



Community News & Update

By Kenneth Colen, Publisher

The Annual Meetings for Candler Hills, Indigo East and On Top of the World were all well attended and the questions submitted were comprehensive. A number of years ago, we adopted the practice of asking for questions to be written and turned in. This practice assures an orderly means of addressing all matters that were raised and allows us to address more matters of interest than simply taking questions from the floor. Many of the questions dealt with traffic and speed control, use of recreational facilities and general questions relating to operations.

The recent striping of cart lanes on SW 99th Street has proven to be a big success. Besides providing for safer travel of golf carts, there has been an added benefit of slowing down speeders. In the next budget year, we anticipate that additional cart lanes and striping will be added to other community collector roadways.

Regardless of what community you live in, one theme is common: your community does not have layers of committees, subcommittees and bureaucracy between residents and your board. Each board listens to and responds to residents. Some ideas raised by residents are very practical and bring broad benefits to everyone in that association. Many activities and programs have been resident initiated. Your board is always open for ways to improve delivery of services and programs. One important aspect is consideration of the impact of new programs and services on the community services fee.

Insurance

Several questions at the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association annual meeting focused on insurance. It is worth additional discussion in this article. Insurance markets seem to be regaining some measure of stability. Property and wind coverage has become more available, but costs remain high. Insurance companies mitigate possible risk by reducing limits of coverage, raising premiums, and creating certain "carve-outs" for high risk underwriting. With over \$300,000,000 in insured value, the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association represents a significant book of business.

Under the present policy, each owner now has an out-of-pocket expense of five percent (5%) of the value of the home in the event of wind loss. The wind-loss coverage does not kick-in until the first \$250,000 of loss has occurred. Practically speaking, many homes would have to be affected in a storm event to meet this minimum. As a practical matter, in back-to-back storms in 2004, total wind-related losses were in the range of \$100,000 and primarily related to downed trees. We didn't approach the much lower deductible in effect at that time.

The association maintains a \$10,000 (non-wind related) deductible for any occurrence other than wind or hail damage. The association's insurance does not cover the contents of your home. All owners must have an HO6 Unit Owners policy (or similar) with coverage for deductibles or loss assessments by the association. Residents are advised to consult their insurance agent for specifics regarding the amount of their loss assessment coverage and possible supplemental windstorm coverage. This non-windstorm deductible applies to any damage to a single dwelling or multiple dwellings, and is based on each occurrence of damage. In any case, it is probably time to speak with your agent and review your insurance limits.

Education

The Master the Possibilities begins its fourth year of providing the best in life-long learning! Along with this newspaper, the winter (Jan-Mar) catalog is included. This is the most ambitious curriculum to date and it reflects your overwhelming support for educational programming right here at Circle Square Commons. Please take a while today to look through the scores of opportunities to learn and grow. When you see the classes and those who are teaching them it becomes evident why Master the Possibilities is so popular. Register early - these classes and presentations fill up quickly.

Just go to www.MasterthePossibilities.com and follow the prompts. The call-in line makes it easy to enroll too. Simply call 854-3699 and provide your name, phone number and classes you'd like to attend. We will get back to you within one business day. You can also stop by the office and register from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We anticipate about half our classes will fill in January. Thanks for your continued support and we'll see you in class!

Circle Square Commons

With the cold weather (we can't even say cool already), we have seen a drop off in attendance on Friday and Saturday nights. Our team keeps a close eye on the temperature and potential rain forecasts so that they will know how to proceed for the events.

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Everyone Loves a Parade

By RAY CECH



Photo by Ray Cech and Norbert Sachs

Golf Cart Parade on Dec. 10 at On Top of the World.



Photo by Ray Cech and Norbert Sachs

Bob Woods as Santa in the Golf Cart Parade.

It was a jolly good parade, with Santa Claus as the main attraction, followed by dozens of beautifully and, in some cases, extravagantly decorated golf carts. Drivers, too, were decked out in festive garb adding to the joyful occasion.

The Christmas spirit was in full swing as the carts, along with cars and trucks from our Sheriff's department, wound their way through On Top of the World neighborhoods.

Crowds lined the streets, some settled down in deck chairs, others standing along the sidelines waving and cheerfully wishing parade goers the best of the season. Clubs as well as individual celebrants drove more than 35 splendidly decorated golf carts.

Cheerfully waving to the crowd in an open convertible was parade organizer Lolly Foss sitting along side our very own Ken Colen, who very much seemed to be in the spirit of things.

The parade is the ninth annual, and Lolly and her volunteers smartly brought it all together. Starting at the Arbor Club, golf carts and sheriff's vehicles, including their rescue boat, rendezvoused with such precision that I'm sure Lolly's team of Jim and Kay Chandler and Mary Curry, among others, must have had something to do with the Macy's Day parade. At 2 p.m., the appointed hour, they rolled down the hill to 94th Street to a cheering and welcoming crowd. It was a wonderfully festive way to welcome in the holidays.

Christmas Social

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

The holiday spirit filled the air on this particular evening following the Christmas Golf Cart Parade when folks started pouring into the Health & Recreation Ballroom for an evening of festivities. It was more than just any other get together as tonight's event would be filled with Christmas music and a chance for all neighborhoods to gather to kick-off the Christmas season.

The highlight of the evening was the consumption of all types of cookies and hot chocolate that were served along with coffee. There were cookies of every description. There were store-bought cookies that were donated, but there were dozens of homemade cookies for the pallet to savor by those who labored in their kitchens.

I happened to see two youngsters enter the Ballroom and I waited a few minutes before approaching them asking if they liked cookies? I was told bluntly by this little guy, I guess his age to be around four, that he liked cookies and then his older sister by a couple of years gave me the same favorable answer.

After the cookies disappeared, the little guy noticed the decorated Christmas tree at the opposite end of the Ballroom. Of course, he couldn't refrain from darting off in that direction with his sister and mother not far behind. He just stood there for a moment and then noticed some presents under and around the tree. He immediately went for one, lifting it up and discovering it to be very light while his mother told him the wrapped package was just for decoration. He put the package back and just stood with his sister admiring the tree. I wonder what he was dreaming or thinking about?

Not only were those attending treated to refreshments fitting for the holiday season but were also entertained by the On Top of the World dancing group called the Swingin' Sisters. The evening was also filled with Christmas carols from the On Top of the World Choir. Of course, the



Photo by Bob Woods

Children gaze and daydream in front of the decorated Christmas tree located inside the Health & Recreation Ballroom where the annual Christmas social took place.

festive evening would not have been complete without a carol from our own tenor, Robert O'Neal and the evening finale of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" being sung by the entire crowd in attendance.

This yearly event was attended by hundreds of our residents. It was a fantastic

evening, which was open to all residents of On Top of the World to attend. If you missed this year's gathering, you missed a fun, entertaining evening besides the opportunity of devouring delicious hot chocolate and festively decorated cookies.



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Think Twice...

Attorney General Bill McCollum and Department of Elder Affairs Secretary E. Douglas Beach issued a consumer advisory urging senior citizens and their loved ones to think twice before taking advantage of so-called financial planning seminars or estate preservation workshops that use a "free lunch" to lure seniors to attend. The Attorney General's Office has received more than a dozen complaints from seniors enticed to attend a free meal that actually turned out to be a high-pressure sales pitch for investments that may be entirely inappropriate for the individual based on his or her age and financial circumstance.

"The last thing our seniors need during this economic climate when their retirement savings may be dwindling is an investment scam that further depletes that nest egg," said Attorney General McCollum. "Too many of our seniors are finding that these free meals can cost them dearly."

The invitations to the free meal often arrive via phone or mail and promise tips on earning great financial return with minimal risk, eliminating taxes or avoiding probate. After a high-pressure presentation, sales people then try to schedule follow-up visits in the homes of those who attend so they can continue the pitch. In addition to losing money, consumers who complained to the Attorney General's Office reported being badgered by multiple unsolicited phone calls and frustrated by misrepresentation of the seminar's purpose.

"Florida's seniors spent their lives hearing there's no such thing as a free lunch, and now some unscrupulous hucksters are trying to make them think otherwise," said Secretary Beach. "The safest approach for older residents is to stick with tried-and-true methods of retirement

planning so they can avoid becoming the next victims of these high-pressure tactics."

AARP and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) recommend that seniors do not purchase anything or open an account of any kind at a free-meal seminar. Seniors should also consider asking the following questions:

- What are the risks of this investment?
- How much does it cost initially to purchase the investment?
- What, if any, additional or ongoing costs will I have to pay?
- How liquid is this investment? If I need to sell or cash in the investment, how readily can I do so?
- Will my investment be tied up? If so, for how long?
- What happens if I decide to sell or cash in my investment? Are there surrender charges or other fees?
- For what type of investor is this investment a good idea? For what type of investor is this investment a bad idea?
- Is the investment registered? If so, with which regulator?
- Are those offering the investment opportunity willing to give information to me in writing?

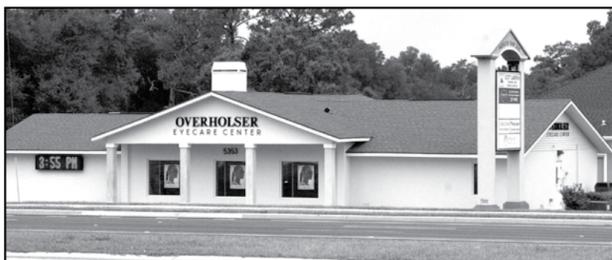
If the speaker can't or won't answer questions to a consumer's satisfaction, the investment is probably not the best choice. AARP provides a checklist on its website to take with you if you decide to attend such a seminar. The checklist can be downloaded at <http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org./articles/money/listenchecklist>.

The bottom line: Consider carefully where and how you will invest your hard-earned savings. AARP says that while a free meal or prize might be enticing, there are unbiased, noncommercial places to go for information about investing, including regulators such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, FINRA and state securities regulators as well as the AARP website.

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By Stan Goldstein



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Is It Legal?
Gerald Colen

A recent article in the St. Petersburg Times newspaper pointed out that Internet pornography against children is increasing. This is truly alarming to me and I hope it is to all of you as well. It is a modern day scourge and we all should be frightened for our grandchildren, or the grandchildren of our relatives and friends, or our nieces and nephews; simply put, we should be frightened for every young child who can now be easily reached by criminals prowling the Internet in search of young, naive children to harm.

And I do not believe that we should ever ask, "what can we do about this?" There is something we can do and we can do something now.

We should all contact our local Florida senators and members of the Florida House of Representatives and ask them to make sure to provide good funding to the office of our State Attorney General Bill McCollum.

We particularly need to make sure that the Attorney General's offices throughout the State of Florida remain open and remain fully funded. In a previous column, I listed the website for Mr. McCollum's office and here, it is again: www.myfloridalegal.com.

It is truly important for all of us to get behind the Attorney General's office in the fight against Internet crimes against children, and taking time to look at the website is one thing you can do; but it's

not the only thing. You, I, all of us, must also contact our state senators and representatives and ask them to make sure to keep the Attorney General's Internet crimes against children sections open and fully funded.

Here is a suggested letter (but, of course, any contact you make will be worthwhile):

"Dear Senator (or Dear Representative),

In this time when the State of Florida is suffering from a budget crisis, it is nevertheless critical that our Attorney General have all the funds that are needed to maintain our fight against Internet crimes against children.

As a voter and concerned citizen, I urge you to make sure that the Attorney General has all the funding that he needs to maintain offices throughout the entire state where prosecutors and investigators can find and prosecute the worst type of criminals — the ones who would destroy the lives of our children."

This is the type of letter I urge you to send. Keep in mind that it should be sent to members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives; although there is nothing wrong with sending a copy to members of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives — but the Florida Senate and House are most important at this time. It's my personal opinion that Internet crimes against children are one of the worst threats to our society.

While I am at it, let me point out the Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum has stated that Internet crimes against children (also known as cyber-crimes) and also crimes committed by gangs are two of his top priorities. I think that gang crimes are also frightening especially to us senior citizens who have to be concerned about some criminal action that may result from a gang.

Why am I writing this in this column? I am worried, that's why. There is no doubt that Attorney General McCollum is working hard to combat gang crimes and Internet crimes against our children, but he needs the funding. The Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives can provide that funding and that is why I am asking you to help.

I am hopeful that everyone who reads this column will answer the call and write to his or her local state senators and members of the Florida House of Representatives.

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**Shutterbugs
Photography
Marilynn Cronin**

The ShutterBugs hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, and took lots of memorable photos (hopefully good ones.) If you received a new camera from Santa and have questions, now would be the time to join the ShutterBugs. The yearly dues are \$12 per person (same as 2008.) Our club is one of the fastest growing clubs in the community. We are learning so much and having fun too!

The board for 2009 has been elected with only one change from 2008: Gary Uhley, president; Charlie Smith, first vice-president; Tom Frostig, second vice-president; Mike Gattozzi, treasurer; and Marilynn Cronin, secretary.

We are excited about next year's agenda and are looking into new programs and speakers and, of course, Tom Frostig will continue helping us with PhotoShop Elements.

We are still amazed at the quality of the photos in this year's exhibit. We received so many comments on how the quality of the photos seems to improve dramatically each year.

Hope everyone got up to Master the Possibilities to see the display of holiday photos. Norbert Sachs, our display committee chair, is busy planning more displays not only in our community but also in other venues. Keep an eye out at Freedom Library, as sometime starting in



Linda Uhley's winning photo of "The People's Choice Award of The Otter."

January there will be a rotating display of a dozen photos from the ShutterBugs.

Visit our website www.otowspc.com to see the listing of next year's field trips and challenges under "Sched 09." The challenges and/or field trips are a great way to learn about your camera and photography, as well as observe how we frame/see the same subject from different perspectives. I think the monthly "show-n-tell" with a soft critique is a great learning tool. The field trips have been a great opportunity to get to know each other, as well as any spouses who accompany us.

Photo Tip

The best advice I can offer for the coming year is threefold: 1) read your manual, become comfortable and knowledgeable with your camera's capabilities; 2) visit photography websites (we have many links on our website) to see how profes-

sional photographers compose their shots and go to the library and look at photo books; and, most importantly, 3) get out and "shoot" - you can't learn your camera or how to improve your photography skills if you don't take lots of photos. As I am so fond of saying (since I don't have to stand for hours in a developing lab anymore), digital cameras are great because you can always delete and it doesn't cost you anything!

ShutterBugs—On Top of the World Photography Club stresses education, sharing and fun! The ShutterBugs meet at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. All On Top of the World residents at all skill levels are welcome to join.

If you would like more information about ShutterBugs, please contact Gary Uhley at 854-8536 or e-mail him at guhley@cfl.rr.com.



**Orchid Club
Linda Rose**

The month of December found us exploring two different orchid collections; one at the home of Pete and Fran Pecararo with a screened lanai, the other collection was yours truly's with an enclosed lanai.

It's always interesting to see how we deal with the weather here in central Florida when the temperatures dip into freezing, or the heat of summer. It has been much colder much earlier this year, which is always a challenge without a true greenhouse!

Many of you have asked me the name of the cattleya featured with this article; it is a spectacular BLC. Magic Meadow 'Lee' with a six to seven inch bloom, fragrant, and yes, it really is the color shown.

We will begin 2009 with our January meeting featuring Don Porterfield, who has graciously offered to speak to us about his favorite orchid, the Paphiopedilum, better known as the Lady Slipper. Don has been a member of the Ocala American Orchid Society and has a wealth of information on this plant as well as others.

Meetings are held the third Thursday each month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C at 1:30 p.m. We have no dues, no officers, just a love or even an addiction for orchids! We look forward to seeing you Jan. 15!

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Photo by Bob Woods

A beautiful flowering Turk's Cap.

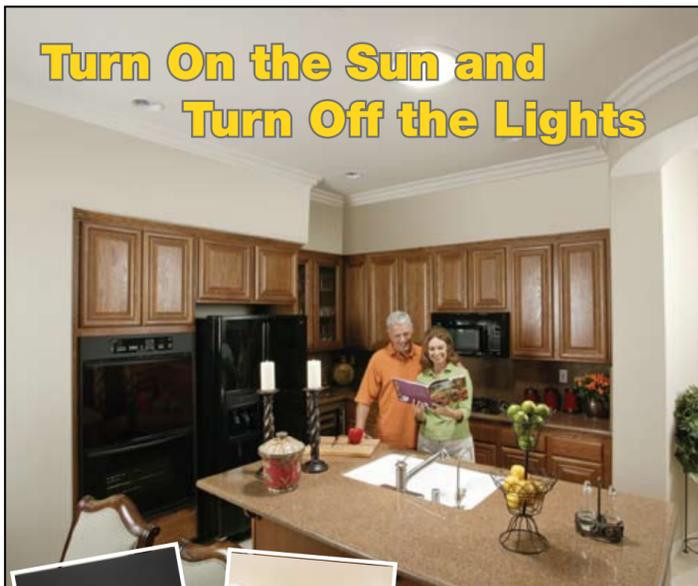
What Flower Is This?

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

Do you know what this flower is? Know the name? Know where it comes from or where it is mainly found? I can tell you right now that this flower is being grown right here in On Top of the World. Where? I'm not going to tell you as I am sure every flower buff in our community would descend on this person's garden.

This flower is from a native shrub of both Texas and Mexico. The flower attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and moths. It will grow just about anywhere and a frost will kill all the plant above ground. Want to learn more about this plant, which blooms from May until November? It is called Turk's Cap.

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All Around Our World

Lynette Vermillion

Happy New Year! I can't believe it is 2009 already. It is once again time to set our New Year's resolutions. Have you made yours? And, it is a time for change. We are introducing a new program supervisor to replace Debbie Clark and a new customer service supervisor to replace Michelle Vadnais. We will greatly miss both of them and wish them well in their new endeavors.

Yard Debris

For On Top of the World Central residents, this is a reminder to please place your yard debris in front of your home on the curb and not in the back of the home. This is especially important for the villas that back-up to 99th Street Road so that our trucks do not have to stop and block the golf cart lane. Please place your yard waste on the curb the day of pick-up only and please do not include any other waste or animal feces.

Holiday Decorations

Please make sure that all holiday decorations are removed by Jan. 10. Live Christmas trees may be placed on the curb in front of your home for pick-up on your community's regularly scheduled debris pick-up day.

Amenity Rules

Be on the lookout for Amenity Rules on the www.otoworld.com website. We are adding a new tab on the left hand side. The link will provide access to information on facilities, phone numbers, building information, customer service, etc.

Association Meetings

Annual meetings were held in December for Circle Square Ranch Master Association, On Top of the World Central (Owners) Association, Candler Hills Neighborhood Association and Indigo East Neighborhood Association. Operational challenges, traffic safety, cart path stripping, community improvements, entertainment coming to Circle Square Commons

Hospitality

Linda Tiffany

Happy New Year to each of you, from all of us in the On Top of the World Hospitality Department. We look forward to an exciting 2009!

The Pub

Join us at The Pub for one of our daily specials. It's a great place to meet friends over breakfast or lunch, or after a round

Mid-Florida PHYSICAL THERAPY



Sydney Salat, PT



Angela Brannon, MPT

Sydney Salat, PT graduated from the University of Florida earning a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy. She has been a physical therapist with Mid-Florida Physical Therapy for 25 years. Sydney specializes in orthopaedic rehabilitation.

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and the number of enforcements issued were topics of discussion.

CDD Educational Class

An educational Community Development District (CDD) class was held in December for Candler and Indigo residents by Governmental Management Services. It was a very informative class and there were lots of good questions posed by the attendees. Watch for the next educational CDD class offered in the spring.

Posting of Information and Events

We have had several residents mention that they didn't know about an event and were wondering how it was advertised. Please be advised that we post events and announcements several ways: community bulletin boards at the Health & Recreation Building, Arbor Club, Post Offices, Candler Hills and Indigo East Community Centers, and Customer Service; www.otoworld.com; Channel 17/22; newspaper articles and flyers at Customer Service. We attempt to ensure that ads are posted in various locations so that you will not miss an opportunity.

Lamp Posts

A friendly reminder to all residents, please keep your lamp post clean and replace bulbs as they burn out. Make sure the light sensor is clean and not covered by debris. Some of our evening walkers requested that we pass on this friendly reminder.

Appliance Disposal

Please do not dispose of appliances or other similar items such as TVs, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, etc. at any garbage receptacle or compactor location other than at the 90th Street compactor location. At that location, please place in the area marked for such items.

Handicap Parking Spaces

Please leave handicap parking spaces available to others if you truly do not need this benefit. It is illegal to borrow someone's handicapped placard and use it when that person is not in the vehicle. It's also illegal to use the placard of someone who has died or to park in a handicapped space without a permit. We say this as a reminder to everyone not to take spaces away from the people who truly need them.

Make sure to attend some of the fun events planned at the Circle Square Cultural Center for January - on the 10th a tribute to Rod Stewart with Rob Caudill and Tonight's the Night Band; on the 17th Beehive which will showcase girl groups and female soloists from the '60s, and last but not least, the ever popular Norman Lee on the 31st.

We wish you a wonderful New Year, filled with happiness, success and good health.

of golf. Delicious hot soups are a favorite at this time of year! For hours of operation and specials of the day, call 854-0761.

Friendship Catering

Friendship Catering, our on premise caterer is available to all residents for their special events such as birthdays, anniversaries or club parties. Call 861-9130 to make an appointment to review menus and plan your event.

Candler Hills Restaurant

A variety of brunch fare is served every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Monday, a bountiful Italian Night buffet is available with strains of Italian music filling the air. On Wednesday, the feature is a cookout buffet. This is a lively and festive event with Jimmy Buffet and island music, and staff dressed in casual island attire. A resident favorite is the Prime Rib Special every Friday and Saturday. Time is 4 to 8 p.m. for each. Call 861-9720 for menus and hours.

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Interior Home Care

Dennis Hisey

Ceiling Fan Direction During Summer and Winter

OK...so the most common technical question that people ask regarding ceiling fans is, "What direction should my fan spin during the summer and winter?" and "Why?"

The industry wide answer for over 100 years has been, during the summer you want the fan to blow air straight down, so your ceiling fan needs to run in a counter clockwise direction (as you look up at it). The warmer it is, the higher the speed should be. During the winter, your fan should run at a low speed in a clockwise direction.

During the summer, you want the air blowing directly on you so you will feel cooler from the wind chill effect (which is how fans cool you off). If you stand directly under the fan and turn it up on high speed, you should feel the air very well, if you don't, you will need to turn the fan off, let the blade rotation stop, and then flick the reverse toggle switch. Turn the fan back on at high speed. If you feel more air, you have it in the right position. So, whichever position you feel the most air movement when standing directly under the fan is the correct position for summer.

If you do not feel much air in either direction, then your fan likely has a very weak motor with a relatively flat pitch to the blade. Fans like this won't do much good for you in either direction during the summer. If that is the case, you may consider visiting a specialty fan dealer online to get a more powerful fan than the ones they sell at the home centers.

During the winter, the setting is opposite. You do not want to feel the air movement from the fan blowing directly on you since this will make you feel colder from the wind chill effect. So, stand under the fan again and turn it up on high speed. Whichever mode you feel the least amount of air is the correct mode for winter. Fan speed setting needs to be set to low otherwise, even in the correct mode, you will still get some wind chill effect, which you do not want.

During the winter (in the correct mode as described above), the fan will slowly draw the cooler air from floor level directly below the fan upwards to the ceiling where it mixes with the warmer air. The air is then kicked out across the ceiling towards the walls as it comes down. This circulates the air giving you the least amount of direct air movement, which minimizes the wind chill effect.

During the summer, you want the maximum wind chill effect, so the main column of air that rushes straight down from the fan is what you will feel the most. However, if your fan is not directly over the area where you want to feel coolest, say your room is rather large with a fan in the middle and your couch closer to an outer wall, you might find yourself more comfortable if you run the fan at a high speed in the opposite direction. The wind chill effect will be more prominent further away from the fan closer to the walls.

Following are some exceptions to the rule as well as some great tips and tricks you can perform with your ceiling fan!

Playing cards: If you are playing cards at a table that is beneath a ceiling fan during the summer and you want the fan to cool you off without blowing the cards off the table, then turn your fan in reverse

(clockwise) and run it on the highest speed. This will cause the fan to draw the air up from the table and blow it around your backside.

Dining rooms: You might have noticed that in many restaurants, the fans are running in a clockwise motion. I don't know who told the restaurant owners to do this; it must be an inside secret in the restaurant business.

How about over your dinner table when you are eating? Same thing as playing cards or doing anything else at your table. Running the fan in reverse will help keep the fan from cooling off your food while gently throwing a breeze towards the walls and backup toward your backside.

Bedrooms: Well, some people do not like the feeling of air blowing directly on them and cannot sleep, so my suggestion is to run the fan on a higher speed in reverse so you do not feel so much direct air movement. You will sleep better and get more comfort from your fan. I myself love to feel the air movement, so I blast mine in forward so the air blows right down on me.

Large rooms: So you have a large room and wisely decided to install two ceiling fans. You might want to experiment with the fans during the summer by operating them on high speed in forward, reverse, and opposite directions. Depending on where your seating is in the room, a combination of directions may actually hit that spot the best by creating a unique vortex in the airflow.

Outdoors: If you have a fan outdoors, say on the lanai, I will assume that you are pretty much going to be using the fan only during the summer. So, all of the above rules apply...such as over a table when playing cards or doing paperwork. However, an additional benefit of having a ceiling fan outdoors over a table is that you can use the fan to keep bugs away by turning it up on high speed in forward (counter clockwise). The compromise here is that it will cool your food off, or it may blow your cards off the table. Keep in mind that for this to work, you need a ceiling fan that has a motor powerful enough to create a column of air strong enough to ward off those pesky flies and yellow jackets. Not all fans will do this well, so make sure to ask for a fan with a powerful motor if you wish for your outdoor fan to perform this task. You will be much more pleased with the comfort level the fan produces anyway, so it's worth spending a bit more for the best quality outdoor fan you can afford.

Smokers: If you or someone in your family (or a guest) smokes inside your house...you need to run your ceiling fans in reverse to draw the smoke up towards the ceiling and out towards the walls away from you and your guests. Although the speed at which you should run your fan depends on how powerful the fan is as well as how large the room is; my suggestion for this application is medium speed for the average ceiling fan. This is a common application in cigar lounges where they use this technique combined with exhaust vents in the ceiling to pull the smoke out of the area.

Inspect the fan each year. Turn it off first, and then gently lift up and down on each blade to ensure they are firmly attached. If the assembly includes a light fixture, check the bulbs for cracks or chips. Then look at the light bulbs and pull easily on the light or fan's dangling strings, if any. Firmly secure any loose parts or replace those that are broken or not working, as they should. If you notice any shorts in the electrical system, or a blinking light in the assembly, call an electrician to check it out.

Clean the fans every month or two. Turn off the fan and its light. Climb on a steady ladder and use a clean, dry cloth to wipe both top and bottom of each blade. Next, wipe the base of the fan, turning the cloth over as dust accumulates. Gently wipe dust from the glass light covers, or remove them for washing if this is feasible. Replace burned out light bulbs and loose pull strings if necessary.

Dust the areas surrounding the ceiling fan. Fans attract and blow a lot of dust that will settle on nearby walls, appliances and even the ceiling. Be prepared to use a damp cloth, depending on the surface that needs to be wiped, and remove all collected debris. In the kitchen, a ceiling fan's dust may mix with grease to create dark fuzz that clings to wall areas. A damp cloth may not be enough to remove this combination. Check cleaning solutions to find one that will work best for painted or wallpapered walls or appliance surfaces.

As always I welcome and look forward to answering any questions or concerns you may have regarding: mold, indoor air quality, air conditioning issues, or any other home maintenance questions that you may have. Please submit your questions to Customer Service or customer.service@otoworld.com.

Answers to your inquiries will appear in the next month's issue of the World News.

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Keeping It Green
Phillip B. Hisey

Did you remember to cut your irrigation timer? Even though current restrictions allow once per week watering, depending upon the community you live in, your grass, plants and temperature, you may not need to water as frequently. Research conducted by the University of Florida indicates that during the shorter, cooler days of winter, grass and plants are growing slowly or not at all. During this time, their need for water is greatly reduced from that of the long, hot days of summer. Many people never change their automatic sprinkler system to compensate for this change in water needs and water is needlessly wasted.

Try reducing the run time a couple of minutes at a time. Many factors should be taken into account before reducing the run times. How long have you lived at the location, is it a new home or has it been there for longer than one year? If your

landscape is older than one year, reducing run times gradually in small increments is the best way to reduce run times. Small increments will keep you from creating a severe problem if you don't add enough water. If you do too much at once, waiting on the next run day could cost you your landscape.

Many people will soon be wondering what they can do with their Crape Myrtles; for starters, Crape Myrtles flower only on new growth. With that said there are many studies to suggest the proper pruning method for Crape Myrtles but the studies do not show conclusive evidence that one way is better or worse than the other.

The method I prefer for residents to follow is the "Pencil Pruning" method. Basically, you remove all branches pencil size and smaller. This method is the least invasive to the tree and still provides an aesthetic quality to the tree even when the leaves have fallen and all you have is sticks. The best time to prune the crape myrtle is late winter or early spring when the plant is dormant. This provides the new growth for summer blooms.

Another plant that is pretty dreary looking out there in the landscape is the Lantana. This plant as well as others are perennials and will come back every year. This plant, too, will need to be cut back in the late winter or early spring to remove dormant growth. Again, waiting until late winter or early spring is important to make sure the plant is at its fullest stage of dormancy. If these plants are trimmed too soon, the pruning could cause the plants to flush new growth resulting in potential frost burn. The best thing to do is to scratch the wood about 6"-10" above the ground, as long as this wood is still green you should probably wait.

Try and stay warm and good luck in the landscape!



Activities World
Theresa Fields

Happy New Year to all! Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We are looking forward to a prosperous New Year.

The Golf Cart Parade was a festive site, from winter snow golf carts, to a sleigh with reindeer, the parade brought holiday cheer into the community. Our Grand Marshall, Mr. Kenneth Cole, led the parade, which was followed by the Marion County's Sheriff Department and Friendship Fire Department. We want to say a special "thank you" to the coordinator, Lolly Foss and her assistants Kay Chandler, Mary Curry and all the planning committee. And, we want to thank our golf cart participants who once again were creative and festive. You did a wonderful job once again.

What better way to start the New Year than by taking care of our health? Join us on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Circle Square Cultural Center for our Health & Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by Munroe Regional Medical Center and On Top of the World Communities. Munroe representatives from various departments will be available to answer any of your medical questions. Additionally, many other health agencies will be on hand to assist in answering your questions.

The following schedule is for the Friday Night Happy Hours for the month of January:

- Jan. 2 - No Happy Hour
- Jan. 9 - Ray and Kay
- Jan. 16 - Tomaura
- Jan. 23 - Larry Ryder "Sock Hop Theme"
- Jan. 30 - Fred Campbell

Are your Room Request Forms for the year 2010 in place? If you have not turned in your request forms, please turn them in as soon as possible. Request forms are located at the Health & Recreation Building behind the information desk. Additionally, this is the time to turn in requests for any special events that you are planning for the 2010 year and any special set-ups required. Please take note

that there is a minimum of 10 people required for reserving the rooms.

The new 2009 On Top of the World Telephone Directories will be coming out soon, please monitor the crawl on channel 17/22 for the dates to pick-up your directories at the Health & Recreation information desk.

The On Top of the World Community Bus is making Dinner Runs in January to the Candler Restaurant for Wednesday, Jan. 7 Cookout night and Monday, Jan. 19 for Pasta night. Bus will pick-up at the Health & Recreation parking lot at 4:30 p.m. You must register two business days in advance for the dinner runs at the Health & Recreation Office or by calling 854-8707 ext. 10.

Exciting news for all of our gamblers! The casino has added new gaming tables. The new tables are as follows:

- Black Jack
- Pai-Gow Poker
- Baccarat
- Three Card Poker
- Let it Ride

I know a lot of you have been waiting on these gaming tables so what better time than now to sign-up for our trips and take advantage of the new rooms and machines.

We have our 2009 schedule available for all our casino trips. You may obtain the schedule or sign-up for the trip at the Health & Recreation Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call the office at 854-8707 ext. 10. These trips have been so popular that we have scheduled two busloads per trip. So, don't delay, sign-up today as the seats are going fast. Our next trip is scheduled for Jan. 8. The cost is \$20 per person. This includes the round trip bus ride, \$25 in free play and a \$5 lunch voucher.

I know many of you have been waiting for this announcement, and now the day has come. The Cape Canaveral Casino Boat Trips are coming back. Our first trip will be on Thursday, Jan. 29. The new ship is called the Las Vegas Casino.

We have a special promotion with the casino lines to offer for our January trip. The cost of this trip (special promotion) will be \$10. This will include our very own VIP room, a buffet, coupon for one free drink and a \$5 coupon for the gaming tables. This trip will fill up fast so make your reservations at the Health & Recreation Office or call 854-8707 ext. 10 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I have one other item that I would like to mention. Please remember that there is no overnight parking at any of the facilities at On Top of the World. If you are taking cruises with the different clubs, please have someone drop you off at the bus location. Overnight parking is not allowed. Have a great month!

2010 US Census Is Coming

Would you like to contribute to the 2010 census (and earn a little extra money)?

The US Congress enacted laws in 1740 specifying that our country would take a full census every 10 years. While it is hard to believe that 10 years have flown by, 2010 is coming quickly and will bring another census project.

The process for the 2010 census has already started. Starting in January 2009 there are many preparations required, including address canvassing, recruit-

ing, training and opening clerical offices to support the census operation in 2010. Preparation work is very important to ensure the accuracy of the census. There are quite a few job opportunities available.

If you are interested in jobs ranging from clerical support to field work and leadership roles, contact On Top of the World resident, Dave Schultz at 304-9607 or to schedule an appointment for making an application call 1-866-861-2010. Dave is a team leader helping the process get started here in Marion County.

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Lonnie Smith

We thought you might be interested in a little CATV history. Cable television (CATV) is a television distribution system that uses a network of cables to deliver multiple video and audio channels. Since 1941, television broadcast services have been providing news and entertainment to listeners without wires. Because television broadcast systems could only provide radio coverage to a limited geographic area, people and companies began to create systems to deliver television signals in other areas by interconnection cables in 1948. These early analog cable television systems simply captured television signals in one geographic area and retransmitted these television channels in other geographic areas.

Video broadcasting is the process of transmitting video images to a plurality of receivers. The broadcasting medium may be via radio waves, through wired systems (CATV), or through data systems (Internet). Television involves the transmission and reception of visual images via electrical signals. Video is an electrical signal that carries TV picture information.

For many years, television broadcasters had monopolized the distribution of some forms of information to the general public. This had resulted in strict regulations on the ownership, operation and types of services broadcast companies could offer. Due to the recent competition of wide area information distribution, governments throughout the world have eased their regulation of the broadcast industry.

In 1996, the United States released the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that dramatically deregulated the telecommunications industry. This allowed broadcasters to provide many new services with their existing networks.

In the mid 1990's, a major technology change occurred in the broadcast industry. Television systems began to convert from analog systems to digital systems. The use of digital transmission enabled broadcasters to transmit new types of services along with digital television signals. This included data Internet and telephone services. We are moving quickly to an all-digital world and the many improvements it offers.

Dave Ashworth's Internet Tips: Internet Fraud

Know who you're dealing with; if the seller or charity is unfamiliar, check with your state or local consumer protection agency and the Better Business Bureau. Some Web sites have feedback forums, which can provide useful information about other people's experiences with particular sellers. Get the physical address and phone number in case there is a problem later.

Curbside Landscape Debris Pick-Up Schedule

Monday*

Americana Village
Friendship Village
Friendship Park

Wednesday

Friendship Colony
Candler Hills**
Indigo East**

Thursday

Avalon
Providence 1 & 2
Williamsburg

Friday

Crescent Ridge 1 & 2
Renaissance Park
Windsor

* Due to volumes, pick-up may extend into Tuesday

** Begins at 7:30 a.m.

Look for information about how complaints are handled. It can be difficult to resolve complaints, especially if the seller or charity is located in another country. Look on the Web site for information about programs the company or organization participates in that require it to meet standards for reliability and help to handle disputes.

Be aware that no complaints are no guarantee. Fraudulent operators open and close quickly, so the fact that no one has made a complaint yet doesn't mean that the seller or charity is legitimate. You still need to look for other danger signs of fraud.

Don't believe promises of easy money. If someone claims that you can earn money with little or no work, get a loan or credit card even if you have bad credit, or make money on an investment with little or no risk, it's probably a scam.

Understand the offer. A legitimate seller will give you all the details about the products or services, the total price, the delivery time, the refund and cancellation policies, and the terms of any warranty. For more information about shopping safely online, go to www.nclnet.org/shoppingonline.

Resist pressure. Legitimate companies and charities will be happy to give you time to make a decision. It's probably a scam if they demand that you act immediately or won't take "no" for an answer.

Think twice before entering contests operated by unfamiliar companies. Fraudulent marketers sometimes use contest entry forms to identify potential victims.

Be cautious about unsolicited e-mails. They are often fraudulent. If you are familiar with the company or charity that sent you the e-mail and you don't want to receive further messages, send a reply asking to be removed from the e-mail list. However, responding to unknown senders may simply verify that yours is a working e-mail address and result in even more unwanted messages from strangers. The best approach may simply be to delete the e-mail.

Beware of imposters. Someone might send you an e-mail pretending to be connected with a business or charity, or create a Web site that looks just like that of a well-known company or charitable organization. If you're not sure that you're dealing with the real thing, find another way to contact the legitimate business or charity and ask.

Guard your personal information. Don't provide your credit card or bank account number unless you are actually paying for something. Your social security number should not be necessary unless you are applying for credit. Be especially suspicious if someone claiming to be from a company with whom you have an account asks for information that the business already has.

Beware of "dangerous downloads." In downloading programs to see pictures, hear music, play games, etc., you could download a virus that wipes out your computer files or connects your modem to a foreign telephone number, resulting in expensive phone charges. Only download programs from Web sites you know and trust. Read all user agreements carefully.

Pay the safest way. Credit cards are the safest way to pay for online purchases because you can dispute the charges if you never get the goods or services or the offer was misrepresented. Federal law limits your liability to \$50 if someone makes unauthorized charges to your account, and most credit card issuers will remove them completely if you report the problem promptly. There are new technologies, such as "substitute" credit card numbers and password programs that can offer extra measures of protection from someone else using your credit card. For more information about paying safely online, go to www.nclnet.org/shoppingonline and www.nclnet.org/essentials/security.html.

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Community News & Update

By Kenneth Colen, Publisher

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If it is cold and we are pretty certain that the evening will be too cold for comfort, we reschedule the entertainers. If we reschedule early in the day (vs. waiting to see how many of you may brave the cold and come out), we don't have to pay the talent but rather are able to get them on another date. To the extent that there is time, we post a notice on Channel 17 and www.OnTopoftheWorldInfo.com. But you have spoken and let us know that for the most part, not many of you want to dance in the cold! We may rethink this later but for the most part, the bottom line is weather permitting and if it's not too cold, the show will go on!

Look for the new line-up at the Circle Square Cultural Center on www.CSCulturalCenter.com for the first half of 2009. Keep in mind that you may purchase tickets from the convenience of your own home and there is only a \$1 fee per transaction - not per ticket! Your support of the events at the Circle Square Cultural Center has been great and without it, we would not be able to offer the level of entertainment that has been at the Circle Square Cultural Center thus far.

Times are challenging financially to say the least. We are aware of that and look for acts that are good entertainers as well as the music genre you remember. The cost of the ticket pays for the expense of the act and the association production fees. Ticket prices are kept low intentionally...so, come enjoy a great evening close to home.

In February, look for details on an event that will be held in conjunction with Master the Possibilities where we will seek your input for acts that you would like to see in the second half of 2009.

Grounds Update

The mid-fall weather has been so delightful and it's a welcome change from the late summer. We are, of course, bothered by a lingering drought. The Water Management District restrictions on lawn sprinkling allow lawn watering of one day per week. As a result of these water use

restrictions and the need to control demand spikes throughout our system, the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District continued limiting watering cycles to specific days and times based on your address. The specifics are available at www.otowinfo.com. If you need assistance in reprogramming your irrigation clock, that service is available at no charge.

Please, no supplemental watering of lawns outside of that. Should aquifer levels drop, or we go into a prolonged dry spell, the District will re-impose even more restrictions on use. Conservation of water is still the general order. Washing driveways definitely constitutes a waste of water resources! If you truly feel compelled to wash your driveway, resist the urge and go buy a small electric blower at Lowe's or Home Depot, they cost less than \$30.

The CDD provides a Water Leak Detection Audit Service for a very nominal cost of \$15. The point behind performing a water audit is to capture those small water leaks that can add up to large water losses and unnecessary added cost to your water bill each month. Thirty drops per minute waste approximately 54 gallons per month! A leaky commode may waste 100 gallons per day! That may not sound like much, but with over 3,400 homes in the community, it can add up quickly. Please be water wise.

The trimming of dead hanging branches is beginning again and will continue through the winter months. The tree crew will also be taking down branches that may be overhanging dwellings. Although you may have put in a service request for tree trimming, the requests are not being taken in order of service date. The process is being done one street and neighborhood at a time simply because of the logistics involved (the scaffold lift has a forward speed of 2 mph). It makes very good sense and at the end of the process the management company will have taken care of all reported requests.



Photo by Marie Roppel

Sunshine Singers.

Sunshine Singers Marie Roppel

Sunshine Singers is a group from On Top of the World who travel to local senior living and rehab facilities. There they sing old time songs that encourage the residents to join in. The singers then go around and interact with their audience.

Members of this group sing a capella. To join this enthusiastic group you need to be able to carry a tune and blend with the others. An ability to read music is not necessary. Rehearsals are held the first and third Mondays of each month from September through May.

We meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Building. Sing outs are usually scheduled on Fridays; the singers are conducted by Marie Roppel. Anyone interested in joining the group may attend any rehearsal or contact Jim Oakes at 854-6443.

On Top of the World Lions Club would like to welcome new members Sandy Delfer, Hazel Crozier, Tom Wester, Murrilla Wester and Mark Klaras. We welcome you all to our club.

The Lions would like to thank everyone who took a Christmas tag off the tree to help the under privileged kids to have a merrier Christmas.

We had a very successful bake sale in front of Yours Truly Cards and Gifts. The Lion men did the selling while the Lion ladies did the baking. I understand that the Lions Club president sampled everything.

On Feb. 28, the Lions will have their dinner dance at the Holiday Inn Suites behind Cracker Barrel. This is a formal to semi-formal dance; watch for signs, ads, prices and times coming up.

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Candler Hills Community Center. Call membership chairman, Marty Schley at 307-1286 for further details



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Avalon Social Group

Lorraine Rourke

The next event is Monday, Jan. 12 (I published the wrong date last month). The event was pushed to the second Monday this month due to New Year's. We sure hope our returning snowbirds and those now finding free time from the holiday rush will join us.

Also, to other On Top of the World neighborhoods, just bring a dish and come join the fun. We had a lovely holiday event with Joanne Barnes providing lovely table decorations that were given to folks to take home. Thank you Joanne, as well as my regular helpers, too many to list that setup and tear down. Also, thanks to Sandi, who does the periodic games. Watch out folks, she's probably thinking up some new ones for February.

Bring a dish to share (meat, appetizer, salad, fruit, munchies, pasta, potato, casserole [no deserts - those are assigned]), a serving spoon and a non-alcoholic drink. We will be assigning seating in January so as to mix the groups up. We do this periodically to help the new folks meet other folks. The location is the Arbor Club. Setup is at 5 p.m. and start is at 5:30 p.m., running until 7 p.m.

We will have a white elephant table. If you have a gift or item in your house you consider a white elephant that you don't use, bring it in. We'll display them on a table and maybe it will be useful to someone else here. We'll get a chuckle out of what appears. We will also have a 50/50 raffle to raise money for the paper products (we provide plates, napkins and silverware) and monthly deposit.

The 2009 events will continue on the first Monday of the month with the exception of when it falls on a holiday, then we will move it to the second Monday. Start time will be 5:30 p.m. for the following dates: Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 11, June 8, no meetings in July or August, Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. For questions, call Lorraine at 390-2120.

Providence II Club

Tekla Krause

The New Year is a great time to have a new beginning for the Providence II Club. We are reorganizing and looking forward to game night on Jan. 17 in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center at 6 p.m.

We will start with a brief business meeting, which will include a presentation by the nominating committee. We will talk about our future plans for our club and vote for new officers. We are looking forward to your input and participation.

Everyone in Providence II is invited to attend. Bring your neighbor and your favorite game for a fun time and a great chance to get to know more of your neighbors!

For more information, call Shirley at 854-2675 or Mary at 291-2593.

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Winds of Windsor

Walter Lamp

Taking a stroll around the one-mile loop, here in Windsor, I see the sun starting to make its appearance over the horizon. The colors here in the morning, as with the sunset, are sometimes so very colorful and breathtaking. I'm sure that all of us, at one time or another, has shared this same pleasure, living in Florida.

I also notice that there are fewer empty lots here. We just had three new neighbors move in, within the last two weeks.

One of the new neighbors moved here from Ontario, Canada. I can't wait to meet them and learn about their "hometown!"

We also have a neighbor from Staten Island, NY. That's close to Queens, NY, where I moved from. And the third neighbor is from Pennsylvania.

And, though it might be cold this morning walking around this loop, I know that it's a lot colder and maybe snowing, in these hometowns up north.

Living in Windsor, it really feels like one big block party, when we have our occasional get-togethers! Naturally, not everyone attends at one time (they couldn't all fit in the house at once!), but there have been a number of parties and that's how I met some of my new neighbors for the first time. So, I meet new friends, have a few drinks and good food and have a great time.

So, I'm almost home now. The cool fresh air and the quiet of the morning have lifted my spirits and allow me to enjoy my breakfast more.

If you're in the neighborhood, take a hike and join me for breakfast!

Friendship Social Club

Marilyn Nielsen

The refreshment committee served delicious holiday food. Unfortunately, the group was small so there was lots of good food for seconds.

Vice president Esther Lang conducted the meeting, as president Eileen Utiss was on a cruise. Esther thanked the refreshment committee and the guests attending.

The movie club will show "The Note" after the meeting. Brian the magician was introduced. He is fun and a talented magician who did some amazing tricks to entertain us.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12 and horse racing will be played for our entertainment.



Candler Connection

John Podkomorski

Happy New Year to all of our Candler neighbors! The holiday season is filled - often to the brim - with visits, activities, trips and the most wonderful meals of the year. Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful month and we're all looking forward to an exceptional 2009.

The Candler Connection Holiday Dinner Dance (Dec. 3) at the Circle Square Cultural Center was enjoyed by over 270 celebrants, including dinner and a five-piece band. This event improves every year. We'll be looking forward to next year's party. Watch your newsletter for additional information.

This seems to be the time for new leadership to take charge. The new Candler Connection directors are Ray Cech, Bob Davis, Kathy Grosner, Fred Jankowski, Marilyn Lube, Diane Podkomorski and Hedy Racinowski. Transition to the new board will be on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. Board meetings are open to all Candler Connection members.

tion members.

Thanks again to Richard Wirth for his leadership and dedication through the last year, and Bob Davis, who drove the formation of our by-laws and helped us get to this important milestone. A special thanks goes out to Bonnie Heinrich, who led the nominations committee and election process.

Also, the Candler Excursion Club has a new board including Felice Boniakowski, Peter Gaitch, Sylvia Joram, Marilyn Lube and Betty Russell.

Bob Davis has taken the reins of the 2009 barbecue. Planning for next year's party is just starting up. If you're interested in helping put on this most successful event, please contact Bob Davis at 237-9332 or e-mail.

Darkness comes earlier in the winter, so our Duffers have moved their start time to 3 p.m. Please arrive earlier, and meet in the Candler Hills Community Center at 2:30 p.m., so rounds can finish while it is still light out.

Have you donated blood lately? The Red Bus will be back on Monday, Jan. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Florida Blood Centers are the only source of blood for Marion County hospitals. Spend an hour, save a life or help to speed a recovery. Please refer any questions to Don Pixley at 861-0321.

Are you new to Candler Hills? Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center to meet some neighbors and enjoy an introduction to the many social opportunities available in Candler Hills. RSVP to Bob Davis at 237-9332.

For more information please go to www.podspad.us/cc for the Candler Connection website. To join the Candler Connection e-mail mailing list, contact John Podkomorski at 873-3869 or e-mail john@podspad.us.



Handicap Equipment

Handicap equipment is loaned free to On Top of the World residents during their convalescent term—walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs. If residents would like to donate equipment, it would be most helpful. For more information, call the Health & Recreation Department at 854-8707.

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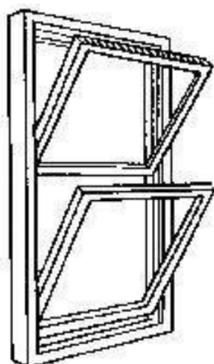
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A Christmas Fantasy

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

It all started during the middle of December when I sat down to interview this fat character who in appearance was unshaven and in a dire need of a haircut. This guy had bright colored clothing that would make him stand out in any crowd. His clothing was not conservative by any means as he was wearing a bright red suit with white furry trim.

The objective of this interview was to get his thoughts while visiting On Top of the World during the Christmas holiday season. I was interested in getting his personal viewpoints concerning his welcome to our community. I must admit this fat little guy looked like an elf. Not really knowing what an elf looks like but I judged my character reference of what I have seen published prior to my interview. This guy was something. He avoided answering many of my questions concerning him. He was very witty and when I would ask a sensitive question, he would put his finger alongside his nose. I often wondered what this gesture meant.

I asked him questions trying to get any type of reaction to the golf cart parade that really was held in his honor, although the yearly event was mainly held for the residents but I didn't tell him that.

He chuckled at the thought that so many golf carts took the place of his reindeer and the vintage sleigh he was riding had wheels instead of runners. He mentioned to me he was happy to see so many boys and girls lining the parade route. He was so used to seeing eight tiny reindeer in front of him, not some 40 plus decorated golf carts.

After riding in the parade with this fat elf bringing up the rear, he told me he was all done in as his North Pole clothing was really making him sweat. He needed a



Photo by Loretta LaPlante

This wooden Christmas Nativity scene was crafted by Luke Mullen for Loretta LaPlante in Avalon; bringing to life a 20-year dream of hers.

rest. I told him bluntly, that he should be used to this hot Florida weather, as he is here every Christmas Eve delivering gifts to all Floridians. He informed me that when he reaches Florida it is always after midnight when the temperatures are at their lowest. This fat elf is not that dumb after all. He whispered in my ear asking me if I thought he was crazy. I kept silent not jeopardizing any future chances for receiving any Christmas presents desired.

During the evening, a Christmas program was held in the Health & Recreation Building. I discovered this fat elf disguised in normal clothing running around listening to what residents were talking about. I have a funny feeling he was trying to find out what people were saying about him being in the parade and also maybe he was listening to what folks wanted for Christmas gifts. His discreet appearance at this function fooled many in attendance, but not all. A few folks knew exactly who he was bringing up the tail end of the parade.

I didn't realize how this little fat elf liked cookies. I saw him devour many

without batting an eye. The first cookie that disappeared in one gulp was a decorated Christmas tree, and then a star-shaped sugar cookie with yellow sprinkles disappeared one after another. The piece de Resistance was when he devoured in one large gulp a sugar cookie designed as Santa with all kinds of sprinkles adorning it. This guy loves cookies, no wonder he can't see his feet over his large stomach.

This bearded guy went from one end of the cookie table to the other. Most times, you could tell which cookie he just had consumed by the crumbs in his beard. At one point, there were so many crumbs and different colored sprinkles in his beard that it looked like this jolly old fellow intentionally decorated his beard for the Christmas occasion.

He came over to where I was sitting and I almost burst out laughing in his face. There he was standing in front of me with a brown mustache. He had been sipping hot chocolate and of course, it was all in his beard. It looked hilarious with all those crumbs and sprinkles now covered with hot chocolate. It was a sight to be seen.

He mentioned to me that he thought the Christmas tree at the end of the Ballroom was extremely beautiful and I elaborated to him that resident volunteers for the holiday season decorated it. He checked out every wreath hanging on the Ballroom's walls making very favorable comments to me. He particularly enjoyed the evening entertainment especially the singing of Christmas carols.

That evening as I sat at home I smiled to myself what a great day of fun celebrating the Christmas season. I particularly smiled when I saw myself in the mirror as I readied myself for bed. I was not looking at the Christmas spirit called Santa Claus from the North Pole but the bearded body of myself. When one has so much fun one can and has the right to fantasize. I had a great day participating in the parade and partaking in the evening festivities sampling Christmas cookies and sipping on hot chocolate. I hope you did also!

I hope all of you had a great Christmas season regardless of your religious beliefs and that the New Year brings to you and your loved ones rewarding health and prosperity. Happy New Year!

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Fitness Happenings
Cammy Dennis

Celebrate Renewal...

Happy New Year from the Health & Recreation Department! We invite you to celebrate a renewed commitment to wellness here at On Top of the World! There is no better time to embrace exercise and empower yourself than for the New Year.

2009 brings many new and exciting additions to Health & Recreation. We are proud to introduce our new personal trainer, Larry Robinson. He comes to us with over 20 years of experience and a certification from the American College of Sports Medicine. Come and meet Larry for a free consultation and advice on an exercise program.

The Fitness Center now displays four new flat screen TVs for your viewing pleasure, along with two new elliptical trainers. We have added new classes and instructors, and are continuing with the renovations in the Health & Recreation Fitness Center.

"Ask the Experts"

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Aerobics Room. Our first "Healthy Living Seminar" of the year is sure to provide you with the information you need to get going or update your fitness plan for 2009! The seminar is entitled: "Ask the Experts." Larry and I, along with other instructors from our team of fitness pro-

RECREATION CENTER FITNESS SCHEDULE

HEALTH AND RECREATION CENTER GROUP EXERCISE SCHEDULE

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00-8:50 Aerobics Room	Cardio Mix Rebekah	Condition & Stretch Cammy	Cardio-Kick & Tone Susan	Condition & Stretch Cammy	Cardio Mix Kitti	
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	
9:30				Sholom Park Walk		
10:00-10:30 Aerobics Room	Balanced Body Mary Pat	Absolutely Abs Mary Pat	Balanced Body Mary Pat	Absolutely Abs Therese	Balanced Body Mary Pat	
10:30-11:15 H&R Ballroom	Cardio Jam Kitti		Cardio Jam Kitti		S.O.S - "Serious on Kitti Strength"	
10:45-11:30 Aerobics Room	Light Aerobics Susan		Light Aerobics Susan		Light Aerobics Susan	
12:00 Fitness Center		Fitness Center Orientation				Sunday Oxycise 12:15 20 Min.
12:15 Aerobics Rm.	Oxycize-Video	Oxycize-Video	Oxycize-Video	Oxycize-Video	Oxycize-Video	
1:00-2:00 Aerobics Room		ZUMBA*! Traci		ZUMBA*! Traci		
3:00-4:00 Aerobics Room	All Ball Susan		All Ball Susan			

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professionals, will be on hand to explain why it is so important to be active as you age. We will outline a basic exercise program and are ready and eager to answer all your questions!

Catch the Zumba Fever

Zumba classes are here at Health & Recreation! This class has been sweeping the country as one of the hottest new trends in fitness. Zumba is a spicy fusion of dance-based movement. The aerobics floor is transformed into a dance floor! You will forget you are exercising as the pulsing rhythms get you movin' and

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Traci Rivera will lead you through a fun-filled dance workout. She is a level II Zumba certified instructor.

Zumba classes have a simple format, with easy to follow movement so everyone is successful. Don't miss this exciting new workout...shimmy and shake your way to a whole new you. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Aerobics Room. This is a fee-based class, which will require a Fitness Pass, but the first week is free!

Five Points of Life Half Marathon...

The enthusiasm of "Team On Top of the World" is evident in the training tales you have been sharing with me. You are all doing a great job preparing for the upcoming Five Points of Life Half Marathon (Gainesville on Feb. 22) keep up the good work! We will be hosting a meeting here at the Health & Recreation Fitness Center in the Aerobics Room on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. for all participants. We will discuss the entire process of this exciting event from picking up your packets to crossing the finish line! If you want to participate in the half marathon, please

make sure to register at: www.fivepointsoflife.org. Call Cammy Dennis at 854-5198 ext. 13, or stop by if you have any questions.

Special Events

"Ask the Experts" Health & Recreation's Health Living Seminar Series - Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Aerobics Room

Five Points of Life Half Marathon Meeting - Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Aerobics Room

On Top of the World Health and Wellness Expo - Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don't miss out on our Fitness Demos starting at 10:30 a.m.

New Class

Zumba - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Aerobics Room

Outdoor Programming Updates

Sholom Park Fitness Walks - Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Tai Chi on the Health & Recreation lawn will be suspended for the winter months. This program will resume in April!

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Photo by Cammy Dennis

Jen Marano led On Top of The World residents in an exciting post-Thanksgiving workout! Jen was here visiting her mother, Susan Marano (one of our group exercise instructors). What a team this mother-daughter combo made. We were laughing, sweating and working off that pumpkin pie!

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The Sabal or Cabbage Palm, has been the symbol of the state of Florida.



Native Plant Club

Ron Broman

Will the real Floridian please stand up? As far as trees are concerned, since 1953, the Sabal or Cabbage Palm, has been the symbol of the state of Florida. Webster defines the Palm as "any of a family palmæ [or Arecaceæ], the palm family, of mostly tropical or subtropical monocotyledonous [having parallel veins and one seed leaf] trees, shrubs or vines with usually a simple stem and a terminal crown of large pinnate (feather-shaped) or palmate (fan-shaped) leaves."

If that sounds like our state tree, it is; but it also describes several other palm trees as well as a number of shrubs known as palmettos. Webster again defines the palmetto as "any of several usually low-growing fan-leaved palms, especially the Cabbage Palmetto." Now I thought it was

Cabbage Palm.

As is often the case, common names can be very confusing; but so can there be different opinions as to which plant is a tree and which one is a shrub.

There is no controversy, however, about one palmetto, the Dwarf Palmetto, Bush Palmetto, Blue-Stem, or Sabal minor. It is definitely a shrub. In Florida Sabal minor has a trunk that "rarely emerges from the ground, [is typically multiple stemmed or "clumping"], and rarely produces side shoots [below the ground]. Its height appears to be governed by genetic origin, ranging from three to eight feet [again] in Florida."

I'm beginning to understand why the Blue-Stem was chosen as the symbol of the Florida Native Plant Society. Its dark green to bluish green unarmed [no 'stickers'] leaves and small, white, very fragrant flowers make it the perfect choice.

Finally, Sabal minor looks and behaves like a Floridian. It enjoys full sun to partial shade, is adaptable to many types of soil, is drought tolerant, can grow in relatively shallow soil, and, (this is the clincher), it is not really bothered by pests or disease.

It sounds like Sabal minor is a real Floridian. By the way, the Dwarf Palmetto is listed as threatened by the Florida Department of Agriculture.

The first meeting of the On Top of the World Native Plant Group for the 2009 season will be Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 1:45 p.m. in Suite H of the Longleaf Conference Center. David Holmes, Director of the Marion County Agricultural Extension Service, will present a program on trees recommended for our yards. Please join with us as we gain one more piece of joy in growing native.



Master Gardener photo of pansies that bloom very nicely in the winter.



Birders' Beat
Jane Callender

Another year and we have had and are having "The Christmas Bird Counts." Fortunately, it is a "count;" not a bird shoot as it was many years ago.

Helen Ogren and Norm Lantz were team captains for the Sunnyhill Restoration Area on Dec. 15. Helen's team covered the levee area along the Ocklawaha River and Norm's team worked the interior.

The SW Marion County Count has 14 teams including Unique Birders from On Top of the World and the Marion County

Audubon Society. This area, or circle, goes as far west as Dunnellon. The organizer is Norm Lantz and the date is Jan. 2. May it be warmer than last year! Hot tea and coffee, cookies and snacks were appreciated at the end of the day at 103rd Street Methodist Church!

The regular meeting of the Unique Birders will be Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center. Joanne Leigh is presenting the program, "Rescuing Birds." Tom Miller is in charge of the Jan. 29 field trip. Come to the meeting to hear what he has planned for us.

For further information, please call Roberta Campbell at 854-4814, or me, at 861-2983.

We all recognize the bright red male Cardinal, but Sandra Marraffino's photo of the female Cardinal is too good not to use.

The Cardinal's range has greatly expanded. It no longer is just the Southern "Red Bird." For the last three years, more Cardinals have been counted during the Christmas Bird Count in Millersburg, Ohio, than anywhere else. Last year's total: 3,045 red birds...a record.

The Cardinals in the snow around Buffalo, N.Y., were always a welcome sight. A warming climate and well-stocked bird feeders in winter keep the northern border of their range moving.



Photo by Sandra Marraffino

Female Cardinal.



Nature Around Us
Doris Mauricio

We had a lot of cool weather at an earlier date this fall. It had the advantage that our deciduous shrubs and trees presented us with glorious red colors. January is a good month to take a close look at your garden plan. Most of your plants are dormant and the deciduous trees are bare of leaves. Standing at a distance, maybe at your neighbor's house, or taking digital photos of the areas of concern, allows you to see what others see.

Now assess how you can make your gardens better, or larger, or smaller, or more private, or more open, or more balanced. One goal that is exciting is to have something blooming year round. Petunias, pansies and snapdragons will continue to bloom until June. Camellias are starting to bloom and will continue through February, then in March, Azaleas.

Soil pH is a measure of the acidity or

alkalinity of your soil. Different plants require different levels of acidity or alkalinity. The proper pH means proper nutrient availability and better plant growth. An example of pH's effect is the Hydrangea. Acidic soil will make the flowers blue and Alkaline will make them pink. January is a good time to check your pH with a soil test, which is a free service at the Extension Office for Marion County residents.

To make a test sample, clear surface debris and dig 6 inches deep in several areas in one garden bed. Mix all together and remove one cup. Spread the soil on paper to dry well and place in a paper bag (no plastic). Leave the sample at the Extension Office with the completed form. The results will be mailed to you.

Be prepared to cover your tender plants this month. Local weather reports will inform you if there is a danger of frost or freeze. After the freeze do not prune or fertilize cold damaged plants until spring. They will not be pretty, but pruning will only cause new tender growth that can be destroyed in the next freeze.

Dehydration is another problem with freezes. Be sure to water tender plants well before evening in order to prevent damage. There are a lot of leaves and pine needles falling out there. Remember to recycle them in your garden for the sake of your soil and your pocket book.

Norma Samuel, Horticulture Agent for the Marion County Extension Office, will be repeating her popular "Gardening for Dummies" classes beginning Feb. 2 through 6, Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 16. There is a \$20 fee to cover materials. Call 671-8400 to register, ask for Cindy. Some of the topics to be covered include vegetable gardening, lawn care, pruning, fruit trees and attracting wildlife. Happy gardening!

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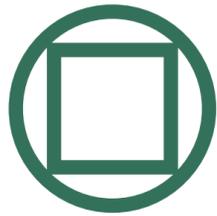
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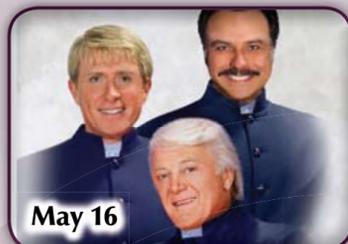
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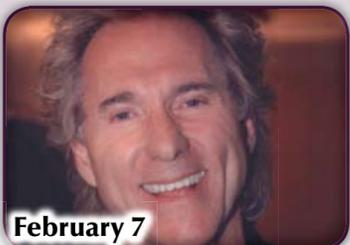
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Southern Club
Charlotte Hancock

All day on Dec. 5, the Southern Club ladies were hard at work like elves preparing food and decorations for the club's Christmas dinner. We had Linda Ward, Rene Beck, Dee Miller and Charlotte Hancock cooking hams. Our chicken was ordered from Walmart and cut only in quarters, so at the last minute Gerald and Charlotte Hancock were frantically cutting chicken into smaller pieces. We made the 5:30 p.m. deadline for dinner. Thanks to all of you and to the club members for their wonderful side dishes that went very well with the chicken and ham.

Our decorating committee consisting of Edith Owens, Lois Rider and Mary Carol Geck, were on hand with Christmas trees and garland for our tables. We thank all of you for the decorations you present each month.

With the help of Mr. John Trinckes from the Westport High School, we enjoyed a new guitar ensemble comprised of students who wanted to learn how to play a guitar. They were absolutely wonderful and the club members were singing along and tapping their feet. Our favorite was "Louie Louie." Thanks to all the students playing guitars and to Mr. Trinckes for a delightful show.

We want to thank all the club members for their contributions of gifts and monetary donations to the fire department, which will go to the needy children who live in the Ocala National Forest. Thanks to Mike Connolly for all his charity work for these children and for being our coordinator.

Welcome new members Barbara Pisani, Dan & Deb Partin, Ida Nall and Len Motchkavitz. We look forward to seeing you again at our meetings.

Club members, please make a note that we will not be meeting on Jan. 1, 2009. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

If you have any questions about the Southern Club, please call Bob Bland at 369-8566 or Charlotte Hancock at 237-9523.

Until we meet again in 2009, we wish all of you a happy holiday season with your family and friends. If you are traveling this season, have a safe trip and may the weather be kind to you.

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New England Club
Debbie Partin

The New England Club had a wonderful holiday meeting with dinner and entertainment by the Cherrywood Singers.

Jan. 9 is our next meeting at the Arbor Conference Center at 2 p.m. Please join us if you or any of your friends are from New England. Our program will be a wonderful hour of music by Harry at the Keyboards. The theme is a winter wonderland; everyone is asked to bring homemade soups and the club will provide the bread and crackers.

Highlighted this month is Richie and his lady Joanie. Richie is from Connecticut and lived there over 30 years. He is Santa every year in the Christmas Golf Cart Parade. He arrived in Ocala by way of North Carolina and Georgia. He was a supervisor at Bendix and a superintendent at Colt Firearms. At one point, he also had his own machine shop. He was also a caretaker at three large estates for 25 years. Richie loves to play horseshoes and craft items that he sells. If he ever has time, he loves to go hunting and fishing.

Joanie loves to sing and play the piano. They belong to the New England Club, Southern Club and Irish Club.



German American Club
Judy Dunn

Our Dec. 9 holiday meeting was a huge success. We had a splendid spread thanks to Ruth and Paul Felschow who secured all the meats and Mary Rongetti who monitored the side dishes and desserts. We even had eggnog. Rose Marousek and her volunteers entertained us with the 12 Days of Christmas followed by carols led by Gerhard Wicky. Thank you all for participating.

After all the celebrations, January will be a quiet time. Our meeting on Jan. 13 will be followed by coffee and cake.

February will bring a potluck with a Fasching theme and March we will be sponsoring a day trip to Winter Park. For details, call Inge Gaitch at 237-7428.

The board would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. See you on the Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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New York/ New Jersey Club
Terry Zarrella

I'm sure everyone is planning activities for the New Year, starting diets, planning vacations and here I am elaborating on November's meeting. You may wonder why that is...well here's the story...we have deadlines and I have to write about our entertainment after it happens and the column is due before the meeting actually takes place.

That being said...John Zanazzi held our "horse racing" day at the November meeting accompanied by Andy Zarrella. As usual, it was exciting and all the members truly enjoyed this activity.

The board of the NY/NJ Club hopes you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. In next month's column, I will elaborate on the Christmas party, which was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16. We sold many tickets for the party and our members enjoyed the scrumptious menu and music by Fay and Ray.

Tickets are still available for our Tampa Bay Down trip, which will be held the first Tuesday of February. If you are interested, please contact Bunny Barba; she's in the On Top of the World phone book. The cost is \$40 per person and includes, admission, lunch, bus and tips.

The board of the NY/NJ club wishes everyone a very healthy, happy New Year. We hope to see more new faces joining our club, which meets every third Tuesday of the month. For more information, please contact Liz Ertell; her phone number is in the On Top of the World phone book.

Until our next month...stay well, laugh often...be happy!



View from the Library
Doris Knight

This month we are all going to become horse racing enthusiasts. At least I hope that many of you like horse racing, because I am going to write about "Seabiscuit: an American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrandt.

Her prose is sparkling and filled with suspense, which is just the way to deal with a story of horse racing.

The chronicle of Seabiscuit began when, in the orbit of time, four men's lives came together around one horse. The first was Charles Howard, a man of great drive, who had made his fortune in the automobile business. He found himself in Tijuana, Mexico in the 1930s, after his son's unexpected death, and became captivated by the horse races there.

Shortly thereafter, California began to encourage horse racing as a way out of the depression and Howard began to buy horses. When he looked around for talented trainers, he found Tom Smith, a reserved man, who had a reputation as being very capable of working with horses. And he was waiting for the right horse. He and Charles Howard were brought together and each man knew instinctively

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Pennsylvania Club
Pat Utiss

This year, the Pennsylvania Club had a covered dish dinner for our Christmas party. As usual, the amazing cooks from this club did a great job. One member remarked to me, "This is a wonderful restaurant. We should come here more often." There was more than enough food for everyone to get their fill with plenty left over.

The tables, decorated by Eileen Kreps, looked festive with shiny centerpieces of red or green trees with coordinating tablecloths. Following the meal, we were treated to a visit from Santa Claus. He distributed white elephant gifts brought by the members with the reading of a story about "The Right Family" and "The Visit of Saint Nicholas." We also, played a game of identifying baby pictures. The winner was Jane Rickert. She correctly identified more than half of the pictures.

Following the games and gift exchange, we awarded our door prizes. Each year at the Christmas party, we give away a huge basket of products made in or made for Pennsylvania. Eileen Kreps was the lucky winner this year. Other lucky winners received door prizes donated by several of our members and the aforementioned centerpiece trees.

As usual, the membership was very generous and we have boxes and bags of toys to be given to the Salvation Army, for distribution to those less fortunate.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 14. At this meeting, we will be having a game show for our entertainment. It will be back to the normal time of 3 p.m. in Suite E of the Arbor Conference Center. The meeting starts at 3 p.m., but come early for refreshments and fellowship.

that Howard had found his trainer. This was in late 1934.

After some time, Howard sent Smith west to look for bargain horses, one of which Smith could turn into a champion. In June 1936, Smith found him. He had a good family record but also the fleshy body of his forbears. He looked like a cement block with a "sad little tail." He seemed awkward when he ran, but he could win races. Smith was convinced. It would take a good deal of time but... there were two more persons needed - both jockeys.

Red Pollard had wanted to be a jockey since he was a young boy. He worked his way up through the years as had George Woolf. Both would serve the future of Seabiscuit well.

Once these four men and Seabiscuit had come together, the story becomes one of races, other horses, and the suspense involved. There were also private crises and other events, which became part of the story.

It all becomes a tale told by a terrific writer, which gallops page after page to a fascinating climax. In conclusion, I found Seabiscuit to be a wonderful read - and even if you have seen the movie - you will enjoy this presentation.

Italian American Club
Jerome Cauda

I arrived back from Rome just in time for an outstanding club holiday party. The party was held at the Arbor Conference Center, which was well attended.

I had a great time on the trip to Rome, which was different from the one I took in May. I returned by ship rather than air, via Barcelona, Malaga, Parma D'Majorca, with a stop in the Canary Islands and St. Maarten before arriving in Ft. Lauderdale. A great part of this adventure was attending Sunday services in the 13th Century Parma Cathedral. It proved to be one of the highlights that turned the trip into a memorable experience.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom at 3 p.m.; refreshments at 2:30 p.m. This is a must attend meeting, Pat Gabriel of the 200 Corridor Coalition will present the future look at what can be expected in 200 corridor growth.

Dues are due for 2009, payable January, February and March.

There is a board meeting scheduled for Jan. 28 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H at 1 p.m.

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Red Hat Society
Vivian Brown

As 2008 comes to a close, I remember all the beautiful days filled with sunshine, love and merriment. Winter turned to spring flowers, and the hot summer days saw the cool breezes of fall here at On Top of the World. It just keeps getting better and better and I am looking forward to 2009 in anticipation of what's to come! God bless you all with good health and happiness to enjoy it all! Happy New Year!

The Razzle-Dazzle Red Hat Dames

We had a wonderful Christmas lun-

cheon at Felix's Restaurant, which was beautifully decorated, our server was a handsome cheerful chap who added to our enjoyment and, as always, the food was delicious. Each lady shared her thoughts, feelings and traditions about the holidays with us.

Ladies, I am so proud of all of you; each one of you is unique in your own special way. My life has truly been enriched in knowing you all. May you all have a very happy New Year, filled with good health, happiness and love. May 2009 be the very best ever; God bless! *QM Vivian Brown*

The Red Gems

The luau preparations held our attention for quite a while and the results were well worth it. It was a great party. Part of the planning was for the decorating which was a lot of fun, as well as work. Hawaii is so colorful and beautiful. Connie Cameron, Maria Hayward and Shirley Lachrob from the Red Hat Dollies, Suzi Burdan and Eileen Brown of the Red Gems helped put the decorations in place. When the evening ended all the Red Gems pitched in to dismantle it all, and we were able to leave the ballroom in reasonable time. It was so good to have that help. Once again, thank you for all your help ladies.

We will be visiting the Christmas consignment shop in Leesburg again this year. We have been there in two previous years and have scheduled that trip as a yearly event. It was such fun. *QM Loretta Troutman*

The Crescent Ridge Red Hatters

We held our annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at the Mason Jar. Dottie Metcalf was our hostess this month and delighted us with Christmas cups filled with candy. Our food and service was very good and we topped off the day with ice cream at Scoops. The owner even played a Red Hat song for us. What a great way to end a wonderful year! *QM Anne Seales*

The Cool Cats in Red Hats

We spent a beautiful and informative morning at Central Florida Community College touring the botanical gardens with professor Dumont, head of the garden department. He led us on a tour of the gardens explaining the various plants. We had toured the gardens in the spring. Now we were back in the fall to see that planning had kept the gardens in colors for all the seasons. Jackie Lalonde had planned our outing. After the tour we went to the Trailways Diner at the Ocala Airport and had a very nice lunch. The people there were not expecting us and did an outstanding job of serving us a delicious lunch. *QM Janet Fragapane*

Bon Ami Red Hats

Our November get together was held at the home of Joan Martel, who is such a gracious hostess. We had our annual "everybody's birthday" celebration, and Joan decorated her home for the occasion with balloons and provided a wonderfully delicious lunch of assorted sandwiches, potato salad and goodies. We shared a birthday cake and ice cream and sang happy

birthday to all, and enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange. We look forward to our Christmas party Dec. 19 at the home of Jan Bancroft. Happy holidays to all of you from Bon Ami Red Hats. *QM Daryl Howard by Norma Batton*

The Glitzy Gals

We dressed in our finest for our December luncheon at the Ipanema Restaurant with QM Mary Curry and Mary Bicknell as hostesses. After a lovely lunch, we returned to Mary Bicknell's home for our gift exchange. QM Mary read an original story written by our Nancy Cooperman as we passed our gift bags to the left and right on the appropriate words. When the story ended you kept the bag you were holding. Each bag contained something glitzy, sweet, funny, red or purple and a Christmas ornament. Our hostesses then served delicious desserts and other goodies.

Our group decorated a wreath for the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Again, this year we participated in the Golf Cart Parade with six decorated golf carts. Each year the parade gets bigger and better with more participants and spectators.

January brings a new year and we wish each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous one. "Those who are lifting the world upward and onward are those who encourage more than criticize." *QM Mary Curry by Janet Wahl*

Please send your chapter's activities to Vivian Brown's e-mail address: vivjcb@cfl.rr.com by the 7th of the month. Thank you!



R/C Ladybirds
Barbara Toepfen-Sprigg

Well, the consensus of the ad hoc Ladybird Restaurant Evaluation Group (members being anyone who comes along for the lunch) is that the new Carmichaels on NE 25th Avenue has excellent food and service, as well as reasonable prices. They continued their research at the Stone Creek Golf Club with their Christmas lunch, to which members brought children's gifts for donation. This was followed the next day with the traditional holiday cookie exchange.

On Jan. 18 will be the annual Birthday bash. The Ladybirds all celebrate their birthdays together with cake and ice cream in a decorated hall. Strangely, no one has ever gotten older who has attended the Birthday bash!

Our featured member this month is Jean Jarmel, who was selected this year as the social chairman for Ladybirds. She was born in Minneapolis, MN and until moving to On Top of the World, always lived in the twin cities area. Though they lived in town, her family also was fortunate enough to have a cabin. This led to many opportunities that many girls do not have, and she learned to hunt and fish as a youngster.

At 21, she married and started her family. She had a daughter and 21 months later a set of twins (a boy and a girl). When the twins began attending school, she went back to work at a bakery supply company, starting as the receptionist and ending up as a buyer.

But life changed, and she got divorced when the kids were 16 and 14 ("Boy, was I a glutton for punishment, being single with three teenagers!").

After 15 years, she changed jobs and went to work for Carlson Company, where she did purchasing for the Radisson Hotels and the Country Inns & Suites. About this time, she met her current husband Stan to whom she has been married 22 years.

They love to travel and have traveled to 49 states so far. She has yet to jump the water to Hawaii. In between her travel and planning social activities for Ladybirds, she likes to play golf, stamp cards and bowl. The only hunting she is doing is for novel restaurants while she fishes for new ideas for Ladybird social activities!



Women of the World
Terri Molnar

Happy holidays! Here's hoping everyone had a happy and safe Christmas and Santa brought you everything you wanted.

At our December meeting, Vice President Marsha Vieu did a fine job conducting the meeting in the absence of President Grabowski.

A beautiful job of decorating the tables by April Pollard and Carla Magri added to the holiday feeling.

Our refreshment committee, chaired by Betty Serwecki, presented tantalizing treats to the membership. These are just a few of the women who, every month, donate their time and energies to make Women of the World one of the most successful clubs in On Top of the World.

Marsha recognized Pat Reiderman for the beautiful job she did decorating the club Christmas wreath that hung in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Pat MacMurray was also thanked for volunteering to decorate the club golf cart, which participated in the Christmas parade on Dec. 10.

A big thank you to Mary Curry and Bea Maxwell for handling our 50/50 raffle every month.

The board appreciates the hard work all of our volunteers do!

The membership received an early Christmas present of musical entertainment by "Trilogy." This talented group provided something for everyone's taste classical, jazz, Christmas, songs to celebrate Hanukkah, also paying tribute to our armed forces.

With the holidays behind us, we are focusing on preparations for our upcoming fashion show, on March 7. Tickets go on sale in January, at a cost of \$20 each. If you are interested in attending, contact Nancy Grabowski at 873-4315 or Marsha Vieu at 237-4164 to arrange to purchase yours.

Due to the holidays, our next meeting will be on Jan. 9, 2009. Mark your calendars for this date. Our speaker will be Mary Ross of the Ocala Historical Society. Our charity will be Marion ARC.

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100 Grandparents
Barbara Greenwood

Wow! It is so hard to believe that the end of the year is here. Time just seems to fly by. The 100 Grandparents hope that you will have a truly happy and healthy New Year.

Our visit to Romeo was a special one. The music teacher, Mr. Morrison, prepared the children to put on a magnificent program for us on Dec. 18. The youngsters sang their hearts out performing many of our favorite Christmas carols. It is quite an undertaking to arrange this whole thing, and we want everyone at Romeo to know how much we appreciate it.

The "grandparents" received a generous gift from the Caribbean Club to present to Romeo Elementary School; Bill and Luz Leon gave it to me, and I promptly

gave it to Mrs. Kathy Hultman, the school's principal. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, especially at this time of year when there are so many needs to be met.

We truly appreciate all of the contributions from On Top of the World. We live in a very kind and caring community. I just wish you could all meet the children and faculty at Romeo. You would see for yourselves the reason that this school holds such a special place in our hearts.

Thank you so much for the Campbell soups labels with U.P.C. attached, and the Box Tops for Education labels. If you have some to contribute, please take them to the little Red School House located under the stairs on the first floor of the Health & Recreation Building. Your clipping of these labels has provided underwear, socks and more for the children in need at Romeo.

As always, we are collecting food for the "Food-4-Kids" backpack program. This program provides meals for children in need over the weekends. 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., we'd certainly be appreciative. Contributions may be delivered to Elliott & Marlyn Barbour's home and placed in a tote located on their front porch. Their address is: 8680-H SW 94th Street.

If you would like to be a part of our "grandparent" group, or learn more about us, please call me at 861-2539. Our next visit will be Jan. 8, 2009.

Happy New Year On Top of the World family!



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R.O.M.E.O. Club
Andy Rocafort

The R.O.M.E.O. Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets at the local Winn-Dixie each morning from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday thru Friday. We have now grown to 17 members. Guys and gals are welcome to attend. So, join us and avoid eating breakfast alone each morning.

This past month we decided to attend the Saturday morning breakfast each month held at the Ocala West Methodist Church. On Nov. 20, Martha Harbin representing Boston Market came and presented us with Senior Social Club Cards, giving us a 20% discount off any purchase per visit, along with a nutritional values card for each meal. Cards will later be available in stores.

Visit us at: romeoclub.org/ocalafl.htm or call: Andy at 615-4542. Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

American Jewish Club
Sandra Wolf

On Jan. 18, the Jewish Club will be honored by the presence of Rabbi Beryl from Gainesville. He is a well-respected Chabad Rabbi. This meeting will be both interesting and informative. We will meet at our usual time of 2 p.m.

The Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Jan. 22 at the Uptown Grill. Sign-up sheets will be available at the check-in desk during our monthly meeting.

In February, we are planning on combining the Lunch Bunch with a trip to the Butterfly Rainforest at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. For those who have not been to this museum, it is something that should not be missed.

In the spring, the Jewish Club is planning a day trip to St. Augustine. Details are still being finalized, and more information will be forth coming at our monthly meeting.

In the following months, please look forward to our Lox and Bagel as well as our Too-Jay luncheons.

Please don't forget, if you need a card sent for any occasion, Dorothy Bresky can be reached at 854-0284.

LifeSouth Bloodmobile

By DIANA MORGAN

Start the New Year with the LifeSouth Bloodmobile at On Top of the World. Our communities will be able to donate on Monday, Jan. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Health & Recreation parking lot.

Thank you to those residents who donated at Indigo East on Dec. 2. If you missed that date, come on over to the Bloodmobile in January!

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Republican Club
Tony Tortora

The Republican Club meets every second Friday at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Center Conference. Programming usually features a local elected official with updates on pending community affairs.

County Commissioner Charlie Stone was our guest speaker at the December meeting. One of his rules to remember is "What you don't do is just as important as what you do." He reported on the Commission accomplishments during his term of office from 2004 to 2008. During that period the local millage rate was lowered as well as the fire assessment for homeowners. The commission also applied for and received a storm reimbursement for the clean up of debris after major storms. By the wise use of revenues about \$112 million was used for capital improvements and \$115 million for transportation expenses. Vast improvements have been made, or are in progress, to the Livestock Pavilion and to the County Library system.

Commissioner Stone has been re-elected and assures us that he will continue to act in the best interest of all of the residents. Major decisions will have to be made during the next four years including resolving the question of how best to dispose of solid waste and how to respond to the needs of Munroe Regional Medical Center. Inputs from the public are always welcome.

In accordance with State Statutes, the Republican Executive Committee for Marion County is reorganized in December of every presidential election year. Elections for chairman and other officers are held and results will be announced next month. Precinct 4100 is well represented on the executive committee but Precincts 4090 and 4091, both in On Top of the World, have no members. If you are interested in joining the Republican executive committee, please contact me for further information.

Join us at the Arbor Conference Center on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. for more Republican news.

K-9 Club
Bobbi Lipka

The holiday season got a rousing start with the K-9 club's annual potluck holiday party. The food was both delicious and ample, and there were requests for recipes to be shared.

Thanks to Joan Sief, we had an abundance of door prizes, which were received with glee!

Upcoming on Jan. 7 is a presentation by the SPCA, with On Top of the World's own Melanie Vittitow. We'll learn all about their rescue and adoption programs. Later in the month, we'll reschedule our visit to the Sheriff's department K-9 unit, to observe a training session at the Sheriff's facility. Please contact Bobbi Lipka for more information about either offering. You can reach her at 237-1245.

The K-9 club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month, in Suite G of the Arbor Conference Center. All are welcome!

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SPCA
Melanie Vittitow

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas party so there was no business discussed. However, one subject was brought up with which you may be able to help. We regularly give donated items to the County Animal Center. At their last pick-up, the representative was overjoyed with the few blankets and towels we had. So, one of our members suggested that we each check our linen closets for one or two old towels and bring them to the next meeting. If you want to do this also, but can't make it to the meeting, call one of the numbers below and make arrangements to drop them off or have them picked up.

Our speaker on Jan. 15 will be Christy Jergens from the Animal Center, so she will be able to take donations back with her. You are more than welcome to attend the meeting to learn more about Marion County's animal control program.

In December, we also prepared Christmas stockings for the pets of the Meals on Wheels recipients that we help feed each month. The Marion Landing dog club made the stockings and we filled them with toys and goodies. They were delivered during Christmas week.

We have a dog that needs a home. Our very own Cammy Dennis from our fitness center has had to move and the landlord doesn't allow pets. We were able to find a home for her cat but she still has a dog that is being boarded, so we need to help her find a home soon. Her name is Patch and she's 10 years old, a Collie mix, mostly black. She's not heavy but she's tall. She has lived with another dog and cat so she can go in a home with other pets. She is spayed and current on all shots. Cammy can be reached at 854-5198 ext. 13 during work hours and she has pictures in her office at the Health & Recreation Building.

I have a tip this month for all you who take your pet to the dog park. You may notice that your normally obedient dog will come when you call him but will stay just out of reach when he sees the leash. He realizes that when the leash goes on, the fun ends. It's almost like receiving a punishment when he reaches you.

To offset this negative association, you should regularly provide a reward after attaching the leash. A game of tug, a special toy or treat, or a brisk rub are a few examples. Use what works for your individual pet. Another trick is to occasionally call your dog, attach the leash, then release him again to resume play. He'll start coming to every call to see what he gets this time. This procedure works at home as well for dogs that are reluctant to come when you call, for whatever reason.

For more information about the SPCA or if you need our assistance, call Jodi at 861-9765, Jeanne at 873-2354 or Melanie at 873-8690. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H.

Attention Bingo Players!

By LOLLY FOOS

Bingo starts at approximately 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Cards will be sold at 5 p.m.

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Bloodmobile
Don Pixley

It has been said that Americans are among the most generous people on earth. This thought only intensifies the mystery as to why we get such a poor showing at blood donor drives. Where else can an hour every other month generate such a great return, helping someone live or recuperate at a much quicker pace?

It has been estimated that 60% of us can donate, 5% do. Therein lies the mystery. If someone cannot give because of a physical problem, that is certainly understandable. If told years ago one cannot give, we urge you to try again; many rules have been changed or modified.

So it appears the problem lies with those who can give, but do not.

Our last drive attracted a mere 36 donors, a far cry from even the 5% who give nationally. Publicity is extensive, it is on our internal TV monitor each month, it is in the On Top of the World News, the South Marion Citizen and posters are posted throughout the community. It is usually the first Monday of every other month and even then the presence of the Big Red Bus in the Health & Recreation parking lot is a sure indication the drive is taking place and drop-ins are most welcome.

The donors listed below have given 83 gallons to the cause. Where would we be without the "regulars?" But, we need a constant flow of "newcomers" to be certain our Marion County hospitals never exhaust the supply. Those having reported for the December drive are as follows: Mary Battenfeld, Jane Bauer, Catherine Bennett, Kenneth Bohm, William Boone, George Borgia, Rosemary Borgia, James Bowles (an ALKX donor), Catherine Brower, Margitta Claterbos, Don Conroy, Lory Conroy, Bernard Corcoran, Nancy Dreimiller, Virginia Duncan, Henry Erickson, James Goulat, Joy Harter, John Hodd, Edward Klodzen, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Lacinski, Carol Lopez, Carol Mayer, Dorothy Metcalf, Judith Mullin, Jeanne Nicholls, Don Pixley, Joan Rappa, Helen Rogers, Marie Roppel (has donated over 20 gallons), Patricia Russell, Aldona Sachs, Florence Soens (has given over 11 gallons), Sara Sommer and Carl Zeiler.

Please thoughtfully consider joining this list on Feb. 2. The Big Red Bus will be in the Health & Recreation parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Enjoy just knowing you have helped to save a life or hastened someone's return to health. We are the sole provider for Marion County hospitals.

Social Club
Mort Meretsky

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and I'm wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Our first poker/blackjack date is on Friday, Jan. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center.

This is a great time to renew memberships and if you're not yet a member come on down and join. Our dues are only \$10 a year.

It's Super Bowl time again. The club will be having its 11th Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. The cost is still \$2 for members and \$5 for guests. We will again be providing food, just bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic) and snacks. If you're intending to come, please make reservations with Marie at the poker/blackjack on the Jan. 16 (no later than Jan. 23). Carmine is making the salads and he has to know how much he has to have. See y'all on the 16th!

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**Larry's
Fit Tips**
Larry Robinson

First, I would like to introduce myself; I am Larry Robinson personal trainer here at the Health & Recreation Fitness Center at On Top of The World. I have been here for a little over a month and I already feel very much at home. It is always a pleasure to be well received. I have enjoyed meeting the residents and hope to meet many more.

I have worked in the fitness industry for 20 years supervising and instructing classes and working with a variety of age groups. It is always rewarding to see positive physical and emotional changes in people. The rewards of exercise are numerous and that is why I am passionate about working in this industry.

I hope to be meeting everyone and hopefully helping you reach your fitness goals. I am outgoing and feel I am very approachable, so don't hesitate to ask me any questions you may have concerning the fitness center.

This being the first of the year it is a great time to commit to a regular fitness schedule. Working out can be contagious; it not only makes you feel good but has other benefits as well.

Fit Tip # 1

Using resistance equipment helps to build a strong muscular skeletal frame. Everyone knows how important it is to keep the muscle we have, and making your bones stronger should be a no-brainer!

Fit Tip # 2

Always have goals implemented into your workout plan. Setting goals keeps you on track plus you can see where you started and how much improvement you have made (see me if you need help in this area.)

Fit Tip # 3

Having a workout partner is a great way to stay accountable to your commitment. A partner makes it fun plus if you see improvement in their physic (muscle tone or weight loss) that will make you work harder to see results for yourself.

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ARBOR CLUB FITNESS & AQUATIC SCHEDULE

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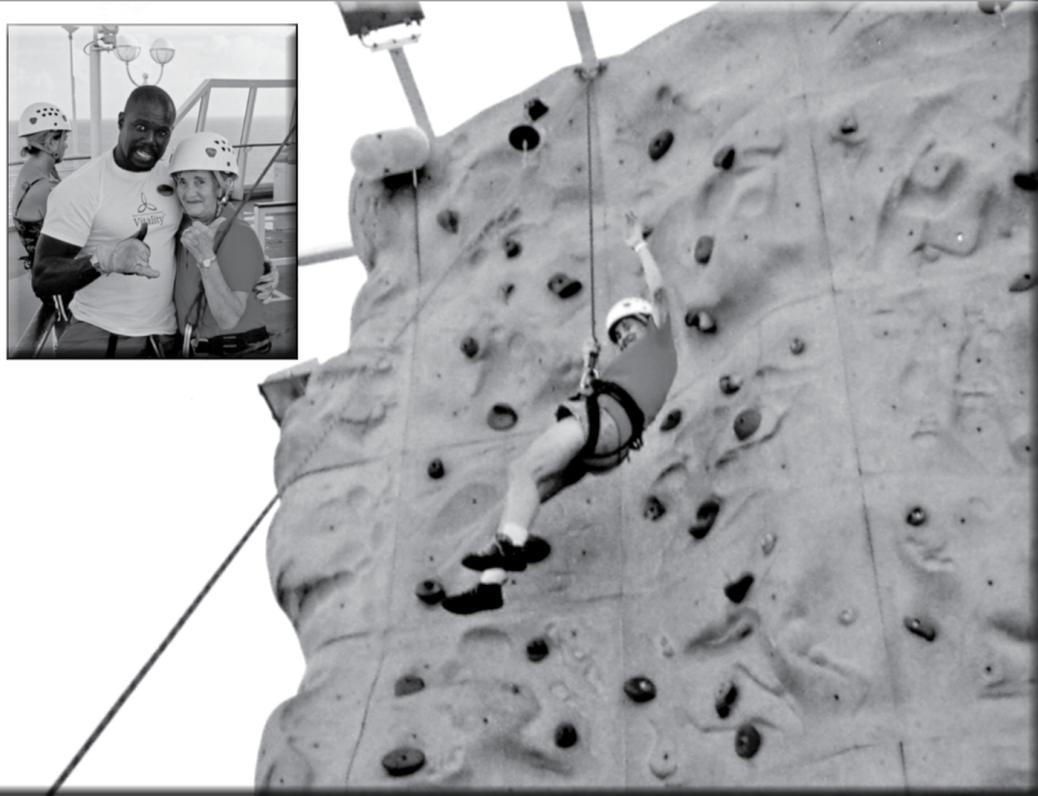
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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:15-10:00 Arbor Club Indoor Pool	Deep Water Aerobics* Rebekah	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barbara	Deep Water Aerobics* Cammy	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barbara	Deep Water Aerobics* Rebekah	Open Swim	Open Swim
9:30-10:30	Yoga* Ronnese AC Ballroom	Intermediate Yoga* Ronnese Fitness Room	Yoga* Ronnese AC Ballroom				
10:15-11:15 Fitness Room					Yoga* Bryony Fitness Room		
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* Rebekah		Shallow Water Aerobics* Therese				

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Exercise and perseverance helped Marie Munroe climb this 30-foot rock wall for the first time on a recent cruise.



Photo by Bob Woods

Tai Chi on the Health & Recreation lawn.

Early Morning Fitness

By BOB WOODS
WORLD'S NEWS WRITER

It all started on Oct. 15 on the wet lawn caused by the nighttime dew at the Health & Recreation Building. Sixty-five residents enjoyed a workout of Tai Chi that will be held every Wednesday morning starting at 8 a.m. for about a 25-minute workout session.

Frank Gonzales, Tai Chi instructor, along with instructors from our Health & Recreation fitness center will be on hand

to provide instruction. Want to join this hearty group? Why not show up next Wednesday morning and start a Tai Chi workout? It is not that strenuous and it will help improve your strength along with balance.

Any questions concerning this class, please contact Cammy Dennis, On Top of the World Fitness Director, at 854-5198 Ext. 13.

Water Conservation in the Home

By CARMELO CARPITA

I am a resident and retired licensed plumber and stationary engineer from Illinois. I am also a commercial refrigeration tech (E.P.A. certified).

After many calls with the sales and service support team of Neperl Inc. (the manufacturer of water conservation products) and Home Depot in Ocala (Dante Glasso, Store Manager), Home Depot now stocks the products for individuals to retrofit their home faucets (i.e. kitchen,

bath, tub/shower and laundry tubs) to save water and money.

In November 2007, I retrofitted my home from 2.02 G.P.M. to 1 G.P.M. on all faucets and laundry tubs. I also retrofitted my tub and showers to 1.75 G.P.M. I even retrofitted 12 of my neighbors' faucets the same way and they are all happy to be saving money.

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The New Pretenders

The 2009 production of "Memory Lane" will be on Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the largest show they have ever presented.

The cast of 25 including their 12-piece orchestra have been in two-week rehearsals since early November. The costumes have never been so glitzy and the comedy numbers will have the audience in an uproar!

Tickets go on sale Monday, Jan. 5, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays thereafter. Tickets are \$6 general and \$8 reserved.

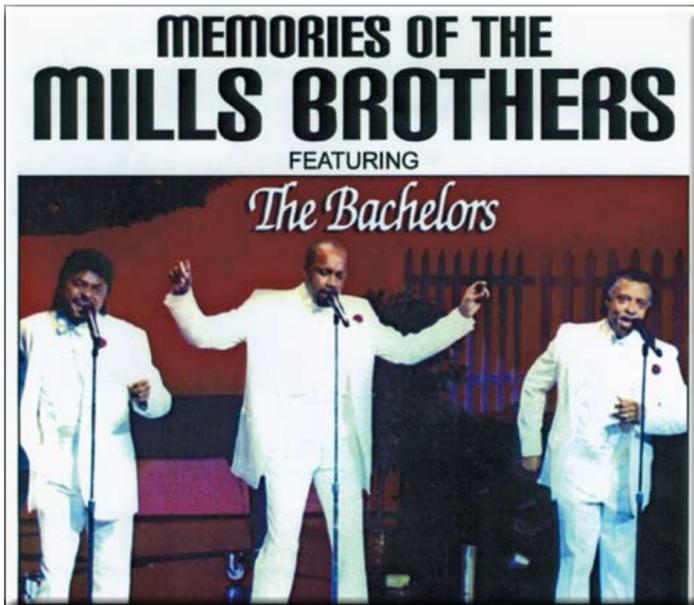
As with all their previous shows, The New Pretenders play to a sold-out house each evening. In fact, Bill Shampine, the new director, has been receiving calls as to when tickets go on sale. Make special note of these dates.

Residents from all On Top of the World communities are welcome. If you are a new resident, you do not want to miss this annual show!



New Pretenders practicing for "Memory Lane."

Photo by Ed Morgan



Entertainment Group Presents 'Memories of the Mills Brothers'

Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. promises to be sold out long before show time. DeLuca Toyota, in conjunction with the Entertainment Group, brings "Memories of the Mills Brothers" featuring The Bachelors to the stage. They bring superb harmonies and crowd pleasing personality in a high-quality Las Vegas-style show to the On Top of the World stage.

Their vocal style, reminiscent of the Mills Brothers, The Ink Spots and The Platters, will take you down memory lane with songs such as "Up the Lazy River," "Glow Worm" and "You're Nobody Till

Somebody Loves You." The Bachelors perform these songs in a style that preserves the tradition, quality and showmanship of these well-loved performers.

Ticket sales will begin on Jan. 5 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thanks to Frank DeLuca, ticket prices will remain \$6 for general and \$8 for reserved with a maximum of four tickets per sale and for On Top of the World residents only.

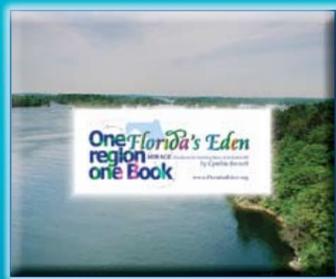
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The One Book/One Community celebration co-sponsored by Marion County Public Library and On Top of the World Communities will have its kickoff at Live Oak Hall (Circle Square Commons) Saturday, February 21 at 3:00 PM. This year's featured book is *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern US* by award winning author Cynthia Barnett. The book poignantly outlines Florida's water issues and what we can do to address them. Marion is the first county to join One Region One Book, a water awareness campaign organized by Florida's Eden, inviting 30 counties of North Florida to unite and find solutions to water issues as one region. During this event, the author will discuss her book and take audience questions. A book signing will follow.

To register on-line please go to
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Photo by Mike Roppel

A completed Bunka Shishu creation by Sharon Abramson.



Photo by Mike Roppel

Sharon and Lenny Abramson looking at one of Sharon's Bunka Shishu projects.

Bunka Shishu

By MIKE ROPPEL

Sharon Abramson is my next-door neighbor and Bunka Shishu is her hobby. Bunka Shishu is one of the fastest growing art forms in North America. It originated in Japan at the turn of the century. The picture resembles an oil painting, however, on closer inspection, you can see the beautiful stitchery.

Sharon is currently in a Bunka class,

which is run by Pauline Upchurch. Pauline helps guide the students through each and every aspect of the art form. The classes provide step-by-step instructions for each kit, which includes all the threads needed as well as the fabric and printed picture, through to the finished product.

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Activities January

To make changes, call Theresa at the Activities Office at 854-8707, Ext. 11

Monday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Mixed Tennis D	CTS
9:00	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Woodworking	WW
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Ceramics 9-2p.m.	Art
	Practice Bridge	CR
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
	Dancing Toppers	H&R
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Tennis Doubles	CTS
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
11:00	Bocce 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	CC:G
	Mah Jongg	CC:G
	Aqua Belles	AC
	Pan Club	CC:MR3
1:00	Bocce League	BCTS
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
6:45	Ballet Club	ACF
7:00	Wood Shop	WW
	Dominoes	CC:G

1st Week

7:30	Marion Blood Bank (All Even # Months Only)	PL
9:00	Life South Blood (All Odd # Months Only)	PL
1:30	RC Flyers Club	CC:B&C
2:00	D'Clowns	CC:B&C
2:00	Bocce	CC:AC
2:30	Readers' Theatre	CC:D
3:30	Comp. Handicap	CC:H
5:30	Avalon Social Club	AC
6:30	Karaoke Friends	CC:E&F
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
6:30	Karaoke Friends	CC:E&F
7:00	Sunshine Singers	BR

4th Week

3:00	Community Patrol	CC:B&C
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Tuesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Men's Tennis	CTS
8:30	Women's 18-Hole Racquetball	HR CTS
	Fun Time Cloggers	BR
9:00	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	Hand & Foot	CR
	Woodworking	WW
	Arts & Crafts	BR
	Bus Ocala Run	GC
	Women's 9-Hole Horseshoe League	CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC
9:30	Pinochle	MR3
	Stitch Witches Quilters	Art
10:30	Horseshoe League	CTS
11:00	Walleyball	CTS
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Men's Poker	MR3
	Cyber Orientation	GYM
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Stitch Witches Quilters	Art
1:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Badminton (Racquetball Courts)	H&R
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Shuffleboard	CTS
1:30	The New Pretenders	HR
2:30	Chess Club	MR2
3:00	Shutterbugs	CC:B&C
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
	Circle Square Dance	AC

1st Week

8:00	Men's 9 Hole Golf	P.R.
4:30	Dinner Run OTOW BUS 01-06-09 (Little Joey's)	HR
6:30	Candler Excursion	CCC

2nd Week

8:30	Lions Club	CCC
9:00	Citizens Emer. Response Team	CC:E,F&G
1:30	Visually Impaired Support Group	CC:H
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
6:30	German Club	CC:G

3rd Week

1:30	Unique Birders	CC:H
2:30	NY/NJ	HR
3:00	NY/NJ Club	BR
4:30	Dinner Run OTOW BUS 01-20-09 (Logan's Roadhouse)	HR
6:00	Caribbean Club	ICC
7:00	Democratic Club	CC:E&F

4th Week

8:30	Lions Club	CCC
1:00	Scan/American	CC:E
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
4:00	Diabetes Support	CC:G
7:00	Karaoke	CCC

Wednesday

6:00	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	GC
9:30	Ceramics 9-2:30pm	Art
	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

9:00	Model Railroader's	MR2
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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Thursday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Men's Tennis	CTS
8:30	Racquetball	HR CTS
	Fun Time Cloggers	BR
9:00	Woodcarvers	Art:B
	Art Group	Art:A
	Wood Working	WW
	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field

	Round Dance Classes	CC:E&F
	Hand & Foot	CR
	Bus Ocala Run	GC
	Miniature Golf	MGC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Round Dance Class	CC:E&F
	Ballroom Dance	AC
10:30	Advanced Tap	HR
	OTOW Concert Chorus	HR
	Friendship Bible Study	MR3
11:00	Walleyball	CTS
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	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
	Badminton (Racquetball Courts)	H&R
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Ten Pen	CTS
	Table Tennis	H&R
	Swingin Sisters	H&R
1:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
3:00	The New Pretenders	HR
4:00	Bus Grocery Run	HR
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Card Game	CC:B
	Miniature Golf	MGC
6:00	Poker	MR3
	Pickleball	CTS
6:30	Bridge	CR
	Chess Club	Art
7:00	Poker	MR3
	Mixed Poker	CC:H

1st Week

10:00	NY/NJ Board Meeting	CC:H
1:00	Rubber Stamping Cards	CC:G
	Opera Appreciation	CC:C
5:30	Southern Club	BR

2nd Week

8:00	*Seminole Casino Trip 01-08-09	HR
9:30	Scrabble Club	AC
2:00	Singles Club	CC:G&H
	NARFE Chapter 2279	CH
7:00	Karaoke Night	CC:E,F&G

3rd Week

9:00	Hand & Foot	CR
1:00	Rubber Stamping Card	CC:G
	S.P.C.A.	CC:H
1:30	Orchid Club	CC:B&C

5th Week

8:00	*Las Vegas Casino Trip 01-29-09	HR
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Friday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
7:15	Oxycise	H&R
8:00	Ladies Tennis	CTS
8:30	Dancing Toppers	H&R
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Dominoes	MR3
	Bocce League	BCTS
	Bus Ocala Run	GC
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Racquetball	H&R CTS
11:00	Bocce League	BCTS
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Mens Golf Group	CR
	Advanced Square Dancers	H&R BR
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
12:30	Aqua Belles	AC
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Table Tennis	H&R
	Canasta the Old Fashioned Way	CR
2:00	Fun In The Water	AC
	Square Dancing DBD	H&R BR
5:00	Happy Hour	AC
6:00	Cribbage	Art

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6:15	Nickel Nickel	MR3
	Euchre 4 Fun	CC:A
6:30	Advanced Bridge	CR
6:45	Euchre	H&R

1st Week

10:00	Emb. Chicks	CC:B&C
1:00	WOW	CC:E,F,G&H
4:00	No Happy Hour 01-02-09	AC

2nd Week

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

3rd Week

2:00	Blackjack Poker	CC:E
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4th Week

10:00	Emb. Chicks	CC:B&C
12:00	High 12 Club	TBA
4:00	Themed Happy Hour 01-23-09	AC
4:30	*Dinner Run (OTOW Bus) 01-23-09	HR

Saturday

8:00	Mixed Tennis	CTS
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B&C
	Art Group	Art
	Wood Working	WW
10:00	Mixed Tennis	CTS
10:30	Tai Chi Practice	AC
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
1:00	Table Tennis	H&R
5:30	Open Mah Jongg	CC:A
5:30	Saturday Pinochle	CR
6:30	Bridge	CR

4th Week

10:00	Health & Wellness Expo 01-24-09	CS
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Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	HR CTS
	Miniature Golf	MGC
	Wood Working	WW
12:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Scrapbooking	CC:B&C
12:15	Oxycise	H&R
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 Club	CC:G
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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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CSCC	Circle Square Cultural Center
CR	Card Room
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H&R CTS	Tennis Courts
H&R	Health & Rec Bldg
HRP	H&R Pool
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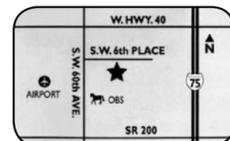
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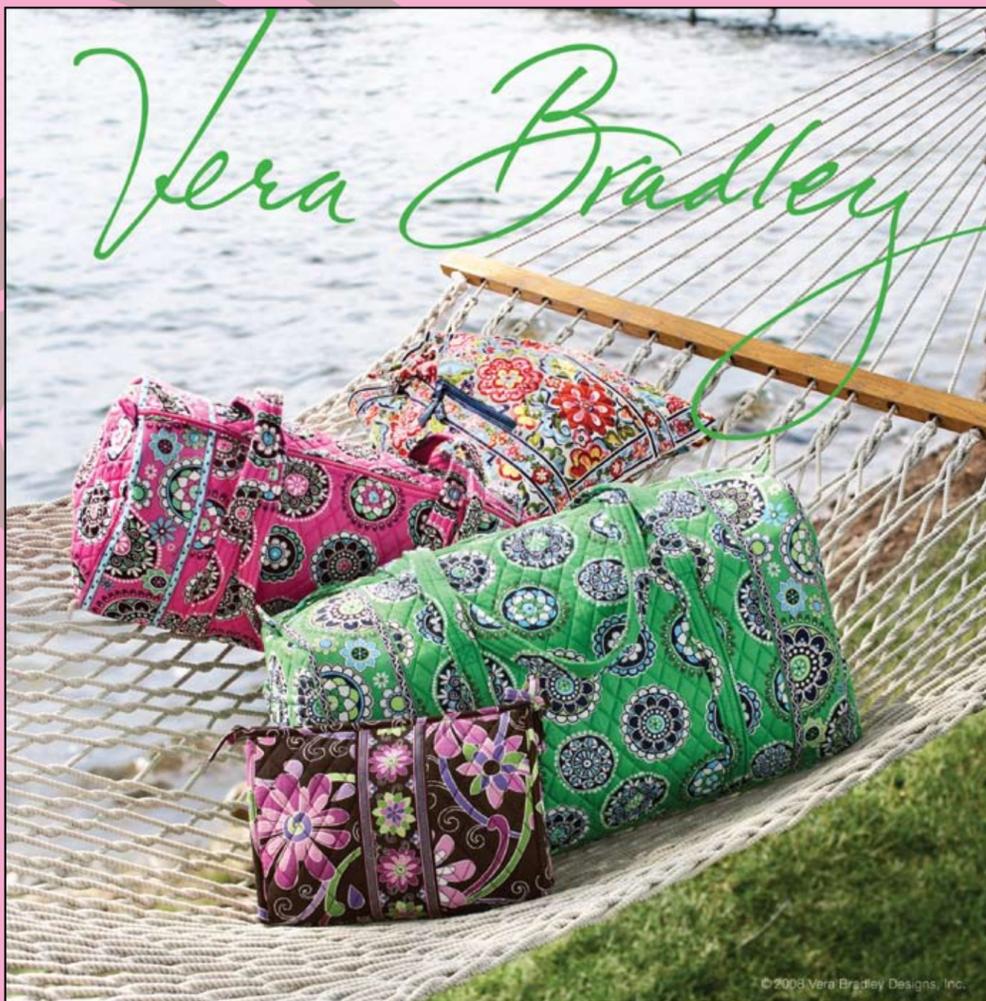
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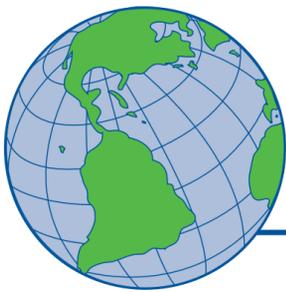
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Photo by Bill Shampine

Cologne Cathedral in Cologne, Germany.



Photo by Bill Shampine

The old Bishop's Residenz, overlooking Wurzburg, Germany and the Main River.



World Traveler Bill Shampine

Picking up from last month—the next stop on our river cruise after Nuremberg was Bamberg, Germany, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A beautiful town, Bamberg essentially was undamaged during World War II. It has a fascinating city center area, with 2,000 buildings listed as historical monuments. Because of its long history, the type of architecture you see is quite varied; including Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque. Narrow cobblestone streets, ornate mansions, palaces and impressive churches provide lots of “eye candy” for the tourist.

The old city hall, originally built in 1386, is an interesting piece of Bamberg history. Many years ago throughout much of Europe, buildings were taxed based on the square footage of land on which the building sat. The mayor was unsuccessful at convincing the taxing authority to exclude the government-owned city hall, so he found another way. He built city hall in the middle of a bridge over Regnitz River, which flows through the center of town. Since no land was used, there could be no tax on the structure!

One of Bamberg's other claims to fame is the dark, smoke-flavored beer brewed locally. Our group tried the beer and pretzels at a local outdoor guesthouse, and enjoyed them immensely.

From Bamberg, we traveled on to Wurzburg. The major attraction in Wurzburg is the Residenz, where the local bishop lived and ruled. The original building was huge, but eventually the bishop considered it too small and not impressive enough so he insisted a new, grander, Baroque-style palace be built for him. The “new”

Residenz truly is an awesome display of Baroque grandeur and over-indulgence. Unfortunately, we were not permitted to take pictures inside.

Wertheim is a major center for glass artwork. Just prior to stopping there we had an excellent glass blowing demonstration and educational talk from one of the local glass Masters. It is amazing what they can do with glass.

The next day, our On Top of the World group opted for a full day optional tour to Heidelberg. There we visited the impressive ruins of the city's 15th century Gothic castle, much of which is still standing, and occupied. We also visited the 600-year old university, Germany's oldest, had lunch in a local restaurant, and wandered around town for several hours.

Mainz is a big city, but we enjoyed the market square area and a visit to the Gutenberg museum. Gutenberg, the inventor of modern printing, was born in Mainz, and the museum has several copies of the first bible printed with movable type as well as many other original publications from that time period.

On the way to Koblenz, we passed Lorelei, home of the legendary siren that is said to entice sailors to their death on the reef located in the river at this point. Our captain was stalwart, however, and we managed to survive the passage! After Koblenz, we traveled to Cologne, where we visited the world renowned Cologne Cathedral. There is evidence that allied forces actually had orders to avoid damaging the Cathedral during the War.

Finally, we reached Amsterdam, where we enjoyed a canal tour, a visit to Rijksmuseum, and a walk through the Red Light District.

Unlike American cities, almost all of the places we visited had a thriving market square; similar to the Thursday morning market at On Top of the World. They are fascinating places, with the fruits, vegetables and flowers displaying an enchanting kaleidoscope of colors and lots of people milling about doing their daily shopping.

The direction you travel on this cruise also has an impact on the trip, which may or may not be a concern for some. At the Amsterdam end, the Rhine River is large and the cities tend to be very large with a lot of industrialization. At the Vienna end, the Danube River is much smaller (and gets even smaller as you head west on the cruise) and the towns typically are pretty small. Thus, you can begin or end the trip with a big-city flavor or a small-town flavor.

Community Holiday Festival

December 10, 2009

By LOLLY FOOS

Another year has passed and all had a wonderful time. Those who didn't view the parade missed out on a great assortment of beautifully decorated carts, vintage cars, clowns and sheriff and fire vehicles.

Special thanks to the following management personnel and residents who made this event one of the best:

Management - Ken Colen, Lynette Vermillion, Jo Salyers, Karen Brothers, Theresa Fields, Gary Marzola and Petra Schmidt.

Outside - Captain Jim Burton and his staff from the 200 Corridor Sub-Station Sheriff's Department and the Friendship Fire Station 21 arranged by Mike Connolly.

Special Assistance - Community Patrol Officers Gary Rodoff and Jim Miller who arranged the assistance by the Sheriff's Department; CERT Officers Norm and Caroline Scott who provided the bull-horns; Ray Cech and Lennie Rodoff who were our parade photographers; Greg Wise who videotaped the event; Byrl and Mary Curry who put up and took down parade route signs; Tom Miller who transported Ken Colen (Grand Marshal) and arranged for the vintage car participants and, of course, Bob Woods (Santa) who did his usual holiday cheers.

Golf Cart - Jim Chandler, Kay Chandler and Mary Curry (coordinators) and over 50 residents who participated. What great imagination. The carts were beautiful. All of you are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Evening Festivities - Special, special thanks to Kay Chandler (coordinator), Judy Dunn, Adelle DeLuca, Janice Meade, Jo Swing, Bunny Barba, Rita Miller and Peggy & Gene Trousil for setting up the cookie trays and making coffee and hot chocolate; the On Top of the World Concert Chorus (directed by Jean Monroe); Sue Moody and her Swingin' Sisters; Bob O'Neal (MC and entertainment); Peggy Campbell (entertainment pianist) along with coordinating the 12 days of Christmas with Dot Muller and her group. What fun we had.

Another special thanks to management personnel and residents who donated those wonderful homemade cookies. We had plenty left for Jim and Kay Chandler to deliver the next day to three assisted living facilities, On Top of the World guards and administrative staff. As usual, John Dieckman and Craig Ehle,

Sound & Lights members, provided all the equipment needed and requested by performers.

Donations were provided by On Top of the World management, Entertainment Group, Irish American Club and the Social Club. Thank you.

Dec. 17 Program - Dick Wolfe (coordinator) and our own On Top of the World bus driver Jim French transported resident singers to approximately 10-12 housebound residents. Sang a few holiday songs and presented them with a poinsettia plant donated by the Movie Club. In addition, for the first time, our bus and singers visited the Summerville Assisted Living facility just outside the gate, sang a few songs and spread some cheer and good will.

Thanks once again to all who contributed to the success of this program.

Happy New Year to you and yours!



Photo by Ray Cech

Dancing away the night are Sue and Artie Pryor.



Photo by Ray Cech

The Candler Hills holiday dinner organizing committee Carol Venslavsky, Mary Giannukos, Linda Buscher, Suzette Paquin, Marilyn Lube, Heddy Racinowski, Carol Clark, Mary Jo Kupsch, Eve Harvey, Patty Beeman, Lynda Feld and Joyce Rose.

Candler Hills Residents Celebrate the Holidays in Style

By RAY CECH

Close to 300 Candler Hills residents welcomed in the season in grand style on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the third annual holiday dinner and dance.

A more festive venue could not have been chosen. Streaming into the Circle Square Cultural Center, women in silk and satin and men with holiday cravats were a picture of splendor and gayety.

Lawns were lit up with colorful lights reminiscent of Christmases past, and in the entryway a beautifully decorated eight-foot tree cheerfully welcomed the celebrants.

On entering the main room, guests were greeted with additional seasonal decorations as well as a five-piece band—The Rewinds.

Happy hour opened with bars in each corner of the room serving up bountiful cheer. The dinner bell pealed at 7 p.m. and while partygoers sat down to a fine meal with all the trimmings, the band en-

tertained with Christmas favorites.

With tables cleared and fresh drinks poured, it was time to “cut a rug,” although no one needed coaxing when the band belted out a bit of CCR, along with Sinatra and Tony Bennett favorites. In between sets, celebrants table-hopped, made new friends and took plenty of photos to cherish the memories.

As the evening wound down, and finely dressed ladies and cravat-free gentlemen walked out into the brisk night air, you could hear nothing but joyous sounds and comments—a compliment to the 12-lady organizing committee—12 ladies, 12 days of...? Oh, never mind.

Candler Hills neighbors are very active folks who enjoy and take every advantage of our Florida lifestyle. They host an annual BBQ, monthly potluck dinners, and golf and fishing excursions, and have formed clubs for bowling, dinner/movie nights, bridge, poker and more.



Candler Hills Men's Golf Garry Gerlach

This is my last column for the CHMGA. We continue to average about 50 players at the events. We have 82 members and we hope you will all turn out.

Tuesdays will be a 9 a.m. tee time start for the winter months. It is really important to be on time Tuesday mornings. Be ready to go 15 minutes prior to your tee time. Remember the group you need to stay in contact with is the one in front of you.

Dues are due by Jan. 2 and for 2009 will remain at \$30. Remember to also renew your GHIN fee with the Pro Shop. That fee will be \$20.

The new board elected officers in December. The new officers are President - Bryant Giffin, Vice President - Dick Williams, Secretary - Joe Alfano, Treasurer - Paul Fratangelo, Directors - Bruce Venslavsky, Mike Buschur and Frank McCray. Dick Williams will be the tournament director for 2009.

Congrats go to Bryant Giffin for a hole-in-one on hole number 13 on Nov. 10. Also congrats to low scores this month: Paul Moltisanti had a 70 on Nov. 25 and a 72 on Dec. 2. Tom Garrison had a 72 on Dec. 9.

We encourage you to get involved in your league. The more members involved the more input and ideas we can generate to make this a better league.

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.

See you on The Links.

Candler Hills Men's League Results

Individual Stableford Nov. 18

Flight 1: 41 - Paul Moltisanti; 40 - Bryant Giffin; 38 - Bob Shively, Mike Buschur & Garry Gerlach

Flight 2: 41 - Dave Massachi; 39 - Tony Mysterly & Tom Racinowski

Flight 3: 43 - Bob Cowie; 42 - Bob Starrett; 40 - Bob Cooke

Flight 4: 38 - Jonathan Raupach; 37 - Ed Vioria

Four Man Team Two Best Balls Nov. 25

114 - Paul Moltisanti, Ken McDonald, JC VanBloom & Fred Hobbins; 116 - Al Wasmer, Bruce Venslavsky, Nick Nimerala & Gene Kelly; 119 - Bryant Giffin, John Podkomorski, Bob Starrett & Jonathan Raupach

Individual Stableford Dec. 2

Flight 1: 42 - Paul Moltisanti; 39 - Bob Shively; 38 - Joe Alfano, Mike Buschur & Chris Jett

Flight 2: 42 - Bruce Venslavsky; 41 - Dan Gill; 38 - Dave Masaschi, Frank McCray & Chris Scharar

Flight 3: 33 - Marvin Brooks & Roger Whitte

Flight 4: 37 - Jeff Ware; 35 - Fred Hobbins, Stan Jarmel, Tom Marta & Jonathan Raupach

Four Man Teams - One Best Ball Dec. 9

51 - Dave Weeter, Roger Bourgault, Bob Starrett & Jonathan Raupach; 54 - Paul Moltisanti, J.C. Van Bloom, Dick Williams & Gene Kelly; and Steve Kupsch, Bruce Venslavsky, Bob Cooke, & Stan Jarmel; and Mike Rec, Gil Schofield, Jack Gustafson & Ralph (John) Diaz; and Tom Garrison, Art McTague, Paul Fratangelo & Tom Martinetto



Director of Golf Jeff McDonald

On Top of the World Golf Courses and Candler Hills Golf Club

First of all, I would like to wish everyone, all the best for the New Year.

It sounds like all of you had a good time at the Christmas party in the golf shop and the golf staff would like to thank you, for the support that was shown.

Now that all of the golf associations' are playing for shop credit, I hope to see a spirit of unity grow between the different associations. The golf staff is looking forward to a great new year with all of you.

We are in the process of re-organizing the handicap committee and it is exciting to get to know and work with the members to strengthen the golf operation while forming new relationships.

The MGA from Candler Hills have asked me to set-up a Ryder Cup match between the two clubs. So, sometime in January I will put up the sign-up sheet. Don't miss out on the fun and get a friend to sign-up as well.

I know that you all have heard about the Fool's Day Give-A-Way and I hope it goes very well for you.

I would like to play golf with you this year so if you have an opening, please check to see if I could play, if I can I will.

I'll see you on the course.



Candler Hills Golf Club Sally Collins

Happy New Year from the Golf staff at Candler Hills Golf Club. We wish all of you a happy and healthy golf year filled with lots of birdies and low scores!

The New Year brings about several schedule adjustments to better serve our golf members and guests. The Free Clinic offered by the golf professionals will be conducted on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. These are informational only based lessons where you can pick up some great tips to improve your game.

The Group Clinics, only \$10 per person, will be held the second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Each month will feature a different aspect of the game and allows you to practice the skill being taught.

Classes are limited to the first 20 paid golfers. Sign-up is by Thursday at noon in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Golf leagues will follow this schedule: during January and February, the MGA will tee off at 9 a.m. in a modified shotgun start; the LGA 18 features tee times beginning at 9 a.m.; and the LGA 9 will start with tee times at 1 p.m. On Sundays, the Duffers will have tee times beginning at 1:20 p.m. off both tees #1 and #10.

Candler Hills golfers have been invited to compete in the Juliette Falls Cup team event on Friday, Jan. 30. The team is limited to eight men and women golfers in a best five of eight low net total event. A qualifier will be held on Friday, Jan. 16 with the low net format.

This will determine which golfers will represent Candler Hills in the Juliette Falls Cup.

Check out all the details in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Andy Jorgensen and his staff have Candler Hills in top-notch condition. So that we may maintain these conditions, all of us need to do our part so we don't produce extra wear and tear on the turf. The starters and rangers will be enforcing the one cart rule for a single or twosome and two-cart rule for threesomes and foursomes. Handicap flags are available in the Golf Shop for golfers that have the valid Handicap Identification card or cart sticker and need to have closer access to the restricted cart areas.

Don't forget if you have a GHIN handicap, the deadline to renew your handicap fee is Jan. 15 or you will be placed on the inactive list. Stop by the Golf Shop to complete your GHIN form today! You will need a GHIN handicap to compete in MGA, LGA and club events.



On Top of the World/ Candler 18-Hole LGA

Marilyn Rose

Goodness, can you believe the year is over and we now embark on the year 2009. 2008 has been eventful, and in many ways rewarding. We all had an opportunity to play at the Candler Hills course, and we got to meet and know the wonderful women who play there and do not join us here at On Top of the World. I might also mention that they got to meet and know many of us also.

I will be listing the On Top of the World winners for the Koontz Tournament in this article. We had a good turnout and On Top of the World and Ocala Palms out-

did themselves as hostesses. We can be right proud.

I understand that the Christmas luncheon was just great. The hostesses, chaired by Dot Muller, included Rose Hoovler, Euny Moore and Margie Wade, did their very best and made sure that it was a success. Bruce did his usual job of great food. I am sure that some of us had a hard time telling who was who, as we all clean up so well. Hope all recognized each other in our best bib and tucker. I am sorry that I missed it, but was on a cruise at the time.

Hope all of you enjoyed the wine and cheese at the Golf Shop on Tuesday, Dec. 9. It was very nice. Well done, staff.

Now for the winners for the past month:

3 Person Scramble Nov. 18

First Place: 77 - Team 1 - Nancy Zielinski, Carol Johnson, Fran Griswold

Koontz Ladies Golf Classic Nov. 17 and 18

Buffet Flight - 1st Low Net - 141 - Beverly Ovrebo

Curio Flight - 1st Low Gross - 171 - Joan D'Addio, 3rd Low Gross - 177 - Sandy Chase

Figurine Flight - 3rd Low Net - 147 - Marilyn Rose

ABCD Scramble Nov. 25

First Place: 71 - Team 4 - Beverly Ovrebo, Mary Jane McAtee, Janet Kingsley, Helen Foskett

Second Place: Tie - 72 - Team 1 Nancy Zielinski, Marilyn Rose, Jeanne Rice Team 5 - Joan D'Addio, Lou Borders, Rose Hoovler, Mary Skennion

Low Gross/Low Net - Flighted Dec. 9

Flight 1 - 1st Low Gross - 86 - Jerry Gill, 2nd Low Gross - 92 - Janet Juhlin, 3rd Low Gross - 95 - Nancy Darichuk

Flight 2 - 1st Low Gross - 96 - Betty Gustafson, 2nd Low Gross - 97 - Mary Driver, 3rd Low Gross - 103 - JoAnn Roney

Flight 3 - 1st Low Gross - 102 - Rose Hoovler, 2nd Low Gross - 106 - Serine Rossi, 3rd Low Gross - 107 Glenna Swank

Flight 1 - 1st Low Net - 73 - Gretchen Normandin, 2nd Low Net - 74 - Sandy Chase, 3rd Low Net - Tie - 76 - Carol Johnson, Linda Bervinkle, Pat MacMurray

Flight 2 - 1st Low Net - 71 Mary Jane McAtee, 2nd Low Net - 72 - Shirley Smagner, 3rd Low Net - Tie - 75 - Marilyn Rose, Velma Rose

The schedule for January is:

Jan. 6 - Open Play
Jan. 13 - Scramble - Luncheon
Jan. 20 - Low Gross/Low Net
Jan. 27 - Team Points - ABCD
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Ocala Camellia Show

The annual Ocala Camellia Show, presented by the Ocala Camellia Society, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24 and 25. The show is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. It will be held at the Pioneer Garden Club at the Appleton Cultural Complex, 4331 East Silver Springs Boulevard (SR 40).

There is no admission charge for the show, and all are invited to the two-day showing. Weather permitting, up to 2,000 Camellia blooms will be on display and judged in competition. Numerous awards will be given to those having selected flowers. Many attendees update their "wish list" when they see the latest camellia blooms as well as the time-honored standard varieties.

Camellias are native to the Orient and have become the Southern Belle of flowering shrubs. The two most common types are Camellia japonica, the best known of the Camellias, which blooms generally from November through March, and the Camellia sasanqua, which blooms from October through December. There are thousands of varieties.

The public is also invited to enter their best blooms in the show, and entries are accepted from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24. All flowers entered must conform to the American Camellia Society show rules, and Camellia Society members will be on hand to assist those who have never entered a flower before. Anyone interested in entering can call Patrick Andrews at 595-3365 (or e-mail at patrickandrews@att.net) for more information.

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Memorial Tournament: MGA Memorial Tournament winners include Ray Messer - Flight C, Bill Flannery - Flight B and Donn Johnson - Flight A. Flight D winner Ken Cotte was not present.



**Men's Golf Association
Ron Cleveringa**

Happy New Year! With 2008 behind us, we can look forward to 2009 with confidence that tomorrow will be better! Living in these troubled times is much like the game of golf! Just when you think you finally have your game under control; it falls apart! But you know you'll get it back together again!

In November, we completed the 2008 Memorial Tournament and the winners were:

- A Flight Donn Johnson
- B Flight Bill Flannery
- C Flight Ray Messer
- C Flight Ken Cotte

We awarded trophies to the winners of each flight at our final Chicken Day of the year Dec. 10. Also at this dinner/meeting, Paul DelVacchio, the past president, presented our annual \$1,000 donation to Karen Haven representing Hospice of Marion County.

Our next tournament is the Presidents Cup and it begins Jan. 14 with tee times beginning at 9 a.m. This is a match play event and the first 64 members that sign-up will go for the cup. We look forward to an exciting tournament using 100% of your MGA handicap. The final match declaring the 2009 Presidents Cup Champion is scheduled for Jan. 30.

Most of you have heard about the mandatory change that has occurred that alters the method of rewarding prizes to winners of all MGA events.

In 2009, we will be playing as usual

on Wednesday with a rally time of 8 a.m. and tee time of 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Sometimes in January and February, frosty mornings can cause a delay in the starting time. Members must sign-up in the Pro Shop by Sunday at 5 p.m. to be entered into play that week.

We will continue to have our eight traditional Chicken Day scrambles on the first Wednesday of the month. The only difference is in 2009 we will begin awarding Golf Shop credits in place of cash prizes as we have in the past.

We can still give the winners of our weekly events a "little brown envelope" indicating their position in the prior weeks event and notifying them of their credit in the Golf Shop. This year these credits can be accumulated until Feb. 28, 2010 at which time they must be used. Golf Shop credits can be combined with spouses credits or another members credits or they can be converted into a gift certificate which can extend the life of the accumulated credits.

I know this change has "ruffled a few feathers" but if we stop and think about it. Our cash prizes were pretty small and the distinction of being a designated winner among our peers will still be there! Our golf courses are getting better than ever, our events are running more smoothly, the golf staff collects our weekly event fees, assists us with tournaments and does our pairing and posts results. Working together we see the best year ever in 2009, expect your golfing experience to be better than ever.

We look forward to seeing all the men of On Top of the World that love the game of golf adding to their golfing pleasure by maintaining their membership and/or becoming new members of the club. So don't let those "ruffled feathers" get in the way of your regular Wednesday game and continue the enjoyment and camaraderie that goes with playing with us.

For the coming year my wish to each member is for good health and in the pursuit of happiness, may your drives be longer and straighter and may your putts be fewer.

**MGA Memorial Tournament
Nov. 12-19**

Flight A Net Scores
1st, Donn Johnson, 206; T2nd, George Blankenship, 217; T2nd, Rick Daddio, 217; 4th, Ray Hellman, 218;



Photo by Bud May

Hospice Donation: MGA treasurer Paul DelVacchio presents a check of \$1,000 dollars to Karen Haven, Development Assistant at Hospice of Marion County. Donations were from the MGA's Chicken Day Mulligan sales.

Flight B Net Scores

1st, Bill Flannery, 198; 2nd, Art Buecher, 209; 3rd, Guy Russell, 210; T4th, Dick Fields, 211; T4th, Ralph Solvold, 211.

Flight C Net Scores

1st, Ray Messer, 199; 2nd, Rocky Groomes, 201; T3rd, Barry Barringer, 208; T3rd, Charles Casale, 208.

Flight D Net Scores

1st, Ken Cotte, 201; 2nd, Joe Hopper, 207; 3rd Doug Graham, 208; 4th Edward C. Wilson, 211.

**MGA Individual Stableford
Nov. 26 / The Links**

Flight 1: 1st, Clifford Jones, 46; T2nd, Dan Carty, 43; T2, Tom Fragapane, 43; 4th, Frank Smith, 40;

Flight 2: 1st, Guy Russell, 45; 2nd Art Dushary, 40; T3rd, Bill Flannery 39; T3rd, David Miller, 39;

Flight 3: 1st, George Deignan, 42; 2nd, Jack Martin, 38; T3, Barry Barringer, 37; T3, Bill Walker, 37; T3, Tom Marta, 37.

Flight 4: 1st Jerry Segovis, 46; 2nd Peter M. Peterson, 40; T3rd, Jerry Chase, 39; T3rd, Joe Hopper 39.

**MGA 18 Individual Net & Gross
Dec. 3 / Tortoise & Hare**

Gross-Flight 1
1st, Gary Hassett, 73/66; T2nd, John Langville, 80/71; T2nd, Marvin Williams, 80/66; T4th, Art Buecher, 84/68; T4th, William E Young Jr, 84/73.

Net Flight 1.

1st, Vince Nucaso, 82/63, 2nd, Carl Zeiler, 83/66; 3rd, Rocky Groomes, 85/67; T4th, Dick Fields, 85/69; T4th, Guy Russell, 88/69.

Gross Flight 2

1st, Richard Schiller, 84/62; T2nd, David Miller, 87/67; T2nd, Mike Driver, 87/67; T2nd, Phil Johnson, 87/67.

Net Flight 2. 1st, Ross Mac Donald, 88/64; 2nd, Tom Marta, 93/68; T3rd, Calvin Aperson, 89/69; T3rd, Hira Roy, 92/69; T3rd, Norm Lallier, 94/69.

MGA Chicken Day T&H Two Drive Scramble

Dec. 10 / Tortoise & Hare

T1st, Raymond Beloin, Dick Griswold, Mike Driver, Jose Cura, 66; T1st, Johnny Gill, Steve Gregely, George Deignan, Bill Koch, 66; T1st, Art Buecher, Beale Kinsey, Carl Arnold, Gary Hassett, 66; T4th, Dan Carty, Bill Flannery, Tom Deegan, John Hodd, 67; T4th, Ray Hellman, Bob Bell, Mike Flynn, Dave Brazeau, 67.

Dec. 10 / The Links

T1st, Tom McHaffie, Leonard Ruble, Jack Martin, Bob Selmon, 65; T1st, Sherman Hutchings, Ian McCulough, Edward C. Wilson, Tom Marta, 65; T3rd, Larry Lucieer, David Miller, James Merrick, Nick Zoccoli, 66; T3rd, Donn Johnson, Richard Schiller, Joe Hopper, Ralph Schmidt. 66.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf
Diane Dzik

Our Charity Scramble in November netted \$352 for United Way. We thank all participants who donated during this "high peak period" of demand and difficult financial times.

Our setting for the Christmas luncheon was the Arbor Club. Sixty-nine members and social members assembled with the huge Christmas tree as a background. Red and green was the theme with lovely embroidered Christmas finger towels as favors. Crocheted lacy white angels graced the tables as centerpieces -- all the work of our talented tournament chair, Jeanette Messer. Christmas cheer and good food set the tone as new members, long-time members and those we have dearly missed, mingled and chatted.

Events for 2009 will be the 9-Hole Invitational on March 24 celebrating our silver jubilee. The decorating committee is asking any members who have pictures of golfing events from 1983-1984, to please contact Diane Dzik. Our awards banquet will be held April 29 at Stone Creek Golf Club. Cocktails will be at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m.

Invitationals for this year are posted in the clubroom. Please check the lists. The

first invitational will be held Feb. 9 at the Country Club of Ocala.

Points To Ponder

Always mark your ball during green play. If your ball strikes another ball on the green, or the flagstick or another club lying on the green, you incur a two-stroke penalty. Remember to leave all other clubs, except your putter, off the green while putting.

Three Blind Mice (Net Scores)

Nov. 18

Flight 1: 25--B.J. Leckbee, Ginny Huckel, Peggy Borro, 26--Grace Bock
Flight 2: 21--Marie Palombo, 26--Darlene Clark, Judy Garrett, 27--Jean Flynn, Sandra Lundborn, 28--Tish Dertien
Flight 3: 23--Michaela Beyer, 27--Helen Degraw, Mary Carson, 28--Ruth Mitchell

Charity Scramble

Nov. 25

Team 8: 41--Mary Carson, Lorraine Rourke, Betty Tully
Team 6: 43--Kathy Bologna, Jan Moon, Gretchen Saker, Donna Swiger
Team 4: 44 -- Michaela Beyer, Mary Hart, Dottie Migliaccio, Ruth Mitchell

Modified Scramble

Dec. 2

44--Helen Degraw, Linda Heenan, Lorraine Rourke, Betty Tully, 44--Ginny Huckel, Jeanette Messer, Joan Rappa, Marge Warren, 45--Michaela Beyer, Charmaine Hassett, Cathleen Hathaway B.J. Leckbee

Low Gross

Dec. 9

Chip-ins: Peggy Borro, B.J. Leckbee, Alice McDaniel, Dottie Migliaccio, Jan Moon
Flight 1: 47--Peggy Borro, 48--Grace Bock, 51--Agnes Tetti, B.J. Leckbee
Flight 2: 52--Betty Tully, 53--Violet Sica, 54--Jean Flynn, 55--Alice McDaniel
Flight 3: 55--Lucy Quaranta, 57--Donna Swiger, 59--Pat Black, 60--Kathy Bologna, Marge Warren



Photo by Tom Racinowski

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf League.

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Diane Masterson

The Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf League began its inaugural season in November. The group is comprised of experienced and novice golfers from Candler Hills, Indigo East and On Top of the World.

The officers for 2009 are: Heddy Racinowski, President
Carol Venslavsky, Vice President
Julie Crudele, Treasurer
Sandy Schaffer, Secretary
Tina Hauer, Rules Committee
The goals of this group are to have fun

and make new friends while hitting that little white ball around. So far, we're doing a really good job of achieving these goals!

If you'd like to join this group, stop by the Candler Pro Shop for additional information or e-mail Heddy Racinowski at heddyr@yahoo.com. We play on Thursdays at 1 p.m., usually playing some sort of Scramble as we get to know each other.

Scramble

Dec. 4

1st Place: Maureen Morris, Dianne Masterson, Marylyn Tymon
2nd Place: Pam Carpenter, Elaine Van Bloom, Carol Venslavsky, Betty Werner
Have a happy and a golf-filled New Year!



On Top of the World Golf Club
Sally Collins

At On Top of the World Golf Club, we'll ring in the New Year with the first Saturday of the Month Scramble on Jan. 3. Cost is only \$2.50 per person for the scramble on The Links - tee off is a 9 a.m. shotgun rally at 8:30 a.m. Sign-up by Thursday, Jan. 1 at noon.

Don't forget if you have a GHIN handicap, the deadline to renew your handi-

cap fee is Jan. 15 or you will be placed on the inactive list. Stop by the Golf Shop to complete your GHIN form today! You will need a GHIN handicap to compete in MGA, LGA and club events. The League sign-up forms will continue to be located in the Golf Shop. You may call or stop in to register for MGA or LGA league play.

Andy Jorgensen and his staff work diligently to keep the On Top of the World golf course in great shape. All of us need to do our part so we don't produce extra wear and tear on the turf by taking more than the necessary number of carts. The golf staff will be enforcing the one cart rule for a single or twosome and two-cart rule for threesomes and foursomes. Handicap flags are available in the Golf Shop for golfers that have the valid Handicap Identification card or cart sticker and need to have closer access to the restricted cart areas. We appreciate your adherence to these policies.

It's that time of year to renew your range program and Grasshopper Club memberships.

The range keys will be reprogrammed the beginning of January so be sure to get into the On Top of the World Golf Shop to insure your practice goes uninterrupted.

The Golf Staff at On Top of the World Golf Club wish you and your family a happy, healthy and safe 2009!



Photo by Robert Riedeman

Daisy and Don Powell, Friday A.M. shufflers who were the winners in that group in October.



Shuffleboard
Robert Riedeman

With more favorable weather than earlier in the season, the Shuffleboard Club's sessions continued through November. The winners (those who won the most games) in the six playing teams were as follows:

Monday A.M.

Men: Charlie Lentz; Women: Vicki Lentz

Monday P.M.

Men: (three way tie) Al Bice, John Mataya,

Jerry Griffin; Women: Margot Thomas

Tuesday P.M.

Men: Hank Kolb; Women: Gitte Agarwal

Wednesday P.M.

Men: Bill Eberle; Women: Elaine Servais

Thursday A.M.

Men: Frank Dubay; Women: (tie) Ellen Schlaak and Violet Dubay

Friday A.M.

Men: Jim Youngman; Women: Nancy Kowsky

The new general membership meeting schedule approved last year is for two meetings, one in November and the other in March. The November meeting took place on Thursday, Nov. 13 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom; attended by 79 members. The meeting was presided over by our president, Vern Uzzell, and was followed by the ever popular pizza and ice cream luncheon. Our social director, Helene Sternberger, organized the meal. The next meeting will be on March 5 and will also be a lunch meeting.

Any resident who has an interest in learning to play shuffleboard and possibly joining the club is encouraged to come on down to the courts (behind Health & Recreation) at any of the above playing times to get an idea of how the game is played. The morning sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and the afternoon sessions at 1 or 1:30 p.m. Any of the members would be happy to answer any questions. Each group has a captain and a co-captain who will set-up training sessions at convenient times for interested parties.

For additional information, please call Vern Uzzell at 854-8740 or myself at 861-1501. Of course, we would welcome experienced players to the club as well.



Softball
Bill Leon

November brought in cold weather and the holidays, which depleted the number of warriors as some, headed home to share with their families.

Those that remained headed to the battlefield where they armed themselves ready to do battle with the enemy. They wore their armor (extra clothing), to the point where some were not recognizable

and headed to the field of battle. Nor wind, cold nor the heat of day deterred these mighty warriors from heading to the field where battle they will do. There they swung their weapons (bats) in hopes of hitting that which was flung at them (ball), and if successful, they would move to the next station (base) where they would wait for the next opportunity to do battle again. You can hear the cheering when a warrior has won the battle and moved on.

On and on the battle lasted until the last warrior swung no more. Finally, the warriors gathered themselves, picked up their gear and headed towards the enemy to face them one last time. Then they would slap their hands together and say "good game," until we meet again.

These are the warriors who play softball at the On Top of the World Softball field every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings braving the cold and putting aside their aches and pains to play the game which they love so much.

Softball Standings

Team	Won	Loss
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2 Rockers	3	5

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**Arbor Club
Tennis
Jorge Privat**

Hello everyone! May the New Year bring you good health, wealth and happiness...and of course, good times around the tennis courts. And please, don't let your competitiveness or your pride get the best of you when you play, be considerate, kind and polite with everyone and always give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. Remember, that after all is said and done, tennis is just a game to all of us.

As you know by now, we have practically brand new courts, and brand new screens in place, and On Top of the World management decided that we should have brand new benches to go along with the great looking courts. We thank On Top of the World management for these great

improvements and we will do our best to maintain them in good condition.

I would also like to remind you that we are coming into winter weather, and therefore, when you come to the courts, plan accordingly, dress warm and in layers. This is the time of the year when muscles, tendons and ligaments lose their elasticity due to the cold and become sort of brittle, more prone to tears and pulls. Don't risk an injury, which can take you out of the game for an extended period of time. Do some stretching, preferably before you come to the courts. And, before you start play, allow for at least ten to fifteen minutes of warm up time.

I wish to inform you that our On Top of the World Ladies Senior team played their last USTA league match this past November and came in second place in the overall results, winning four of their six matches played. Their only two losses were to a very strong team from Citrus Hills - Skyview. Congratulations to Connie Deignan, Tina McCurry, Rosie Hueber, Judy Gerace, Irene Moran, Norma Higgins and Carol Lopez.

Due to the resurfacing and building the new court, we were unable to hold our On Top of the World Invitational Tournament. Soon, we will be preparing to carry this out in the spring, as well as other activities.

I was not able to include this note in my prior column, but I would like to mention that Interfaith Charities truly appreciates our donations of footwear. And, as we experience the joys of the holidays, we can make this season extra special including perhaps a pair of socks for those really cold days. Stan Magen would be very

glad to take your donations.

Tennis Tip Of The Month: Positioning the Hand and Wrist

Hit the ball out in front. Firm the wrist at contact. See the ball through the back of your strings. These are usually prompts exhorted by coaches and teachers of the game. But good knowledge of the modern game indicates that the position of the hand and wrist at contact is often either overlooked or poorly understood. For when advised to firm the wrist, many if not most of us tighten up the muscles, bracing for contact. But there is another way. And we can certainly see that when a slender teenage girl hits seemingly effortlessly with power, but somehow without betraying tension. The secret, I believe, is in moving the hand to a position where the bones and not the muscles locks the wrist. When you hear forehand and backhand I would like to direct your attention directly to the "hand" but with the length of the racquet adding significant leverage. The temptation is to use the hand to accelerate the tip of the racquet. This type of stroke often appears wristy, because the hand is active rather than passive, and results in a point of contact where the wrist is not in a locked position.

As you read this, you can experiment for yourself. Extend your hand in front of you as though shaking hands. Consider this a neutral wrist position. With the palm vertical (sort of the eastern forehand), lay your wrist back as far as it will go and feel the bones ultimately inhibiting further motion (extension). This corresponds to the correct wrist position for the forehand. Return to neutral. Now, move the wrist to the left (flexion) and a

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little downward in a cupping motion, until it comes to rest. This position corresponds to the correct eastern backhand, where the wrist is totally locked, palm down.

Continue to experiment moving the arm to a point of contact way out in front with the wrist totally laid back and locked. Note that the wrist only needs to lock at contact. Prior to contact, a neutral wrist is just fine. This way, one can relax the grip promoting a looser easier swing.

Happy New Year and happy tennis to all!



**R/C Flyers
M. Keith Nadel**

From the prehistoric cave glyphs of birds in flight to the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs, birds in flight have fascinated man. The genius of Leonardo de Vinci, who designed the first man-powered machine of flight through to the initial jaunt of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, man has been enamored with flight. Our national wars in the 20th century refined these flying machines and our RC (remote control) On Top of the World Flyers Club has miniaturized these motorized birds of flight to mock even the most elegant of birds.

The club shared its love of flight by hosting a fly-in this past November for its members as well as 45 out-of-county flyers, one as far as Bowling Green, OH. Elegant machines were flown for enjoyment, demonstrating exceptional pilot skills and acrobatic fireworks. Pilots included two young guys, ages 8 and 13, who handled quarter scale models like old timers. The Ladybirds served up refreshments and all the fixings for a hungry crowd of hundreds, which was also treated to a helicopter demo as well as a formation of model P-51s that buzzed the field.

Seventy-four members met during the December monthly meeting and voted on a new slate of officers. In January, the new officers will be: Larry Riehl as president, Ted Pope again as vice president, Bob Emery as secretary and Pete Finen as treasurer. The directors include Joe Fenelli and Charles Smith, with Charles Kruger again being safety officer and Jim Ellis as field marshal. An experienced group of dedicated flyers herein represented.

The annual Flyers Christmas party was held on Dec. 7 at the Stony Point Grill with over 120 pilots, Ladybirds and guests in attendance. For the occasion, many pilots wore ties and coats but their identities were assured by their nametags. The Ladybirds were noted for their elegance. A rousing raucous rendition of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" closed the event.

Guests are always encouraged and welcome to visit the flying field to witness and even to chance a supervised flight with our instructors using the club model miniatures to take to the sky. Just follow 94th Street past the Arbor Club to the field. We look forward to your visit any time.

This article was submitted by a pilot who soloed on Dec. 10, 2007, at the young age of 82 under the guidance of Dick Rose, a master instructor of which we have several.



**Bocce
Ray Shultz**

Dear Bocce enthusiasts, I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to get started playing bocce again on Jan. 5. This next play period, which is a long one, will take us to the latter part of March. We will then have a Best of Bocce playoff followed by the Annual Bocce Club Member Dinner Meeting on April 4, which we (board members and league reps) are hoping will be a special event for members and guests. See your league representative for further information.

The On Top of the World Bocce Club board of directors is currently considering nominations for next year's officers. If you think you may be interested or know someone who might be, please inform your league representative and they will give you a copy of the by-laws of The On Top of the World Bocce Club, which details the duties and responsibilities of each officer.

As a reminder, I would like to mention this item again. Players, please if you can't make a scheduled game you must get a substitute to replace you. After getting that sub, please inform your team captain with their name and phone number.

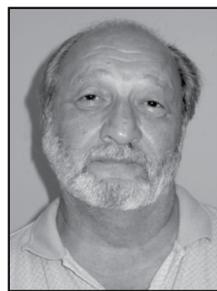
Would you like to play bocce or think you would and would like to try it first? Give me a call or stop by at the bocce courts on Monday or Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. for open bocce.

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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**Billiards
Richard Impressa**

One of the great mysteries in the game of billiards is that even the best players miss what seem like easy shots. I know it's rare to see this on a televised pool tournament, but I have personally seen Efron Reys (considered by many to be the best living pool player) miss a match winning shot that would be considered easy for someone who's been playing only a few months.

This phenomenon occurs more times than you would think. How can this be possible? In one word, the reason is "concentration." A good analogy is that every shot in a game of pool is equivalent to a putt in a game of golf. There are easy putts and difficult putts, but no putt is a sure thing.

To be successful, each shot not only has to be accurate enough to pocket the ball but, unlike golf, it has to be precise enough to place the cue ball in position for your next shot. It is not uncommon to lose a game or a match over a single shot that was a few millimeters off in either accuracy or position.

What constitutes a temporary loss of this elusive commodity called "concentration?" It can be different for each person on any given day, but there are several basic factors that can affect your game. First (and in my case foremost) is

attitude. Simply put, if you think you're going to miss the shot, you will. Next is distraction. This can include extraneous loud talking, sharp noises, a door opening while you're starting your shot stroke, someone moving in your field of vision when you're shooting, etc.

A few simple rules during a tournament (not everyday, social play) could keep these distractions to a minimum:

1. When your opponent is up, speak only when spoken to.
2. Don't walk through his/her field of vision when you see a player down on the shot.
3. If you're not shooting, sit down so you won't interfere with the players at adjacent tables.

Another distraction is discomfort. If you're not comfortable in your stance and stroke, your mind will be focused on the discomfort, not the shot. I'm talking about something that causes you to fidget, shift your weight, take your eye off the object ball and think about the discomfort instead of the shot.

Players must find a stance that their body automatically settles into before each shot. If you're trying to copy someone's stance and it isn't comfortable for you, get out of it and perfect your own. More importantly, if you go down on a shot and you are distracted or uncomfortable, get up and start over. This is one of the hardest things to do when playing pool.

When we were first taught about this game we were told what the "ideal" stance should be. When I become the "ideal" player, I'll use the "ideal" stance, until then I'll get into a stance that provides perfect comfort for my imperfect body.

There are some tips to aid you in overcoming these distractions, which I'll go into in future columns.

Our next Billiards Club meeting will be Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at 4 p.m. I hope to see you all there. Until then happy New Year, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.

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Ballet Club
Eugenie Martin

What makes ballet so special? It is not necessarily the most fun filled dance form. I have tapped, done Broadway, jazz, square, country and ballroom dancing and enjoyed them all. And, many people love line dancing, which I love watching at Circle Square Commons on Friday and Saturday evenings.

In terms of ease, ballet is not the easiest; but then, it is not necessarily the most difficult, at least at the beginner level. Professionally performed ballet done with solos, partnering, ensemble dancing and long, complicated choreography, is another story. That is very difficult to do, but oh so beautiful to watch!

Maybe that's what makes ballet so wonderful. For years, when I lived in New

York City, I attended many professional ballet performances. I call NYC "The Ballet Capital of the World," because it is home (I believe) to the best American troupes and plays host to most major ballet companies from all over the world.

In my New York City years, I would sit in the audience feeling great awe towards the ballet dancers who made everything seem so easy. Then in my late 40s, I started studying ballet myself, and after that, my view of ballet and dancers changed. I quickly learned that even the simplest position in ballet could use every muscle in my body. Yet, in just a few months, I learned an amazing number of steps plus their French names. I still looked at professional performers with awe, but from a more educated point of view. I had become "one of them" - I was a ballerina!

When I teach a ballet class or take one, I still succumb to the beauty of this special art form. Some steps are very difficult - way beyond my personal capabilities. But other steps are easier and can be done by even relatively inexperienced dancers. The dances are truly beautiful and we are all ballerinas.

The On Top of the World Ballet Club will be dancing at the Health Fair in the Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 24. Come see us dance noon to 1:15 p.m. along with members of other clubs and classes. And join us at our regular classes in the Arbor Club studio on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. and Monday evening from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. For information, call me at 854-8589. Happy dancing!



Karaoke Friends
Vivian Brown

We decided it's the holidays, so let's celebrate with soda, punch and snacks, I will give you the details on how it went next month. Welcome back Dick, who sang "Georgia on My Mind," nice job.

Norma serenaded us with "Cry Me a River" while her hubby Bob sang "You Always Hurt the One You Love," and they both were terrific. Charlie and Donny sang "King of the Road," they are good! All the girls sang "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," and we do. Shirley serenaded us with "It's Only a Paper Moon" and Estelle sang "I Can't Smile Without You." Estelle you've come a long way baby!

We welcomed two new friends, Tom, who is not new to karaoke, he sang very well as did Daryl who sang "If Ever Your in My Arms Again," nicely done. By the way, Norma had to sing the first Christmas song "Santa Baby" and I sang, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

You all are very special to me and I wish each and everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Remember we meet every first and third Monday in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Try it, you'll like it. God bless and keep on singing. Any questions, call Vivian at 291-0246.



Square Dancing
Maureen Lea

Happy New Year! The parties may be over, but the dancing is not. Are you one of those people who made a New Year's resolution to become more physically fit, be more active or get to know your neighbors? You can do all those things when you make square dancing part of your regular program.

Our Beginner's Ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. It will be called by Don Hanhurst and every one is invited. These dances are a lot of fun and very important for the development of the new dancers. Turn out and show your support.

Walt and Janet Becker are the Marion County representatives for the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association. They will be selling tickets for a quilt and a laptop computer to be raffled off at the state convention in May. If you're interested, Walt and Janet will have the tickets available at the regular Tuesday club nights. They are \$2 each or three for \$5.

Our regular club dance is on Tuesday at the Arbor Club from 7 to 9 p.m., and round dance workshops are on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Arbor Conference Center. A2 is on Friday from noon to 1:45 p.m. followed by an Intro to DBD Workshop from 2 to 3:45 p.m.

Come on out, join the fun, and dance, dance, dance!



Ballroom Dance Club
Joe Furfaro

By the time you read this article, the December dance lessons, as well as our stay at the Arbor Club will be finished. Our instructor, Trish Sands, taught us that great Spanish dance, the Meringue, this past month.

January 2009 brings us to a new venue. As we had previously stated, we will be moving to the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Lessons are from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. with an open dance following immediately thereafter. Cost for the lessons is \$20 per month and admission to the dance is \$5 for club members and \$6 for non-members. Annual dues for membership are \$6 for residents and \$8 for non-residents.

The dance being taught in January is the waltz, the dance that has withstood all others.

Why don't you put on your dancing shoes and join us? All you will have is enjoyment. For more information, please call Joe Furfaro at 237-6900 or Janet Juhlin at 854-0708.



Line Dancing
Sherry Ashenfelter

As of this writing, there are 44,094 line dances described on one website. Sometimes dissimilar dances have the same title. For example, there are over 60 different dances choreographed to the song "Boot Scootin' Boogie", and about 20 of them are called Boot Scootin' Boogie.

In Chicago, we danced the Boot Scootin' Boogie that is said to have originated in the Northwest. In Ocala, we dance a different Boot Scootin' Boogie that supposedly originated in the Northeast.

We teach our students the fundamental moves that are the foundation of many line dances. Dancers who memorize the coaster step, the fan, the hook, the jazz box, the kick ball-change, the monterey turn, the rock step, the sailor shuffle, the heel split, the strut, and the grapevine, have the foundation to learn dances taught in our classes, on cruise ships, in other cities, and at dance festivals.

For information about line dance classes, phone 873-9440 or 857-6355.



Pattern Dance Club
Barb & Joe McArdle

Hope everyone had wonderful happy and healthy holidays. Pattern Dance classes were few and far between in December because of the holidays, but we are looking forward to learning lots of new dances in 2009. Can you believe it, 2009?

We are so pleased with all the new couples. Everyone is so talented. Carla is bringing the new couples up to date on past dances so that we can all dance together at Circle Square Commons.

We aren't taking any more new students as we only have classes until the end of April and it would be too hard to catch up with everyone else. If you are interested in next year classes, give Barb a call at 369-1220.



Original Karaoke Group
George Quaranta

Holiday greetings to all!
Arbor Conference Center

Without being repetitious, our singers did great with their song selections; such as pop, Broadway, lullabies, ballads and religious also.

Judy was in fine voice, so were Charlie and Kathy. Shirley sang her western songs; Norma and Bob did very nice with their songs. They must be practicing... Tony with his Broadway songs, Gerry likes to sing Sinatra; we did not have all our regular singers due to the upcoming holidays. They were missed.

Candler Hills Community Center
Being Christmas week we may not have had karaoke. It has not been decided whether to have karaoke or not.

For any information, call George at 873-9667.

Residents Decorate the Health & Recreation Ballroom

By KAY CHANDLER

If you had a chance to visit the Ballroom in the Health & Recreation Building over the holidays, you had a chance to see the cheerful Christmas and Hanukah decorations created by generous On Top of the World resident volunteers from throughout our community.

A group of residents met on Sunday, Nov. 23, to erect and decorate a large Christmas tree, and surround it with some clever decorations. Led by Kay Chandler and Shirley Schopf, the group also consisted of Grace and Buddy Raymond, Rita and Tom Miller, Janet and Walt Becker, Charlotte Hancock, Mary Rongetti, Judy Dunn, and Jim Chandler.

In addition, 16 clubs and other groups from On Top of the World picked up Christmas wreaths from Kay throughout November, decorated them with their own clever themes, and returned them for display on Nov. 22. Tom Miller, with the assistance of Shirley, Rita and Kay, hung the wreaths all around the Ballroom.

To complete the excellent volunteer effort, an On Top of the World club provided a large lighted menorah for display.

Take the time to thank any of these folks for their efforts. On Top of the World would not be the great place to live that it is without the efforts of our community volunteers.



Handicap Equipment

Handicap equipment is loaned free to On Top of the World residents during their convalescent term—walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs.

If residents would like to donate equipment, it would be most helpful.

For more information, call the Health & Recreation Department at 854-8707.



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The Happy Hookers
Yvonne Bednar

A happy New Year to one and all!
On Dec. 1, we [19 of us] gathered at the Olive Garden for our last luncheon of 2008. It was nice to see a big turnout; food and service were very good. This coming Feb. 2, we plan on meeting at the Stone Creek Grill, located in Stone Creek at 1 p.m. and it's just a stone's throw from us.

Our group continues to grow weekly with ladies from all the communities here. We are a very informal group, working on items for family, friends, the needy or ourselves. We meet in the Arts and Ceramics room from 2 to 3 p.m., located on the hill across from the water tower. We do not collect any dues, read minutes or have a board. Basically we do our own thing and attend when we can. We have met many ladies from the various communities here.

If this sounds like something you would like, stop by and say hello. If you want more information about our group or the upcoming luncheon, call Jackie Palotta at 854-4555. Knit one, purl two.

Sunshine Quilters
Ann Weldishofer

Yes, that's right the On Top of the World Quilt Club is now Sunshine Quilters @ O.T.O.W. We voted at our November business to make this change, and it's official!

On Dec. 2, in place of a business meeting, we held our annual holiday luncheon. Twenty-four members attended and enjoyed a great potluck, which included a wonderful assortment of our favorite dishes.

An announcement was made that we donated over 200 comfort quilts to our children's charities in 2008. It will end up around 210 by the 31st. Good job, gals!

Tekla Krause also announced that there are three comfort quilt workshops scheduled for 2009. On Jan. 20 and 27, we will be doing flannel quilts. Jane Geary and Renee Aden have agreed to do February and March workshops. Their patterns will be announced in the next issue.

We also received a "thank you" for the quilts donated to the Domestic Violence program, and they valued that donation at \$400.

If you would like to learn to quilt, we plan a series of beginner classes (probably beginning in February). Details will be announced in the February column.

In the meantime, we welcome new quilters and meet every Tuesday around 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the art room in the Arts and Crafts Building.

Our next business meeting will be on Jan. 8 at 12:30 p.m. We usually hold this meeting on the first Tuesday, except for holidays (like New Year's Day). Come join us, we are a big, friendly group!

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Rubber Stamping Greeting Cards
Bev Taylor

What a fun day we had this month; kind of like being back in school again. We folded and folded and "viola," four corners appeared. Then we tucked a square piece of cardstock in the corners and our first album page was created. Sally Voss brought us directions for the mini album.

Depending on the paper size that we used we could create a six- or four-inch album. We did find out that following the directions, exactly, was important. The paper needed to be folded as the directions stated or the final corners wouldn't appear. We made five pages and then they were punched and joined with rings. Then we could decorate, or not, as to whatever theme we chose.

If you would like to come and check us out, please call me at 854-3079. Happy New Year y'all!

Embroidery Chicks
Jan Johnson

Welcome to the New Year! The Chicks finished up early December by making a Santa bag. This is a gift bag where the bottom half is made of white fleece and Santa's face is embroidered onto the base. The top portion of the bag is made with cotton Christmas fabric, generally red, and hems and ribbon casings are created right on our machines. At the end of sewing, the whole gift bag is finished except for trimming off some excess fabric, removing stabilizer and threading gathering ribbon through the casing. Wow! Everyone was very pleased with the results. The first time through a more involved project is a little scary, but after that, we know what we are doing! It just all comes back!

Lorraine Brokhof and Theresa Randolph started to organize our charity project, which is the same as last year. We sew tops and hats for some of the needy students at Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon. We have heard heart-breaking stories of siblings sharing one jacket every other day and we want to help. We have donated fleece from our guest instructor, Carol, and others of us have odds and ends that are still useful. The hats we make are so cute and colorful. Some of the tops are embellished with children's motifs, which really add to the attractiveness of the tops. We are pleased as punch when we are done.

The end of December and into January will involve working on the fleece project for the students. Some of us cut, some sew and some embellish. Though we are glad to work on the worthy project, we are always eager to get back to our embroidery and learn something new.

If you are curious about our club, you may call Theresa at 291-7570 or come see us in action on the first and fourth Fridays of the month. We meet about 9:30 or 10 a.m. until sometime after lunch, when we are done with our projects. Meetings are held at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Hope to see you!



Photo by Betty Columbia

Sewing Bees Christmas luncheon at the Mason Jar.



Sewing Bees
Linda Lohr

By the time you read this column, Christmas 2008 will be a memory and the New Year of 2009 will begin to give us all a promise of things to come. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and have a fantastic New Year!

The Sewing Bees Christmas luncheon was held on Monday, Dec. 1 at the Mason Jar. The 21 people present had a fantastic lunch and decadent dessert! Our thanks

to Connie, Casey, Lynn, Debbie and the rest of the staff that provided an excellent meal and wonderful service!

While we work and sew each week, the number of items we produce doesn't really register with us. But as of our Nov. 20 meeting, we had provided 274 quilts, 135 stuffed animals, 149 pillows, 324 tote bags and 50 Christmas stockings filled with all sorts of child-friendly items! Congratulations to us all!

We will be starting the New Year by concentrating on making quilts and totes for the children. Abused, neglected and abandoned children very often are taken from an unhealthy environment with no personal items. Our quilts, stuffed animals, pillows and totes are quite often the only items they can call their own.

We always welcome donations of thread, batting, fiberfill, embroidery thread and material as well as monetary donations. Sewing machines in good working condition are also most welcome. Our goal is to provide some small comfort to the children during their troubled lives.

For information or donations, please contact Marcy at 854-1181 or LeeAnn at 854-7205. Or, stop in and see us in the Art Room (near the mini golf course) on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. We'd love to see you!

Japanese Bunka Embroidery
Classes begin Jan. 7, 2009

Bunka classes start Jan. 7 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. Nine hundred years ago, the Ladies of the Japanese Imperial Court, were the only ones allowed to do Bunka Embroidery. The ladies worked so long on their embroidery in dimly lit rooms, that they were going blind. The emperor then banned the ladies from doing their embroidery and took all the needles away. The ladies missed doing their beloved embroidery so much that they grew their finger nails very long, filed them to a point and used them as needles.

Bunka Embroidery in its present form was started in Tokyo, Japan, about 70 years ago. At that time, silk embroidery was taught and practiced by many Japanese. One Japanese gentleman while touring Europe noticed a form of embroidery being done with the use of a punch needle. His immediate thoughts were how much simpler this would make the silk embroi-

dery done in his native land. Upon returning to Japan with this idea in mind, he experimented for 10 years with various threads and needles until he perfected the needle and thread we use today.

Working the picture with a needle from the front or back of the canvas is a definite variation. This is what makes Bunka Embroidery a unique art in a category by itself. Bunka, or Boonka as the Japanese say means "cultural" and this name has stayed with the art ever since. Bunka Embroidery is now being widely refined to as painting with thread.

Both men and women are invited to come and see on Jan. 7. Previous students are welcome.

The class will be taught by Pauline Upchurch a certified instructor and a member of the Japanese Bunka Embroidery Association of the U.S.A. For more information, please call 854-8598.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts
Loretta Troutman

A free gift will be given to the first 10 customers who purchase an item from any crafter in the Health & Recreation Ballroom every Tuesday morning during January.

Our crafters enjoy their work and maintain a good supply of their special items. You'll be surprised to see the quantity and quality of the items they display.

Now with the holidays ending you'll be looking forward to spring and refurbishing your nests. You'll find many lovely things for home decor and gift giving.

Do come up to the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Tuesday mornings. We're there from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll be happy to meet you. We wish you health and happiness in the New Year.

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Candler Excursion Club
Sylvia Joram

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me! This is the message I want to send to all of you for 2009. With all that is happening in the world today I believe this will guide us through a safe and positive new year.

We had the elections at our December meeting for the board of directors. The following candidates were elected for 2009: Felice Boniakowski, Betty Rus-

sell, Sylvia Joram, Marilyn Lube and Peter Gaitch. The inauguration of candidates will be at the Jan. 6 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. Light refreshments will be available.

The Jan. 28 trip to Gainesville to the Butterfly Rainforest, Harn Museum of Art and Florida Museum of Natural History, all of which are located in close proximity to each other, will be by carpool. We will also stop for lunch, please contact Marilyn Lube to register at 895-3954.

The trip to Winter Park to the Morse Museum of American Art (The Tiffany Museum) is full; however, Inge Gaitch is taking names for a waiting list. Call her at 237-7428.

The March trip is to the "Winter Strawberry Capitol of the World" where the strawberry has been king since the 1930's. Cost of trip will be \$32 per person and will include bus, festival entrance fee and tips for the driver. Please call Beverly McCarthy at 854-9416 for registration.

For the last 50 years, Kennedy Space Center has been the gateway to space. Please join us on a two-day visit to this 140,000-acre complex that NASA calls home. The cost of \$147 per person includes bus, one night stay at the Hampton Inn in Cocoa Beach, which includes breakfast & admission to the Space Center for two days.



Candler Excursion Club cruising down the St. Johns River.

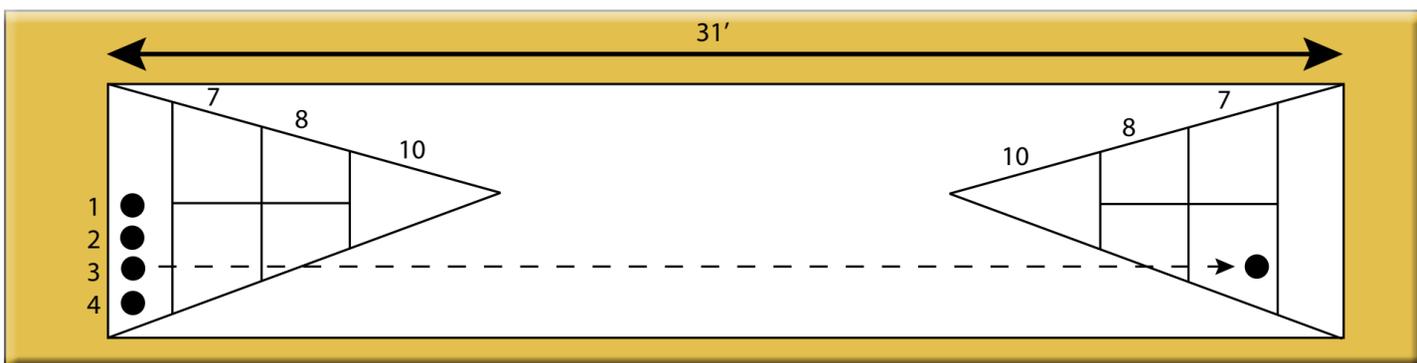
Lunch and dinner will be paid individually, but arrangements will be made to have dinner as a group. A deposit of \$75 is due at time of booking with the balance to be paid on or before Feb. 15. Please contact coordinator Mary Giannukos at 873-7294 for booking.

Reservations for the cruise on Royal

Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas, seven-night Caribbean cruise on Jan. 16, 2010 still has cabins open, please contact Peter or Inge Gaitch for bookings at 237-7428.

Hoping you all enjoy the trips the club has planned for you. I welcome all calls and messages at shantijoram@hotmail.com or at 291-1770.

Try Shuffleboard...



Tuesday afternoon player Hank Kolb takes his best shot.

Photo by Lois Rider

Win A Prize!

BY ROBERT RIEDEMAN

Residents who wish to learn to play shuffleboard are invited by the Shuffleboard Club to come to the courts (located behind the Health & Recreation Building next to the tennis courts) on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. Each person will have a chance to try to shoot three out of four disks into the seven spot at the opposite end of the court. (see diagram). Those who succeed will get free dues to the club for one year. Of course, there will be a chance to practice beforehand.

Following this activity there will be three one-hour training sessions set up on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday morning for all interested parties.

This event is open to all residents, male and female over 55. So come on down to the shuffleboard courts and enjoy the Florida sunshine.

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Audrey Mangan, club president, along with Rich Peterson, treasurer and his wife, Kathy, beside a 1929 Cadillac at the Grand Floridian Hotel.



Photo by Mike Roppel

Club treasurer, Rich Peterson, and other Travel Toppers are pondering the time it took to make this display and how many calories are in one bite.



Travel Toppers
Jo Swing

Welcome, New Year 2009!
On Dec. 10, the Travel Toppers went by bus to have dinner and see Christmas lights in Orlando. The group had a very filling meal and dessert at the Hyatt Grand Cypress Hotel. Pre-made dinner choices were Chicken Piccata, Fresh Grilled Salmon and Beef Medallions. The "zero" calorie/fat grams haha desserts were Eggnog Cheesecake and Holiday Yule log. The group and their professional escort then traveled by bus to see the lights and displays at some Disney hotels. They toured the Beach Club, Yacht Club, Wilderness Lodge and Grand Floridian.
Travel Toppers has so much coming up this year, starting with "River Dance, Farewell Engagement" on Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. The cost is \$88 per person for orchestra seats and \$73 per person for balcony seating. We are in need of a wait list for this show at this time. If you want to see this acclaimed show for the last time, please call Ruth Goldstine for availability.
On Saturday, Feb. 7, Travel Toppers returns to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center to see "Waist Watchers, the Calorie-Free Musical." The cost is \$46 and includes show, bus and tip for bus driv-

er. Food will be on your own. If you enjoyed "Menopause, the Musical," this one should be right up your alley. Check with Suzanne Reilly for availability.

In March, Travel Toppers will present three outings. March 1 will be "Smucker's Stars on Ice Show." As of this writing, there are seats available for the show. Please call Kathy Peterson if you are interested or want more information.

The Adults at Leisure series presentation of "Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory" on Tuesday, March 24 is full but needs a wait list. The coordinator is Claudette Moher.

On Saturday, March 28, Travel Toppers will be at the Show Palace Dinner Theater for that rollicking, roarin' 20s musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie." The cost is \$58 and includes show, buffet dinner, bus and tips for wait staff and bus driver. Please contact coordinator Pat Benson for information.

There will be a deep-sea fishing trip out of Hernando Beach on Monday, April 27. The cost is \$81 and is limited as to how many can be accommodated. We need as least 25 fervent fisher folk to make this a go. Please call Jo Swing for information and to be put on the list.

There is room on the Sawyer Glacier Cruise to Alaska in May. The dates for the cruise are Friday, May 29 to Friday, June 5. The cruise will be on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas.

There has been a change in Travel Toppers policy regarding payment. From now on checks for all day trips will be due two weeks after the reservation call date. This will expedite payment to the various venues we patronize.

Travel Toppers meets on the first Wednesday of the month in Suite A at the Arbor Conference Center at 10:30 a.m. All residents of On Top of the World are invited to attend.

Here is a wish for the New Year from Travel Toppers. May the coming year have more ups and less downs, more hope and less despair, more peace and less anger, and may we all have happy travels together.



On the Road Again
Bob Woods

First of all, I would like to apologize for Bev and myself for not wishing everyone a merry and joyful Christmas. And while I am in the holiday spirit, Bev and I would like to extend to all a very happy, prosperous and especially a healthy New Year.

I would like to remind folks that I have a few seats remaining for the Key West trip departing our community on Jan. 11. This is the last call and probably the last time we will do this trip to the Conch Republic.

Working with Master the Possibilities, we have another trip scheduled in May heading to Savannah. I know many of you folks have been to Savannah in the past but I know you haven't had, which is included in our trip, guided and narrated tours with step-on-guides on St. Simon and Jekyll Islands plus historic Beaufort and the Marine Corps base on Paris Island. There is also a stop in Hilton Head where you can meander around

Harbour Town is a fun packed trip departing On Top of the World on May 18. For information on this trip, please call me at 854-0702 or stop in at the Master the Possibilities office where you can make your deposit.

Speaking of deposits, I would like to say again that a small deposit assures you a seat and cancellation with full refund up to the date of the final payment. I have seen many folks say they want to think about it and when their mind is finally made up, the trip is generally sold out.

At this writing, I have a few seats remaining for the Nashville trip in October 2009. If you are slightly interested, please give me a call and I can come by your residence to pick up your deposit. Some of the highlights of the trip include three great shows including the Grand Ole Opry, admission to the Country Hall of Fame, Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Belle Meade Plantation. We will ride the Delta Flatboats inside the Opryland Hotel and a guided tour of Nashville, just to mention a few of those interesting highlights.

Speaking of fantastic trips, I should have the final pricing for the Trains of the Colorado Rockies and the Hawaii trip by air this month. The hold up is the airlines themselves because they have not published their prices and schedules for the trip dates. The trip to Colorado is a trip of a lifetime. After arriving in Denver, we will be picked up by coach and taken to our hotel.

The next day starts with a tour heading to the Rocky Mountain National Park, then a trip aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad, traveling through Vail on our way to Grand Junction where we visit the Colorado National Monument. Then the group heads to Silverton, where we board the Silverton/Durango narrow gauge railroad.

We do a lot of sightseeing in various towns including a trip to Mesa Verde National Park. We will ride the Royal Gorge Railroad on our way to Colorado Springs and at one stop, we visit the summit of Pikes Peak via the Cog Railroad. The trip departs On Top of the World on July 11 returning on the 19.

The Hawaii trip departs in November 2009 and I presently have the complete itinerary, as I have mentioned no final price because of the airlines. This is a fun-packed first-class trip visiting three islands, tour included and a free day at each island to do as you wish. The tour price is for early 2008. Since then there has been two price increases so this trip will be the cheapest you will find. Transportation between the islands is also by air.

Hopefully in the February edition of the World News, I will have in my column the planned trips for 2010.

Information on any of these planned trips or maybe a trip you would like to see happen, please give me a call at 854-0702.

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Ocala West UMC
9330 SW 105th Street
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9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(closed Mar. 3, 6 and Apr. 10)

You will need to bring a picture ID, Social Security cards for all taxpayers and dependents, all "Important Tax Documents" (W-2s, 1099s), amount of Economic Stimulus Payment, amount of any other income, childcare provider's SSN or EIN, blank check if requesting direct deposit of refund and last year's return, if available.

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Charleston's Famous Plantations

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

When I hear about plantations, I automatically think of huge homes in the south once manned by slaves. I can't help but think and dream about the movie "Gone with the Wind" or some of the serial TV shows like the North and the South which dealt with plantation life. I can see movie actors and actresses standing on the steps of plantations from many moving pictures.

Visiting Charleston, South Carolina and then heading north or towards the east one can actually see some of the famous plantations used in Hollywood films and making headlines from time to time in magazines, TV stories, and of course, newspapers.

Recently my wife, Bev, and I visited two of perhaps the most famous plantations in the south and that being Magnolia Plantation and Gardens along with Boone Hall Plantation.

Each one of these magnificent structures and lands are a part of the history of the south and especially the Charleston area.

Magnolia is one of the oldest plantations in the south dating back to 1676 when Thomas and Ann Drayton built a house and small formal garden. This plantation remains today under the Drayton family after 15 generations. The plantation was originally a rice plantation but became known for its gardens in the 1840s. These gardens were opened to the public in the early 1870s; however, some of the gardens date back some 325 years making them the oldest unrestored gardens in America. A fee was charged back then and is today helping to defray costs. Right after the civil war, the family wanted to restore the house, which was burned during the Civil war, either by Union Troops or slaves. Making the necessary repairs to the gardens and the house, the family charged tourists visiting Magnolia. In 1870, "Magnolia-on-the-Ashley" became the first man-made tourist attraction in the United States.

Drayton Hall, which was established in 1738, is a plantation next to Magnolia consisting of 625 acres. The main house is one of the oldest plantation houses in the U.S. It has been undisturbed since its construction and the land upon which it sits was once part of the Magnolia Planta-

tion.

The other plantation, which really impressed me, was Boone Hall Plantation. This plantation is one of the oldest working, living plantations. It has been continuously producing and growing crops for over 320 years. One of the plantation's most famous attributes is the avenue of oaks. In 1743, one of Major John Booth's sons planted live oak trees in two rows, three quarters of a mile long.

It took two centuries for the moss-draped branches to meet together overhead forming a natural corridor. This corridor of live oaks has been portrayed in many movies.

Boone Hall originated as a land grant from King Charles II in 1681. During the Revolutionary War the plantation was active in supplying cattle to our troops and during the Civil War, Boone Hall Plantation had the distinction of helping to build one of the greatest historical structures of the Civil War. The plantation furnished the bricks, which were made on the plantation that were utilized in the construction of Fort Sumter and many other Charleston historic landmarks.

Visiting Boone Plantation today is an education within itself. Onsite, are actual slave quarters with a lecturer telling the entire story of the plantation. Also there is an outside, small theater presenting the Gullah Culture story which is the culture of the Low country with a live presentation of the development and evolution of the Gullah culture. A very interesting presentation if I do say so.

Visiting Magnolia Plantation, which is located northwest of Charleston on the Ashley River is just a short ride from the downtown city and Boone Hall Plantation is approximately eight miles east of Charleston off of U.S. Route 17.

Traveling to either plantation, make sure you have good walking shoes and plenty of battery life left in your digital camera. You could easily take hundreds of pictures at each plantation.

Charleston is about a six to seven hour drive from On Top of the World. A good place to escape for a few days, besides, there are plenty of other sites in the Charleston area to visit such as Fort Sumter, plus the entire city area is historical.



Photo by Bob Woods

The Boone Hall Plantation House as seen from one of the many formal floral gardens the surround the entrance to the mansion.



Photo by Bob Woods

The Magnolia Plantation House has been in the Drayton family since 1676 and is still owned by a Drayton. Magnolia is the oldest plantation on the Ashley River and is a centerpiece of Charleston history.



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One of many foot bridges on the Ashley Plantation dating back into the late 1800s in which visitors exploring the gardens can walk over and view. Some consider the gardens as "the most beautiful gardens in the world."

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Christmas Lights

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

I am curious on how many folks took my advice from last month's issue of the World News and spent an hour or so riding around our community observing those residents that decorated their homes with beautiful and colorful Christmas lights. I took less than one hour traveling around On Top of the World looking for picturesque homes decorated for the Christmas season.

I noticed some residences decorated in hundreds, if not thousands, of lights down to some homes with only one candle in the window. At least those who can't do extensive decorating lit their home for the festive holiday season.

If you didn't have the opportunity to observe the homes decorated with Christmas lights, I hope a few of these photos will demonstrate how some folks did their decorating.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas season regardless of your religious beliefs and I wish to extend my wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.



Photo by Bob Woods



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Photo by Bob Woods

Mary Curry (Queen Mother), Carol Cecela and Mary Bicknell decorate their golf carts for the parade.



Photo by Bob Woods

"Glitzy Gals" chapter of the Red Hats entered six carts in the parade.

Christmas Golf Carts

By BOB WOODS
WORLD NEWS WRITER

I happened to get a hold of Mary Curry, who I knew had participated in the Christmas Golf Cart Parade in past years, as I wanted to see what it entailed to decorate one of these carts so meticulously. Mary invited me to her residence when it was time to do the decorating.

As I stood in her garage, Mary, along with Mary Bicknell and Carol Cecela, proceeded to decorate not just one golf cart, but two. Mary Curry decorated her own cart and the other two ladies started on theirs.

Most of the decorating material came from the Curry residence and she told me she collects items over the years and utilizes them for the Christmas Golf Cart Parade. Mary Curry was pulling out all kinds of garlands from all types of containers. The gals do all the decorating, except Mary Curry needed the help of her husband to place a large crown on the roof

of her cart.

The reason for the crown is that Mary Curry is the "Queen Mother" of a Red Hat chapter called "The Glitzy Gals." There are 14 ladies in her group and believe it or not, six of the decorated golf carts came from "The Glitzy Gals."

It took a little over one hour to do the greatest majority of the decorating, as it was obvious that Mary has been down this decorating of golf carts road before. She knew exactly where everything was to be placed.

Do you have a golf cart? Would you like to enter it in next year's parade? Save all your discarded decorations and perhaps find something you can use after the holiday at discounted prices in local stores. You have one whole year to come up with great and different ideas on how to decorate your cart. Save your ideas and enter your cart next year.



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**Friendship
Amateur Radio**
Ed Brendle

The Friendship Amateur Radio held its monthly Christmas luncheon on Dec. 8 at the Rainbow Springs Country Club. Charles Lucas, club president, presided at the gathering and conducted a "Yankee Swap" following the luncheon. There were surprises with the gifts and an interesting event.

On Dec. 13, the Silver Springs Radio Club held its annual hamfest. On Dec. 6, the MERT Group held a meeting at the Command Center. The next formal meeting will be Jan. 12, 2009, with a program discussing antique radios.

The club's website continues to show the treasurer's and secretary's meeting minutes. The FARC's Club Call is N4FRC.

The FARC's scholarship fund, initiated by Don and Elizabeth Hatfield, K3rPBM and KF4RJG, is again searching for eligible candidates. Local schools are being contacted as well as local newspapers. A separate notification has been sent regarding this scholarship fund.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 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 Auxiliary Sheriff's Station on West SR 200 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 the monthly meeting Monday), and a CW net on Tuesday at 7 p.m. on 21.145 MHz.

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



**Genealogical
Society**
Elizabeth Kyle

This month's article is thanks to vignettes, with my reflections, of some interesting discoveries by Jane Duckworth, our new secretary.

The first "surname search" illustrates the importance of playing the detective and not giving up when the usual suspects provide little or no help.

When I found an unusual surname in my family, I wanted to know where it came from. I tried to find the origin of the name because the name is not in their records. In Google, I learned that the name might have come from the Channel Islands. I searched the Internet and libraries looking for anything about the Channel Islands. There isn't much. In fact, there is only one book in the country, "The Quiet Adventurers of North America" by Marion G. Turk. On page 342 under L, I finally found the name I was looking for, Abigail H. Le Craw, my third great-grandmother.

Also, this shows the value of topics taught on the third Monday meetings. Different people have covered finding books online in different ways; Ron mentioned covering this topic in the near future. More of Jane's genealogy snippets will be in my next article.

Don't forget to save Saturday, March 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. for George Morgan's seminar. Master the Possibilities will include it in their next class offerings. Those of you who heard him the last time he came know he can pack a lot of knowledge laced with humor and interesting anecdotes into one short afternoon.

Spring classes will feature three 1-1/2 hour classes intended for beginners. They will also serve as good refresher courses for those of us who need to renew our searches after taking a break or becoming frustrated with the lack of progress.

Our business meetings are on the second Monday at 10 a.m. in Room 3 of the Craft Building. Visitors are always welcome to come and see what we have to offer. You may find you would like to know more about your ancestors. Education/mentoring meetings are the third Monday at 10 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C.

thanked everyone for their participation in weekly clean crews.

Nick Zoccoli reminded us that our annual breakfast was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Arbor Conference Center at 9 a.m. To get an accurate count there will be a \$2 charge for everyone attending our breakfast. All members, past members, their family members and guests are invited. Our annual breakfast is always an exciting event and a great way to start the New Year. To pay the \$2, there is a box on the table inside the wood shop. Next to the box, there are white envelopes. You can place your payment in the envelope and then place the envelope in the box. Check and/or cash is acceptable. Early payment will be a great help for planning.

Ruth Goldstein sold chances for a cruise to benefit Legacy House.

I will be at the shop on Tuesday evenings during the month of December at 7 p.m. to collect dues.



Photo by Stan Magen

Paula Magen & Annette Berman at the Golf Cart parade.



**D'Clowns
Paula Magen**

Greetings and best wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year from D'Clowns!

Hard to believe that another year has passed. D'Clowns continued to perform the first Wednesday at Summerville West. We were greeted by smiling faces at the MSU (Memory Support Unit). The CD we played of holiday songs was a great enhancement to our singing. Along with our skits, magic acts and audience participation, we did an enjoyable holiday show. Clown Robin gave out Mardi Gras beads and "money."

Some of our group went to Gainesville

to Center Stage, a huge and marvelous shop of costumes, clown make-up, wigs and a myriad of other items. We had been eager to visit there for some time and finally did. The highlight of our purchases was puppets, an adorable skunk, a croaking frog and a singing duck. Clown Happy bought a darling pink-feathered wig that looked so good with her costume.

"Kids and Cookies" at TimberRidge Nursing & Rehab Center was a real treat. The four- and five-year olds from Childhood Development Services put on a show for the senior residents. The kids were animated and darling as they sang many cute songs. We always give the beads. They love to see D'Clowns.

Three of us participated in the annual golf cart parade: Clowns Happy and Sunflower in the golf cart and Clown Smiley riding behind in her mini-motorcycle behind us.

At this time of year, we make donations to several worthwhile charities from donations received.

In the coming months we will visit more assisted living residences.

We eagerly welcome new clowns (boys & girls) to our group. Join us at our meetings. You'll have fun and we'll teach you all you need to know. We meet the first & third Monday at 1:30 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. For more information, please call Paula at 873-3433.



**Ocala
Clown Express
Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**

We wish a happy and healthy New Year to one and all! With the New Year, we look forward to getting back to our hospital program. Our monthly nursing home visits start up again as well. So, we are looking forward to a great new year of clowning.

Ocala Clown Express had a holiday party to celebrate the season. Can you picture a room full of clowns just being joyous? Jingles, Ding-a-ling, and Miss Priss did a little skit to entertain the group. Dinky Do had a Christmas rap song for everyone to enjoy. Dotsy and Sparkelena performed the 12 days of Christmas. The words were changed to reflect clown gifts

like one make-up kit, seven funny hats, etc.

Did you ever wonder how many things could be pulled out of a clown bag? It always seems to be bottomless. All had a great time.

Did you see some of our clowns in the Christmas parade? To continue the holiday spirit some dressed up and decorated golf carts. A parade and clowns just seem to go together. We had a great time. Did we wave to you?

During December, we had two hospital programs with the first graders. That is always a wonderful time for us. The clowns were asked once again to help the Sheriff's Department with their Christmas party for the children. They have so many nice things to see and do for the students with a lunch as well. The clowns were asked to help out with face painting, balloons and tattoos. It warms your heart to see some of the sad faces just light up. The Sheriff's Department presented Ocala Clown Express with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of the work we do with them for the underprivileged children's Christmas parties. That is what clowning is all about.

So, in the New Year if you would like to give clowning a try, we would love to have you come to a meeting and get to know more about us. You can always call Dotsy, aka Carol White, at 873-9223 or Rosy Nosey, aka Marge at 291-0077. Why not come to a meeting? We meet the first and third Mondays at 3 p.m. in Building 300 at TimberRidge. Who knows, you may want to "earn" some smiles too!

Gum Drop and Toot

**The Movie Club
Presents 'Mamma Mia'**

By MARY EHLE

Happy New Year! We will start off the New Year with the latest movie released. In fact, it is a first for me. I had to pick it without previewing it because it was not released yet and my article had to be in to the paper.

I am taking everyone's word that it is good. We will show "Mamma Mia" starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan on

Sunday, Jan 11 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Show time is 6 p.m. and the movie is open for all residents of On Top of the World and their overnight guests. Cost is \$2 payable at the door or you can buy a season membership for \$6. That is the best deal going. I am sure you will enjoy this movie.

Hope to see you all there.

**Wood
Shop**
Gordon Cich

Our annual On Top of the World Wood Shop meeting was on Dec. 15 and started at 9 a.m. in the Craft Building; 90 members were in attendance. Annual dues were collected and new keys were distributed.

Ray Bock provided doughnuts and coffee. Gordon Cich reviewed shop safety, tool maintenance, adjustments and plans to purchase new equipment and related problems.

Gordon Cich presented the financial summary prepared by Paul Bender. Jim Horler took suggestions and discussed tools and their requirements for tools that would be used by 160 members with varied skills and experience. Vince Geiser

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Anything But Bland Executive Chef Dave Bland

I am excited about what's cooking in the culinary classes at the Master the Possibilities this year. In January alone, we have three exciting classes lined up.

January is Florida month and I will have a class titled 'Old Florida Cuisine.' In this class, I will talk about the cuisine of the early Floridians and cook some of the

dishes reminiscent of that era. Chef Paulette will teach about the exciting fusion called Floridian Cuisine.

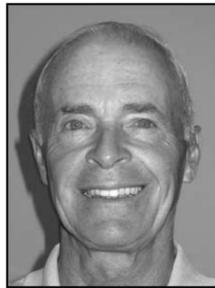
Later in January, Chef Greg and I will teach on "One-Pot Meals" in our new series entitled "Cooking For One or Two."

February is health month at Master the Possibilities and we have two culinary classes themed on health. I will teach on cooking for better health and Paulette will teach about cooking vegetarian the healthy way.

In our "Cooking for One or Two" series, Chef Greg and I will show you how to make that romantic dinner for two.

I will also do a wine series every week of the month. The first week is "Old World Wines" where I will talk about the wines of Europe and other ancient vines. Next, I will teach on the American wines entitled "New World Wines." I will follow these up with a class on "How to Choose the Perfect Wine" and then finally "Pairing Wine with Food."

As you can tell, we will be very busy with cooking classes this year. There are plenty to choose from for the foodie or the novice cook. I'm looking forward to this New Year and looking forward to seeing you in class!



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club Luke Mullen

This month, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our club to any new residents of the On Top of the World communities.

The purpose of the club is for members to meet new people who enjoy entertaining, and sharing a meal together. The whole idea of sharing a meal is for all participants to contribute to the dinner, each couple providing various components for it so that no one is tasked with creating an entire meal by themselves.

The club is not a gourmet dinner club. It is for members to prepare their favorite recipe for others to enjoy. If a member wants to prepare a favorite recipe that happens to be a gourmet type dish, they are welcome to do so. However, doing this does not mean that those hosting another meal should feel the need to "outdo" past meals.

We all have a favorite recipe. The idea of the club is for members to have fun creating and preparing their favorite recipes to make an enjoyable fun evening for all the guest dinner participants.

So how does it all work and what is the process of how potential members get started? We have found through club experiences that those who are traveling or visiting friends and relatives throughout the year do not get the maximum participation needed to be successful members. The reason is that the club functions on the basis of rotating throughout the year. If you are not available to host when it is your turn, your responsibility is now passed on to others, who may or may not be available. Therefore, if you are a couple who could attend eight to ten dinner club functions a year, enjoys preparing and cooking food for others and likes entertaining and having people visit your home, then this might be a club for you.

Like any other entity, the club has guidelines that describe how it operates. These outline the basics of what you can expect from the club and what is expected of you in order to have a fun and enjoyable experience. They describe how the club functions.

If participation in these types of activities interests you, please call Luke at 304-8104 for more information.

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Dish & That Recipes Jean Breslin

Hey, we made it...another year of good wishes from friends, family and me. Hope the coming year, 2009, fills your heart with joy, and your body with good health.

Breast of Chicken with Apricot Sauce

- 1 lb. chicken breasts
- 1/4 teaspoon salt & pepper
- Apricot Sauce
- 2/3 cup apricot preserves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons mustard
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line a large roasting pan with foil and coat with non-stick spray. Pound chicken breasts thin, season with salt and pepper; place in prepared pan.

In a small bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Mix well, spoon some over chicken. Roast 25 minutes, basting two times, with remaining sauce.

Sour Cream-Peach Coffee Cake

- 2-1/3 cups Original Bisquick mix
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 can (15 oz) sliced peaches, drained
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1 egg

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together Bisquick mix, milk, three tablespoons sugar and melted butter in a medium bowl. Spread mixture in an ungreased pan (9 x 9 inches). Arrange peach slices on top.

Mix 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over peaches. Mix sour cream and egg, drizzle over top. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean. If desired, serve warm with whipped cream.

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Medical Alert Systems

By PATRICIA A. WOODBURY RN, MSN

Maybe you have heard the story of the 57-year old woman, living alone, who was found trapped in her bathtub for 12 days. She was not taking a bath, as she was fully dressed. Apparently she had some medical emergency just before falling into the tub that left her too weak to get out. She survived by drinking water from the bathtub faucet. A friend found her when she became concerned that she had not been seen for several days.

Today, elderly people want to live on their own for as long as possible and there are many who are living alone. However, there is a stigma that exists among seniors who are reluctant to acknowledge their frailty or ill health.

They are determined to be self-reliant and yet know that they have some functional decline like weak vision, trouble walking caused by a chronic disease.

There is help called the Medical Alert Services. However, if you Google this on line you will find many systems to read about. There is the Philips Lifeline, Life Alert, Rescue Alert, ADT, Life Response, Gold Eagle Systems, and Life Station to name a few. I did not realize this until someone asked me about a Medical Alert System. I discovered this to be a challenging as well as confusing subject to research.

Basically life alert systems are systems that are installed in your home, connected to the phone. You wear a bracelet or button around your neck. It works only in the vicinity of your home and is connected 24/7 to a central monitoring system. In an emergency you press the button which puts you through to trained personnel who respond to your need by contacting friends, family, paramedics, firefighters or police, depending on your need. If you cannot respond, paramedics/police are automatically notified.

The difference between all of these systems is the cost. Some provide free

installation others charge a fee. Some require a contract for 3 months or a year. The monthly rate varies widely, from \$30 to \$40. In some cases a representative will visit you in your home, in others they mail the system to you and you install it yourself. Most systems are rented. I found a few that have a purchase offer. They also will tell you about additional systems such as smoke alarms and medication reminders.

Locally, I found that Philips Lifeline is the most frequently used because they do have local representatives. If you call their Massachusetts toll free number, 1-888-767-5583 ext. 4884, they will answer all your questions and refer you to a local representative. I talked with Rosemary, the local rep, who lives in the area (873-7065 - cell 817-2596). She provides free installation and ongoing service.

Another local rep is Bill Layton (671-2153 cell: 274-5497) at Munroe Regional Medical Center - Volunteer Services. If you are a Prestige 55 member you will receive free installation and activation (a \$60.00 value). Bill was very easy to talk with and provides in home, same day service. He does require a three-month minimum contract.

Senior Services of Marion County is also a local representative for Lifeline. Iris at 620-3501 provides in home service. There is no contract, only an installation fee and monthly fee. (Medicare does not cover Medical Alert Systems but Medicaid will).

I hope this information is helpful. Unfortunately, you will have to investigate this yourself or even talk with someone who already is using a Medical Alert System. You may also go online to www.lifeline-IL.com and take the Independent Living Assessment, developed by Boston University to determine your ability to live alone safely.

Traveling Gnome

By LORRAINE ROURKE



Mah Jongg Mary Ehle

The New Year is here and that means that it is time to register for the March tournament. Everything is the same as before; \$20 sent to me with your choice of what you want for lunch. Chicken salad, tuna salad, turkey or ham are the choices.

Don't forget to bring something for the snack table so that you have a chance to win the free tournament in October. Barbara Mcardle was the lucky winner last time.

Also, so many of you came forward with things you would help me with or other ideas and things at the last tournament and you remember that I wrote them down? Well, I put them in that special place and even after tearing the house apart I still have not come to that one special place where they are. Would you please inform me again of your ideas? I know I am getting too old for this stuff.

We won't teach again until April. No sense making people learn the old card for such a short time. Jokers to you.

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1. Joan Lord & Mary Carol Geck; 2. Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak; 3. Bonnee Hginlun & Mazie Millward; 4. Caryl Rosenberger & Marjorie Benton.

Nov. 24

1. Ida Rosendahl & Carol Thompson; 2. Esther Lang & Agnes Weber; 3. Pat Goltgart & Kay Woods; 4. Ann & Bill Mahoney.

Dec. 1

1. Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 2. Bill & Edith Hunter; 3. Pat Holmes & Shirley Stolley; 4. Bill & Ann Mahoney.

Dec. 8

1. Mazie Millward & Marie Dare; 2. Ida Rosendahl & Carol Thompson; 3. Bill & Edith Hunter; 4. Jayne Kaske & Esther Lang.

Monday Night Bridge

Ginnie Barrett & Myra Butler

Nov. 17

1. Ida Rosendahl, 2. Ray Wilson 3. Eleanor Giardina 4. Agnes Weber; Cons: Jim Mahoney

Nov. 24

1. Ray Dietz 2. Mildred Lane 3. Carol Johnson; Cons: Betty Barney

Dec. 1

1. Helen DeGraw 2. Ron McNeilly 3. Jim Mahoney 4. Ray Wilson; Cons: Ray Dietz

Dec. 8

1. Ida Rosendahl 2. Peggy Borro 3. Ray Dietz 4. Jan Moon; Cons: Ray Wilson

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Agnes LaSala

Nov. 11

1: Agnes LaSala & Carl Woodbury; 2: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward; 3: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly

Nov. 18

1: Agnes LaSala & Carl Woodbury; 2: Kay Wood & Mary Rose Janssen

Nov. 25

1: Betty Morris & Carol Thompson; 2: Kay Wood & Agnes Weber; 3: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward

Tuesday Night Duplicate

Marjorie Benton

We welcome new duplicate bridge players to our game. For more information or to find a partner, call 861-5700.

Nov. 11

1: Ted and Joni Jarvis 2: Rose O'Rourke and Pam Blawie 3/4 (tie); Bill and Ida Carlson 3/4 (tie) Ida Rosendahl and Carol Thompson 5: Jayne Kaske and Caryl Rosenberger

Nov. 18

1: Bill and Ida Carlson 2: Harry and Ruth Tindall 3: Nel Bosschaart and Joan Lord 4: Ida Rosendahl and Dick Mansfield

Nov. 25

1: Caryl Rosenberger and Jayne Kaske 2: Doris Keathley and Mary Carol Geck 3: Harry and Ruth Tindall 4: Rose O'Rourke and Pam Blawie

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Fran Griswold

Santa came early to the card room with candy that was most appreciated. We are so lucky to have more non-bridge players join us in our donations to the Domestic Violence Center.

Ruth Goldstine is collecting items from her fellow tennis players. Ruth works with Hospice and has boundless energy to support worthy causes.

We welcome several new faces; Peggy, Paula, and two new Eileens. We enjoy meeting new friends who share our appreciation for the game. Our prayers and wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a New Year of peace throughout the world.

Nov. 12

1. Pat Holmes 4090; 2. Joyce Walchak; 3. Ida Rosendahl; 4. Shirley Stolly; Consolation - Fran Griswold

Nov. 19

1. Mary Roberts 4110; 2. Bill Mahoney; 3. May Holtz; 4. Eileen Brown; Consolation - Phyllis Silverman

Nov. 26

1. Carol Johnson 4810; 2. Ida Rosendahl; 3. Bernie Kelly; Consolation - Helen DeGraw

Dec. 3

1. May Holtz 4280; 2. Pat Holmes; 3. Paula Beveill; 4. Anna Mahoney; Consolation - Bonnie Heinlein

Dec. 10

1. Helene Sternberger 4830; 2. Fran Griswold; 3. Ruth Goldstine; Consolation - Bonnie Heinlein

Wednesday Night Duplicate

Doris Keathley

Nov. 12

1. Bruce Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 2/3. (tie) Rita Smyth & Betty Kauffman and Ida Rosendahl & Doris Keathley; 4. Rose O'Rourke & Nancy Dreimiller

Nov. 19

1. Bruce Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 2. Ida Rosendahl & Doris Keathley; 3. Harry & Ruth Tindall; 4. Mary Carol Geck & Joan Lord

Dec. 3

1. Bill & Edith Hunter; 2. Marjorie Benton & Nel Bosschaart

Dec. 10

1. Ida Rosendahl & Doris Keathley; 2. Joan Lord & Mary Carol Geck; 3. Harry & Ruth Tindall; 4. Bill & Edith Hunter

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Marion Turbin & Betty Legg

Nov. 13

1. Gloria Richards 2. Mazie Millward 3. Betty Legg 4. Geri Cassens

Nov. 20

1. Cleona Redman 2. Mary Rose Janssen 3. Mazie Millward

Dec. 4

1. Shirlee Wolcott 2. Marge Starrett 3. Mazie Millward 4. Elsie Helwig

Dec. 11

1. Marie Dare 2. Betty Legg 3. Mary Rose Janssen

Thursday Night Bridge

Helen DeGraw & Ida Rosendahl

Nov. 13

1. Eleanor Giardina; 2. Carol Thompson; 3. Dick Dakin; 4. Dick Mansfield; Cons. Ray Dietz.

Nov. 20

1. Paul Agarwal; 2. Jim Mahoney; 3. Bill Hunter; 4. Janet Becker; 5. Phyllis Bressler; Cons. Kathy Dushary.

Dec. 4

1. Tom Marta; 2. Ray Dietz; 3. Shirley Stolly; 4. Paul Agarwal; Cons. Jim Mahoney.

Dec. 11

1. Betty Barney; 2. Phyllis Bressler; 3. Peggy Borro; 4. Jan Smith; Cons. Eleanor Giardina.

Friday Night Bridge

Hazel & Phil Merchant

Nov. 14

1. Eleanor Giardina; 2. Ginny Barrett; 3. Helen DeGraw; 4. Harry Tyndall; 5. Phil Merchant.

Nov. 21

1. Phyllis Bressler; 2. Bill Hunter; 3. Virginia Blanchard; 4. Carol Rosenberger; 5. Joan Lord. Grand Slam Phyllis Bressler & Carol Johnson

Nov. 28

1. Phil Merchant; 2. Carol Thompson; 3. Myra Butler; 4. Elly Rapacz; 5. Bill Hunter.

Dec. 5

1. Mickey Martin; 2. Virginia Blanchard; 3. Joan Lord; 4. Dick Dakin; 5. Dick Mansfield.

Dec. 12

1. Hazel Merchant; 2. Harry Tyndall; 3. Ruth Tyndall; 4. Edith Hunter; 5. Phil Merchant.

Friday Euchre 4 Fun

Irene Pisani & Nancy Kowsky

Intermediate and advanced players are all welcome, so come and join us on Friday at 6:15 P.M. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A. Come one, Come all!

Nov. 14

Out of 29, 1st Bill Eberle, 2nd Nancy Kowsky, 3rd Betty Legg, 4th Billy Swing, 5th Ray Bock

Nov. 21

Out of 32, 1st Jerry Harris, 2nd Bev Moreau, 3rd Billy Swing, 4th Edith Kolb, 5th Paul Agarwal.

Nov. 28

Out of 21, Tied for 1st Jerry Dean & Joan Sigafoos, 2nd Richard Miles, 3rd Mary Hilovsky, 4th John Wall, 5th Ray Bock, 6th Betty Legg.

Dec. 5

Out of 32, Joan Sigafoos had a perfect score of 60. Congratulations. Tied for 2nd Jerry Dean & Phyllis Wall, 3rd Lee Morgan, 4th Jerry Harris, 5th Betty Legg, 6th Sharon Dean.

Dec. 12

Out of 26, Zane Barnett had a perfect score of 60. Tied for 2nd Hank Hilovsky & Jerry Harris, 3rd Jerry Pinter, 4th Jerry Dean, 5th Ray Bock.



Friday Night Euchre

Joe Askenase

Nov. 14

Four Handed Game

1. (tie) Clarence Lietzow, Russ Riegler 2. Lou Risher 3. Bridge Hughes

Five Handed Game

1. Virgil Taylor 2. Helen Foskett 3. Vi Horton 4. Diana Riegler

Nov. 21

Four Handed Game

1. Clarence Lietzow 2. Russ Riegler 3. Marcy Askenase 4. Gridge Hughes

Six Handed Game

1. Virgil Taylor 2. Vi Horton 3. Lou Fisher 4. Helen Foskett 5. Diana Riegler

Nov. 28

Four Handed Game

1. Clarence Lietzow 2. (tie) Marcy Askenase, Lou Fisher 3. Russ Riegler

Five Handed Game

1. Helen Foskett 2. Maria France 3. Diana Riegler 4. Vi Horton

Dec. 5

Four Handed Game

1. Lou Fisher 2. Clarence Lietzow 3. Bridge Hughes

Three Handed Game

1. Helen Foskett 2. Vi Horton 3. Maria France

Dec. 12

Four Handed Game

1. Clarence Lietzow 2. Lou Fisher 3. Marcy Askenase 4. Bridge Hughes

Five Handed Game

1. Virgil Taylor 2. Helen Foskett 3. Vi Horton 4. Maria France



Tuesday Night Pinochle

Viola Horton

Welcome back to Bob Unangst. We also welcomed his daughter Karn and newcomers Anne and Jim Merrick. We are glad to see all pinochle players. You do not need partners. Just come to the art room of the Craft Building on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 4

Single Deck Winners

1. Millie Ferrell 2. Hank Kolb, 3. Vernon Uzzell

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. James Nottingham Table 2. Jo Swing Table 3. Virgil Taylor and Ray Bock

Nov. 11

Single Deck Winners

1. Vernon Uzzell 2. George Dertinger 3. Eva Mazzotta

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. Alberta Sarris, Margaret Sciarino, Vi Horton Table 2. Jim Keller, Billy Swing Table 3. Charlie Distler, Virgil Taylor Table 4. Ray Bock, Joe Scervo

Nov. 18

Single Deck Winners

1. Greg Skillman 2. Jerry Pinter 3. George Dertinger

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. James Nottingham Table 2. Ann Pelham, Jo Swing Table 3. Virgil Taylor, Charles Distler Table 4. Anne Merrick, Ray Bock

Nov. 25

Single Deck Winners

1. Cherie Cunningham 2. Albert Novotny 3. Eva Mazzotta

Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1. James Nottingham, Jim Mazzotta, Vi Horton Table 2. Joe Scervo, Jim Keller, Greg Skillman Table 3. Anne and Jim Merrick



Saturday Night Pinochle

Elsie Helwig

Nov. 15

1: Elsie Helwig; 2: Jo Swing; 3: Anne Jagielski/ Greg Skillman

Nov. 22

1: Jo Swing; 2: Anne Jagielski; 3: Gerry Pinter

Nov. 29

1: Anne Jagielski/Vi Horton; 2: Gene Hubbard/ Greg Skillman

Dec. 6

1: Anne Jagielski; 2: Billy Swing; 3: Greg Skillman



Cribbage

Greg Skillman

Nov. 14

1: Anne Jagielski; 2: Frank Chamberlain; 3: Alberta Sarris; Cons: Herb Postin

Nov. 21

1: Anne Jagielski; 2: Norma Yonke; 3: Alberta Sarris; Cons: Frank Chamberlain

Nov. 28

1: Mary Lu Chamberlain; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Rose Marie Postin; Cons: Alberta Sarris

Dec. 5

1: Greg Skillman; 2: Rose Marie Postin; 3: Alberta Sarris; Cons: Craig Ehle

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- Jan. 8**
Show: The New Pretenders
7:30 p.m. / H&R 873-0753
- Casino Trip (Tampa) 854-8707 x10
- Jan. 10**
Rod Caudill - Rod Stewart Tribute
7 p.m. / CC 854-3670
- Jan. 11**
Key West Trip 854-0702
- Movie: "Mamma Mia"
6 p.m. / H&R 873-7507

- Jan. 17**
Show: Beehive (songs from the '50s)
7 p.m. / CC 854-3670
- Jan. 24**
Show: Bachelors (Mills Brothers)
7:30 p.m. / H&R 854-5159
- Jan. 31**
Show: Norman Lee Schaffer (singing the oldies)
7 p.m. / CC 854-3670

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AC	Arbor Club
BR	Ballroom
CC	Arbor Conference Center
CCC	Candler Community Center
CSCC	Circle Square Cultural Center
H&R	Health & Rec Bldg
ICC	Indigo Community Center
MR1	Meeting Room 1
MR3	Meeting Room 3



Opera Bernie Kelly

The Opera Appreciation Class had its first meeting on Dec. 4 with a presentation of Tosca by Giacomo Puccini. I'm sure that everyone present enjoyed the opera and are looking forward to our next class on Jan. 8. We will discuss and watch a production of Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute." Anyone interested in information about our class may call me at 854-2648. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing everyone on the second Thursday of January at 1 p.m. in Suite C of the Arbor Conference Center.

Mozart composed "The Magic Flute" in 1791 the last year of his very short life. As usual, he was short of money and to make matters worse he was worried about his wife who was pregnant and ill. The emperor who had been at least helpful to Mozart had died and was replaced by a man who had little interest in music, at least Mozart's music. So, Mozart was quite happy to take on the commission to write the music for the oriental fairy tale that was the basis for the plot of "The Magic Flute."

The librettist was Emanuel Schikaneder who was the most famous Hamlet and King Lear of his day. He was a friend of the Mozart family and produced at least one of Mozart's operas. Mozart and Schikaneder were both members of the same Masonic Lodge in Vienna and probably cooperated in introducing various Masonic symbols into the opera.

In fact, in the 19th century there was an author who tried to relate all of the characters of "The Magic Flute" to real persons living at the time of Mozart. That may be, but there is no way of knowing that Mozart and Schikaneder intended this. The plot of "The Magic Flute" is the age old struggle of good versus evil. It is played on two levels. We have Tamino who is a foreign noble and Pamina who is the daughter of the Queen of the Night struggling through a series of challenges that stand in the way of their being able to marry. This is done as the priests of the Egyptian gods Isis and Osiris try to help them against the evil Queen of the Night.

Then, on the comic level we have Papageno who is a bird catcher trying to win the love of his life who is Papagena. His trials and tribulations are mostly played out as a farce except that they are still in the struggle of good versus evil and the outcome is quite serious. It all ends happily for the two sets of lovers as the Queen of the Night and her minions are vanquished.

Wolfgang Sawalisch conducts the Bavarian State Opera Orchestra in an acclaimed live broadcast of this production of "The Magic Flute," which is Mozart at his most inventive and inviting. The cast is first rate with Francisco Araiza as Tamino and Lucia Popp as Pamina. The supporting cast has Kurt Moll, Edita Gruberova and Wolfgang Brfendel who are all well known and respected artists. It is a fun opera where everyone lies happily ever after.

Remember it is Jan. 8 when you can come to see it.



Citizens Emergency Response Team Caroline Scott

December is the only month of the year that we do not meet, so there is no new news about us.

However, I would like to take the time to congratulate and thank each of our members for their continued support during 2008. It is so gratifying to see all of you show up each month and support each other.

My wish for all of you is to have a very happy holiday and a very happy New Year. See you in January!



Theater Group Raquel Berdichevsky

Well, the New Year is already here! We trust that all the residents had a wonderful holiday season. On Top of the World was, of course, buzzing with all the holiday parties and festive entertainment designed for this time of year. Happy and healthy New Year to all of you.

Were you one of the people who attended the performance of "Meet My Husbands?" If you were, you know what a great evening it was and how much the audience enjoyed the play. So, please, make sure you tell your friends and neighbors what they missed, and encourage them to attend our next production.

The Theatre Group had its holiday party at Stone Creek Grille on Dec. 8. It was very well attended and all had a great time. Members of the group, which made it all the more enjoyable, provided the entertainment for this event!

As mentioned in the column last month, we intend to offer a new play in April (date to be announced). It is called "So Long Sunny Pines." Tryouts for this performance will take place on Jan. 5 and 7 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite D from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. All those who are interested, please be prepared to read as well as sing. For further information, please contact the director, Marcy Miller, at 854-4947.

Please remember that we are always very happy to welcome new members. There is plenty of work for all, especially during preparations for new performances. Meetings take place every second Monday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite D. Do come and get to know us. We look forward to seeing you.

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Now It's Grandpa

LYRICS BY JOSEPH NOVATNACK

Grandpa got run over by a golf cart,
Coming from the ballroom New
Year's Eve,
He was gently walking down the
boul'vard,
And he was just as jolly as can be.
When he turned the corner at Park
Place,
Golf cart coming at full speed,
And Grandpa didn't see the head-
lights,
He was hit and landed twenty feet
indeed.
When we found him New Year's
morning,
On the driveway 'neath the tree,
He had tire marks on his forehead,
And incriminating lumps that you
could see.

Now we're thinking of dear Grandma,
And wonder how she might feel,
We see her in the kitchen cooking,
Making pudding and preparing for
the meal.
It's not New Year's without Grandpa,
Hospitalized and in pain,
We just can't forget the feeling,
When he greeted all his friends on
New Year's Eve.

Now we are ready for the dinner,
Trimmings and the minced meat pie,
And drinking cider from the old mill,
And are praying dear ole Grandpa's
doing fine,
We warned all our friends and neigh-
bors,
Best to watch out ev'ry night,
When you're walking in the darkness,
Don't forget to always carry a flash-
light.

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Bingo Bunny Barba

Hope everyone had a wonderful holi- day. The entire bingo committee wishes all of our residents a happy, healthy and

prosperous New Year.

Now for all of our Bingo maniacs and to those residents who would like to join this wonderful activity... Bingo will return on Jan. 7 and continue for the next 11 months, rain or shine.

Overnight houseguests are welcome, but must be accompanied by a resident. Do not attempt to sneak in your friends from any other community, as we will make sure they are staying over at your home. No cards will be sold after 6 p.m. so try to arrive early.

Try to remember that you may only save one other seat in addition to yours. There is no such thing as "that's my seat."

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Poetry from On Top of the World Residents

More Lovely Than A Tree

By MARY CULBERSON

I think that I shall never see
Another sport that so enraptures
me.
Tennis is a very challenging game.
Unfortunately, it leaves some of
us lame.
You serve and volley and hop and
run
Isn't it great we're having such
fun!

Some players get a very sore
knee,
Others have to wear a back-brace,
you see.
A lot of us feel excruciating pain
Our racquet arm will never be the
same
But not to fear, we still show up
We never seem to get enough.

When you watch the wounded
come to play
The majority of them have heads
of gray
They come with bandages, braces
and such
But make no mistake; we're no
soft touch
I think it's just wonderful to see
Seniors more lovely than a tree!



How I Have Loved You

By PETER PAULUS

How I have loved you!
Like oceans calm and clear with
vacant waves,
A child excited with pennies that
he saves.

The balmy zephyrs brush my sun
beat face,
As hugs and kisses leave their lin-
gering trace.

Birds answer song with song
among the trees,
As morning's brightness and its
promise seize.

I bear the happiness you bring to
me,

Colored with points of paint of
land and sea,
Depicting travels over foreign
lands,

As we mingled with people and
beach sands.

I gather in my arms the precious
you,

My mind vast varied visions
brings to view,

Like setting sun with panoramic
sky,

Which brightens as horizon says
goodbye.

Graceful ships with full-blown
golden sails,

A love like mine a pledge that
never fails.

Oh, how I have loved you.



Treasured Moments

By ANNETTE SHARPE

In the awesome glow of sunset,
That most enchanting time,
Dreams and golden memories
Often come to mind,
Good and gracious thoughts
That time cannot erase,
Of special times in years gone by,
A sweet, familiar, face,
A child's gift to treasure
All earthly gifts above,
Special cards and special days,
And bouquets, sent with love.

As we watch the day depart,
It's like a bit of heaven
Has come to touch your heart,
For, when dreams are closer
Than we know,
We cannot close mind's door
To the treasure trove of memories
Stored there forevermore.



Elixir of Life

By MARY CULBERSON

Hearty laughter is the elixir of life
It cuts up sadness like a knife
It makes the heart bubble over
Like a walk in the clover
And banishes your care and strife.

So smile a little and laugh a lot
Your attitude is really all you've
got
Your outlook you can always mas-
ter
Your blood will flow a little faster
And a Grump, you can say "I am
not."



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When Winter Comes

By HAZEL EHLE

When winter comes how lovely
To see the fluffy white snow
As it decorates trees and bushes
And makes all it touches glow.

When it tumbles from the sky
Without making a sound
Each flake dancing about
Quietly covering the ground.

Then suddenly will stop
Such beauty everywhere
So very lovely and artistic
Put there with a flair.

When the snow keeps falling
And continues through the night
Always an enchanting picture
A truly creative sight.

Many snowmen built outside
Decorating the lawn
Made with the lovely snow
That had come along.

Many times it has happened
Like waking from a dream
Yet this so very real
The snow sparkling and clean



A Toast To You

By ANNETTE SHARPE

When the New Year is here
Welcome it with good cheer,
With an eye on the future in sight,
With a prayer in your heart
For hope and peace,
May the New Year
Be happy and bright.

Walk life's road without fear
With your loved ones near,
Keep a smile on your lips
all the while.
Be content with the past.
Find your dreams at last.
May God walk with you every
mile.



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Garage Sale: Jan. 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture, paintings, TV, kitchen items, clothing, shoes, jewelry, hats, evening wear and handbags. 8475D SW 91st Place.

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Golf Cart: Club Car, refurbished 2006, excellent condition. 873-8600

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Misc. Items: Computer, complete, 3 years old, \$300. Yard inflatables, used 1 year, 12' x 8' merry-go-round, \$75; Santa and elves, 8' x 8', \$35. Train set, G gauge, never used, still in box, \$300. 694-5067

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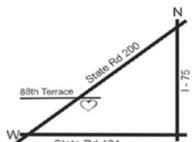
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