

Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is a about to play.

On the Putting Green

On the putting green, players should not stand on another player's line of putt or when he is making a stroke, cast a shadow over his line of putt.

Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

Scoring

In stroke play, a player who is acting as a marker should, if necessary, on the way to the next tee, check the score with the player concerned and record it.

Pace of Play

Play at good pace and keep up.

Players should play at a good pace. The committee may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow.

It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster moving group to play through.

Be Ready to Play

Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Lost Ball

If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind them to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so. Having allowed the group behind to play through, they should not continue play until that group has passed and is out of range.

Priority on the Course

Unless otherwise determined by the committee, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. The term "group" includes a single player. Play by the rules, have fun. See you next month. ☺



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Handicap Committee

Patricia Del Vacchio

It sure was a beautiful day in the neighborhood on March 1 for our Saturday Scramble. I hope March isn't coming in like a lamb and leaving like a lion; of course we have had some nasty winds.

Beginning with our April Scramble we will no longer be giving cash prizes. We will be getting chits for Pro Shop credit. Everything will remain the same as usual; pay your \$2.50 in the Pro Shop, meet at the flags, play the game, check to see if you won and if you have you will receive a chit rather than money. It sure can't be much easier than that. You will have until Feb. 28, 2009, to spend your chits and they can be accumulated, but you will lose

them if not spent by that date. Also, just to let you know, we will be playing on the Links in April and then Tortoise and Hare in May and through the reconstruction of the Links.

We had 45 players for the Shamble and 68 percent were paid. Running away with first place were Iro Lisinski, Cindy Rosinski, Irv Gackowski and Gene Mazzaferro. They scored a 93 and the next closest number was net 102.

Two teams tied for second: Bill Bervinkle, Mike Driver, Rose Hoovler and Ellie Rapacz; Joe Rosinski, Carol Johnson, Pete Peterson and Jeanne Rice. Ed Darichuk, Joe Rappa, Mary Jane McAtee and Harriet Brower had net 104 for third place. Tom Fragapane, Nancy Darichuk, Marti Marta and Rogers Rice netted 106 for fourth place. Francisco Garcia, Tom Marta, Marilyn Rose and Marlene Floeckher placed sixth with a net 108. Kudos to all of you!

On April 5, we will rally at 8 a.m. and be teeing off at 8:30. Paul and I will be hosting a Modified Scramble. This means that whichever shot is chosen that person will not hit the next shot, this continues until reaching the green and all will putt. Don't forget, sign-up ends 5 p.m., April 3; if you have to cancel after that, please call the Pro Shop and be sure and check in with Paul and I that morning.

Sally said that beginning in May she will be holding a "9 and Dine" on a Friday and if I remember correctly it will be monthly. Keep your eyes out for the date and time. Also look for a Memorial Day event and be sure and keep Sunday, June 1st open for whatever Andy has planned for the final fun event on the Links before it's closed for renovation.

See you at the flags. ☺

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Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association

By MARY PAT GIFFIN
WORLD NEWS WRITER

Recently Linda Bervinkle and Judy McGrath, tournament chairs for On Top of the World and Candler Ladies' Golf Association, gathered their respective teams for a two-day golf tournament. The first round was played at the Links, where the Red team won with a seven to six point lead. In the second round at

Candler Hills it was a tie with six-and-a-half points scored by each team. Alas, the Red team won with a total of 13.5 points over the 12.5 points scored by the women in blue.

Since there were only 16 Candler Hills players and 32 On Top of the World players, they combined the two leagues, trying to make sure at least one Candler woman was represented in each foursome. All in all, the women made new friends and had a good time.



On Top of the World Golf
Sally Collins

April promises to be a busy golfing month at the On Top of the World Golf clubs with the Nine-Hole Ladies Golf Association getting the events started with their Spring Fling Invitational on April 1. Lady golfers from 14 area clubs will compete in a Scramble format on the Links.

"April Fool's" is usually a term reserved for playing a joke on someone. However, this time around, the Fool's Day Golf Tournament and Prize Giveaway rewards the customers of On Top of the World and Candler Hills Golf Shops for their shopping loyalty. One lucky winner will be off on a four-day cruise for two courtesy of Eagle Buick while another On Top of the World resident will be cruising the fairways in a specialty golf cart provided by Gator Golf Carts. Cobra Golf is supplying a set of Cobra irons and golf bag as one of the top

prizes. Wanna take a road trip? Maybe you'll be off to Orange County National Golf Course for a two-day golf vacation. When all is said and done, there will be a total of 40 fantastic prizes given away! Be sure to be there for your chance to win one of the five grand prizes.

The monthly Couples Scramble will take place on Saturday, April 5, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun on the Links. Paul and Pat Del Vacchio are this month's hosts for the modified scramble.

Sign up in the Golf Shop no later than Thursday, April 3, if you wish to participate.

A new addition to the monthly golf schedule is the "9 and Dine" golf and dinner get together. Your Golf Shop staff will host this nine-hole scramble and dinner after golf once a month. The April date is Friday, April 18, and starts at 3:30 p.m. You will register as a mixed couple — the Golf Shop will do the tournament pairings. Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 15, at 5 p.m.

Nick has another fun-filled Monthly Golf Outing planned for Monday, April 28, at Gainesville Country Club. Check out all the details on the bulletin board and get your foursome registered! The tournament format is low gross and low net in flights.

The Ryder Cup is coming to On Top of the World Golf Club! There will be one for the ladies on May 5, 7 and 10, while the men will compete May 13, 15 and 17. Look for all the information and sign up for an exciting three-day friendly competition!

Accolades go out to several On Top of the World golfers for their accomplishments the past few weeks. Diane Hamments eagled No. 10 on the Tortoise & the Hare. Bill Young tamed the Tortoise & the Hare with a score of 74 on March 2. John Gayso aced the 11th hole on the Tortoise & the Hare on March 3. Congratulations to all! 🍀



Candler Hills Men's Golf
Garry Gerlach

The 2008 President's Cup is concluded and the winner is Dave Masaschi. Congratulations to the winner and all the participants. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Congratulations to Mike Rec who had a hole-in-one on No. 13 on March 10. It was a tough pin placement over the bunker and it was Mike's first hole-in-one.

Planning for the Club Championship tournament is underway. The Club Championship will be held April 22 and 23. The entry fee for this event is \$10 payable when you sign up on the computer. The event will be flighted. Championship flight will play the green tees scratch (with no handicap). All other flights will play the blue tees with full handicap. The number of flights will be based on the number of entrants. There will be a luncheon after play the second day.

Remember the Member/Guest is scheduled for Oct. 9 through 11. This change was needed since some of the facilities were not available on our original dates of Oct. 16 through 18.

Computer sign ups are now in place. If you want to sign up for the weekly play on Tuesdays you must use the computer.

Tuesdays continue to be a challenge. As we get more players, it is really important to be

on time Tuesday mornings. Be at the pro shop by 7:30 a.m. We will begin shotgun starts on April 8 so it is imperative that you be on time and ready to go to your hole no later than 7:45 a.m. with an 8 a.m. start. So if you want to hit balls and putt, get there earlier.

For those players not playing regularly, you are missing a great time. So please consider joining us next year and come out and play. The idea is to have fun and enjoy the camaraderie.

Congratulations to the following players who shot low rounds this month: 69—Paul Moltisanti and 70—Chris Piotrowski.

If you are not receiving the weekly e-mail update, contact Garry Gerlach whose e-mail is bubba@otowhomes.com.

See you on the links.
Candler Hills Men's League Results

Individual Net
Feb. 12

62—Bruce Venslavsky; 64—Paul Moltisanti and Steve Kupsch; 65—Dick Williams and Gene Kelly; 66—Dave Masaschi and Ken McDonald.

Four Man Teams
Three Best Balls
Feb. 19

190—Gil Schofield, Bruce Venslavsky, Bob Cowie, and Tom Marta; 194—Dave Weeter, Steve Kupsch, Lenny Pabon, and John Diaz; Jerry Lisinski, Tom Garrison, Dick Pleinis, and Fred Jankowski.

Four-Man Team
Two Best Balls
Feb. 26

112—Paul Moltisanti, Steve Kupsch, Tony Misterly, and Marc Schaffer; 115—Chris Piotrowski, Dick Williams, J.C. Van Bloom, and Stan Jarmel; Bob Shively, Bruce Venslavsky, John Podkomorski, and Ed Pozsony; 117—Fred Spain, Roger Whittle, Bill Anger, and Fred Jankowski.

Four Man Team
Scramble
March 4

61—Mike Buschur, Bruce Venslavsky, Gene Kelly and Jeff Ware; Chris Piotrowski, John Podkomorski, and Dick Masterson; 63—Joe Alfano, Tom Garrison, Bob Cooke, and Bill Horton. 🍀

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Pat MacMurray

The Member/Member Tournament was held on March 11. Chairwoman Marilyn Rose and her committee members, Harriet Brower, Marge Myhr, Velma Rose and Marian Chubb, decorated the tables with an Irish theme. Lunch was enjoyable.

The general meeting followed lunch. The proposed slate of executive officers was accepted as no other nominations were suggested. The 2008-09 officers are: president, Iro Lisinski; vice president, Andy Flannery; treasurer, Mary Driver; assistant treasurer, Angelita Pena; and secretary, Pat MacMurray.

Sally Collins informed us that starting on April 1 the On Top of the World Ladies league will be issuing Pro Shop credits for winners of league play. This is due to the enforcement of Rule #3-2, page 143, in the new USGA Rule book regarding prize limits for amateur golfers. More information is available at the Pro Shop. Cash will still be paid for chip-ins for those wishing to pay the 25 cents.

Sally also mentioned a few of the new things coming within the next month: a Friday Night Nine and Dine, a Ladies Ryder Cup and a Memorial Day tournament.

We have a new member, Yoshiko Young. We are pleased to have you join us.

The Awards Banquet will be May 7 at the Candler Hills Community Center. Check the bulletin board for more information.

The On Top of the World Ladies Golf Association joined the 9-Hole Women's Golf Association and the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association in sponsoring a hole at the

Ocala Open. There were also women from the On Top of the World Ladies Golf Association volunteering for this event.

This month's rule is based on Rule 13-4: Ball in Hazard. Part of this rule states "the player shall not a: Test the condition of the hazard or any similar hazard." Therefore, if you proceed to rake your entry footprints prior to striking your ball it is considered "testing the condition" and there is a two stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play.

Low Gross/Low Net

Feb. 19 • Flight 1

Gross: 85—Beverly Ovrebø, 91—Sandy Chase, Nancy Darichuk, Carol Joseph.

Net: 69—Janet Juhlin, 71—Diane Hamments, 75—Joan Daddio, Bonnie Lecierc.

Flight 2

Gross: 97—Mary Jane Mcatee, 98—Marilyn Rose, 102—Ginny Huckel.

Net: 68—Connie Shirley, 70—Dea Johnson, 74—Marti Marta.

Flight 3

Gross: 101—Jeanne Rice, 106—Jo Apperson, 112—Helen Foskett.

Net: 65—Ruth Border, 73—Carolyn Cummings, 74—Ellie Rapacz.

Chip-ins: Jeanne Rice, Marti Marta.

Scotch Twosome/Net by Flight

Feb. 26 • Nancy Lopez Flight

61—Sandy Chase, Jeanne Rice; 64—Flo Emanuel, JoAnn Roney; tie at 65—Helen Foskett, Nancy Zielinski; Linda Bervinkle, Euny Moore.

Babe Zaharius Flight

60—Ginny Huckel, Marilyn Rose; tie at 65—Jo Apperson, Mary Jane Mcatee; Rose Hoovler, Velma Rose; Serine Rossi, Glenna Swank.

Member/Member Best Ball Twosome

March 11

Gross: 76—Iro Lisinski, Diane Hamments; 81—Valerie Smith, Linda Bervinkle; tie at 83—Jerry Gill, Mary Lyon; Nancy Zalinski, Connie Shirley; tie at 84—Beverly Ovrebø, Margie Wade; Sandy Chase, Georgette Perrault.

Net: 55—Jean Culp, Ellie Rapacy; 58—Lou Borders, Betty Crippen; tie at 60—Barbara Buecher, Jo Apperson; Euny Moore, Dorothy Muller; tie at 62—Rose Hoovler, Ester Lang; Glenna Swank, Doris Holman.

Chip-ins: Lou Borders, Harriet Brower, Barbara Buecher, Mary Driver, Helen Foskett, Fran Griswold, Betty Gustafson, Dot Muller. ☺



Men's Golf Association

Paul Del Vacchio

Would you like to be able to read about what is going on with the MGA on your home computer? All you have to do is send an e-mail with your name and phone number in the "subject line" to mgaotow@gmail.com and you will be added to the MGA e-mail list.

Big changes for the MGA? At the time of this writing we did not have the meeting with the general manager, Lynette Vermillion, about the chits.

Please allow the nine holers to play through your group if you see them coming. They do have the "right of way."

Congratulations to the MGA Club Championship winners. Thanks to all for participating.

We have canceled the Member/Member Tournament scheduled for April 16 and 18. Not enough members were interested in having this kind of event.

Here's the procedure for playing Candler Hills this summer.

The fee will be \$5; \$1 will go into an account for all the players who come from On Top of the World to help pay for catering services for our Chicken Day. So \$4 will go to prize money and prizes will be in the form of chits. Nine-hole players will pay \$2. The rally point is behind the cart barn. Our nine-hole players will rally at 7:15 a.m., on the tee at 7:45 a.m. Eighteen-hole players will rally at 7:30 a.m., on the tee at 8 a.m. Sign up will be at On Top of the World. Closing day for sign up will be Sunday, noon, for the Tuesday event. Eighteen-hole players will be teeing off from the blue tees.

Candler Hills MGA rule for not calling to cancel is ... if you sign up and do not show up without calling the Pro Shop to say you have to cancel you cannot play the next week. Please, everybody, keep this in mind!

Please be advised that anyone wishing to play in our Wednesday event may sign up to play; if you would like to participate in the pool the fee is required. Note that on Chicken Day the fee is required because it is only for the lunch.

Words of Wisdom: "What does it cost you to say hello? If you say nothing it could cost you your respect." Paul Del Vacchio

MGA results

18-Hole Individual Net

Feb. 13 • Flights

Flight A: 66—Art Buecher; tie at 67—Glen Siger, Sherman Hutchings; tie at 68—Jon Hill, Ron Thompson.

Flight B: Tie at 65—George Noltensmeyer, Bob Cates, Ed Klodzen; 67—David Miller; tie at 68—Harvey Howd, Robert Carter, Tony Magri.

Flight C: 61—Barry Barringer; 65—Jerry Chase; 66—Jerry Segovis; 67—Roy Myhr; tie at 68—Norm Lallier, Don Noel.

Flight D: 58—Dave Brazeau; 63—Alan Mudie; 67—Bob Selmon; tie at 68—John O'Neil, Joe Hopper, Peter M. Peterson.

9-Hole Low

Tie at 35—Rick Benzing, John Gartung; 36—Roland Smith; 37—Albert Novotny; 39—Guy White.

18-Hole Individual Stableford

Feb. 20

Flight A: 45—Tom McHaffie; 42—Gary Singleton; tie at 41—Dick Gray, Bill Carlson, John Langville, Paul Perrault.

Flight B: 49—Harvey Howd; 42—Raymond Shultz; tie at 41—Ed Klodzen, Tony Giannattasio; 40—Guy Russell.

Flight C: Tie at 46—Barry Barringer, Paul Beast; 45—Roland Schwab; 44—Charles Casale; 43—

Jerry Segovis.

Flight D: Tie at 44—John O'Neil, Irvin Gackowski; 43—Lane Milde; 42—Bill Walker; 41—Bob Moran.

9-Hole Low Net

32—Albert Novotny; 36—John Gartung; 37—Roland Smith; 39—Gordon Blanchard; tie at 40—John Ricciardone, Guy White.

Individual Gross

Feb. 27

Flight 1: 78—Jon Hill; 81—Marvin Williams; tied at 83—John Langville, Frank Smith, William E. Young Jr.

Flight 2: Tied at 89—David Miller, Tony Magri; tied at 90—Leonard Ruble, Dick Fields, Ross MacDonald.

Flight 3: 86—Tary Bole; tied at 90—Paul Beast, Jerry Segovis; tied at 91—Joe Michaelson, Steve Becker.

Flight 4: 93—Carl Arnold; 96—Sal LeDonne; tied at 98—Scott Fraser, Peter M. Peterson; 99—John O'Neil.

Chicken Day

Tortoise & Hare • March 5

63—Jon Hill, Ronald Wilson, Vince Nucaso, John Hodd; 66—Paul Stone, Philip Shirley, Mike Flynn, Joe Sinsky; tied at 67—Ed Darichuk, Charles Senci, Francis Caprez, Rogers Rice; Gary Singleton, Jerry Dean, Arlo Janssen, Ralph Schmidt; Paul Del Vacchio, Dick Grimm, Richard Hess, Irvin Gackowski.

Chicken Day

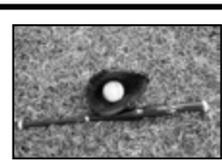
The Links • March 5

Tied at 65—Dick Gray, Paul B. East, George Noltensmeyer, Joe Hayes; Bruce E. Venslavsky, Francisco R. Garcia, Ray Messer, Dave Brazeau; George Blankenship, Jack Ashenfelter, Robert Giljohann, Harry Brower; tied at 67—Art Buecher, Bill Hawk, Joe Michaelson, Peter M. Peterson; Paul Perrault, John Bauer, Charles Mattingly, Gene Lindley; Carl Zeiler, Leonard Ruble, Roland Schwab, Jack Border; Gary Hassett, Tom Deegan, Roy Myhr; James Bell.

9-Hole Low Net

March 5

33—Roland Smith; 36—John Ricciardone; tied at 39—Gordon Blanchard, John Gartung; tied at 40—Zane Barnett; Rick Benzing. ☺



Softball

Bill Leon

After what seemed to be an endless wait, I drove by the softball field on March 11 and noticed a crew working on laying the sod, which means that soon we will be getting our teams together to play some softball.

We can begin our practice, so come on down every Saturday at 8 a.m. and let's get practicing and setting up teams. If you haven't been to the field, it's located behind the Health & Recreation Building just past the tennis courts. Everyone is welcome, just bring a glove and join us in becoming kids again.

Let's play ball. ☺



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

BJ Leckbee

UPCOMING EVENTS: April 30 — awards luncheon; April 15 game is member/member; April 29 will be the ribbon game.

Play is starting earlier now that Daylight Saving Time is in effect. As of this writing, we'll be gathering at 8:30 a.m. to start play at 9 a.m. Check the bulletin board when you sign in so as not to be surprised by any changes.

Rainbow Springs' Beach Party theme for their invitational included a special appearance by Bahama Mama and a beach-style photo for all the competitors. Joan Rappa, Lucy Quaranta, Darlene Clark and Marlene Floeckher finished in the money in the scramble, and Gretchen Saker and yours truly went along for the ride. And a cold ride it was! The peach cobbler at lunch warmed those of us who had no windshields on our carts.

Rainbow's End continued their yearly dogwood theme for their invitational, which included prizes for low gross, low net and fewest putts. Alice McDaniel did us proud by winning low net in her flight. Also representing On

Top of the World were Mike Beyer, Cathy Hathaway, Joan Rappa, Gretchen Saker and Dot Wagner.

Triple Play • Feb. 19

42—Deni Dehart, Mary Hart, Marie Palombo, Virginia Blanchard; 43—Millie Nucaso, Jean Flynn, Rolla Geiser, Marilee Dam; 44—Helen Bailey, Sylvia Willoughby, Jeanette Messer, Catherine Becraft.

Low Gross • Feb. 26

Birdie: Vi Sica

Chip-ins: Jean Flynn, Virginia Blanchard

Flight 1: 46—Agnes Tetti, BJ Leckbee; 47—Jan Moon.

Flight 2: 48—Betty Tully, 50—Donna Swiger, 51—Lois Tatonetti, Dodie Phillips.

Flight 3: 49—Marie Palombo, 53—Jean Flynn, Virginia Blanchard.

Flight 4: 55—Catherine Becraft, 58—Therese Bell, Cathleen Hathaway.

Modified Scramble

Tortoise • March 4

39—Grace Bock, Lois Tatonetti, Carol Bell, Marilee Dam; Deni Dehart, Mike Beyer, Jean Flynn, Catherine Becraft; Joan Rappa, Helen Bailey, Donna Swiger, Virginia Hawk; 40—Tish Dertien, Judy Garrett, Alice McDaniel, Marge Warren; Darlene Clark, Diane Dzik, Charmaine Hassett; 41—Mary Hart, Gretchen Saker, Sumiko Bridges, Jeanette Messer.

Low Net • March 11

Birdie: Pauline Beloin.

Chip-ins: Gretchen Saker, Marie Segovis

Flight 1: 30—Agnes Tetti, Marlene Floeckher; 31—Grace Bock, Vi Sica, Darlene Clark.

Flight 2: 29—Judy Garrett, 31—Lois Tatonetti, Arloa Vanderkolk.

Flight 3: 29—Marie Palombo, 30—Carol Bell, Alice McDaniel.

Flight 4: 34—Ruth Mitchell, 37—Marge Warren, Charmaine Hassett, Kathy Bologna. ☺



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Mini Golf
Jack Coyle

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Feb. 19

Ladies: 46—Inge Vogt.
Men: 35—Kurt Vogt; 39—Ben Resta; 43—Bob Roy.

Feb. 26

Ladies: 41—Inge Vogt; 47—Sandra Ensley.
Men: 43—Ben Resta; 44—Kurt Vogt; 53—Doug Ensley.

March 4

Ladies: 46—Sandra Ensley; 49—Inge Vogt.
Men: 40—Kurt Vogt; 44—Ben Resta; 46—Doug Ensley.

March 11

No games

Thursday Mini-Golf
Feb. 14

Ladies: 42—Florence Soens; 45—Eleanor Krow-

ka; 46—Maria France; 54—Eva Miller; 56—Chris Resta; 58—Peggy Poston; 59—Jean Miranto.
Men: 38—Ben Resta; 44—Dick Soens.

Feb. 21

Rained out

Feb. 28

Ladies: 42—Eleanor Krowka; 45—Chris Resta; 47—Florence Soens; 49—Maria France; 53—Peggy Poston; 54—Bernadette Jacobson.
Men: 37—Ben Resta; 46—Dick Soens.

March 6

Rained out.

Sunday Mini Golf

Feb. 17

Ladies: 48—Florence Soens; 49—Chris Resta; 53—Bernadette Jacobson; 60—Jean Miranto; 62—Armida Schwartz.
Men: 33—Dick Soens; 42—Jack Winkler; 44—Bob Roy; 46—Ben Resta.

Feb. 24

Ladies: 48—Chris Resta; 54—Erika; 56—Florence Soens; 59—Jean Miranto; 61—Peggy Poston; 63—Armida Schwartz.
Men: 39—Dick Soens; 43—John Ricciardone; 44—Bob Roy; 45—Bob Maxwell; 49—Ben Resta; 50—Jack Winkler.

March 2

Ladies: 43—Eleanor Krowka; 45—Florence Soens; 47—Peggy Poston; 52—Armida Schwartz; 57—Jean Miranto.
Men: 40—Dick Soens; 42—John Ricciardone; 45—Bob Roy.

March 9

Lady: 45—Eva Miller
Men: 42—Dick Soens; 44—Ben Resta; 49—Bob Roy.

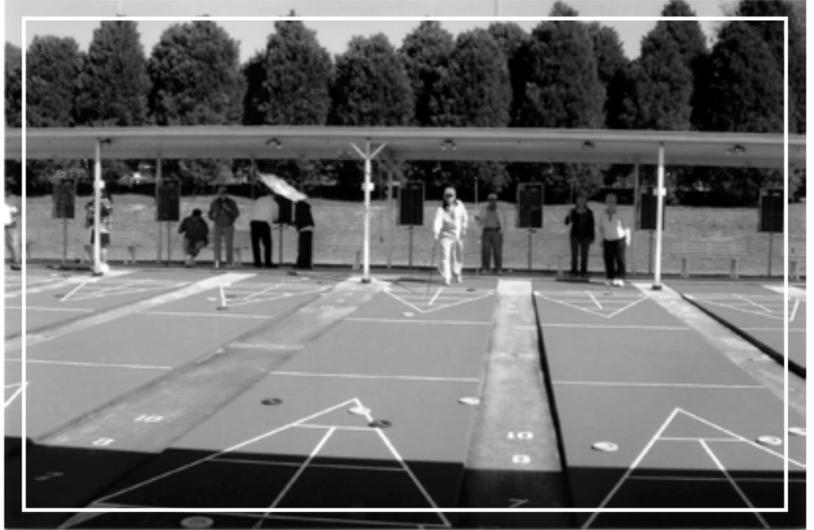


Photo by Robert Riedeman

It was a beautiful day for the On Top of the World-Oak Run tournament in progress, above.



Shuffleboard
Robert Riedeman

On March 5, a tournament was held between the shuffleboard clubs of On Top of the World and Oak Run here on the On Top of the World courts. It was organized and run very smoothly by Frank Dubay.

The match was played on seven courts by 14 players from each side who played a set of three games. The host team gets to start with the yellow discs. The visitors play first in the second game and a coin is tossed to decide who starts the third game to offset any advantage by playing first or second. At the end the score was 11-10 in favor of Oak Run but as Frank Dubay put it we all won because we all had fun. It was very obvious that a good time was had by all in this opportunity to interact with a different community. Coffee and doughnuts added to the pleasure.

On Top of the World club members who participated were: Anita Weiner, John Mataya,

Agnes Hickman, Joe Szabo, Margot Thomas, Phil Weiner, Greg Rasmussen, Richard Abbott, Paul Wharen, Ernestine Pryor, Bob Schuck, Joe Spect, Evelyn Wharen, and Lou Fisher.

Turning to regular weekly play for the month of February, the winners were as follows:

Monday a.m.: Men, Bob Schuck; women, Rita Blumenthal.

Monday p.m.: Men, Lou Fisher; women, Miriam Rover.

Tuesday p.m.: Men, a tie between Hank Kolb, Mario Migliaccio, and Vern Uzzell; women, a tie between Lois Uzzell, Dotty Migliaccio, Eleanor Krowka, Betty Cheetham and Gitte Agarwal.

Wednesday p.m.: Not available.

Thursday a.m.: Men, a tie between Phil Weiner and Greg Rasmussen; women, Anita Weiner.

Friday, a.m.: Men, Don Hood; women, a tie between Elaine Austin and Marylu Chamberlain.

Note: The results of the January Tuesday p.m. play which were not available at the time were: men, Hank Kolb; women, a tie between Betty Cheetham and Edith Kolb.

Member Vito Chieco, who takes care of supplies and equipment, reports that management has recently contributed four new shuffleboard sticks.

A note to potential club members: There are openings in the weekly playing groups at all playing times, which are Mondays, mornings and afternoons, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesdays, mornings and afternoons, Thursday mornings and Friday mornings. Instruction is available for beginners. For more information call President Joe Veres at 861-8005, Frank Dubay at 236-6639 or myself at 861-1501.

Bocce Club

Ray Shultz

If you played on the newly re-covered bocce courts lately you no doubt noticed a great improvement in ball control. The covering looks good and I am told it's a better grade carpet and should last longer. We can thank the Recreation Department and Great Lakes Carpet for doing a nice job despite the weather conditions. I was also told that maintenance is also looking into fixing the sideboards. I guess I'll

have to find something else to blame my bad shots on now. I also would like to thank all of the club members for being patient and understanding during the recovering and repair.

It is so amazing how time flies when you're having fun; here we are nearing the end of our spring session. There are, however, a few important events that will take place before the summer session begins in April. The Best of Bocce tournament is to be held the week of March 31 and as of March 13, the playoff teams had not all been determined due to close records. The next event will be the Bocce banquet at the Health & Recreation Building on Saturday, April 5. The banquet will include great food by Bruce, awards, entertainment, the election of club officers and the recent survey results; tickets for this event will cost \$12 per person.

Last month's picture featured players Mary Misseghers and Lou Crudele from On The Edge (team name) as well as Ted Agnew and Fran Williams from the Rookies.

Would you like to play bocce or think you would and would you like to try it first? Give me a call or stop by at the bocce courts on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for open bocce.

We are currently trying to recruit new members into the Bocce Club, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us or would like more information please give me a call at 390-3728 or e-mail me at rrshultz90@yahoo.com.

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Ladies Billiards

Penny Wilson

On Feb. 27, the On Top of the World Billiards Club held a mixed doubles tournament. As always, we had a lot of fun and laughs.

It was a single elimination tournament with 10 ladies and 10 gentlemen. Cards were drawn to pick teams. We are planning to have this type of tournament again in March and possibly on a monthly basis. In the future, anyone can play. Please contact Penny Wilson at 854-

7434 for more details.

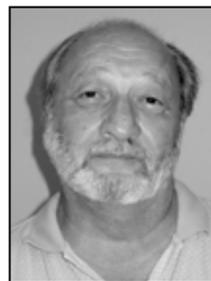
Winners

1—Joe Conlon and Helen Martinez; 2—Ray Stover and Ruth Gretchen; 3—Bob Farineau and Carole Biggar.

Each of our winners received a trophy presented by Kathy Lorenzo. We would all like to thank Kathy for the great job she did getting the trophies and keeping track of the scorecard.

Just a reminder: the Billiard Room is located up by the Art Room and Wood Shop; it is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The president of the men's group is Richard Impressa (873-8247) and the president of the women's group is Penny Wilson (854-7434).



Billiards

Richard Impressa

The past month has been a busy one for our club. Our first and second vice presidents, Kathy Lorenzo and Penny Wilson, hosted a mixed doubles eight-ball tournament, which featured 10 male/female teams in single elimination competition.

When the dust settled the top prize went to the team of Joe Conlon and Helen Martinez. Congratulations go out to both for their victory and to Kathy and Penny for a successful event.

As reported in this column last month, the On Top of the World men's team was tied for first place in the Marion County Senior Men's League. The final match went down to the last ball in the last rack of the last set. Unfortunately for us the team from Spruce Creek Preserve made the final shot to win the title. To demonstrate how competitive the league is they are the third different champions in three years. Being an old Brooklyn Dodger fan all I can say is "wait 'till next year."

I hope those of you who signed in to the International Pool Tour Web site enjoyed the match between Rodney Morris and Marlon

Manalo. It started out slow but built into a good match with Manalo winning 15-10. The next match is scheduled for April 30 and you can go to www.internationalpooltour.com to vote for the players you would like to see compete.

My request for potential nicknames last month has yielded some interesting responses. Here are a few: "Easy Ed" Fulmer, "Boston John" Cahill, Gene "The Machine" Hueber, Penny "Miscue" Wilson, Bill Daly and Rich O'Brien "The Sunshine Boys," Polly "The Planter" Farineau, and Ray "WWRD" Stover. Keep them coming by seeing me at the poolroom with your suggestions.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7 at 4 p.m. in the Ceramic Room of the Arts/Crafts building. There will be a pizza party after the meeting, which will feature pizza, salad, dessert and beverage for only \$5 per person. All club members and their guests are welcome. Please see Art or Penny Wilson, Polly Farineau, or Leslie Conlon for tickets.

If you would like to volunteer to make a dessert dish you can use the sign-up sheet posted on the women's bulletin board in the poolroom.

The following is a piece that George Tookmanian requested be included in this month's column:

"The Billiard Club has a host of excellent pool players who can 'rack 'em up' with the best of the amateur players in this area. Speaking of racking up, we have a member who has 'racked up' 50,000 miles driving children to the Shriners Hospital in Tampa for free medical care. This is an all-day endeavor that is the pick-up of the child at their home, and return to home after treatment. I'm guessing at least a 200 to 250 miles total for each venture. So, a salute to Fred Adolph for a real humanitarian effort to make life a bit more promising to some ailing children, and a tip of the hat to the Shriners for their wonderful hospital."



Anything But Bland

Executive Chef Dave Blend

Fish and Shellfish Edition

I was born in St Augustine, Fla., and as a boy I remember the vast array of seafood in the Atlantic. As I would take the bus to school I remember watching people wading through the marshes of the Intercoastal Waterway in search of oysters. Back then it was OK to just dig up the local oysters, but today as a result of pollution and the warm waters of the Atlantic, it has been found unsafe. I recall jumping waves and playing in the surf near Vilano Beach and feeling blue crab everywhere pinching at my toes.

I remember my father netting them and boiling them in a pot as I watched the shells

turn bright red. During summer months my granddad would take my brother and me out on a boat underneath the Bridge of Lions where there was a secret spot for the very hard to catch local fish called Sheephead. I remember him getting angry with us for being noisy in the boat.

Living on the coast, I learned to play in the ocean and eat from the ocean. We lived off the Intercoastal Waterway and had an old dock that dropped off into deep water. We could drop a cane pole with some frozen shrimp into the salty water and easily pull up flounder, snapper, catfish and even slimy eel.

I guess these memories explain to me why some of my favorite meals include some sort of seafood.

With the warmer months finally here and the water starting to become more inviting, we will start to be drawn to the sea to swim and fish and eat plenty of seafood.

So where do you buy fish in Florida? You would think that it would be easier than it is. In fact most coastal restaurants don't even use locally caught fish. Personally, I shop at Publix to buy seafood. I always ask them what's fresh and when the fresh fish is coming in. If you ask you will receive.

So how do you tell if something is fresh? Well, for one, fish should never have an odor or "fishy smell." The scales should be clear and bright, not dull. The eyes should also be clear. The flesh should be firm and it should be stored properly in 40 F or below.

I have purchased Sashimi or sushi grade tuna from Publix before. This means that it can be safely eaten raw. Most of their salmon has been frozen. Watch for wild salmon instead of farm raised. It is better for you and

high in omega 3s.

As far as shellfish, clam and mussel shells will open while they are in the refrigerator. In order to clean the shells, place them in a colander with cold running water and remove the beard and dirt. As the water starts to warm the shells, the clams or mussels will close up tight. If they don't they are either dead or dying. Throw these away.

Here are some tips on preparations for specific seafood. When cooking fish there are several things to consider.

Is the fish high in oil content like salmon, tuna? If so, you can use dry cooking methods like grilling or pan searing.

Is the flesh firm like shark or swordfish or delicate like halibut? Halibut is difficult to grill because it has a high oil content so it will require melted butter or oil when grilling. Choose white fish like cod for frying or for a Zuppa di Pesce.

Is the flavor profile full like salmon, medium like Ahi tuna or mild like halibut or Opah? If so, choose sauces or herbs that fit the profile. For example, halibut is very mild flavored so to respect the fish, you should only use subtle flavors to compliment it like butter, or lemon and parsley or white wine.

With salmon it is a fuller flavor so you can use even red wine, tomato or rich cream and Parmesan cheese can stand up to it. Tuna has a steak-like texture and strong enough flavor to be paired with many different combinations. I love ginger and soy, or balsamic vinegar and cream.

It is fun to experiment with flavor combinations with some basic understanding you can create exciting dishes.

You should cook fearlessly! ☺



Dish & That Recipes

Jean Breslin

What a blessing it is to be living in Ocala, Fla. We can't beat its beauty and weather. Hope everyone had a happy St. Patrick's Day and that the Easter bunny was good to you also.

How about trying these two different recipes.

Honey Portabellas and Pea Pods

1 pound portabella mushrooms, sliced
1/2 medium onion chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons honey
1/4 cup sherry
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 pound snow peas

In a large skillet over medium heat, sauté mushrooms and onions until browned. Stir in honey, sherry and soy sauce. Add snow peas and continue cooking covered for two minutes. Uncover and cook an additional 5 minutes.

The next recipe contains couscous. It is a very small pasta, which is sometimes used instead of rice. Try it — you'll like it.

Lamb Rib Chops with Raisin-Almond Couscous

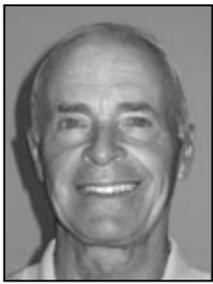
(I used four large shoulder lamb chops to serve 4.)

1 1/2 cups water
1/3 cup golden raisins
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup couscous
1/2 teaspoon coriander
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 large or 8 small rib lamb chops
1/4 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat leaf parsley

Preheat broiler. Combine 1/12 cups water, raisins, and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a medium saucepan, bring to a boil. Add couscous to pan. Remove from heat, cover and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

Combine 1/2 teaspoon salt, coriander and pepper. Rub spice mixture evenly over lamb. Place lamb on a jellyroll pan lined with aluminum foil. Broil lamb 5 minutes on each side, or until desired degree of doneness.

Heat a small skillet over medium heat. Add almonds to pan, cook 3 minutes or until lightly toasted, stirring constantly. Add almonds and parsley to couscous mixture. Stir to combine. Serve with lamb. ☺



Favorite Recipes

Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

February was once again another unique month of favorite recipes dinners and fun entertainment. Twenty-eight diners enjoyed a wonderful Saturday evening at four hosts' homes.

Hosts for our first dinner were Jean and Joe Breslin. Their evening started off with two delicious appetizers prepared by Kathi and Ray Lang. The first was plump dates that had been stuffed with parmigiano reggiano cheese and also a pecan half. The second was a small crescent roll that was stuffed with basil pesto.

Following the appetizers, Debbie and Dan Partin served a great salad. It was a mixed salad with avocados, cherry tomatoes, eggs and walnuts with a light ranch dressing. After the salad Jean and Joe served rolled lasagna. It was lasagna noodles, which had ricotta cheese, spinach and scallops rolled into the noodles. This was topped off with a cream sherry mushroom sauce and shrimp. The people who weren't able to eat fish were served the lasagna noodles, which had ricotta cheese, spinach and chicken rolled into the

noodles. They had the same sauce topping, minus the shrimp. Also served were glazed carrots, cauliflower topped with sharp cheddar cheese, and broccoli with buttered bread crumbs. They also made Colcannon potatoes. Colcannon potatoes are layered potatoes with cabbage topped with a layer of onions.

Following this wonderful meal Gitte and Paul Agarwal served a great dessert. It was a torte-like Kahlua Chocolate Almond Cake where the cake layer was soaked in Kahlua. This was then covered by a chocolate/butter/Kahlua frosting, which was decorated with whole almonds.

All had a really enjoyable evening at Jean and Joe's on Saturday, with lots of great food.

Jimi and Tony Bartolone hosted our second dinner. Tish and Don Dertien provided the appetizers. They prepared and served cheese balls and crab cocktail. The cheese balls were made of flour, butter and cheese rolled into balls, and baked with an olive in the center. The crab cocktail consists of crab with a mixture of catsup, lemon juice, green pepper, curry powder and prepared mustard served on crisp crackers or chips.

Jimi and Tony prepared and served the main meal, which was tomatoes, mozzarella cheese slices and roasted peppers with Italian bread. Spiral cut ham was then served with baked mashed potatoes made with sour cream, butter salt and pepper with milk and half and half and then smothered with cheddar cheese and then baked. They also served a green bean salad. Kathy and Luke Mullen prepared a vegetable dish of mashed zucchini squash with onion, garlic and fresh mint. Mary and Bob O'Neal provided the dessert to top off this delicious meal. It was a marvelous homemade apple-peach pie. All participants enjoyed both the food and the company at the dinner.

Sue and Howard Bourland hosted our third dinner. They started off the evening with two hors d'oeuvres. The first were Swedish meatballs. The second appetizer was a scrumptious cheese log with apricot preserves and

crackers. After the appetizers Roberta and David Knarich served a green salad. It was made with spinach-romaine lettuce and soft butter lettuce with red onion slices, goat cheese, mandarin oranges and salt and pepper. It was served with light raspberry walnut vinaigrette dressing. Sue and Howard then served the main meal. The entrée was boneless, skinless chicken thighs Grand Marnier with sweet onions, red bell peppers and glazed walnuts. They prepared and brought a great homemade fresh strawberry pie. Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the great food.

Hosting our fourth dinner were Barbara and John Young. Their evening was kicked off by hors d'oeuvres brought and served by Edie and Fritz de Holl. They had prepared seasoned shrimp cocktail and also a cheese and crackers dish. After the appetizers were served Barbara and John started their meal with a sensational homemade Caesar salad. Following the salad they then served the main meal, a very tasty northern cod fish baked in a butter sauce. Also served were crab cakes. Accompanying these were a rice pilaf and toasted garlic bread. This combination was delicious.

After dinner Ann and Conrad Massa presented the dessert. Ann's dessert was lemon angel torte. It was based on a homemade meringue shell and filled with a mixture of heavy cream, egg yolks and a whole egg tether with sugar lemon juice and grated lemon rind. A delicious and flavorful treat — not for certain diets! All participants enjoyed a delightful meal and a fun entertaining time at Barbara and John's home.

Our club is currently looking for new members. If you are a couple who could attend eight to 10 club dinners per year, enjoys preparing and cooking food for others and enjoys entertaining and having people visit in your home you might consider joining our club.

Call Luke at 304-8104 for more information. ☺

POET'S CORNER

Poetry from On Top of the World Residents

Thoughts of Spring

BY HAZEL EHLE

This morning I saw a robin
So spring is on its way.
And all the ice, snow and cold

Realize winter cannot stay.
Always great to see the birds
Soon will start building nests
And all that comes with spring
things we love the best.

Then come the baby birds
And soon start looking below
Though not eager to leave
Know they will have to go.

Next green grass to dress the earth
And lovely flowers all around.
More of spring's magic

Will decorate the ground.
Winter always bares the trees
Then dresses them in white
Soon spring will give them leaves
Much to their delight.

Then warm breezes come along
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Square Dancing
Maureen Lea

The Plus Workshops being held on Wednesdays at the Arbor Club from 6:30 to 8 p.m. were so successful that Don Hanhurst decided to do them every week until the end of April. During the workshops, there is a lot less pressure about making mistakes. Actually, Don goes over calls and then reviews where he notes problem areas. Dancers are encouraged to bring the calls they would like reviewed to

Don for inclusion in the workshops. Even if you don't particularly have calls that stress you out, the additional floor time is beneficial. After all, it's always good to get together with your friends and neighbors and enjoy some dancing and good company. Partners are required.

Those of us who are capable and enjoy dancing are indeed lucky. Though we may have some aches and pains, if we can still do the things we love, we are fortunate. Many of us are personally familiar with the good work done by Hospice of Marion County. On Saturday, April 12, there is a Square and Round Dance to benefit hospice at Ocala Palms in their Magnolia Room. The dance begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be called by Don and Loretta Hanhurst. Please wear western attire and be prepared to enjoy a fun-filled evening with all proceeds going to a very worthy cause, Hospice. Admission is \$5 per person.

The Spring Swing is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with early rounds at 7 p.m. National caller Gary Shoemaker will call the square dance while Loretta Hanhurst calls the rounds.

The regular club dances are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and are preceded by the classes, which are quickly coming to an end. Let's take advantage of what we have and dance, dance, dance! ☺



Opera
Tony Donato

On March 6, our Opera Appreciation Class X held its fourth session by viewing a DVD of Gaetano Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love." It was thoroughly enjoyed by our group. The young charismatic couple, tenor Rolando Villazon of Mexico and Anna Netrebko of Russia, scored a huge success with the class as expected.

Our fifth and final session will take place on April 3 when we present three Voice of Firestone concert videos from 19-19. The featured vocalists are soprano Eleanor Steber, baritone Leonard Warren, and tenor Lauritz Melchior.

Eleanor Steber (1916-1990) was born in Wheeling, W.Va. She first studied singing with her mother and then attended the New England Conservatory of Music. Eleanor made her operatic debut in Boston in Richard Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman." In 1940, she won the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air, and made her debut that year in Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier." The next year, Eleanor appeared in Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and the Met management predicted that Steber was an artist destined to serve Mozart and the Met more than well in the future. That assessment was quite accurate. Steber's career with the company lasted 22 seasons; she sang 287 performances of 33 roles, most often in Mozart: "The Marriage of Figaro" 35, "Don Giovanni" 27, "Cosi Fan Tutti" 23, "The Magic Flute." Eleanor was the Met's first Costanza (Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio"), "Arabella," and Marie ("Wozzeck").

Eleanor Steber was an artist who exuded confidence and displayed a silvery timbre of clarity, warmth and beauty. It was good fortune to see her twice in Detroit as Violetta in

Verdi's "La Traviata" in 1949 and 1959. She retired from singing in the 60's and taught at the Cleveland Institute and the Julliard School in New York.

Leonard Warren (1911-1960) was born in New York. He studied voice while a member of the Radio City Music Hall chorus. After winning the Met Auditions in 1938, he made his debut the following year in a supporting role in Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra." Before too long, Leonard Warren was recognized as the Met's leading baritone. In 22 seasons, he sang 416 performances (plus more than 200 on tour) most often as "Rigoletto" (56 times), in "Aida" (37), in "Otello" (33), "Trovatore," "Pagliacci" (30). His career ended when he collapsed during a performance of Verdi's "La Forza del Destino." General manager, Rudolph Bing, told the audience it was the "saddest day in the history of the Met."

Like many other fans, I was overwhelmed by Leonard Warren's big, voluminous high notes and his acting ability. His glorious voice remained as beautiful and powerful as ever after 22 seasons. In 1957 or 1958, I saw my baritone idol in "Rigoletto" in Detroit. It was a dream fulfillment and a vastly rewarding experience.

Lauritz Melchior (1890-1973) was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was the greatest helden (heroic) tenor. He began his career as a baritone at the Copenhagen Royal Opera School. Lauritz made his debut in "Pagliacci" as a baritone in 1913. Madame Charles Cahier encouraged him to become a tenor. Lauritz studied and made a second debut in 1918 as a tenor as "Tannhauser" and sang all Wagner tenor roles at Bayreuth, Germany until 1931. Melchior made his Met debut in 1926 as "Tannhauser." He appeared there in 24 seasons in 387 performances.

When Rudolph Bing became the Met general manager in 1950, he dismissed the tall, huge, aging (60), Great Dane. Melchior had refused to rehearse and was difficult for conductors to handle and his movie appearances were against Bing's wishes. Today, Lauritz Melchior is still universally recognized as the greatest helden tenor of the century because of his powerful voice. ☺

New England Club
Debbie Partin

The April meeting is on April 11 at the Arbor Suites at 1:30 p.m. We will be having an Italian Fiesta. Tickets are \$5 for pizza, pasta, salad and dessert. Call Nancy at 390-3396 for ticket information.

Highlighted this month is Debbie, our secretary. She was born in Massachusetts and later was a school teacher in New Hampshire. She moved to Florida in 1971; almost an original. She has been a substitute teacher here and gave classes at night school, also. She is married to Dan who loves gardening cooking and the computer. I also love gardening, cooking, flowers, cards, painting and people. ☺



Ocala Clown Express
Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Toot and I would like to thank Charlie the Clown Dog for his good work sniffing out the Ocala Clown Express news for you. We are happy to be able to give his little paws a rest.

Charlie the Clown Dog told you that we are a new clown couple.

Sometimes people ask, "What made you become a clown?" We really thought about that. When we were first in the Ocala area, we saw clowns in action and said, "That looks like a fun thing to do." However, it was not until we met Rosey Nosey at the On Top of the World Club Fair that we really thought about it. Toot is always doing funny stuff and I always thought he would be a great clown. I was thinking I could just be a helper to the clowns. Rosey Nosey showed us pictures and talked to us. Most importantly, she said, "Why not come and meet us. You are not committed to anything. Think about it." We considered it and went to the October meeting.

We met a wonderful group of people and found out that the basic requirements were

simple. Do you love people, especially children? Are you light-hearted? Do you enjoy entertaining? Would you like to be a kid again? Toot and I said, "But we don't know about makeup or outfits or clown characters." We were told not to worry about that. You will be trained and it will come. That began our three months of being with the clowns. We got our yellow Ocala Clown Express shirts and went to the hospital and hospice and sheriff's Christmas party and other events.

Before we realized it, we were doing clown stuff, too! The months passed and before we knew it we were in costume. Guess what! Gum Drop got the clowning bug, too! We were voted in as new clown members.

Over the next months we will share with you what we learned and are learning. You may ask, "What do you get out of all this?" We would say, "You get a chance to give back something to the community. You get lots of big smiles from children. You get, 'Can I have a hug?' You get, 'Hope I see you again!' What more could you want?"

In March we were at HITS, Horses in the Sun. We were extremely busy and had the pleasure to meet Hercules, the miniature trick horse. Everyone had fun. Because the children had FCAT, the state standardized testing program, during the month of March, we did not do the hospital program. It seemed strange not to be getting ready on Thursday mornings. We missed the children and are looking forward to April.

At the end of March we were involved with the Relay for Life. Balloons, tattoos and face painting are part of what we do at events.

We are always happy to meet new people who would like to "clown around." Just call our president, Dotsy, aka Carol White at 872-9223. You can always call Rosey Nosey, aka Marge at 291-0077.

We meet at TimberRidge in the Collins Resource Center on the first and third Mondays at 3 p.m.

Why not do what we did ... just think about it. You might want to give it a try.

Gum Drop and Toot.



Karaoke Friends
Vivian Brown

It was so good to see some new people join us this month. We welcomed them and they fit right in with our regular group.

We celebrated Rita Pettibone's birthday. Her family had a cake for her and she insisted she wanted to share it with us and she did. What a wonderful, sweet lady. We all sang Happy Birthday and we hope she has many more. By the way her husband Bud directed a choir before he retired and is a great singer.

Norma Batton has been coming to Karaoke for a long time and her husband Bob would come and listen to us on a regular basis but now he is also hooked and is a wonderful singer.

We invite everyone to come and join us. All residents and their guests, from all the communities, are welcome. We meet the first and third Monday of the month and the second Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Please note we no longer meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at Candler Hills.

I will let you know if and when we can get another room for that time. I want to say a special thank you to Rich, Cindy, Charlie and Kathy for all their help for which I am truly grateful.



Line Dancing
Sherry Ashenfelter

Some new line dance students tell us they want to learn only "that dance" they saw at Happy Hour and "that dance" they saw at the granddaughter's wedding reception. "That dance" is probably the Electric Slide. Early in the dance year, we teach the Electric Slide to the Level 1 dancers. During the dance year, September through June, each class learns 20 or more dances with rhythms such as cha cha, rumba, mambo, merengue, polka, tango, and waltz. Dancing the Electric Slide is fun, and there is much more to line dancing than the Electric Slide. For information about classes, phone 873-9440. ☺



Ballroom Dance Club
Pat Wellington

The new dance for April will be the waltz beginning Thursday, April 3, at 11 a.m. in the Arbor Club.

Membership to the club is still open to singles and couples alike. Cost is \$20 per month for four hourly sessions paid directly to dance instructor Trish Sands. Modest yearly dues are also required. For more information, call Steve Kallas at 854-0534. ☺

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View from the Library
Peggy Greer

Thanks to the Bandstand Showcase, the New York/New Jersey Club and the On Top of the World Wood Shop, you are seeing changes at the library!

When the Bandstand Showcase decided to break up, directors Fran Bernardini, Frank Palotta and Dean Gilchrist decided to donate some of their savings to the On Top of the World library.

They may not have realized how much of an impact they would make. The shelves at the library were packed to capacity. To increase storage there were some books stuffed out of sight, behind books. With a gracious gift from the Bandstand Showcase, and the work from

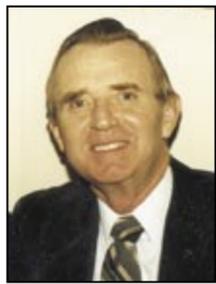
a couple of gentlemen at the On Top of the World Wood Shop, just one bookcase made so much difference.

When you visit the library now you will notice that no longer are books tightly packed on the shelves and that is a real benefit to the librarians who stock the shelves and the residents who come to borrow them.

Since the library isn't going to grow out, Rita Mandl and I realized that we needed to grow up. That is why we purchased the stackable book return bins. This way they take less room. Again the Wood Shop came to our rescue and custom-made a wooden rack to securely hold the bins. But this time the money came from a donation made by the New York/New Jersey Club. When Liz Ettell, president of the New York/New Jersey Club, called and said that the club had decided to give a donation to the library, it could not have come at a more opportune time. Rita and I were trying to decide what to do about our new stackable bins. They weren't really stable on their own and they were too low sitting on the floor but too tall if sitting on a table. Thank you, New York/New Jersey Club! Your timing was impeccable! We now have a rack to securely hold the bins at just the right height.

The On Top of the World residents, our own neighbors, donated all of the books at the library. What a giving place this is! While talking with Gordon Cich and Jim Horler, I was told that the Wood Shop built six of the bookcases being used at the library today. Additionally, Jim Horler built the two wheeled carts the librarians use. I don't know what we would do without those carts!

Thanks to all for your assistance. ☺



Native Plant Club
Ron Broman

"Neyther falling sickness, neyther devyll, wyll infest or hurt one in that place where a bay tree is." (1)

Thus wrote Thomas Lupton in 1575 in his Book of Notable Things about Laurus nobilis, the bay. The British herbalist Culpepper added "that a man standing near a bay tree could not be hurt by witches, the devil, thunder or lightning." (1)

The name Laurus is Latin for bay tree and nobilis means "renowned. Victory wreathes are woven from its leaves." Add them to soups or stews. For a soothing soak, infuse the leaves and add to the bath water. Make your own herbal victory wreath. It's said that any way it's used will bring success. But there's one slight problem. Laurus nobilis is not native to the U.S. The good news is that we do have native bay trees in the U.S. We have them in Florida, three of them: Red Bay, Persea borbonia, Silk Bay, Persea humilis, and Swamp Bay, Persea palustris.

They are also known as Florida bays and native to the coastal plain of the southeastern U. S. They are not the "true" bays used in ancient Roman houses, which are native to the Mediterranean. (2)

I'm sure you have already noticed that the genus name, Persea is not Laurus. What's the story? First, all of the bays, Persea and Laurus, are in the Laurel family, Lauraceae. That much is the same. Now the plot thickens. The Lauraceae or Laurel family comprises a group of flowering plants, including the order Laurales, about 55 genera and perhaps as many as 4,000 species worldwide. They are mostly found in warm tropical regions, especially Southeast Asia and Brazil. Most of them are aromatic evergreens, but Sassafras and a couple of others are deciduous.

A high content of ethereal oils is found in many Lauraceae. They are important sources for spices and perfumes. Avacados are important oil-rich fruit (the good kind of oil - especially for men) and now planted in warm climates across the world.

The following genera include species with commercial value and are probably the best known: Cinnamomum: Cinnamon, Cassia and Camphor Laurel.

Laurus: Bay Laurel; Lindera: Spicebush; Persea: Avacado, Red Bay, Silk Bay and Swamp Bay; Sassafras: Sassafras.

Classification within the Lauraceae remains unresolved, however. It is currently divided into two sub families, Cassythaioideae and Lauroidae. Lauroidae is then divided into three tribes, Laureae, Perseeae and Cryptocarya.

"All available microbiological evidence, except flower morphology and wood and bark anatomy, fails to support separate Laureae and Perseeae tribes." (3)

The final word about why Laurus and Persea as well as the other 60 genera in the Laurel family are separated is not yet written; so stay tuned.

In the meantime, we do know some things. The leaves of the Sweet bay, true laurel, bay laurel, Laurus nobilis are the ones you usually use in soups and stews. Florida bays provide shelter and attract insects for wildlife. They may attain a height of 25 feet or higher. Red bay is usually associated with lowlands, hardwood swampy forests and moist conditions in a variety of habitats, but will also inhabit dry sandy areas.

On the Longleaf Pine trail, at this very moment, grow examples of Red bay, Persea borbonia, and Silk bay, Persea humilis. Both look very similar. The lower surface of the Red bay leaves is a grayish white. The Silk bay leaves are slightly narrower and have a yellowish, silky underside. The branches of Silk bay are blacker than Red bay. (4)

If you pick a leaf of either and rub it between your fingers, you will instantly know it is a bay by its very recognizable aroma. I won't necessarily recommend using a leaf from either of these Perseas, but we have Red bay in our Garden of Weedin' and have used its leaves for seasoning with no ill effects.

By the way, the picture here is of the beautiful Silk bay at the entrance to the Long-leaf Pine trail. Come see it, walk the trail and see if you can spot a Red bay.

Now about the business of standing under or near a bay tree to keep one from falling sickness (whatever that is) or witches, or devils or even lightning, I cannot in truth tell you, and I won't suggest trying it yourself. As for a soothing soak, now that seems worth a try.

The next meeting of the On Top of the World Native Plant Club will be on Wednesday, April 9. Steve MacKenzie will be our speaker on the subject of sustainability. As a boy, Steve learned to appreciate the simple things. You don't buy something new when you can fix the old one. He explored the Ocala National Forest. Now as professor of environmental science and chair of CFCC's Sustainability Task Force, he has a chance to help us "stop multi-tasking our lives away and focus on the problems at hand."

Come join us in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center by 1:45 p.m. to welcome Steve and learn some ways to reach sustainability. In the process we'll learn the role of Growing Native!

(1) Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs Edited by Claire Kowalchik and William H. Hyllton, Rodale Press, Emmaus, Penn. 1987; (2) Internet: Plant Files; (3) Internet: Wikipedia; (4) The Trees of Florida by Gil Nelson, Pine-apple Press, Inc., Sarasota, Fla. 1994.



Photo by Ron Broman

The Silk Bay (Persea humilis) at the entrance to the Longleaf Pine Trail next to the Arbor Conference Center.

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Photo by Bob Woods

Customer Service Representative Marion Lanier helps a customer in the Customer Service Office at Friendship Commons.

May We Help You?

Customer Service Office Provides Many Services

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

Perhaps the two most popular or well-known female employees in the On Top of the World establishment are those two ladies sitting behind the desk in Customer Service.

Their computers are at the ready to register any and all complaints as far as items located around the outside of the home, from landscaping to other matters.

One of the ladies is Marion Lanier who has been an employee at On Top of the World since 1984.

The other lady often seen in the Customer Service office is Jennifer Baroni. Jennifer has been employed by On Top of the World for the past one and a half years. She is the supervisor of the office. Most folks who have lived in On Top of the World for some time remember Shirley Graham who shared this office with Marion. Shirley is still employed by On Top of the World but now works out in the Maintenance Department.

A few years back before Customer Service moved to its present location, the office was situated in the upstairs office space in the Health & Recreation Building. The staircase to the office was steep and long and it was only opened until noon four days a week. As On Top of the World grew in size, the need for a better and larger office space was seen. The present hours of operations are from 8 to 4 p.m.

Today, Customer Service provides many services. I was told the office accommodates approximately 25 to 35 residents per day entering the office for various reasons.

"Some days there are more customers than others," Jennifer added. "There are times all the chairs in the waiting area are full but it takes no time to see them all," she added. These ladies not only help residents with their complaints but also issue bar-code stickers for automobiles, inspect and issue stickers for resident golf carts, and issue new resident identification cards.

Remember, these ladies are there to help you. Be nice, smile and greet the ladies with a favorable attitude. You will get that smile returned. ☺

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The Eyes Have It Dr. Martin E. Cohen, O.D.

The facts listed below are astounding when one considers the total amount of money spent on eye care in the United States annually.

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- Cataracts, the leading cause of blindness, affect 21 million Americans over the age of 40 and costs \$6.8 billion annually.
- Refractive errors (nearsighted, farsighted, astigmatism), cost \$5.51 billion.
- Age related macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in people over the age of 65 and costs \$57 billion.
- Diabetic retinopathy, which affects more

than 5.3 million Americans ages 18 and older, costs \$49 billion.

It is believed that the number of people in the United States with impaired vision could increase by at least 60 percent over the next three decades.

So why have an eye exam?
• 51.5 percent of persons do it at regular intervals.

- 18.3 percent say their vision was getting worse.
- 11.3 percent have regular visits due to disease.
- 10.4 percent want new glasses.
- 9.9 percent go because insurance pays for regular eye exams.
- 8.3 percent go after notification by their doctor.
- 7.9 percent go because of need for new contact lenses.

Visit the Florida Center for the Blind at 7325 S.W. 32nd St., Ocala, or call 873-0749, or come to lectures at Master the Possibilities for more information. ☺



Wood Shop
Ray Utiss

I have a few items to report from our president. Gordon said, "We have a new band saw and new router table. These are top of the line pieces of equipment and should be treated accordingly."

President Cich also reports the Wood Shop has been very busy since the first of the year. I assume the members appreciate the better equipment we are purchasing. I just hope our members realize that better equipment costs more money and will use it properly.

If you have any question about our picnic, give Gordon a call. See you there. ☺

German Club Ruth Felschow

The March meeting of the German American Club featured a presentation by member Margaret Edmiston on Munich and Bavaria. Her video was well received, especially the parts on beer, brats and the polka. Thank you, Margaret.

Plans were made for a potluck on April 8. If you have not signed up, please call Brenda at 861-9792. She has the list and suggestions, if you need them.

Don't forget to bring your ideas on a trip to Germany to April's meeting, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E. Come early to visit with your fellow members. ☺

POET'S CORNER

Poetry from On Top of the World Residents

April

By ANNETTE SHARPE

April basks in sunshine
And bathes in rain,
And shakes the snow
From her boots again.
She visits the woodlands
To stir sleeping trees,
And encourage the sprouting
Of fresh new leaves.
She roams through gardens
Grooming each thing,
Awakening crocus
The first flower of spring.
She tends to the beauty
Of every new scene,
Covering the meadows
With carpets of green.
Before her finale,
She pauses awhile
To hear a robin sing,
Joyfully welcoming
Spring.

Praise Break Connie Walters

We're already into our fourth month of Praise Break and it is growing each month. Come and see why!

It's at the Indigo East Community Center on Tuesday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. and everyone living at On Top of the World is invited. Take Southwest 84th Street off of Southwest 80th Avenue which deadends at the Community Center.

It's a special time set aside to honor the Lord by taking time to rejoice in Him. Connie will be playing the keyboard and singing. Her husband John will assist with transparencies so you can sing along too.

Come be refreshed, encouraged, and uplifted. For further information you may call John or Connie at 873-7198. ☺

Sherry's Mac Computer Tip

By SHERRY SURDAM

How many of you have accidentally hit the "Caps Lock" key on your keyboard and when you look at what you've typed find that it is all in CAPS? I know I do that quite frequently!

Well, guess what? I found a neat little program (free but donations are welcome if you find it useful) that will warn you that you've done so, either by flashing the screen or making a sound. It will also warn you if you've mistakenly pressed the "Num Lock" key.

CAPS Warn is a Preference Pane that provides sounds and/or on-screen indications of when the Caps Lock, Shift, or NumLock keys are pressed. There is even a little icon on the toolbar at the upper right of your screen. It is a grayed-out arrow, which turns red when one of the previously mentioned keys is pressed. Get it at: www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/productivity_tools/capswarn.html.

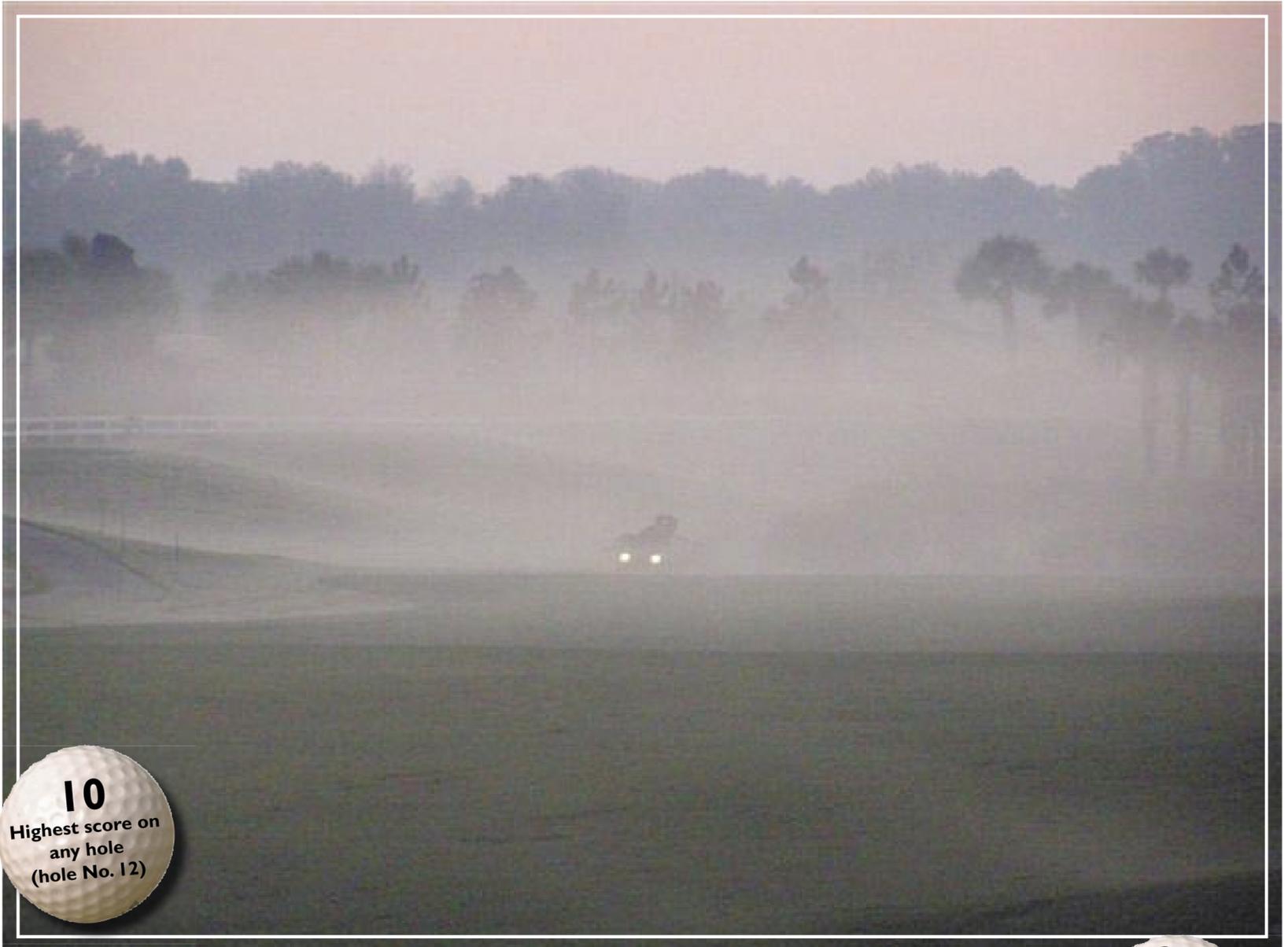


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Bob Woods took this photo of the Candler Hills Golf Course around 7:15 a.m. one morning during the golf tournament.

OCALA OPEN at Candler Hills

Residents Embrace Players

By MARY PAT GIFFIN
WORLD NEWS WRITER

When residents learned that many of the young pros could barely make ends meet with expenses averaging \$1,000 to \$1,500 a week, they invited the players into their homes for meals and some even spent the night.

Ryan Henry, who plays on the Hooters tour, asked Dave Shultz, a volunteer and resident, where he could find a cheap place to spend the night; Dave took him home for dinner and lodging.

Dave's wife Gail was thrilled to have him as a houseguest for two nights. "He's living his dream," Gail said, referring to Ryan, 23, who just made the tour this year. "He's such a nice young man. He didn't know many of the players, and he was exhausted from carrying his bag. So, Dave gave up his volunteer post and caddied for him the second and

third day of the event."

Several Candler Hills golf club members besides Dave caddied for players, including Bob Cowie, Bryant Giffin, Bill Horton, Fred Jankowski, Larry Joseph, Jim McGrath and Jeff Ware. Next year, residents not only want to caddy for the players, but also will offer to have them as houseguests. An Adopt-a-Pro program will be in place when players register next year.

Mac Snow, co-tournament director from Florida Professional Golf Tour, said, "this business is not cheap. It costs \$5 to \$7 million to host a major tour and \$2 ½ million for a Nationwide tour event."

While this may not be a major tournament, Mac stressed, "This is what professional golf is (referring to the Ocala Open). This is another stepping-stone for the players. It's beneficial to them. The venue is perfect. Andy did a great job on the course." ☺

How We Became Hosts to a Pro Golfer

By DAVE SHULTZ
CANDLER HILLS RESIDENT

I met player Ryan Henry the first afternoon of the tournament while working at one of my volunteer stations.

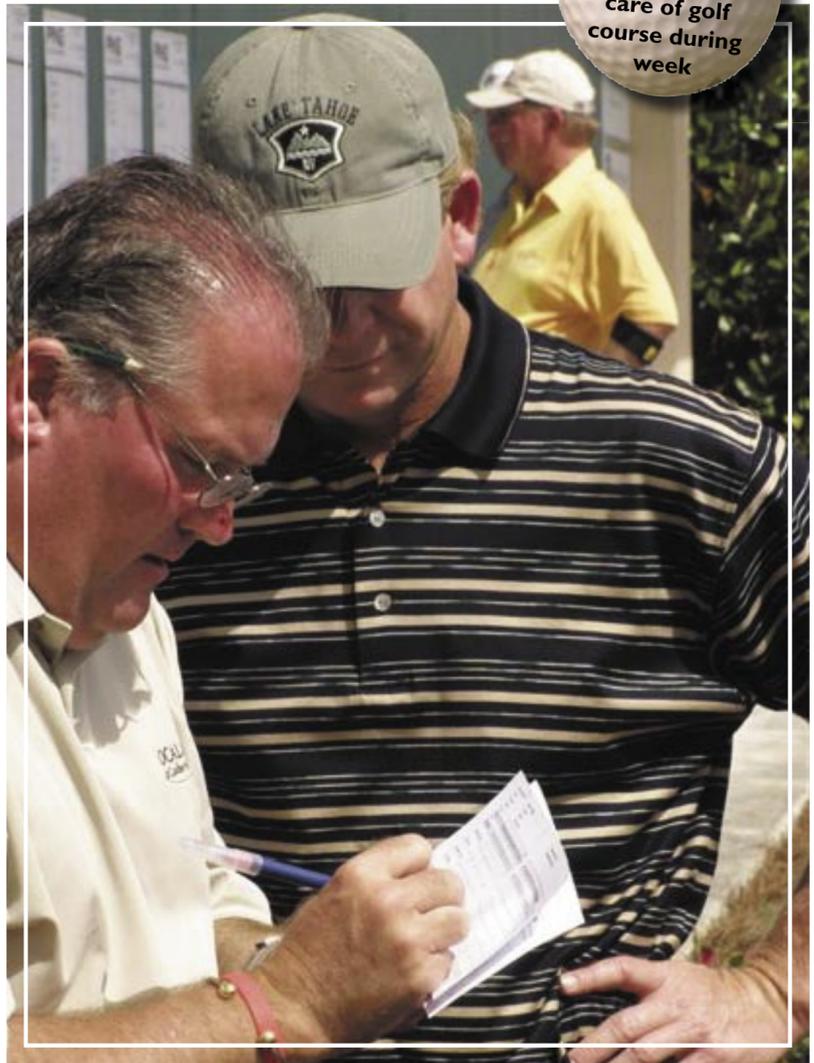
He and his playing partners had just finished their round and were discussing their overnight accommodations. Ryan had none in our area and would have to drive to Orlando to stay with a friend. He had an early morning tee time the next day.

Gail and I had talked about offering our house to a young player but did not know how to go about it. I introduced myself to Ryan and told him he could stay at our house. I called Gail and she came back up to the tents

and picked up our guest for the rest of the tournament. By the time I got home Ryan was settled in and he and Gail were talking golf. After dinner Ryan volunteered to help with the dishes. Gail sent him to the family room to trade golf stories with me.

During dinner the conversation of caddies came up. Ryan said they are great to have but expensive. I volunteered and the next day Ryan went to work with a caddy. I enjoyed being close to the action and the interaction of the players. Ryan played well and made the cut and we had a guest for the second night.

It was a great experience for us and Ryan will be staying with us again for the 2009 Ocala Open Golf Tournament. ☺



Jeff McDonald, director of golf, goes over a score card with Roger Rowland.

33
Number of
workers taking
care of golf
course during
week

1,325
Total birdies

Florida Professional Golf Tour 2008 Ocala Open • March 12-14, 2008 Tournament Statistics (All Rounds) • Candler Hills Golf Club

Hole Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	36	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	72
Average	3.97	4.11	3.84	4.92	3.18	4.54	3.69	3.06	4.04	35.35	4.04	3.99	4.50	3.26	4.04	4.76	4.10	3.16	4.00	35.85	71.20
Difference	-0.03	0.11	-0.16	-0.08	0.18	-0.46	-0.31	0.06	0.04	-0.65	0.04	-0.01	-0.50	0.26	0.04	-0.24	0.10	0.16	0.00	-0.15	-0.80
Hole Ranking	12	4	14	13	2	17	16	6	7	7	11	18	1	7	15	5	3	10			
Eagles	0	0	2	0	0	8	7	0	0	17	1	0	19	0	1	8	0	1	0	30	47
Birdies	69	49	87	71	19	158	118	45	56	672	57	79	177	17	61	126	45	39	52	653	1325
Pars	218	214	220	229	244	155	193	230	225	1928	224	199	111	229	223	155	234	211	240	1826	3754
Bogeys	47	69	28	36	73	19	19	63	50	404	45	51	26	85	41	43	44	83	45	463	867
Double Bogeys	6	7	2	3	4	0	3	2	8	35	11	9	5	7	11	6	15	6	2	72	107
Other	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	0	1	16	20
Lowest Score	3	3	2	4	2	3	2	2	3	24	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	3	22	46
Highest Score	6	8	7	8	5	6	6	5	7	58	8	7	10	6	9	9	7	5	7	68	126



Photo by Bob Woods

Stephan Reed, right, and John Lamanti participate in the tournament.



Photo by Lynn P. Stock

The new leaderboard helped spectators catch up on the action.



Photo by Bob Woods

Pros take to the driving range.



Photo by Bob Woods

Greg Whatley eyes the hole before he putts.





Stitch Witch Quilters Ann Weldishofer

We have welcomed new members Pat Ceruto and Lois Johnson.

Pat Quintan said that all our fabric has been re-sorted by color, and while this was quite an undertaking, it is much easier to find what you need now. Good job! And speaking of fabric, we want to thank Joann Neffor her donation of fabric and books. We love to get new supplies to go into our charity quilts, and books are always fun!

This busy group has reserved a table at the April 18 Trash and Treasure sale, so be gathering your goodies for that day. We also are

going to participate in the Fall Arts and Crafts Fair at the Cultural Center. To that end, Jeannette Wroblewski has donated a quilt she just finished. It is a lovely, blue, cream and gold quilt called "Mystic Blue," which was machine quilted by Joyce Petherwick on her long-arm quilting machine. It is a beautiful, soft quilt that could be used in many settings. We can't thank these two girls enough for their generosity. We will have tickets for the drawing on this quilt as soon as possible, and the proceeds will be used for supplies for our charity quilts that we donate to several Marion County Child Advocacy Centers. Jeannette has also donated two lovely Christmas wall hangings that will be a second and third drawing, so each ticket will have three possible chances to win a beautiful item! We will also be making child-sized quilts that are that perfect gift you are looking for to give to that special grandchild or great-grandchild. These, plus other quilted items will be on sale at our table at the Craft Sale.

Our April and May workshops will be used to make table runners, placemat sets and other items to sell at the Arts and Crafts Sale in October. Bring all your good ideas for things that will sell well.

Dot Hinde and Ruth Flack will head up our annual spring luncheon, which will be at the April 1 meeting. We will each bring a finger food and drinks will be supplied. Thanks to Dot and Ruth for volunteering!

Jan Johnson won the 50/50 drawing, and the March meeting ended with a show and tell of many finished quilts various members made. ☺



Crafty Ladies Rosalie Grubowski

The ladies saluted this month are:

Judy Basha who does so many crafts we can't keep up with her projects. She is making many baby blankets for the Navy wives in Jacksonville. I know the ladies are very happy to receive one of her many beautiful gifts.

Bette Bontempo has been making many beautiful baby blankets and lap robes. Right now she is working on a blanket of many colors. They all blend so beautifully together. Anyone would be proud to be presented with an item of her skills.

Edie Howard gives to me every week com-

plete baby blankets, lap robes and premie hats. Each and every one is so pretty. They are given to babies in the hospital to keep their little bodies and heads warm.

Jenna Pudim is one of our experts on Swedish embroidery. She is very talented and is willing to teach anyone who would like to learn this art. These blankets are very special and I would never have the patience to weave these blankets. Also I want to thank Jenna for being such a help to me with the set up and clean up after our once a month birthday party. Jenna you are a very special person. Thanks for all your help.

Freida Thrash is working on a quilt at home. Freida is one of our ladies who likes to come to the meetings and spread her cheer. She is so caring about others and has something nice to add to our meetings. They would not be the same if Freida was not present.

It is now April and spring is upon us. April showers bring May flowers. All our flowers (ladies) are in full blossom with their crafts.

If you have anything to donate to our causes, just give Rosalie a call to make arrangements for pick up or delivery.

If you wish to know more about us, call Rosalie at 861-1391 or come to the Card Room in the Arts and Crafts Building (that's the building across from the water tower) any Wednesday morning. Our meetings are held year round from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Until next month be happy, healthy and keep being "Crafty" Ladies. ☺



Rubber Stamping Greeting Cards Margaret Hanrahan

One of our newer members, Susi Burdan, had four cards to inspire us. The first three were a variation on a theme showing us that we could use our stamps in a variety of ways. She used dimensionals and background stamping to give depth and texture. Layering flowers on top of one another and the use of ribbon to embellishment completed this set of cards. The last card was of colorful butterflies flitting across a background of soft, cool ferns which gave a sense of depth while the focus of the card was on the butterflies.

We meet to encourage, inspire and assist one another. We are two groups. The same demonstration is given at both meetings. One group meets on the first Thursday and the second group meets on the third Thursday of each month. If you have questions or want to join us please call Margaret at 732-3282. ☺

Movie Club Presents 'August Rush'

By MARY EHLE

April's movie will be held in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Sunday April 13. The movie starts at 6 p.m. The movie is open to all residents of On Top of the World and their overnight guests. It is \$2 a show or \$6 for the year. A real bargain.

This month's selection will be "August Rush." It is a real nice film. The cover says, "The music is everywhere. All you have to do is listen." It stars a wonderful young boy who you will fall in love with. Freddie Highmore, Keri Russell, Jonathan Meyers and Robin Williams are in this film.

The music all around draws the young, penniless and alone boy to New York. He is looking for his parents and he has hope like we should all have. August says, "I believe in music the way some people believe in fairy tales. Open your heart and listen. You'll believe, too."

I hope to see you at the show. ☺

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- **Advertising:** Noon 13th of the month
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The Happy Hookers Carole Toye

Here it is April already and spring has sprung. Our ladies are busy with their various projects.

Naomi Berman is cross stitching three different pieces with greetings in three different languages. She does beautiful work. Carol Berta is still working on her baby blanket and Jackie Palotta is still helping Therese Bell with

her knitting. Jackie is also working on a very stylish lacy camisole for her granddaughter. She plans to also make a matching cardigan.

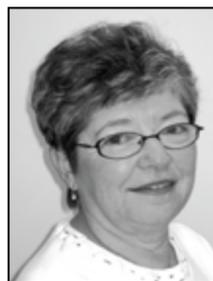
Pam Jennings finished the knitted vest she was working on. Carol Lopez is embroidering a colorful table runner. A new member, Jay Vickers, is working on Swedish weaving. When I was in grade school (a good number of years ago) the nuns taught the girls "hocking." I brought in three tea towels I made when I was in fifth grade and the one pattern is identical to the pattern Jay is using in her afghan. An update on my progress with the crewel embroidery tea cloth I'm working on, I'm more than halfway done with it. I was trying for Easter, but I don't think I will make it; it's too detailed.

Tip Of The Day

Jay taught us an easy way to thread yarn through a needle; using a very small piece of paper, fold it in half and put the yarn in it and thread the paper through the eye of the needle; neat.

Luncheon: Our next luncheon will be April 7 at Carmichael's in Ocala Palms. If you are interested in going and haven't already notified Cecily Lucas, please call her at 865-4361 so she has an accurate count.

We meet every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Ceramic Room. Come and join us. We welcome new members. ☺



Sewing Bees Rita Miller

Snip, snip, snip ... stitch, stitch, stitch, echoed in the Craft Room during the Sewing Bees' March meetings. We were in need of quilts for our comfort kits so members stopping working on the placemat project but concentrated on making quilts. Those who finished their scalloped placemats brought them to the meeting for "show and tell." The variety of fabrics were not only colorful but

also unusual. Some had contrasting backings that made them reversible. Others added coordinating napkins to complete their set. After seeing all the beautiful finished mats, several members regretted not taking part in the class. Marcy agreed to teach it again later in the year.

Edie Howard also presented a class on embroidered greeting cards. The outline of the design was pin-pricked on to decorative card stock and then filled in with stitches going in and out of the holes to create the design. We all took home a very pretty note card and some additional patterns to try on our own. Who wouldn't appreciate receiving a beautiful homemade card?

Members were asked to bring in suitable fabrics for children's quilts as our current supply of fabric is dwindling. If anyone out there has fabric they are not using and would like to donate, we would be happy to take it off your hands. Call Marcy at 854-1181 or Rita at 237-6660.

If you're new to On Top of the World and are interested in what we do, stop by the Art Room in the Craft Building near the mini-golf course.

We meet on Thursdays from 12:30 until 3 p.m. Until next month, goodbye March, hello April. ☺



Artistic Crafts & Gifts Loretta Troutman

This is the time for spring cleaning, or is it your time to feather your nest? A stop in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Tuesday morning will offer help in either case.

There you will find many items to beautify and/or enhance the beauty of your home. Following is a list of items, in part, that the crafters offer.

Rene's beautiful leaded glass designs will add spark and a touch of class, whether they are hung in a window, or on a dreary wall, or displayed in your garden.

Dot Tripp makes those handy potholders in a multitude of colors and patterns. You'll find just what you want to match your kitchen decor.

The Towel Lady has added new towels of varied motifs in popular color combinations. You'll also make those "hard to find" bib aprons and adult sized bibs.

Frances' lovely intricate tatting and crocheted items are irresistible. Tatting is becoming a lost art. A tatted doily is something you'll be proud to own or to give as a treasure kept for years to come.

Lois had been away for a while and we welcomed her return. She specializes in many novelties you'll not see elsewhere. Her beaded nightlights, her little towel dresses and bits of humor are very popular. You'll enjoy seeing it all. ☺

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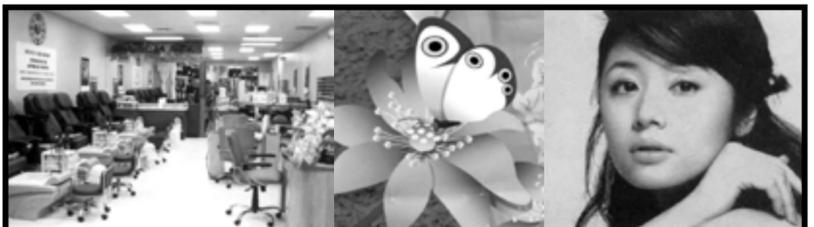
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John Davidson Continues to Attract Audiences

By MARY PAT GIFFIN
WORLD NEWS WRITER

When asked what John Davidson was most famous for, the audience recalled his performances in various roles, from hosting "That's Incredible" and his own ABC television show in the 1970s to appearances on "Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island."

The multi-talented star of Broadway, movies, TV, and more, recently demonstrated his talent as singer, musician and comedian at the Circle Square Cultural Center. With 12 solo albums, the popular, dimpled artist brought a fresh interpretation to love songs, as he created imaginary scenes to get the audience involved by bringing out the drama of the lyrics.

For example, his love song "I Still Want To Be Your Superman" had the over-60 generation nodding in approval as he sang about an older guy, who still feels a romantic drive for his main squeeze.

When Davidson first came out on stage, Ben Monteith commented on how much he resembled Lorne Green. He and his wife Ruth were impressed with his energy level and obvious love to entertain people. However, Ben admitted that Davidson's full head of hair and great physical shape created a little envy.

"I never thought of him as a comedian," said Ruth, "but he was really funny, friendly, open and up front with the audience." Ruth's favorite song was Davidson's rendition of "Yes sir, that's my baby" on the banjo.

Martha and George Lyons hope they bring him back because they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. "You could see how much he loved entertaining," said Martha. "He really connected with the audience. His voice was strong and he hit some high notes up there."

Nan Lishin's husband Bob didn't want to come but "he had a wonderful time," Nan said. "I'd only seen him on TV but I'd see him again anywhere. He's excellent."

"He still has a good voice for his age and he's funnier than I remember," concurred Gerry Nelson. "He was so handsome. He's from my youth. He's my age. I grew up with him."

Gerry's husband Rick saw him at the Warwick in Rhode Island in the 1970s. "He hasn't



Photo by Michelle Bennett

John Davidson performed at the Cultural Center in February.

changed much. He's just a little heftier."

It wasn't just the over-60-generation that remembered Davidson. "I had a poster of him," recalled Sonya James, 48. "He was so cute on Hollywood Squares. He looks exactly the same just a little grayer."

Unfortunately, Davidson lost his voice after the intermission. He stopped abruptly before his grand finale with attributing it to a cold he caught from his grandson. The audience didn't seem to mind. They want the Cultural Center to bring him back. ☺



Photo by Andy Zarella

Winners of February's contest hosted by Bunny Barba standing background. Seated left to right are: Jay Rongetti, Monika Hines, Amelia Machuga, John Zanazzi and Sue Zanazzi.



**New York/
New Jersey
Terry Zarrella**

Bunny Barba hosted a contest at February's meeting and did a marvelous job of entertaining our club members. There were two teams consisting of five members on each team. The winning team's names are: Jay Rongetti, Monika Hines, Amelia Machuga, John Zanazzi and Sue Zanazzi. Everyone truly enjoyed himself or herself. Our members enjoy group participation and always look forward to volunteering and hopefully winning the grand prize.

Tickets were sold for March's covered dish.

Decals Issued: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.,
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registration and pieces of old decal.

Chicken was purchased at Publix at Heathbrook. They did a fantastic job last year so we decided to use them again. All members brought a covered dish or dessert. Angie and Bob Hook oversaw the event.

Several changes have been made regarding members who hold volunteer positions for our club. Gladys Bevalacqua who has been our "sunshine and badge lady" has resigned due to personal issues. She will be missed; however, she said: "Maybe sometime in the future I will be able to return." Louise Roder will take over the "badge" position and Bunny Barba will take over the "sunshine lady" position in addition to her other positions she has with the club. Isn't it wonderful how members volunteer to take up the slack without even being asked? Big hearts ... great friends.

Our club donated \$100 to the Library to defray costs and help out with supplies needed. Liz Ettell, our president, handed Peggy the librarian a check to be used as she sees fit for the library which is used by all residents of On Top of the World.

Myra Post, our "membership lady," reported that we have 144 paid members. Many are new residents who have recently moved to On Top of the World. If you desire to join our club, it meets the third Tuesday of every month. Please do not hesitate to call Liz Ettell or me ... we're in the On Top of the World phone book.

Until next month, stay well, laugh often, be happy! ☺

Big Sun Entertainment Group Presents First Annual Ocala Music and Art Festival

Music lovers mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5, for the first annual Ocala Music and Art Festival to be held at the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park, 11008 S. Highway 475, Ocala, Florida.

From 10 a.m. until midnight the festival will be celebrating with family-friendly activities including a wide variety of live musical entertainment for the entire family. Live musical performances include jazz, oldies, salsa, Latin, rhythm and blues, Motown, blues, contemporary Christian, electric blue, country and Southern rock.

The one-day event will also feature arts and crafts, food vendors, and children's play activities including a rock climbing wall, big slide and bounce house.

Advance general admission tickets are \$7 per person, and \$10 per person at the gate. All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. An online special ticket package of three tickets for \$21 and the fourth ticket free is available. Group rates also are available.

Bring chairs or blankets. No coolers, pets or glass containers, please. No video or recording devices allowed.

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R/C LadyBirds
Ruth Kuntar

Springtime! What a wonderful time of year, and the LadyBirds and spouses celebrated its arrival with an outing to the New England Shire Farms. Thanks go to Annette Krueger for these fun time arrangements.

March was also celebrated in grand style with our 50s dance hosted by Jean Jarmel and her committee. It was a perfect evening to relive memories, enjoy great food, and dance the night away 50's style. Thanks again, Jean.

On March 29, our LadyBirds volunteers will assist the R/C Flyers with their Big Bird Fly-in. This is always a fun event enjoyed by many out-of-town flyers and guests, our On Top of the World residents, the flyers themselves and, of course, the LadyBirds.

Congratulations go out to the LadyBirds who participated in Hoopin' for Hospice! A total of \$560 was raised, even though the walk

was cancelled because of nasty weather. The On Top of the World Marion County Hospice total dollar support to date is now more than \$6,000.

Ahead of us is the garage sale to end all garage sales — Rags to Riches. Mark your calendars to visit our tables on Friday, April 18, at the Arbor Conference Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Annette Krueger (861-6567) and Rita Mandl (873-7702) are accepting your gently used items, but please telephone before delivery. For last-minute drop off, bring your booty directly to our tables early Friday morning. E-mail announcements and reminders will be sent along the way.

Mary Jo Wiley (369-5548), Rita Mandl (873-7702) and Shirley Shellman (854-8323) are serving as the 2008-09 nominating committee. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact one of these ladies to put your name on the slate. The slate will be introduced at our April meeting, and elections will be held at our May meeting. Watch your e-mail for additional information.

Our spring spotlight is on Shirley Smith Shellman, and doesn't that name conjure up "movie star" in your mind? Well acting is probably the one and only career Shirley didn't pursue.

A week after high school graduation, Shirley married her true love, Roger. Five years later, this Michigan couple became a family of five with the addition of children Vern, Chris and Nancy.

Shirley audited insurance policies for the state of Michigan. She then became a member of the board of directors for the YWCA, chairperson of their health and education department, and planned craft and exercise classes. In addition, Shirley taught crochet, knitting,

hat-making, leather carving and trampoline. She was responsible for putting on the first health fair held in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Shellmans lived on 80 acres in a great old farmhouse in Gobles, Mich. They had a towrope on the hill for skiing. Shirley and Roger packed a tent and went camping via bicycle. They rented condos in exotic places.

With her children Shirley planted 5,000 white pine trees, which resulted in a forest. They made 18 gallons of maple syrup annually.

Roger built Shirley a bronze-casting foundry, and Shirley taught bronze casting for the Kalamazoo Art Center. She cast bronze for artists for 16 years.

At age 50, Shirley started college, and she graduated as a registered nurse from Bronson School of Nursing. She chose to work in nursing homes because she felt joy and was fulfilled working with the elderly. They, of course, received better care because Shirley was in their midst.

After Roger's retirement from UpJohn, the Shellmans moved to Florida. To Shirley, Florida was a foreign country plant-wise when compared to her home state of Michigan. To better understand the Florida plant community, Shirley became a Master Gardener and is a member of the Native Plant Society.

Today, Shirley quilts and gardens here at On Top of the World. She and Roger hike in the woods and both are working on the challenges of aging. They have four delightful grandchildren, and in June, Shirley and Roger will celebrate 55 good years of marriage.

Congratulations to you both. Thank you for sharing this slice of your life with us ... and Shirley, there is still plenty of time to pursue that acting career! ☺



R/C Flyers
Mike Zuckerman

The On Top of the World R/C Flyers wish to announce two new members: Richard Lee and Skip Mast. Welcome!

The club thanks Larry Riehl for obtaining sand and gravel and working on the road. Thanks, Larry!

The On Top of the World SAM (Society of Antique Modelers) will host a Fly-In on Saturday April 26. SAM is an organization that builds and flies model planes that were popular in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Flights will demonstrate how model airplanes flew before the advent of radio control. Although this is not an official contest, there will be a "Mad Hatter" event, in which limits on motor runs and the duration of the resulting glide will decide the winners. The idea is to use a small motor to get the airplane just as high as you can see it, turn off the motor, and use air currents to glide and land very close to the pilot's position.

Participants are from the On Top of the World R/C Flyers and some have been invited from out of town. All flyers must be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Any old time model — glow plug, gas or electric — that has been modified for radio assist is eligible to fly.

The On Top of the World R/C Flyers have generously given the field over to this special event for the day. Registration for flyers begins at 8 a.m. and flying will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 additional directions.

All On Top of the World residents are invited. There is no admission fee. Please note that no animals are allowed on the club premises. ☺

Embroidery Chicks Jan Johnson

Celebration, let's have a good time! We did celebrate leader Theresa Randolph's significant birthday. The years are a secret! We are young embroidery chicks and it is the great things in our clubs that keep us young. Though we haul our machines and gobs of "stuff" for our classes, the learning is worth the effort. Marcie Benz says she just "loves to learn new things."

Guest instructor Carole taught us how to do a six-inch crazy quilt patch with an embroidery design in the middle. We are wild about this process and want to continue to the next level. This will be creating a six-inch patch with an octagonal crazy quilt effect surrounding the center embroidery design. We will be kicking it up a notch as Emeril says.

Several prospective members stopped by to check out our efforts and we hope they return: Barb Walleit, Jeanette Messer and Sharlee Steiner. We all benefit from new members and new ideas.

While Carole is preparing the new lesson for us, Lorraine Brokhof will teach us how to make embroidered placemats. I have not seen the sample yet, but Lorraine does lovely work and most of us are enjoying her purse pattern.

Stop by the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, on the first or fourth Fridays of the month to see what we do. A visit is a great, non-threatening way to check us out. You will be so intrigued with the embroidery prospects that we learn and teach. Also, we will learn from you and your ideas. Call Theresa at 291-7570 if you have questions. You are free to stop by any time. We usually begin about 9:30 to 10 a.m. and continue until done or about 2 to 3 p.m. ☺

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Save Those Stories!

Ocala Storytelling Festival Launches Community Oral History Project

By TARYN EVANS
OCALA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Family stories are the heart of storytelling. This year, the Ocala Storytelling Festival acknowledges the power of family in our lives and the importance "story" has to each family with a special oral history project: Save Those Stories! During the festival, a recording station will be set up near the performance tent where you can come and record a story about your family. After you've recorded the story, you'll leave with a free keepsake CD ... a gift to share with your family.

Some may feel that their family has no stories, but those persons would be mistaken. Every family has stories, even if they are only spoken as gossip or anecdotes. What are some common subjects of family stories? These might include: a memorable trip, a favorite car, an unusual holiday experience, adventures with a best friend, memorable places or times, the old home place, your family's arrival to America, a great fishing story, a difficult job experience, school stories, summer fun, favorite pets, wild weather, notorious or eccentric family members. The list is as long as human experience. Choose one from your own family's experience ... one that you find funny, sad, interesting or worth remembering ... and come to the festival April 18 or 19 and share it. While you're there, stop and enjoy some of the family stories the featured storytellers may be sharing with the audience. However, a ticket to the festival is not required for you to record your story.

Area veterans interested in sharing their personal stories of war should also reserve a recording slot. The Veterans History Project is collecting the stories that those who served have to tell. Their primary focus is on first-hand accounts from U.S. veterans who served during World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War and Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. If you are a veteran who would like to participate, we would like to give you a place to come tell your story. Your CD (and any other materials of your choice) can then be mailed to the Library of Congress for inclusion in their collection. For more information about the Veterans History Project, please visit their Web site at www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html.

The recording station will be set up during the festival on Friday, April 18, Saturday, April 19, on the festival grounds at Tusawilla Park, 300-899 N.E. Sanchez Ave. It will be located in a trailer offered for the weekend by Tradewinds RV. If you are interested in coming and having a story recorded, you will need to reserve a time slot prior to the festival. You



can do this online at the festival's Web site, www.ocalastorytellingfestival.com.

Or you may call Taryn Evans at 821-0298 to reserve the time. Each recording slot is 30 minutes long. There are 32 available slots during the two days of the festival. If there is a great deal of interest from the community and these slots fill up, more time slots will be made available starting with Thursday. For these additional recording times, the recording station will be in a library or other community room yet to be determined.

When you arrive at the appointed time, you will first be asked for some basic biographical information (name, address, etc.) If you have come prepared to share your story then you will do so. If, on the other hand, you are not sure of what you want to tell, a volunteer will ask you a few questions designed to jog

your memory. After 20 minutes you will have something recorded. A CD will be made and you will leave with the free CD in hand.

The following suggestions will help you prepare for your recording session:

- Print and read the interviewing guide available online at the festival Web site at www.ocalastorytellingfestival.com.

This is a product of the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and contains many questions designed to jog the memory and inspire family stories.

- Be sure that you keep in mind the 30-minute limit of your time slot.
- Collect and bring to the recording session photos and other items that will stimulate and freshen your memory of events.

- Bring a family member or friend to the recording session. It may make you more comfortable and may increase the natural tone of the telling.

- Download and print the save Those Stories! flyer available online so you can tell others about the project and give them the opportunity to participate.

- Remember that there will be no time for editing of your interview before you get your free keepsake CD. Your story or interview will be "as-is."

- Veterans wishing to participate in the Veterans History Project should download and read the Field Kit available on the festival Web site. Be aware that you will only have 30 minutes for your story unless you reserve adjacent time slots. (If you do reserve two time slots, be sure you need the extra time.) ☺

Stephanie's PC Computer Tip

By STEPHANIE ROHDE

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One way to begin to become independent of oil and gas prices is to focus elsewhere — like on electric cars, for example. If you haven't yet viewed the educational movie Who Killed the Electric Car (2006), it is well worth watching, and can be found via a membership at www.netflix.com. Electric cars are back — check it out at www.teslamotors.com.

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Red Hat Society
Vivian Brown

Well, I have never seen so many waving "butts" in all shapes and sizes, that some of our ladies displayed at our PJ Party. There was much fun and laughter as we enjoyed the fellowship, food and entertainment, which included a murder mystery, various singing and dancing, and a beautiful lady and gentleman on a decorated bicycle built for two as they sang the old favorite song "Daisy." Everyone did a great job.

What about next year? Who knows, who knows! The queens meeting was held, and it was decided to have a Summer Fare - Hawaiian Theme, July 27, at the Health & Recreation Ballroom beginning at 5 p.m. More details will follow. Till Next month, happy hatting and God bless.

THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE RED HAT DAMES enjoyed practicing for the PJ Party and had lots of laughs. It is always fun to be with all the other chapters here at On Top of the World for the annual PJ Party. The girls would like to thank my husband JC for going to Publix to pick up our four-foot sub sandwich that was difficult to handle, but it was delicious. Ladies you are all wonderful and I am so Proud of you and honored to be your Queen Mother. Stay well and God bless. ... *QM Vivian Brown*

THE SCARLET FOXES: It may be of interest that the name Scarlet refers to Scarlet O'Hara, a Southern, very vivacious, foxy lady, who in the midst of adversity refused to give up her

identity. She fought to keep her beloved land, Tara. Since On Top of the World is now our Tara, we want to hold on to the values of being gracious and hopeful in times of adversity. Scarlet O'Hara was also the name of my Irish setter, who was born in Georgia. So the name has special meaning to us: Holding forth the attitude of being gracious and, most of all, enjoying tea parties. We remember Scarlet's famous words, "I will never be hungry again!" Therefore, we will continue to celebrate the Scarlet Foxes with monthly lunches and tea parties. ... *Queen Mother Phyllis Kraus*

THE COOL CATS IN RED HATS: On a wonderful spring day the Cool Cats found themselves at Ocala's School of Equestrian Art farm. There we met Diego Bravo, the manager and instruction director of the farm. In last month's World News there was a writeup about this farm, this instructor and Pete Quigley, a resident of On Top of the World who is taking lessons from Mr. Bravo. Pete was also at the farm and helped demonstrate the gait that sets Paso Fino horses apart from other horses. What magnificent animals. How proud they are. How beautifully they move. Mr. Bravo explained the history of these horses and showed us several different breeds. We watched the horses move through their paces as they would for a show. Afterward, we brown-bagged our lunch and enjoyed sitting by the barn, watching Mr. Diego train a horse for competition. If your group is looking for something different and special, this is a place to go. Thank you, Alice Stewart, for planning a great outing. We enjoyed ourselves at the Red Hat PJ Party, as always. It sure is a fun-filled afternoon to be with all our fellow Red Hatters. What a great group of ladies. ... *QM Janet Fragaqane*

BONAMI REDHATTERS: Fourteen good friends gathered at the home of Barbara Genovesi Mango for our February gathering. We enjoyed bringing our own brown-bag lunches, and for dessert we feasted on cream puffs and chocolate eclairs. We had the pleasure of having our individual astrological charts read by Jeanette K. Oswald. It was an enlightening experience for us all; some of us just wished we'd brought our tape recorders!

It was a lot of fun to enjoy the Pajama Party on Feb. 24. What a talented bunch of ladies we have in On Top of the World. They already have us thinking about what the Bon Ami participation in 2009 will be.

We took a field trip to Orlando mid-March to explore a Red Hat flea market-type store and stocked up on our red and purple accessories! We will let you know how it was.

Nine of us will enjoy going to Tampa April 5 to see "Hats, The Play," along with 50 or so other Red Hatters of On Top of the World. Joanne Jones hosted our end-of-March gathering. Bon Ami (good friend) ... *QM Daryl Howard*

THE GLITZY GALS had a great time at the Red Hat PJ Party. The entertainment was creative and funny as each year people come up with new ideas. Betty Tesmer had the lucky cupcake and won a prize. Thanks to all who planned and participated in this event. Our group participated in Hoofin' for Hospice and collected more than \$600. The rain stopped us from walking but we enjoyed breakfast at The Pub. A fashion show and luncheon presented by the Sahara Club of Ocala was attended by

some of our group as well as some other Red Hatters and family and friends of the Sahara Club. The fashions were from Bon Worth and Bealls. The models were a variety of shapes, sizes and ages. A clown named Sparkie entertained us. A delicious meal of chicken, green beans, wild rice and for dessert flamed peaches with a scoop of lemon sherbet. Prizes were raffled during the event and all the proceeds go to the Shriners Hospital for children. Our March outing was to the Thai Ruby restaurant for a delicious lunch and then a shopping stop at the new Dillard's. Hostesses for this month were Kitty Wills and Janet Wahl. Several more events in March were a trip to the New England Shire Horse Farm and the Gala in Tampa. More about these events next month. "There is nothing like a broad grin or a deep belly laugh to lighten one's load." ... *QM Mary Curry by Janet Wahl*

THE BODACIOUS CRIMSON LADIES have already been busy in 2008. On Jan. 12 we had a fun Singing Boat Trip on the Withlacoochee River. It was a delightful day. February we were busy preparing our skit for the On Top of the World Red Hat PJ Party with a luncheon get-together at our Queen Mom's home. We were all boxes of cereal and our detective Sue Moody located the "serial/cereal killer," Agnes Hardie, right in the midst of our audience. The skits certainly displayed a lot of creativity by all who participated. It was a great evening of fun and laughter and bonding with our Red Hat sisters. We continued on in March with a trip to the movie "Juno" and Pronto Pizza following the show. We have three new members who have joined us in our fun excursions and activities. Coming up on March 29 we have a luncheon planned at the Blackwater Inn in Astor overlooking the St. John's River. We also look forward to the musical "Hats" at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on April 5. Many of our gals are still working so we concentrate on having Red Hat fun on weekday evenings or weekends. We look forward to another great year of Red Hatting, keeping us young and on the go. ... *QM Gail Tirpak*

THE SCARLET FOXES held their last meeting together — yes, we're undergoing a renovation — on March 4 at Sky Fusion. Thanks to our hostesses Louella Rasmussen and Vi Dubay and a superb waiter named Michael, we had a wonderful time. We shared food — sampling is what it's all about — and laughed. After lunch we headed to Vi's house where she and Louella had us playing bingo. There were prizes to be won and the last game was a "cover-all" for cash! Now the renovation news! As of April 1 our group, which had grown so large as to make even lunching out difficult, has split into two. The Scarlet Foxes with Phyllis Kraus as the Queen Mum will be one group and the Ruby Vixens with Betty Thayer as the Queen Mum will become the other. It's exciting times and with this "renovation" we've created new opportunities for both groups! Till next month ... *QM Betty Thayer*

RED GEMS: We sang. We danced. Linda and Suzi mimed their way through the tulips, Daisy strutted across the stage to "Henry" and his bicycle built for two. It was fun. Our three minutes of fame. It was done. Whew! Kudos to all who participated in the PJ Party entertainment. It was an enjoyable evening. The On Top of the World Red Hat Ladies know how to put on a show. Their clever ideas are amazing. Linda Hein hosted the monthly meeting of the Red Gems. She took us to Mango's in downtown Ocala. Food and service were good. We'll want to go there again. We had planned to visit a few nearby shops. One group got caught in a downpour, but waited it out. Group two wanted to avoid the rain, get home early and also avoid the deluge. But all being shoppers they were a little disappointed that they didn't wait the rain out, too. ... *QM Loretta Troutman*

CRESCENT RIDGE RED HATTERS have been busy having a wonderful time over the past few months. In December we had a fantastic lunch at the Sky Fusion restaurant on top of the new Holiday Inn. The food was unusual and more than tasty. Our hostess, Mary Jo Hammond, made a wonderful choice. In January we met at the Veranda Gallery and Gift Shop; chosen by hostess Joan Irvine. Lunch was delicious, and then we wandered through the gift shop. February found us at the Nancy Lopez restaurant in The Villages. The food was wonderful, but the best part of the day was that Nancy Lopez greeted us herself as we entered the building. She was delightful to talk to us and looked as lovely as she did when she was a beginner in the golfing world. Thanks to Kathryn Hoehn for the wonderful day. The Pajama Party was a huge success, as always. Our skit was received well y'all — especially when our Red Hat Driver gave the police a hard time. See you soon ... *Queen Mother Anne Seals*



Professor Keane Returns to MTP

Professor Patrick Keane, professor emeritus of English, returned to Master the Possibilities as part of the visiting scholar program. Keane held classes last year on Irish history and literature and continued the dialogue on March 17 and 19. In classes focusing on "Ireland in the 20th Century: the interchange of history and literature," Keane took us from the "Troubles" to Civil War and back to the resurgence of the "Troubles" decades later in the north. The history was illuminated by the works of Yeats, Heaney and Mahon.

Patrick Keane is a noted scholar with seven books authored. His most recent (2008) deals with Emily Dickenson. Previous works focused on Coleridge, Graves, Yeats and Emerson. His scholarship and wit helped make Irish celebrations more meaningful. Pat looks forward to a continued association with our Education Center.



Southern Club
Bob Bland

The Health & Recreation Ballroom was beautifully decorated for our March 2008 meeting with the theme being Irish — St. Patrick's day. White and green balloons decorated the 12 tables as well as green candles and beautiful blooming azaleas. Many wore green in honor of St. Patrick and their Irish heritage.

Our great Southern cooks prepared not only the side dishes and desserts but several members cooked that wonderful corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots. Oh, what a feast that was enjoyed by about 100 members and guests.

We enjoyed the presence of Carolyn Hancock and Charles Distler as new members, many visitors and new prospects for the Southern Club. If you or your spouse were born in the South or lived in the South for 15 years or more and are a resident of On Top of the World, you are eligible for membership. If you have not visited with us, we extend to you an invitation to join us at our April 3 meeting in the Ballroom of the H&R Center at 5:30 p.m. Bring your tableware and a dish to serve six to eight people. You will not be disappointed with the food, fun and fellowship with your southern neighbors.

Following a short business meeting we were entertained by the Songbirds of Cherrywood Estates with refreshing Irish songs and several sing alongs by the audience. The Songbirds are under the direction of our very own Jean Monroe. The entertainment for the April meeting will be children from Honey's School of Dance. Join us as we support these young people as they share their talents for our enjoyment.

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Monday Afternoon Bridge

Sara Anderson

Feb. 18

1: Joan Lord and Mary Carol Geck; 2: Shirley Stolly and Pat Holmes; 3: Ray Dietz and Bob Buchan; 4: Ida Rosendahl and Doris Keathley.

Feb. 25

1: Caryl Rosenberger and Marjorie Benton; 2: Bill and Edith Hunter; 3: Joan Lord and Mary Carol Geck; 4: Joe and Phyllis Zwick.

March 3

1: Mary Carol Geck and Joan Lord; 2: Pat Holmes and Shirley Stolly; 3: Caryl Rosenberger and Marjorie Benton; 4: Sara Anderson and Ray Dietz.

March 10

1: Marjorie Benton and Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Mary Carol Geck and Joan Lord; 3: Eleanor Giardina and Geri Cassens; 4: Fran Griswold and Betty Morris.

Monday Night Bridge

Shirley Johnson & Eleanor Giardina

Feb. 18

1: Myra Butler; 2: Eleanor Giardina; 3: Ginny Barrett; 4: Ray Dietz; Cons. Shirley Johnson.

Feb. 25

1: Nettie Hopkins; 2: Mildred Lane; 3: Elsie Helwig; 4: Betty Legg; 5: Phil Divito; Cons. Eleanor Giardina.

March 3

1: Ray Dietz; 2: Eleanor Giardina; 3: Helen DeGraw; 4: Gail Tirpak; 5: Ida Rosendahl; Cons. Janet Becker.

March 10

1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Dick Mansfield; 3: Ray Dietz; 4: Myra Butler; Cons. Helen DeGraw.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Agnes LaSala & Shirley Johnson

Feb. 5

1: Nancy Shaver and Lorraine Lamb; 2: Mazie Millward and Ray Dietz; 3: Elsie Helwig and Kay Wood.

Feb. 12

1: Ray Dietz and Mazie Millward; 2: Kay Wood and Elsie Helwig.

Feb. 19

1: Kay Wood and Elsie Helwig; 2: Agnes La Sala and Carl Woodbury; 3: Ray Dietz and Mazie Millward.

Feb. 26

1: Ray Dietz and Mazie Millward; 2: Shirley Stolly and Betty Morris; 3: Agnes La Sala and Carl Woodbury.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

Bill Raines

We welcome new duplicate bridge players to our game. For more information, or to find a partner, call 873-0073.

Feb. 19

1: Ruth and Harry Tindall; 2: Ida Rosendahl and Dick Mansfield; 3: Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck; 4: Ida and Bill Carlson; 5: Helen Eshbach and Liz Milleson.

Feb. 26

1: Doug Miller and Ernie Lord; 2: Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck; 3: Marjorie and Bruce Benton; 4: Helen Eshbach and Liz Milleson; 5: Ida and Bill Carlson; 6: Joan Lord and Nel Bosschaart.

March 4

1: Helen Eshbach and Liz Milleson; 2: Caryl Rosenberger and Jayne Kaske; 3: Ida Rosendahl and Dick Mansfield; 4: Marjorie and Bruce Benton; 5: Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck; 6: Doug Miller and Ernie Lord.

March 11

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

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Fran Griswold

We have been enjoying having guests recently visiting our Florida sunshine, Carolyn Del Prado and Betty Leighton; we thank you for coming. We planned a pizza luncheon in recognition of St. Patrick's Day. Our group is

so proud to have Ruth Goldstine as one of our players. Once again, Ruth has been an unending worker and speaker for Hospice. Remember, we meet each Wednesday, and the first Wednesday we collect items for the Rape Crisis Spouse Abuse Center. Happy Easter to all.

Feb. 13

1: Bernie Kelly 5950; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Phyllis Silverman; 4: Carol Rosenberger; Cons: Bill Mahoney.

Feb. 20

1: B.G.F. trio 4440; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Shirlee Wolcott; Cons: May Holtz.

Feb. 27

1: Helen Sternberger 4550; 2: Mary Culberson; 3: Carol Thompson; 4: Eleanor Giardina; Cons: Mary Carson.

March 5

1: Fran Griswold 6600; 2: Betty Morris; 3: Mary Culberson; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Phyllis Silverman.

Wednesday Evening Duplicate Bridge

Doris Keathley

Feb. 13

1: Bill and Betty Raines; 2: Joan Lord and Mary Carol Geck; 3: Harry and Ruth Tindall; 4: Ted and Joni Jarvis.

Feb. 20

1: Phil and Hazel Merchant; 2: Joan Lord and Mary Carol Geck; 3: Ted and Joni Jarvis; 4: Nancy Dreimiller and Rose O'Rourke; 5: Ida Rosendahl and Doris Keathley.

Feb. 27

1: Bruce Benton and Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Joan Lord and Mary Carol Geck; 3: Phil and Hazel Merchant; 4: Bill and Ida Carlson; 5: Ted and Joni Jarvis.

March 5

1: Ted and Joni Jarvis; 2: Harry and Ruth Tindall; 3: Mary Carol Geck and Joan Lord; 4: Bill and Betty Raines; 5: Phil and Hazel Merchant.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Ginnie Barrett & Marion Turbin

Feb. 14

1: Maize Millward; 2: Mary Rose Jansen; 3: Shirlee Walcott; 4: Ginnie Barrett.

Feb. 21

1: Joanne Jones; 2: Nancy Dreimiller; 3: Pat Golgart; 4: Nancy Shaner.

Feb. 28

1: Nancy Dreimiller; 2: Cleona Redman; 3: Helen Eshbach; 4: Agnes LaSalla.

March 6

1: Maizie Millwood; tie at 2: Shirlee Walcott and Ginnie Barrett; 3: Alice McDaniel.

March 13

1: Marie Dare; 2: Alice McDaniel; 3: Betty Legg.

Thursday Night Bridge

Helen DeGraw & Ida Rosendahl

Feb. 14

1: Eleanor Giardina; 2: Carl Woodbury; 3: Agnes Weber; 4: John Mataya; Cons. Ron McNeilly.

Feb. 21

1: Eleanor Giardina; 2: Jan Moon; 3: Dick Mansfield; 4: Mildred Lane; Cons. Jim Mahoney.

Feb. 28

1: Carl Woodbury; 2: Rose O'Rourke; 3: Don Lamb; 4: Eleanor Giardina; Cons. Tom Marta.

March 6

1: Paul Agarwal; 2: Jan Moon; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Eleanor Giardina; Cons. Ron McNeilly.

March 13

1: Lee Sheffer; 2: Jan Moon; 3: Ginnie Barret; Cons. May Holtz.

Friday Night Bridge

Hazel & Phil Merchant

Feb. 15

1: Betty Raines; 2: Ruth Tindall; 3: Geri Cassens; 4: Ray Dietz; 5: Rose O'Rourke.

Feb. 22

1: John Buccu; 2: Ray Dietz; 3: Geri Cassens; 4: Mary Culberson; tie at 5: Bill Raines and Bruce Benton.

Feb. 29

1: Virginia Blanchard; 2: Ernie Lord; 3: Shirley Ebert; 4: Peggy Buccu; 5: Caryl Rosenberger.

March 7

1: Bill Raines; 2: Bruce Benton; 3: Jan Smith; 4: Rose O'Rourke; tie at 5: Tie Ernie Lord and Betty Raines.

March 13

1: Jimbo Smith; 2: Harry Tindall; 3: Geri Cassens; 4: Hazel Merchant; 5: Shirley Ebert.



Friday Night Euchre

Joe Askenase

Feb. 15

Five-Handed Game

1: Russ Riegler; 2: Lou Fisher; 3: Bridget Hughes; 4: Marcy Askenase.

Six-Handed Game

1: Diana Riegler; 2: Helen Foskett; 3: Virgil Taylor; 4: Vi Horton; 5: Clarence Lietzow; 6: Maria France.

Feb. 22

Five-Handed Game

1: Clarence Lietzow; 2: Russ Riegler; 3: Lou Fisher; 4: Bridget Hughes; 5: Helen Foskett.

Six-Handed Game

1: Maria France; Tie at 2: Vi Horton and Virgil Taylor; 3: Marcy Askenase; 4: Diana Riegler.

Feb. 29

Four-Handed Game

1: Clarence Lietzow; Tie at 2: Marcy Askenase and Lou Fisher; 3: Bridget Hughes.

Six-Handed Game

1: Russ Riegler; 2: Helen Foskett; 3: Diana Riegler; 4: Maria France; 5: Vi Horton.

Friday Night Euchre 4 Fun

Irene Pisani & Nancy Kowsky

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Feb. 15

Out of 30: Billy Swing had a perfect score of 60. Congratulations. 2: Genny Brenner; 3: Jan Harris; 4: Phyllis Wall; tied at 5: Val Shuldeshow, Bev DeBusschere and Dick Torzewski.

Feb. 22

Out of 37: Betty Legg and Larry Bertrand had a perfect score of 60. Congratulations. 2: Sharon Dean; 3: Genny Brenner; tied for 4: Mary Hilovsky and Bill Eberle; tied at 5: Joe Scervo and Irene Pisani.

Feb. 29

Out of 34: Tied at 1: Zane Barnett and Beverly DeBusschere; tied at 2: Jerry Pinter and Larry Bertrand; tied at 3: Norma Noelcke, Jerry Dean, Marty Mowry, Richard Bartel and Charles Chaillet; tied at 4: Marie Marquis and Bill Eberle; 5: Sharon Dean.

March 7

Out of 23: Tied at 1: Betty Scervo and Hank Hilovsky; 2: Trudy Bertrand; tied at 3: Bill Eberle, Sharon Dean, Larry Bertrand and Jo Swing; tied at 4: Nancy Kowsky and Phyllis Wall; tied at 5: Billy Swing and Joe Scervo.



Tuesday Night Pinochle

Viola Horton

This month we had two new players, Eileen and Roger Foley. Welcome. On Feb. 12, Jo Swing made delicious brownies for Double/Triple Deck players in honor of Valentine's Day. Thank you Jo — they were good. Hope to see all you pinochlers come and join us on Tuesday nights at 5:45 p.m. in the Craft Building, Art Room.

Feb. 5

Single Deck Winners

1: Albert Novotny; 2: Lois Rider; 3: Vernon Uzzell. Double/Triple Deck Winners Tables 1: Norma Yonke, James Nottingham and Vi Horton; 2: Jim Keller and Billy Swing; 3: Ray Bock and Virgil Taylor.

Feb. 12

Single Deck Winners

1: Audrey Bartolotta; 2: Millie Ferrell; 3: George Dertinger.

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Tables 1: Norma Yonke; 2: Jo Swing and Jim Keller; 3: Mary Lou and Frank Chamberlain.

Feb. 19

Single Deck Winners

1: Lois Rider; 2: Audrey Bartolotta; 3: Cherie Cunningham.

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Tables 1: Alberta Sarris, Jim Mazzotta and Joe Sciarrino; 2: John Berish; 3: Ann Pelham and Rich Fluet; 4: Ray Bock and Virgil Taylor.

Feb. 26

Single Deck Winners

1: Millie Ferrell; 2: Cheri Cunningham; 3: Audrey Bartolotta.

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Tables 1: Norma Yonke



Saturday Night Pinochle

Elsie Helwig

Feb. 16

1: Greg Skillman; 2: Elsie Helwig; 3: Jo Swing.

Feb. 23

1: Elsie Helwig; 2: Anne Jagielski; 3: Audrey Bartolotta.

March 1

1: Anne Jagielski; 2: Gene Hubbard; 3: Dottie Findlay.

March 8

1: Audrey Bartolotta; 2: Norma Yonke; 3: Greg Skillman.



Cribbage

Dorothy Skillman

Feb. 15

1: Luke Mullen; 2: Frank Chamberlain; 3: Alberta Sarris; Cons: Rich Fluet.

Feb. 22

1: Rich Fluet; 2: Alberta Sarris; 3: Greg Skillman; Cons: Norma Yonke.

Feb. 29

1: Mary Lou Chamberlain; 2: Greg Skillman; 3: Ray Bock; Cons: Elsie Helwig.

March 7

1: Mary Lou Chamberlain; 2: Mary Ehle; 3: Alberta Sarris; Cons: Craig Ehle.



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Mah Jongg
Mary Ehle

The tournament is over and the lucky people are very happy. I think that every one was happy. We had a great day and the fellowship was wonderful. The winners were as follows.

The big winner for the day was Louise Campagna. She was the halftime winner and the final winner for the day. Great job, Louise! The second prize went to Helene Sternberger and the third prize to Jeanne Wells. Alberta Saris took fourth place and Donna Fey finished fifth. Come on, Donna — you said you only came for the food and yet you won a prize.

Pat Griffith came in sixth and Joan Castellucci walked away with seventh. Eighth place went to Renee Filzer and ninth place was a tie

with Marlyn Valchin and Margaret Orlando. The last place was also a tie with Myra Post and Bunny Barba. Nancy Grabowski earned the pillow, again. BJ Leckbee was the winner of the free tournament in October.

Lee Penney, Jean Zrowka and Mamie Panzera did a great job with the breakfast foods and all the decorations. Thank you ladies for making it so springy and bright.

Thank you to all the girls who brought all that good food. I know that I was stuffed and I am sure that everyone had plenty to eat.

Thanks are in order for our own special butler and his wife, Ray and Pat Utiss. Ray does a super job of keeping all the coffee area spotless and also polices the refreshments to see that they are neat.

As always I could not do any of this without everyone's help and especially the help and concern that my special person does for me. After all this time Craig can see and do for me without me even asking. Thank you, Craig!

On the subject of help I would like to thank the people who came up Friday evening and assisted us with the set up. Bill Shampine and Ray and Craig were the only males doing the take down and we ladies are just not able to move furniture anymore. We did it but if some more wonderful husbands would help it sure would go faster.

The next tournament is the first Saturday in October and space will be limited. Be sure to send me your reservation. I will take the first 68 people and then have a waiting list. No money ... no seat ... no exception. I have eight people already signed up. Jokers to you. ☺



Bingo
Bunny Barba

Here I am again! As our readers are all aware, I only write this column when something very, very important is about to happen. Yes, once again it is that long awaited semi-annual Super Bingo evening.

On Wednesday April 9, all of our resident bingomaniacs are invited to join together for an unforgettable evening of prizes, prizes and prizes. We will play 17 games for \$50 each and three super games of \$250 each. Please try to arrive early as given the marvelous attendance at regular bingo we expect to fill the Health & Recreation Ballroom early.

Bingo cards will be sold at three for \$5. You cannot buy less than three cards. After all players have been accommodated, additional cards, if available, can be purchased at the

same price (three for \$5). Each player must show a resident ID card. No guests are permitted. At 6:10 p.m. cards will no longer be available, therefore try to arrive early.

As usual saving of seats is not permitted. We strongly suggest that you do not invite your aunt from Oregon, your kids, your ex-spouse or your dearest friend from Spring Hill. Presidential candidates, the ex-governor of New York and whatever his name is from Afghanistan are not welcome. The Colen family cannot attend unless they have the proper identification card.

You may, of course bring snacks and soft drinks; however, remember alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

When you have a bingo please shout it out loud and clear. Do not scream, do not cackle, do not shout hooray; please yell out "BINGO." If the caller for the evening does not hear you, you may then have to share your prize based on the next number called.

If you have read any of my past columns you are aware that in the more than 25 years of history at On Top of the World, bingo has never been cancelled because of hurricanes, tornadoes, thunderstorms and blizzards, etc. However on Feb. 27, the H&R Building was closed due to water pipe breakage. This left nearly 300 players with nothing to do but watch television or go to bed early. If there is sudden increase in the birth rate of Ocala approximately eight months from now, we know why. Miracles do happen.

May the wizards of bingo bring you good luck always in all ways.

You may contact by me by phone, 873-8009 or e-mail at Thebunster29@aol.com. ☺



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Entertainment Group Gives Back

The Entertainment Group presented donations to Hospice of Marion County and Florida's Center for the Blind. From left are Larry Wilver, member of On Top of the World's Entertainment Group and co-director of the New Pretenders, Dr. Cecil Jones, president of the board of directors for Florida's Center for the Blind, and Susan Reynolds, director of development for Hospice of Marion County. Each organization received two checks; one in the amount of \$1,000 from the Entertainment Group while the New Pretenders donated \$500 to each organization. The presentation took place on March 1 during one of the Entertainment Group's monthly entertainment extravaganzas.

Community Patrol Joe Berger

At this writing the patrol is looking forward to visiting the Inmate Farm on Baseline Road. This farm produces much of the food served to the inmates of the jail. This is a great savings to the public.

I would like to thank our Sheriff's Department for making Marion County one of the safest counties in Florida to live in. This is through the efforts of Sheriff Dean and his staff. Seniors feel very safe going shopping and driving on our roads. Home evasions, burglaries and physical assaults are very low and, when something does happen, Capt. Burton and his staff at the Sheriff's substation on State Road 200 are right there to assist. I know Sgt. Grimes and Det. Ed Mobley are always willing to answer questions and give assistance.

On Top of the World is very fortunate to have Ken Colen and his staff, who back up the Community Patrol.

The Community Patrol is also fortunate to have so many volunteers that give up their time to be the eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Department.

For the year 2007, they have logged 28,376 miles and have averaged well over 400 man-hours a month.

Enough about what we do, but if you take all of the communities that have a community patrol in Marion County, one can easily understand why we have the reputation of being one of the safest counties in the state of Florida. ☺



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E.L. Strickland Jr.

Strickland Honored by Youth Fair

The 2008 Southeastern Youth Fair was dedicated to E.L. Strickland Jr., manager of Circle Square Ranch.

He has been involved in every aspect of the youth fair and has worked with students and parents to help them appreciate the cattle industry and agriculture.

Strickland was honored last year as the Outstanding Rancher of the Year by the Florida Cattlemen's Association. He has worked for the Colen family for 30 years. ☺

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**World
Traveler**
Bill Shampine

Recently I read a book in which the Canary Islands played a significant role. Since I suspect most of us have never been there, I thought it might be fun to explore this small group of islands as part of our global journey. The Canary Islands, consisting of a group of seven large and a few small islands, lie off the northwest coast of Africa, about 60 miles due west of Morocco. Collectively the land mass is about 2,900 square miles, covers an area in the Atlantic Ocean about 270 miles by 90 miles, and has almost 2,000,000 people living there. It now has an autonomous government, but it has been a part of Spain since the late 1400s, so Spanish is the official language. They use the Euro for their currency, and it is a very popular tourist spot, particularly for Europeans.

The name of the islands has nothing to do with birds. It is thought to derive from the Latin term *Insula Canaria*, meaning Island of the Dogs. Academicians believe that the dense population of an endemic breed of large, fierce dogs was what most impressed the ancient Romans who visited the area, so they named it accordingly.

Because of its location, the islands were visited over the centuries by most of the ancient peoples that were travelers, including the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans. The Spanish conquest of the islands began in 1402, but was not successfully completed until 1495. The settlements of Las Palmas, located on Gran Canaria, and Santa Cruz, located on Tenerife, became the major towns in the islands. They were convenient stopping points for the Spanish conquerors, traders and missionaries on their way to the New World, including Christopher Columbus. The rivalry between these two towns for dominance has persisted from 1495 until today, to the point that in 1927 the archipelago was divided into two provinces so the Canary Islands can have co-capital cities.

After the establishment of a democratic constitutional monarchy in Spain, autonomy was granted to the Canaries in 1982, and elections were held the following year.

Because of its location as a stopping point on the way to the New World, the Canary Islands prospered and many people became quite wealthy during the sixteenth century. During this period magnificent palaces and churches were built on the island of La Palma, one of which, the Church of El Salvador, survives today as one of the island's finest examples of the architecture of the 1500s.

Over the centuries the economy of the islands traditionally was agriculture, varying from sugar, wine, and cochineal, to bananas in the early 20th century.

Today, the economy is based primarily on tourism, although bananas and tobacco still are major exports.



Travel Toppers
Jo Swing

April 1 may be April Fools' Day, but Travel Toppers is not fooling around with what is planned for the upcoming months.

April events that are full are "Kiss Me Kate" at the Show Palace Dinner Theater in Hudson on April 5 and the overnight trip to Tallahassee and Wakulla Springs April 20 and 21.

There might still be room on the April 7 fishing trip out of Hernando Beach. To check on availability, call the coordinator, Jo Swing.

On Monday, May 5, there will be a trip to Weeki Wachee in Spring Hill. This is an old-time Florida attraction and should not be missed. The cost is \$27 and includes admission, transportation and tip for driver. Food will be on your own. The coordinator is Claudette Moher.

There has been a time change for the Mother's Day cruise on the St. John's River on the Rivership Romance. We will now leave at 1:45 p.m. and return at 9:45 p.m. The cost is \$67 which covers the cruise and dinner, transportation and tip for driver.

For those of you who are interested in going, but don't care to drive home from the Travel Toppers parking lot in the dark, if you can get dropped off, we will make arrangements to get you home afterward. The coordinator is Kathy Hess.

In June Travel Toppers will be going to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center to see The Lion King. The date is Saturday, June 14. The cost is \$97 (orchestra) or \$77 (lower balcony.)



Photos courtesy of Margitta Claterbos
On Top of the World resident Margitta Claterbos, left, enjoys a picnic at Tenerife's National Park, Las Cañadas del Teide, with her mother and sister.

The best time to visit the islands is pretty much whenever you want to; however, peak tourist season is December to March and July to September. The weather is noted for being pretty moderate year-around, although there are some hot days in the summer.

The best values on air fares, room and food costs probably would be found in April or May. Touristy things to do in the Canaries would include sunning and swimming on the beaches, snorkeling and scuba diving, visiting historic sites and museums, prowling the markets in the historic sections of the major towns, visiting the many small towns that have remained relatively unchanged for scores of years, and enjoying the wide variety of the landscapes offered throughout the islands. The position of the islands with respect to the trade winds has a significant effect on the climate, which can be either mild and wet or very dry.

Each of the islands offers very different landscapes. Lanzarote, for example, has a distinct desert look, with lots of rock, sand and cacti. It even has camels roaming around, looking imperial and acting as ornery as ever.

On the other hand, the high mountains (old volcanoes) usually are covered in snow during the winter, particularly the Pico de Teide Mountain located on Tenerife. At 12,195 feet high, it is the highest mountain in Spain and the third largest volcano in the world. There are four national parks in the Canaries with the largest being located on Garajonay.

The park is heavily forested with a very diverse ecosystem. There are many hiking trails that entice the visitor to relax and give you a chance to enjoy nature at its finest. For the nature-challenged amongst us, one can retrieve the feel of a big city in Las Palmas, which is becoming a burgeoning area for entertain-



Garachico sits on the northwest coast of Tenerife.

ment. Even with the big city feel, however, the historic center of Las Palmas will satisfy the history buffs as it is rich in history, and offers insights into life as it once was.

We had to fly 6,500 miles to get to Las Pal-

mas from Punta Arenas, Chile. If we then add about 200 miles moving around visiting several of the islands, that would give us a running total of 19,432 miles so far on our global jaunt. ☺

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Estate/Garage Sale: Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Furniture, small kitchen appliances, etc. 8540-D S.W. 90th Place.

Estate Sale: Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Art by English artist Eileen Richards. Choose your frame and style. 8540-D S.W. 90th Place.

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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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Misc. Items: Handsome wood rocker, gold trim, \$70; stable boy/jockey statue, 36" high with working lantern, \$75. Call after 6 p.m., 237-4143

Misc. Items: Kitchen set, 30" round top, pedestal bottom, two matching chairs, \$20. Exercise bike, electronic display, dual handles, \$30. 342-9767

Misc. Items: Ladies bike, like new, \$40; men's golf shoes, size 11, new, \$35. 237-7255

Misc. Items: Magnifier lamp, includes table clamp and adjustable swing arm, \$25; oil painting in frame, 20"x24", \$20; 6-panel interior door, 32"x80", free. 237-9073

Misc. Items: Pickleball paddle, used twice, \$25. Square dance clothes: skirts, blouses, petticoats, Pettipants, size medium, \$5 each. 291-7670

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