



## COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

On Top of the World has a long history of being a caring community. It is a safe place where neighbors have a genuine concern for each other. From simple acts of kindness like checking in on your neighbor's home in their absence, to visiting a sick neighbor, it is all about community. Kindness to each other is the glue that binds us even though we may come from different backgrounds. It is the core of a community.

I mention this now for no particular reason other than the fact that it is good to be reminded of such things. Sometimes, we may be mindless of such fundamentally important things. It is essential to be grateful and to remind others that they are appreciated and important in some way.

### Annual Community Meetings

December will be a busy month for annual meetings:

- Dec. 8 – Circle Square Ranch Master Association meeting will be held at Live Oak Hall at 9 a.m.
- Dec. 10 – Candler Hills Neighborhood Association meeting will be held at the Circle Square Cultural Center at 9 a.m. The Board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, consider and approve the 2011 annual budget, as well as other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy, which was included in the mailing.
- Dec. 10 – Indigo East Neighborhood Association meeting will be held at the Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m. The Board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, and consider and approve the 2011 annual budget, as well as any other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy, which was included in the mailing.
- Dec. 15 – On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association meeting will be held at the Health & Recreation Ballroom at 9 a.m. Your Board will provide an update on Community Rules and Standards designed to assure that OTOW remains a pleasant, affordable place to live. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by dropping it in one of the locked boxes located throughout the community by Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

### Master the Possibilities

Master the Possibilities has completed its fifth year of operation. There are many different ways of assessing its place in the community.

They have gone from a little over 200 programs a year to well over 700 this year. There are now 5,000 users of this center for lifelong learning. The faculty has evolved to over 100 professionals whose credentials and experience are remarkable.

Each of the past 20 quarters has seen at least 50% new offerings; it is fresh and dynamic. Perhaps most impressive is the enrollment ... each year, including this one, has seen a growth over the last. We have gone from 3,000 to 16,000 enrollments per annum since we began in 2006.

Master the Possibilities has proven to be the "amenity of the 21st century" and a signature program that distinguishes this community from all others. It's an asset to the entire Central Florida region. When we can combine expertise, enthusiasm and creativity, the result is wonderful. The result is Master the Possibilities.

The winter catalog includes classes from January through April 15, 2011. You may register for classes online beginning Dec. 23. Simply go to [www.masterthepossibilities.com](http://www.masterthepossibilities.com) and you'll be able to enroll instantly.

The actual hard copy catalog will be delivered with the January World News on Dec. 30. At this time, telephone registration commences. You may call 854-3699 anytime and leave your selections.

This will be the largest curriculum ever! What a wonderful way to start the New Year ... see you in class with your neighbors and friends to be. Thank you all for your continued and enthusiastic support.

On behalf of the Master the Possibilities staff and faculty, we hope your New Year is happy and you'll find a place for classes in your resolutions. See you in (many) classes!

### Circle Square Commons

It's hard to believe that we are already announcing the 2011 Entertainment Series for the Circle Square Cultural Center and upcoming festivals on The Town Square

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Photo by Annette Ware

Residents Walk for the Cure on Oct. 18.

## Walking for the Cure

By Ray Cech

All across America during the month of October, mothers with babies, friends with friends, kids with balloons, fathers pushing strollers, and senior citizens holding hands were walking. It was a walk with a purpose.

Susan G. Komen For the Cure is the global leader in making things happen to eradicate the disease of breast cancer. Since 1982, the organization has raised more than \$1 billion, and October is the one month out of the year that this non-profit team has designated as a time to focus on raising funds For the Cure.

Here at On Top of the World, more than 100 walkers gathered to Walk For the Cure and at the same time donate what they could to this extraordinary cause.

At 2 p.m., Oct. 18, walkers registered outside the Golf Shop. Following registration, Ocala physician, Dr. Jamie Daniel, addressed the crowd with a short presentation on the progress that's being made to rid the world of breast cancer, thanks in great part to the kind of volunteering that was about to take place. She also noted that better than 75% of all the money donated would stay locally in Marion County.

Registered walkers each received a pink ribbon, and at 3 p.m. sharp they set about walking The Links golf course. When walkers and golf carts riders returned two miles later, they expressed how much better they felt, both physically and in their hearts, for having made their contribution.

"This was the second year doing Walk For the Cure," said Sally Collins, a Walk organizer, "and we're very happy to see so many people turn out, especially those joining us from Stone Creek."

The Walk raised over \$1,000 that will go directly to the Central Florida affiliate of Susan G. Komen For the Cure. Sally Collins and co-organizer Cammy Dennis plan to continue this valuable tradition next year.

## 11th Annual Community Golf Cart Parade

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 • 2 pm - 4 pm

**On Top of the World Communities**

## Holiday Festivities

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Everybody loves a parade! Come and enjoy the annual On Top of the World Golf Cart Parade on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

In addition to holiday decorated golf carts, fire and police vehicles blaring their sirens will also join in on the festivities. It's fun and free!

The parade starts at 2 p.m. at the rear

Arbor Club parking lot and heads down 90th Street towards 99th Street (please see the parade map). Bring out your deck chairs and get a spot along the route to witness this yearly event. The parade's climax is that fat little elf wearing his red suit riding in a vintage sleigh.

Want to be a part of the parade? Deco-

rate your golf cart and call Kay Chandler at 237-3139.

Holiday festivities continue in the in the Health & Recreation Ballroom at a 6 p.m. This free event is always packed with partygoers. Hot chocolate and coffee are served along with all kinds of fancy Christmas cookies. Sit back, relax and enjoy the sounds of the holidays with holiday music and caroling, special entertainment, and the special On Top of the World 12-Days of Christmas.

It's a fun packed day and a lot of fun is had each year at both events. Mark your calendar!



## ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

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

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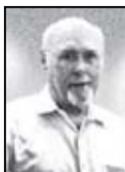
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### GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

BY STAN GOLDSTEIN



**If you sleep like a baby, you don't have one.**



### Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

**Q.** I have a bankruptcy question for you. I am owed some money from my son who filed something called Chapter 13 bankruptcy. I loaned him the money but I do not have any note or mortgage for what I loaned him. What is Chapter 13 bankruptcy and will I be able to get some or all of my money back?

**A.** Chapter 13 bankruptcy is a bankruptcy format of reorganization for individuals or small business owners. It doesn't apply to corporations or partnerships. Depending on the income and debt structure for some persons and businesses, Chapter 13 allows the debtor to reduce an unsecured debt by means of a payment plan. Typically, the debtor would propose the repayment plan over what is known as the applicable commitment period which is anywhere from three to five years.

It is interesting that you asked me this question at this time. Attorney Camille J. Lurillo, a highly respected Pinellas County

attorney who handles bankruptcy and related business disputes for her clients, recently wrote an article in the St. Petersburg Bar Association Journal and she dealt with some Chapter 13 issues. Her article is rather technical and since I do not handle bankruptcy matters, I think I should just refer you to her or to her associates Ms. Gina Pellegrino and Sabrina Beavens.

**Q.** How come you won't even discuss the upcoming amendments to the Florida Constitution?

**A.** I won't discuss them because I do not want to take any political position that would erode the confidence of the folks who read my column. And anyway, by the time you read this column the election will more than likely be over. I will say this, though, if you are going to vote on an issue—especially on changes to the Florida Constitution, you should really take whatever time you need to familiarize yourself completely on the various amendments.

**Q.** What do you think the effects of banks stopping foreclosures will be on condominium and homeowners associations?

**A.** My guess is that the effects will not be good at all. If a bank has a mortgage on a condominium or a homeowner's property and does not foreclose its mortgage, then what happens is that the unit owner might be able to stay on the property without pay-

ing the mortgage and also the homeowner's association fees. The condominium association or the homeowner's association can foreclose on what is owed to it, but that mortgage still remains as an encumbrance. So far, the Florida legislature has shown no interest at all in trying to help out the various associations, other than to say they are doing something; but politicians being what politicians are, nothing of substance has been done. I guess if there were a groundswell of complaints to members of the Florida legislature that might be helpful—although who really knows what can be done.

**Q.** I am 85. The only person I know who can take care of me if I get sick is my close friend, also 85, who lives in another state. I have no close family and the family members I do have, I don't trust. Any suggestions?

**A.** It is not easy to make suggestions to someone I've never met. So these are just general comments and are not intended to provide any specific advice to you.

1. You should discuss this with your attorney or financial advisor.
2. Whoever you choose should more than likely not be someone who also has a financial interest in you or your assets.
3. You should certainly have a well-drafted durable power of attorney that will authorize someone to take care of you and pay your bills if that becomes necessary.
4. Depending on your views regarding life-prolonging procedures, you should also have an Advance Direc-

tive that will give someone the ability to make decisions affecting your health care treatments in the event you are incapacitated and cannot give your own directions.

**Q.** My married son has a girlfriend who he sees frequently and he has brought her here to meet me. He is not planning on getting a divorce and neither is his girlfriend. The truth is that I like his girlfriend more than I like his wife. I sense there is a legal issue but I don't know what to ask. Can you help?

**A.** I don't think so because I can't figure out what your question is or was or might be or can't be or should be or should not be.

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the movies.

Films are presented at 2 p.m. at the Appleton Museum of Art or at 7 p.m. at the College of Central Florida, Building #8-110. The films on the CF Ocala campus are free and open to the public. For films at the Appleton Museum of Art, viewers must pay the admission price to the museum unless they are members of the museum or patrons of the CF Film Series.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**

Still Walking, Japan, Hirokazu Kore-eda, 2009, 114 minutes.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25**

The Secret In Their Eyes, Argentina, Juan Jose Campanella, 2009, 127 minutes.

**Tuesday, Feb. 8**

Tulpan, Kazakhstan, Sergey Dvortsevov, 2008, 100 minutes.

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**

My Darling Clementine, USA, John Ford, 1946, 103 minutes.

**Tuesday, March 1**

Everlasting Moments, Sweden, Jan Troell, 2008, 130 minutes.

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## ShutterBugs Photography

By Marilyn Cronin

The Fifth Annual ShutterBugs Exhibit was held the first two weeks of November. The Meet the Photographers Reception had more than 120 attend. We want to thank everyone for their support. A special thanks to Theresa Fields and her crew for a great job!

The winners were:

### Novice Class

First place: Gary Comet; Second place: Bill Osis; Third place: Janine Nettleton; Honorable mention: Rick Vogel, John Bauer, Gary Comet.

### Intermediate Class

First place: Annette Ware; Second and third

place: Karen Raynor; Honorable mention: Bonnie LeClerc and Margaret Edmiston received two.

### Advanced Class

First place: Bruce Hagstrom; Second and third place: Gary Rodoff; Honorable mention: Ray Christian, Gary Rodoff, Hal Stanley.

### Master Class

First and third place: Norbert Sachs; Second place: Lennie Rodoff; Honorable mention: Ray Cech, John Ware, Lennie Rodoff.

### Modified Class

First place: John Ware; Second place: Norbert Sachs; Third place: Gary Rodoff; Honorable mention: Bruce Hagstrom, Chris Miles, Daisy Rowell.

Congratulations to all the winners and all who entered.

The December Master the Possibilities display is by Mike Gattozzi. The display at Freedom Library consists of black and white photos. October's field trip was to Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa, which was a wonderful photo opportunity.

**PHOTO TIP:** Embrace the Weather with

Your Photography (continued) by Natalie Johnson

Fog: Like most weather, fog looks best at first light. A tripod is essential and lengthy exposures will work best with a polarizing filter to control exposure. Foggy scenes are generally low-contrast events and as such colors are muted – two things you can later tweak in editing. However, this lack of immediate interest combined with a void backdrop will mean you will need to compensate in other ways to engage the viewer – i.e. intriguing foreground interest – so consider the composition wisely.

Snow: Working in cold environments will also drain the batteries in your camera, so pack a few spare, fully-charged batteries and keep them as close to your body as possible when not in use. Exposing a snow scene correctly can be quite a challenge; underexpose and you'll have a grey canvas, overexpose and you'll lose details. If you plan to edit your images your best route may be to manually white balance, shoot in

RAW, and bracket exposures. Snow scenes can look jaw-dropping- emotive in black and white. However, they can look dazzling in color too, i.e., at sunrise or sunset the white canvas enigmatically reflects the sky's colors or even in the midday sun with wide blue skies. To inject some creativity here, switch your white balance to "cloudy" to add extra warmth to the scene or opt for "sunny" to cool it.

When you return to a warmer location there is a risk your lens will suffer condensation, so leave the camera by the front door or entrance and gradually move it in to the centre of the home in stages, warming it back up slowly.

The ShutterBugs meet the first three Tuesdays of the month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. For more information, contact Gary Uhley at bugs@otowspc.com



Photo by Norbert Sachs

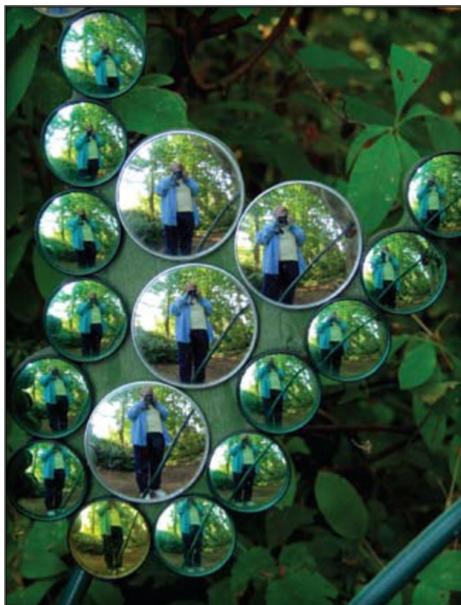


Photo by Lennie Rodoff



Photo by Norbert Sachs

Master category 1st place: Bluebird.

Master category 2nd place: Reflections.

Master category 3rd place: Flowers.

# Annual ShutterBugs Reception

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

For the fifth year in a row, On Top of the World ShutterBugs have displayed their photography at a reception held at the Arbor Club Ballroom. Each year the photo club holds a contest within its ranks and posts all entries, including the winners, at a reception. It gives the general population of our community a chance to view and discuss photography with club members.

Judging was accomplished by outside professionals who judge the photographic entries in five categories: novice, intermediate, advanced, master, and modified. Each category has three winners including honorable mentions.

This year 109 entries were judged taking over five hours of intense scrutinizing. Gary Uhley, club president said, "This year the number of entries was the highest number ever." He had a big smile on his face when making this comment.

There was a large crowd attending the reception where finger foods, desserts, and beverages were available. People just kept coming through the doors, looking and voting for their favorite photograph, having a bite to eat then leaving the room for more to enter. At the completion of the photo showing, club officers will count the ballots to determine "Best of Show," which does not necessarily have to be one of the winners from any of the five categories.

As a photographer, I was impressed with all the entries. Even down in the novice class where Gary Comet won first place and Annette Ware took the first place rib-

bon in intermediate. The pictures looked like professionals photographed them.

Bruce Hagstrom took first place in the advanced class as Norbert Sachs took the first place ribbon in masters. John Ware won the modified class.

All the photographs displayed were of first class quality and encompassed a wide array of subjects from people, flowers, animals, landscapes, and just plain pretty pictures.

If you missed the show, better not miss next year's as each year the show gets better and better.

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## All Around Our World

By Lynette Vermillion

It seems that each year passes by more quickly than the last. I can't believe we are heading into 2011. As I think about the changes that occurred throughout the year, I am reminded that some were well received and others were not.

Many updates were seen throughout the community in a very positive light: Craft Room, Card Room, Billiards room, Health & Recreation pool and veranda, Health & Recreation pool cart parking, new miniature golf and pickleball, expansion of the Candler Hills Community Center and pool deck.

Other changes received very well by some and not as well by those impacted, were enforcing community standards and the requirement to obtain a modification before any changes may be made to the exterior or homes including landscapes and decorations. Our goal continues - to be the community that our residents are proud to be a part of and call home.

This has been a very busy year and I am looking forward to spending time with my family and friends this holiday season.

### Customer Service

Please note that the Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Dec. 15 this month.

Customer Service will be closed Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

If you need guest passes for the holidays, please visit Customer Service at your earliest convenience; do not wait until the last minute to pick them up and risk missing us.

### Club Insurance

The rumor mill seems to really be working overtime lately creating continued alarm over whether officers of volunteer organizations need liability insurance.

Liability insurance protects the insured in the event he or she is sued for claims that come within the coverage of the insurance policy, specifically protection against third party claims in which damage is caused intentionally or negligently.

Thinking about the potential risk that officers of resident constituted clubs, such as bocce, shuffleboard, bridge, bingo, entertainment, etc. have, may be very mini-

mal due to the nature of the organization. It is worth a discussion with your insurance agent to see if your liability under your homeowner coverage is sufficient in the unlikely event anyone would be named in a lawsuit.

The Management Company and Association do carry liability insurance; however, it does not extend to the various clubs as an additional named insured.

It is a personal decision for all. When I personally consider being at risk in participating or serving as an officer within an organization, I ask myself, is exposure to negligence involved in my volunteer leadership? Am I asking others to be in harm's way or participate in perilous or unsafe endeavors?

If I feel there is exposure to negligence, I ask, are there ways to minimize that exposure such as the hold harmless agreement or changing the actions or processes of the club? These may not remove the risk, but may minimize it to make me comfortable with my leadership position.

Past practice should also be a guideline: simply, I am not aware of an instance of any of our club volunteers being sued. I do know that the rumor mill is very active with the conversation that is the case today; however, we have verified that rumor to be untrue.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Theresa Fields at 854-8707 x7533 or myself through Customer Service.

### Association Meetings

The On Top of the World Central Owners Association meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. If you are not planning on attending the meeting, please drop your signed proxy off in the ballot boxes by Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. at any of the following locations—all post office locations, Health & Recreation Building and Customer Service. Otherwise, ballots will be available at the meeting.

Candler Hills and Indigo East Neighborhood Associations' meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Circle Square Cultural Center. Don't forget to drop your proxies in either of the community centers ballot boxes.

### U.S. Mail Solicitations

Energy Efficiency, Inc. sent out a mailing to On Top of the World residents regarding performing thermal energy audits in the community. The letter states that our community has been chosen for an energy conservation pilot program. Please be advised that On Top of the World was not aware of this offer and is not affiliated in any way.

If you are a Progress Energy customer, a free energy inspection may be conducted at your home by a Progress Energy representative. The representative will survey your home's insulation, duct work, water heating, cooling and heating systems and overall efficiency. You'll then be provided with energy-saving recommendations and

practices and other cost-effective energy-saving measures. You may request an in-home energy check appointment by calling 1-877-574-0340.

We advise residents to be very careful of anything offered for "free" and we would suggest that if changes are recommended that you, at a minimum, contact another vendor for a second opinion before you invest any money. And, please don't forget that any changes to the exterior of your home require an approved modification.

### Holiday Decorations

We are looking forward to a very festive looking community this holiday season. Not to be Scrooge, but please keep your neighbors in mind as you are decorating. Decorations may not be placed in the common areas and may not be unsightly, offensive or out of character for the community.

Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season. Live Christmas trees may be placed on the curb for pick-up on your community's regularly scheduled debris pick-up day. Happy holidays and happy decorating.

### Suspicious Activity

If anyone sees something that is out of character with the community, take a moment to write down what you saw, time of day, and specifics about those involved. If it is a suspicious vehicle, try to get a description of the vehicle - color, make, model and tag number, if possible. Even a partial tag number can be helpful with a good description of the vehicle. Most of us carry cell phones nowadays and many of them have cameras that can be used to take a quick photo of something that may look or feel out of character.

We advise everyone to be on alert as they are out and about during the holiday season. Unfortunately, crime doesn't stop just because it is the season for giving and being thankful. Always have your keys ready as you head to your car from shopping, park in well lit areas, always lock your vehicle, stow items in the trunk so they are not visible to passersby. If someone approaches you in a parking lot seeking help, it is better to try and get security, if security is available. Never go off with someone by yourself no matter how trustworthy they seem. Be alert and stay safe!

### On Top of the World Central Re-Roofing Schedule

The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days (December - February). Buildings: 2806, 2808, 2810, 2812, 2816, 2818, 2832, 2834, 2836, 2846, 2852, 2854, 2856, 2858, 2860, 2862, 2928. Schedules are based upon several factors: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority. Due to unforeseen weather conditions we cannot provide specific start dates.

I wish a safe and happy holiday to everyone and a happy New Year! Please enjoy this very special time of year.



## 100 Grandparents

By Eleonora Buba

The grandparents visited Romeo Elementary School on Nov. 11. It was a perfect fall day to be with the children and talk "turkey."

Each month, our time in the classroom flies by and before we know it, we're back on the yellow bus heading home. It seems that our trips to school are lively and full of anticipation while our trips home are joyous, reflective, and full of contentment.

Seeing the welcoming smiles of the children and their appreciation for each grandparent's attention is not only heartwarming, but humbling. It is no exaggeration that we leave the school with a lighter, livelier step than when we arrived.

The generosity of many On Top of the World residents never ceases to amaze us. Recently, a retired grandparent, Jo Gardiner, made a very generous donation to Romeo Elementary. We thank you for your continued support of Romeo's students! To all of the retired grandparents out there, if you are ever able to rejoin the group as a sub, please let us know!

Special thanks also go to On Top of the World residents who clip/deliver Campbell soup labels and the Labels for Education to the Health & Recreation Building. The labels provide much needed supplies to Romeo Elementary.

We have an ongoing Food-for-Kids backpack program that is always in need of juice boxes, cereals, snack bars, pop-top canned goods, crackers, peanut butter and/or jelly, canned or plastic containers of fruit. These can be delivered to Elliott & Marlyn Barbours' home, 8680-H SW 94th Street, and placed in a tote located on their front porch. The food is delivered to a location where the backpacks are made up for Romeo Elementary school children. This ensures that the children will have meals over the weekends.

Our next trip will be Dec. 9. There is always a need for people to sign up and join us in this effort. The only qualification is a love of children. The ages range from kindergarten to fifth grade.

A school bus picks us up in front of the empty Porter's store in the Winn-Dixie shopping center at 9 a.m. We are escorted to a classroom, given books to read and have the opportunity to interact with the students. The teacher stays in the classroom. Sometimes, the teacher may ask the grandparent to assist with a class project or an activity instead of reading. We return to Porter's approximately at noon.

If you would like to learn more about us, please call Barbara Greenwood at 861-2539. She will be happy to answer any questions. If you can't be a monthly grandparent, think about being on the substitute list. Subs are needed!

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## Marion County Fire Rescue Urges You to 'Get Alarmed'

Smoke alarms are your first notification of a fire emergency and can provide valuable time, which could save your life. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), from 2003-2006 there weren't any working smoke alarms in 41% of home fires across the county, and none were present in almost two-thirds of home fire deaths during the same time period.

The NFPA recommends that smoke alarms be installed in every sleeping area of the home, as well as in common areas such as hallways and living rooms. Alarms should be tested monthly to ensure they function properly (most alarms have a "test" button) and the batteries should be changed at least twice a year. It's recommended that you change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks for daylight savings time in the spring and fall ("Change Your Clocks; Change Your Batteries"). Smoke alarms themselves should be replaced every 10 years.

If you can't afford to equip your home with the life-saving technology, Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) may be able to help.

MCFR's "Get Alarmed" smoke alarm program is an aggressive initiative that provides two dual-mode smoke alarms to citizens who cannot otherwise afford them and installs them free of charge. Dual-mode smoke alarms feature two smoke detection technologies: ionization and photoelectric.

Ionization technology reacts better to fast, flaming fires whereas photoelectric alarms respond better to slow, smoldering fires. MCFR recommends the dual-mode alarms to provide double the protection. Grant money and fees collected from illegal backyard burning fund MCFR's "Get

Alarmed" smoke alarm program. For more information on the program, call MCFR headquarters at 291-8000.

Firefighters also urge you to heed the following safety tips:

- Replace smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year when the time changes or when the low battery alarm chirps.
- Test and inspect each smoke alarm at least once a month to make sure it's working properly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Never "borrow" a battery from your smoke alarms because you will likely forget to replace it.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home, inside every sleeping area and in common areas such as hallways and living rooms.
- Mount smoke alarms four to 11 inches from the ceiling on walls or on the ceiling.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, in corners, outside doors or near air ducts where drafts might interfere.

Brainstorm a fire escape plan and practice it with your family at least twice a year, identifying two exits from every room and establishing a safe meeting place outside.

Call 911 safely from outside the burning building in a fire emergency.

For additional safety information and to access a free downloadable "Home Safety Checklist" please visit Marion County Fire Rescue's website at: [www.marioncountyfl.org](http://www.marioncountyfl.org).



## Keeping It Green

By Phillip B. Hisey

Hopefully, everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to more that the holiday season may bring. Now that we have seen some temperatures in the low to mid-30s I thought it would be a good time to touch on backflow prevention devices; what they do and how you can protect yourself from freeze damage.

Florida plumbing code specifies that at a minimum a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) be installed on irrigation systems. Backflow preventers are "an approved safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the potable water supply due to backflow from the irrigation system." Basically, these devices prevent the contamination of the potable water supply in the event of a negative pressure within the potable system when backsiphonage from the irrigation system could occur. These devices are a public safety measure to ensure that our potable water is safe.

Recently, we had some issues with residents wishing to install fertigation units on their irrigation systems. A fertigation system is "the application of soluble fertilizers with the water applied through an irrigation system." This allows you to fertilize your lawn with liquid applications through the irrigation system when it runs. The Florida Plumbing Code approves these

systems but do require a Reduced Pressure Principle (RPZ) backflow preventer when installed. This device protects the potable water supply from backpressure from the home and backsiphonage.

Protecting your backflow during the winter months needs to be a priority for maintaining your irrigation system and your wallet. Last winter, we saw the coldest temperatures in the state in 20 years. There were many backflows throughout the community that ruptured due to cold temperatures, and I would be willing to bet we will see some cold days this winter.

While the weather people are saying it will be a warmer than usual and dry winter, I urge you to take heed and winterize your backflow. To find out more, just go to [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com); and select the community in which you live. Once in your community, you will find the homeowner maintenance tab towards the bottom of the page on the left side of the screen. Once in the homeowner maintenance tab, you will see a selection called "Homeowner Maintenance How-tos." Under this section is a tab labeled "Shutting Off Your Backflow Valve."

If you choose not to follow the guide, at a minimum, cover your backflow with a heavy blanket. This should help with freezing temperatures. Customer Service also sells a backflow bag for \$63.90. This is an investment worth its price, especially when you consider backflow preventers typically cost anywhere from \$125-\$200 depending on the contractor and what is needed to make the repair.

See you next year! Enjoy safe and happy holidays.

## New Year's Eve Celebration Dance

By Arlo Janssen

The On Top of the World Dance Committee "Dancin' On the Top" has announced that there will be a New Year's Eve dance at the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Friday, Dec. 31. The dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight with entertainment provided by the musical group "Sounds of Time."

Each individual table will have some party favors, shrimp, snacks and hors d'oeuvres to match the "New Year's Eve Celebration" theme. There will be a midnight champagne toast. Formal dress will be optional with jackets required for the event.

A cash bar will have two for one drinks and coffee with sweets will be available for the dancers and guests. No coolers will be allowed.

Tickets are priced at \$18 per person and will go on sale starting Monday, Dec. 6, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 9

to 10 a.m. and sales will continue on the following Mondays and Wednesdays for those dance tickets that have not been subscribed in advance.

The future dance dates for 2011 are Feb. 12 with "Tomaura" and April 23 with "Automatic."

If you have questions on the dance, please contact Jack Stone at 873-3083.

### GRANDCHILDREN VISITING?

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## Hospitality

By Linda Tiffany

### Candler Hills Restaurant

We will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve featuring a special menu, and closed Christmas Day. We will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve featuring a special menu, and closed New Year's Day.

To get everyone in the holiday spirit, the following beverage specials will be featured in December: Manic Monday Martinis (Candler Cosmo or Mocha Martini), \$4 each; Tuesday \$1 draft beer with a sandwich purchase; Wine Down Wednesday \$1 single glass of house wine with a sandwich or salad purchase; Taco Thursday, served noon to 4 p.m., \$2 margaritas with purchase of the taco special. All special drink prices are plus tax.

The Prime Rib special every Friday and Saturday includes baked potato, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter for \$12.95 and is served from 4 to 8 p.m. Fish Fridays will feature the fresh catch of the day from 4 to 8 p.m. Price and feature will vary.

Be sure to enroll in either our Preferred (for restaurant participation only) or Elite (for golf and restaurant participation combined) Membership. Members receive 5% discount on all food and beverage items and 10% on additional sides, desserts and appetizers purchased at Candler Hills Restaurant and The Pub. Members also receive VIP reservations for restaurant seating and admission to special member-only events. To participate in the Preferred or Elite Membership, a signed annual agreement and member fee is required.

Our latest menu features Breakfast Anytime which includes: Steak Breakfast Burrito (tender grilled steak with cooked-to-order egg, caramelized onions, bell peppers, crispy potatoes, pepper jack cheese and salsa) and Bacon, Egg and Cheese Panini (egg cooked-to-order with bacon, cheddar and provolone on ciabatta bread).

Two specials are featured every day, as well as a homemade soup.

Candler Hills Restaurant hours are Sunday - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday & Saturday - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Brunch is served every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, pancakes, assorted Danish and bagels, coffee, juice and made to order omelets and eggs - \$7.95.

Early Bird Dinner specials can be found in a display ad in this issue of the World News.

Self-serve coffee is available for golfers at 8 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

Reservations are recommended for special events, and are requested for parties of 10 people or more.

### The Pub

We will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Pub hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Pub is closed on Sunday.

Celebrate the spirit of the season in December by joining us for the following beverage specials: Monday \$2 Margarita Madness; Tuesday \$1 single glass of house wine with the purchase of a salad or sandwich; Wednesday \$1 draft beer with the purchase of a sandwich or Prime Rib dinner; and Thursday \$2 Bloody Mary's. All special drink prices are plus tax.

The Pub breakfast specials include: The Pub \$3.95 breakfast - one egg any way, one bacon or sausage, one pancake or toast and coffee and The Pub \$4.95 breakfast - two eggs any way, two bacon or sausages, two pancakes or toast and coffee.

Check out the specials posted daily. A light and a hearty special will be featured, in addition to homemade soup.

Every Wednesday and Friday we continue to offer the following favorites:

Wednesday - Open Faced Prime Rib served with an onion tower - \$8.95.

Friday - Fried Whitefish Filet on a Hoagie roll with lettuce, tomatoes, French fries and coleslaw or Fish & Shrimp Basket - \$8.95.

Gift cards are now available for purchase at Candler Hills Restaurant and The Pub.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

### Continued from page 1

- but we are! The upcoming schedule is packed full of big name entertainers and all just a golf cart ride away from your neighborhood.

We like to think of the Circle Square Cultural Center as "the little theatre that could!" Through your support every year, we're able to attract big name entertainers and 2011 will be the biggest year yet. We're not intimidated to invite the big names whenever possible, invite performers whom you have requested. Check out the Circle Square Cultural Center display ad in this issue of the World News. You won't be disappointed.

On The Town Square, on Dec. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m., don't miss out on the Holiday Festival where Santa will pay a visit, carolers will be sure to entertain and a very exciting performer whom you will have to see to believe. Start your holidays off right and join in the festivities.

The weekly Farmer's Market on Thursdays kicks in with later hours during the cooler weather, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't forget the ever-popular cooking demonstrations at 10 a.m. by On Top of the World chefs.

There's always something going on and support the fine businesses at Circle Square Commons - they appreciate you!

### Community Update

It is worth mentioning that 2011 is predicted to have a strong la Niña event. The prediction is for a very dry winter and spring. Perhaps preemptively, the St. Johns Water Management District and Marion County have reduced watering to one day per week. Over the cooler months, this should be no cause for concern with lawns dormant (brown!). After March, when lawns again warm from dormancy, some hand watering may be advised.

If you need assistance resetting your irrigation controller, please contact Customer Service.

You may have noticed some recent activity at the intersection of SW 80th Avenue and SW 80th Street. A contractor has been selected and the permitting process is underway for the addition of a signal. The engineer of record for the project and Marion County staff are in the process of reviewing equipment and component design for adherence to the approved plans. Once this review and approval process is complete the signal installer may then order the criti-

cal components.

It is worth mentioning that, due to the custom nature of specific items to this particular intersection plan, once these components are placed on order, it will be a minimum of 16 weeks before equipment is received and installation can begin.

A real change in the look of the intersection will begin early second quarter of 2011. At this time, we anticipate the signal being operational late third quarter 2011.

As with most construction projects, schedules are subject to change for a variety of reasons. Information about this and other projects can be found on the web at [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com).

### Controlled Burning

The cooler, winter months are the season that the State typically allows property owners to burn native plant habitats. On Top of the World employees have been unable to burn any of the upland habitat and wildlife preserve areas due to the high draught index and little or no rainfall in September, October and November causing red flag advisories which remain in effect until further notice.

It is important to note that controlled burning is a very important practice from several perspectives. First, a controlled burn reduces the chance of wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon to have fires started by lightning in Florida, which brings me to my second point. Fire in the upland habitats is necessary to maintain healthy succession. Much of the local plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire to break down the tough outer coat in order to germinate. Invasive and competitive species are also reduced by periodic fire allowing for less competition with more established native plants (a favorable advantage).

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

### Closing Thoughts

Happy holidays to all! This time of year reminds me of all the people and things that I am thankful for. And, very importantly, I am thankful to have been a part of this beautiful community for so many years. It continues to be a wonderful opportunity to meet so many interesting and kind residents, as well as working with such exceptional employees.

Please accept my and my family's wishes for a safe and happy holiday season as well as a very healthy new year filled with goodness.



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## Facilities Holiday Schedule

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day
Candler Hills Restaurant	11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Special Menu	CLOSED	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED
The Pub	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Candler Hills Golf	7 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
OTOW Golf	7 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Home Sales	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED
The Ranch	6 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	6 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED
MTP	7 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	7 a.m. - 4 p.m.	CLOSED
CSCC	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	CLOSED
Customer Service	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
H & R	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Arbor Club	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED



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### Theatre Group

By Bob O'Neal

The Theatre Group is putting on a free evening of humor and song at the Arbor Club on Saturday, Jan. 15; at 7 p.m. Top that for a bargain. Dottie Berkowitz is in charge of the music and your humble servant is handling the humor. Come join us.

A lot of activity is scheduled for the next few months. On Friday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H, we are looking for some prospective actors and actresses that are willing to read for a part in our April 1, 2 and 3 production, "Selling the House Will Be No Problem" - the musical. We will need three men and eight women. A nice feature of this two-act play (that I wrote) is that, with the exception of the play's principal actors (Chuck and Millie), everyone else is in just one scene. That means limited memorization and, with the exception of the last month, when the play begins to come together, not as much rehearsal time.

### Opera

By Bernie Kelly

The Opera appreciation class will open its season on Dec. 2 with a sparkling production of Puccini's La Boheme, which has been called Puccini's most perfect opera.

La Bohème is a story of real people who lived in Paris on the Left Bank in sometimes desperate conditions. Henri Murger was the author of Scènes de la Vie de Bohème, which first appeared in a Parisian periodical, Le Corsaire, in 1845 as thinly disguised vignettes of the real life that was led by many struggling poets, painters, musicians and others who were waiting to be discovered. Murger was a poet and became Rodolfo in his sketches. At 23 years of age, he lived the kind of life depicted in the opera.

Mimi is a composite of several of his lovers all of whom he called Mimi. In fact, at least two of them died of consumption, which was the disease of the poor. However, in the book, Mimi is not the gentle girl of the opera but rather rapacious and unfaithful.

It is not the stories in Le Corsaire that got Puccini's attention but rather the play La Vie de Bohème that was adapted from the stories of Murger by Theodore Barrière with the collaboration of Murger. The play was wildly successful and led to Henri Murger being able to move to the Right Bank in Paris. Even though he gained wealth and status and his drink of choice was coffee, Murger died at age 39.

And don't let the "musical" part scare you away. Some of the cast do not sing at all and those who are in singing roles will note that all of the songs can be "sung" in a "talking" style, similar to Richard Burton in "Camelot" or, if you prefer, Rex Harrison in "My Fair Lady."

The production team, with the exception of yours truly as the director, has not been determined. Right now, we are more concerned with the casting and to paraphrase the Marines, "we are looking for a few good people." Acting experience is not needed, just interest and desire.

Something new for this play will be the production on Sunday, April 3. It will be presented as a dinner theatre, an entirely new concept for our group and On Top of the World.

A final word about the play in April and auditions, describing why acting was important to her, Meryl Streep said, "I need it as an outlet. I love it. It feeds my imagination. It connects me to understanding - if you're talking about a life journey - to understanding other people; what it means to be alive, what it means to be you, not just me, you. That's interesting to me. Always has been."

Feed your imagination and get connected, join us on Dec. 10!

In 1893, Puccini had a stunning success with Manon Lescaut and was hailed far and wide as the new Verdi. It so happened that Leoncavallo of Paggiacci fame sent him a libretto for an opera he was planning on the Scenes from Bohemian Life.

Eventually, Puccini sent it back to him and said that he had not read it. However, when Puccini announced that he was composing an opera on the same play, Leoncavallo created a stir by writing a criticism of Puccini. It all came to nothing and is simply something for historians to debate. Puccini finished his opera first and it became very quickly a worldwide success. Leoncavallo finally completed his La Bohème, which was received favorably at the start but in the long run could not compete with the masterpiece of Puccini.

The performance we will see in December is a film; not a taping of a performance in the theater and is free of the limits that are necessarily present in a stage production. We have two stars in their prime as Rodolfo and Mimi, Rolando Villazón and Anna Netrebko. They are both young and create the chemistry between them that makes the love affair believable.

This is an opera that virtually any music lover can enjoy. I defy anyone to leave without humming one of the tunes they have just heard.

Remember, it is Thursday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites C and D. We look forward to seeing everyone from last year and any others who want to join and find out more about this art form.



### Original Karaoke Group

By George Quaranta

Greetings! Our last karaoke at the Arbor Conference Center was on Oct. 11. Thanks to Donnie Winfrey who filled in for me while I was out of town.

Karaoke has moved to the Candler Hills Community Center and will take place on the second Monday of every month, and the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 7 to 10 p.m.

On Oct. 22, there were 34 residents from On Top of the World who sang karaoke at The Bahama Hotel in Daytona Beach, Fla. Thanks to Lolly for leading this trip! Everyone had a great time!

Karaoke is free and open to all On Top of the World residents and their guests.

For any information, call George at 873-9667.



### Karaoke Friends

By Vivian Brown

As most of us are still digesting our Thanksgiving turkey, many of you are scurrying to do your holiday shopping. Yet for our Karaoke Friends, and for many of you, this is the most wonderful time of the year! Wherever people gather, Christmas songs and carols are filling the air and their hearts with love, caring and sharing; we are no exception!

Come join us on the first and third Monday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Leave your cares behind, start singing and life will be beautiful. It's the best medicine ever!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 19, 2011. A group of Karaoke Friends will be putting on a show, for charity; in the Health & Recreation Ballroom at 7 p.m. Admission will be a bag of non-perishable foods. Our show is called "That Happy Feeling." What better way to welcome spring by helping those in need.

I want to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas filled with love and sharing and a happy, healthy New Year.

Any questions or if a club or organization would like us to perform for them, please call me at 291-0246. God bless and keep on singing.



### View From The Library

By Doris Knight

This month's book is by P.G. Woodhouse, an English novelist and short story writer. His works are very humorous and are peopled with many kinds of characters such as Jeeves the butler. The one in our library, not surprisingly, is "The Golf Omnibus," a collection of short stories, all of which take place on a golf course and its surroundings. The primary characters, in one way or another, find their life caught up with the game of golf. Tennis is mentioned as well in some of the stories, but only to be put down. Mr. Woodhouse does not think much of the game of tennis.

Each of the stories is told by the oldest member, who is a little too old to play golf anymore, but apparently spends his time at the club so that he can enlighten younger golfers about events of the past - all of which seem designed to point out the glories of the game of golf.

The other characters are present at the golf club for a variety of reasons—they wish to learn the game, they are playing in a tournament, and they hope to meet a young woman who is at the club. All the stories are similar in that a man and woman meet and eventually fall in love, but in the process the game of golf plays a vital role in their success or failure.

One attribute I have always enjoyed about Woodhouse is his ability to create colorful characters with names that most of us would shudder to have—Mortimer Sturgis, Ramsden Waters, Mr. Winklethorpe, Sidney McMurdo, Agnes Flack, Wilmont Bing, and many others.

His style is lively, and since the book contains only short stories, it moves along quickly. The only aspect, which I grew somewhat tired of is the fact that each story is built around a failed romance or a successful one. Since the stories are generally happy, usually loves wins out.

For those of you who are golfers, you may find the description of golf matches a bit different, because the stories were published from 1914 on and the names applied to the clubs have changed. But I suspect that will not ruin the story.

His work has been described as being "popular for his rich and outlandish humor and caricatures of English type." You'll find both in "The Golf Omnibus" and an enjoyable few hours as well.

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### Irish American Club

By Bob O'Neal

The Irish, they're everywhere and, we found out, even in Panama.

Thanks to club members, Don and Patricia (Fitzpatrick) Dertien, we were treated to a very unusual and unique Irish moment on our recent trip through the Panama Canal. A retired naval captain, Don and "Tish" spent 11 years in the Canal where he was, most notably, the marine director with responsibility for some 3,500 employees.

Three of their four children spent their formative years in the Canal. The fourth, Paul, left early to join the Marine Corps and now lives in Texas. Two others, Patricia and Joseph live nearby in Gainesville but it was Jim who, with the exception of a two-year stint at Texas A&M to finish a degree, decided to make his life in Panama. He works there as a captain-pilot for ships

as they transit through the Canal.

On the morning that we entered the Canal from the Pacific side, our room attendant brought us a package and in the package was a note; a very special t-shirt commemorating the date Panama became totally responsible for the Canal and the "bottle." The note read in part that he (Jim) was sorry that he could not "work" our ship because of a prior commitment but, because of our connection to the On Top of the World Irish-American Club, he felt that we would appreciate the enclosed "bottle." As he described the gift, he said, "I am sending you an old bottle that is dated about 1880, made in Ireland," and that he had, "found it, along with a lot of others, in the jungle by the Las Cruces Trail" where, he assumed some "Irishmen had stopped for a little nip and decided to finish it off!" And that's where it was, when he found it, "over 100 years later." The letter was signed "Jim-in-Panama Dertien."

Don and Tish have been married for 67 years and have lived at On Top of the World for the past five years. As you might imagine, with a naval career that spanned some 28 years, he has a rich history of stories that begin with his commissioning in 1941 and an experience as a young ensign on board the Destroyer Farragut that was berthed in a nest of destroyers in East Loch, Pearl Harbor, at the time of the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

On that day, he was scheduled to replace Ensign James Benham, the communications officer, at the time of the attack, as the officer of the deck at noon. The transfer, of course, never took place and Ensign Benham was eventually awarded the bronze star for his action in getting the Farragut underway and down the channel.

Don't forget the concert and dinner on Dec. 2 and until then ... may your heart be warm and happy with the lilt of Irish laughter, every day in every way and forever and ever after.

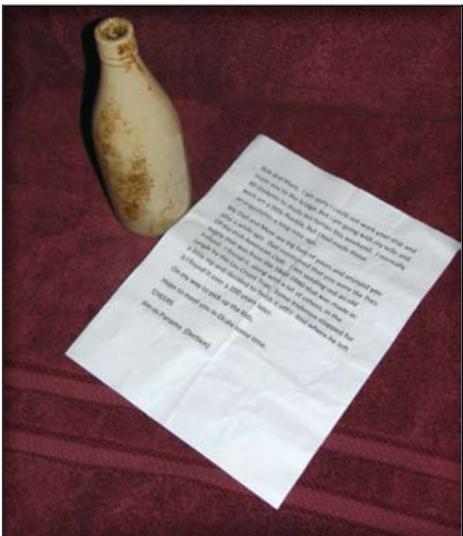


Photo by Bob Woods

The "bottle" and note.



Caribbean Club Halloween party.

### Caribbean Club

By Luz Leon

Halloween was a thriller at the Caribbean Club Halloween party as the partygoers paraded down the center aisle to the sound of "Thriller" by Michael Jackson.

They shook their bodies to the sounds. You would have thought they were teenagers and so they were for the moment,

but they would rather be known as recycled teenagers. They dressed and danced through the sounds of the Latin, rock, and, of course, the Electric Slide and Cuban Cha Cha.

There were costumes to delight the eyes, some frightful, but most cute and funny and even Lady Gaga. It was a fun evening where everyone forgot that those shaking bodies would be a little achy in the morning.

### German American Club

By Inge Gaitch

At the November club meeting, elections were held for the 2011 board and the following officers were elected: president, Heidi Biederman (237-2123); vice president, Jim Freitag (854-9720); treasurer, Peter Gaitch (237-7428); and secretary, Dawn Frantz (854-8314). If you have any questions regarding the German American Club, please call any one of the above.

A popular attraction at this time of the

year in many cities and towns of Germany is the "Weihnachtsmarkt" or the Christmas market. The markets go back to the Late Middle Ages in German speaking parts of Europe. One of the oldest markets is in the city of Dresden, first held in 1434, and one that now attracts almost two million visitors a year.

The markets are generally held in the town squares or near pedestrian zones and they are open for four weeks up until Christmas Eve. From the open-air stalls the many vendors sell food, drink and seasonal items such as carved nutcrackers and the traditional wooden Christmas pyramids the largest of which, at 45 feet, adorns the market in Dresden.

Of course no festival is complete, especially in Germany, without the traditional singing and dancing which also takes place throughout the markets. For many visitors a big attraction is "Glühwein" a hot mulled wine, with or without a shot of brandy, to help stave off the cold winter air which sometimes dips to below freezing.

Another German tradition going back several centuries is the "Tannenbaum" or Christmas tree. The tree is not brought into the home before Dec. 23 as it is considered bad luck to do so, and it is not decorated until Dec. 24. During the decoration of the tree the children are absent in another room, or elsewhere, because it is believed that until the decorating is complete there are still evil spirits lurking inside the tree.

It is said that Martin Luther was the first to light a tree with wax candles and this tradition is continued today in many German homes. Santa Claus - known in Germany as der Weihnachtsmann (the Christmas man) - will leave presents under the tree to be opened on Christmas Eve.

Our club members will celebrate the season with a Christmas party at the Dec. 14 meeting. Although the club will supply the main dishes, Mary Rongetti will contact the members regarding the desserts. So please dig out your old recipes for those traditional German delights.

We wish you much joy and happiness this upcoming holiday season.

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## Happy Hookers

By Yvonne Bednar

The last month of the year and the end of a decade; where did it go? I'm sure everyone is thinking the same. On Dec. 6, we will be going to Arthur's at the Hilton for our luncheon. It's located on SR 200 behind Lowe's. Hope you can make it! Please contact Naomi Berman at 873-4328 if you are. There will be no meeting that day.

Over the past month, many Happy Hookers have returned from their travels over the summer and are working on projects. Pam Jennings is making several baby items, as are Rachel Cypher and Jackie Noltie.

Linda Lohr has many felt angels, which she will be putting lace wings on. Carol Berta has a knack of making very lovely greeting cards with a counted cross-stitch design. Carol Lopez enjoys making pillowcases look very attractive with embroidered flowers. Rosalie Grabowski, the queen of variegated yarn, has completed crocheting eight lap blankets that she has worked on over the past several months; these will be donated to Palm Gardens Rehab, Emeritus Assisted Living of Ocala, and Sheriff's department for children.

Interfaith Emergency Services is in need of hats and mittens for the winter months. These will go to the needy adults and children. If you care to help in this, it will be greatly appreciated. I will collect the hats in January.

A big thank you again to those of you who have donated your unwanted yarn, knitting needles and patterns to us. Your yarn has been made into many hats, lap blankets, baby items, and mittens. These items will be donated to Sunrise and Romeo Elementary and cancer hats to the American Cancer Society for all ages.

Why not give us a try? We meet Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Ceramics Room. We are very an informal, chatty group. We don't collect any dues, no board or minutes to read; we call it, "do your own thing." For more information, call Naomi Berman.

Until next year, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Knit one, purl two.



## Crafty Ladies

By Diane Podkomorski

Happy December and all its holidays!

Our group has been busy as usual – purl one, knit two, double crochet six, etc. You get the idea. We're even doing counted cross-stitch. Boy, we are a busy group.

Frances, our tatter, has been diligently working to have plenty of inventory to sell in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Stop by and see her work. It's amazing and makes great holiday gifts.

Sixty caps went out to Munroe Regional Medical Center's maternity ward for new babies. The nurses are very appreciative when we drop the caps off.

Remember, we help teach knitting, crocheting, tatting and cross-stitch. If you've always wanted to learn one of these arts, stop on by and we'll set you up with one of our members. If you're working on a project and run into a glitch, we can help you there too. We're here for the fun.

If you'd like to know more about Crafty Ladies, please stop by on a Wednesday morning or call 873-3869.

Have a great month! Remember, whatever you do, do it with gusto!

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## Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Loretta Troutman

While putting some new towels on my rack, I mentioned that I had towels depicting Italy, France, Holland and Hawaii. An international display you might say. Rene added that she had items made with glass from faraway places as well. We then thought of Helen's beautiful jewelry made with crystal beads from Czechoslovakia. Jackie's tea koozies are certainly indicative of jolly old England. To complete the dialogue, we recalled that Frances has kept a list of the exotic countries where her tatted works have been taken as gifts.

We do have a very fine collection of handcrafted items we display for your selection for gift giving or to add to your own home decor.

Come see it all every Tuesday in the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

By Bev Taylor

The cooler weather has finally arrived and Christmas is just around the corner. This is the time of year when some family and friends are recipients of my handmade cards. Some tell me that they save my cards - nice to know that they don't get thrown out with yesterday's newspapers.

Our October meeting was spent making eight three-inch by three-inch cards. Kathy Hoefer was our presenter. She had done all the cutting and bagging. All we had to do was look at her samples, assemble the cards, and color as necessary. These could be used as gift enclosures or gift tags. She also provided a template for an envelope to make. Because of their size, it would be difficult to find an envelope to fit.

We had two presenters for November. Bobbie Ellis and Kathy Hoefer designed four cards for us to work on. We were given the measurements ahead of time for each card. That helped to speed up the process so we could complete all the cards in one sitting. Bobbie and Kathy provided the main focal points of the cards-die cuts, borders, or Cuttlebug folders to complete the cards. We all went home with three Christmas cards and one fall card.

Please call me at 854-3079 if you'd like to check out what we do.



## American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

We had a great turnout at our October meeting. Everybody was entranced with the information Metro Crime of Florida provided. We hope to have them back again next year because there is still so much to learn.

The Lunch Bunch enjoyed their trek across the street to Carmine's. Since Thanksgiving is this month, we will skip the Lunch Bunch until Dec. 19 at Stone Creek Grille, at 1 p.m.

Our trip to Cross Creek is all set for Wednesday, Jan. 19. What a great way for

our travel committee to start the New Year. We hope there will be many more to follow. We are hoping to follow with lunch at the Crazy Daisy Cafe near McIntosh. Sign up sheets will be available at our very delicious and long awaited Nov. 21 meeting, at 12:30 p.m.

I am also happy to tell you that we will be having another boat ride sometime this spring. We are looking forward to hosting Rabbi Rubinger at our Chanukah party with gelt on Dec. 19, at 12:30 p.m.

Please note that our Sunshine Lady, Renee Filzer, can be reached at 861-1030.

Interfaith Emergency Services has asked for donations of men's coats and jackets and warm blankets. The homeless are in dire need of these. If you can, bring them to the November meeting and Diane Lawrence will collect them.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

## Italian American Club

By Jerome Cauda

A great time was had by all at the holiday social at Olive Garden on Nov. 9. This officially started the holiday season for the club members. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.; a day at the races is scheduled.

Though Italy has adopted Santa Claus (Baba Natale), La Befana reigns forever. In Italian folklore, Befana is an old woman who delivers gifts to children throughout Italy on Epiphany Eve (the night of Jan. 5). This Italian gift-giving spirit is also known as Saint Befana, La Vecchia (the old woman), and La Strega (the witch).

Befana visits all the children of Italy on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany to fill their socks with candy and presents if they are good or a lump of coal or dark candy if they are bad. Italian lullabies warn the naughty that, unless "they straighten up," they will "fly" away on a broom stick with the old woman with the wrinkled face.

On the eve of the Befana, there are bonfires throughout Italy to burn her figure. They signal the end of the Christmas holidays, where there is fire, there is water and the holiday includes purifying rites and benedictions.

Specially prepared water on the Feast of the Epiphany wards off evil spirits. In

Abruzzi (a province of Italy), it is called, "The water of the Boffe."

The legend of La Befana is created on a mixture of superstition and religious beliefs. La Befana enters the home through the chimney as if descending from heaven. The fireplace (folare) symbolizes home and ancestors. Befana's entry through hearth symbolizes that family is the center of life. Her flying broom is made of the branch of a tree - a symbol of a family's roots - and is filled with a spiritual dimension, hence the magical flight.

La Befana, like the Magi (Three Kings), brings gifts to the children. The La Befana story can be found in antiquity. Some say you can trace it back to the Goddess Diana, others to a harvest festival, still some say it is based on rituals where women prevail.

Befana is "Perchta" in Austria, "Holda" in Russia and "Belfana" in the Piedmont. There is also an underworld witch, "Belfano;" the warlock in the Piedmont. It is common thought that the old lady in tattered clothes is La Lecchiadi Natale (The Old Lady of Christmas) or better known as "La Signora Delle Dodici Notte" or The Woman of the 12th Night, Epiphany Eve, the tie in between Christmas and Epiphany a 12-day holiday. The first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Refreshments at 2:30 p.m.

Anne has a great schedule of entertainment for 2011.

# Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour

The Historic Ocala Preservation Society is hosting its Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour in the Historic Ocala District on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are

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# Annual Craft Fair Draws Crowd

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

There was jewelry, woodcarvings, exquisite hand-painted purses, one-of-a-kind hats and plenty of wreaths, baskets and ornaments to remind us that Christmas is just around the corner. Among the many exhibitors were Tom Frostig demonstrating his photo enhancement skills and Don and Carol Simms displaying their talents with brilliantly colored blocked glass.

The Annual Craft Fair was held on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Circle Square Commons. More than 100 crafters were there, who at times were overwhelmed by the crowd of over 1,500 people who were strolling, looking and buying. Many of the crafters commented on how well sales were going, with several exclaiming, "What recession?"

Entertainment included balloon artists and face painting and, out on The Town Square, the blue grass band, "Swinging Bridge," entertained people. There was an outdoor grill providing some tasty vittles for those who needed a bit of sustenance to carry them through the day.

Theresa Fields, the chief architect of the

Craft Fair, started working on the program more than nine months ago, lining up crafters, vendors, entertainment and just plain "getting things organized."

Of course, no event this large and complex could go off as smoothly as it did if it weren't for volunteers. As usual, up to the plate stepped On Top of the World volunteer coordinator, Lolly Foos. Her cadre of 24-plus volunteers, was responsible for everything from traffic control and decorations, to answering questions.

Some volunteers were there at the break of dawn, coordinating and assisting the crafters with table location and set-ups. Later, you would often see them "minding the store" when someone just needed a break.

To all of our volunteers goes a special round of applause for a job well done. And Theresa Fields? Well, she and her team are already putting together all the bits and pieces that will eventually come together to make the ninth Annual Craft Fair live up to the success and fun of the one just gone by.



Photo by Ray Cech

Annual Craft Fair on Oct. 23.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Sewing Bees created a beautiful lavender paisley quilt with stuffed teddy bear.



## Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr

We wish to thank all those who participated in our Rags to Riches quilt raffle and those who purchased items from our tables. The raffle winner was Mary Lamp, who was thrilled with her beautiful quilt.

We have had several anonymous donations and we wish to thank the angels who left them. The Bees gratefully appreciate your support.

Our membership is growing with the addition of Jan Keitz, Carol Emrick, Ruth Gowdey and Jean Keegan. Many hands make light work and allow us to provide for a greater number of abused, abandoned

and neglected children of Marion County.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9 at Sammy's. We will meet by the Art Room at 11:10 a.m. and drive to the restaurant together.

Individual Bees have been shopping for bargains all year long to find items to fill our Christmas stockings. This year, our goal is to fill 80 stockings, up from 50 in years past. As I have indicated before, the need is greater each year. We held a stuffing bee on Nov. 18 after our business meeting. Marcy and her husband, Joe, will soon deliver them to the various agencies.

If you are considering a donation or wish more information about our club, please stop by our "hive" in the Art Room behind the mini-golf. We meet every Thursday, 12:30 to 3 p.m. Please contact Marcy at 854-1181, or LeeAnn at 854-7205, for more information.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous and healthy New Year!

## Sunshine Quilters

By Tekla Krause

November's meeting was a very busy but fun time. Our elections were held with Tekla Krause, president; Murilla Wester, vice president; and Lee Potoma, treasurer, being elected for another year. Pat Szabo was elected as secretary.

I'd like to mention our club has been very fortunate in having Jan Johnson as secretary for the last two and a half years. She filled an unexpired term and then continued her own two terms afterward. Jan brought us into the 21st century by putting everyone into her database for e-mailing. Because of this we have been able to keep all members informed of our activities including our snowbirds.

When our members come to our meeting room on Tuesday mornings, Jan is often

the gal who has arrived first and unlocked all the storage cabinets. This is a great help since many of us work on projects for the children in Marion County during the week and come to the meeting room for batting and backings for the comfort quilts. Thanks, Jan, you are an asset to the Sunshine Quilters.

We had five entries in our first challenge. We used die cut bears and butterflies to create one of a kind quilts. The diversity was amazing.

After the meeting, we had a very interesting presentation on using specialty fibers that can be fused with many different articles to make an art quilt. Thanks to one of our new members, Diana Bennett, for her lovely presentation.

Our December gathering will be our Christmas party at Mimi's Café so we will dispense with the December business meeting.

If you are a quilter and are looking for inspiration and a lot of fun with people who share your interest, our club is for you. We welcome newcomers each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2p.m. for informal gatherings and often workshops. Our business meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Come and meet us. We'd love to meet you.

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**Native Plant Group**

By Ron Broman

*Symphotrichum elliottii*: Wow! What is in this name? I didn't leave enough time to adequately research the origin of the name, so the next best thing, I suppose, is Webster.

Symphysis: the state of growing together - from symphyesthai - to grow together - syn + phyein - to make grow, bring forth - an immovable or more or less moveable articulation of various bones in the median plane of the body.

This sounds strangely like the song: Ezekiel connected them dry bones Ezekiel connected them dry bones Ezekiel connected them dry bones Now hear the word of the Lord

Now for trichome: growth of hair - a filamentous outgrowth - especially an epidermal hair structure on a plant.

Now put the two together and what do you get? Confusion! Not really but a plant made up of hairy articulations. To make this even more interesting, this name *symphyotrichum* is a genus name, with several species belonging to the same genus.

Let's clear up something. All of these

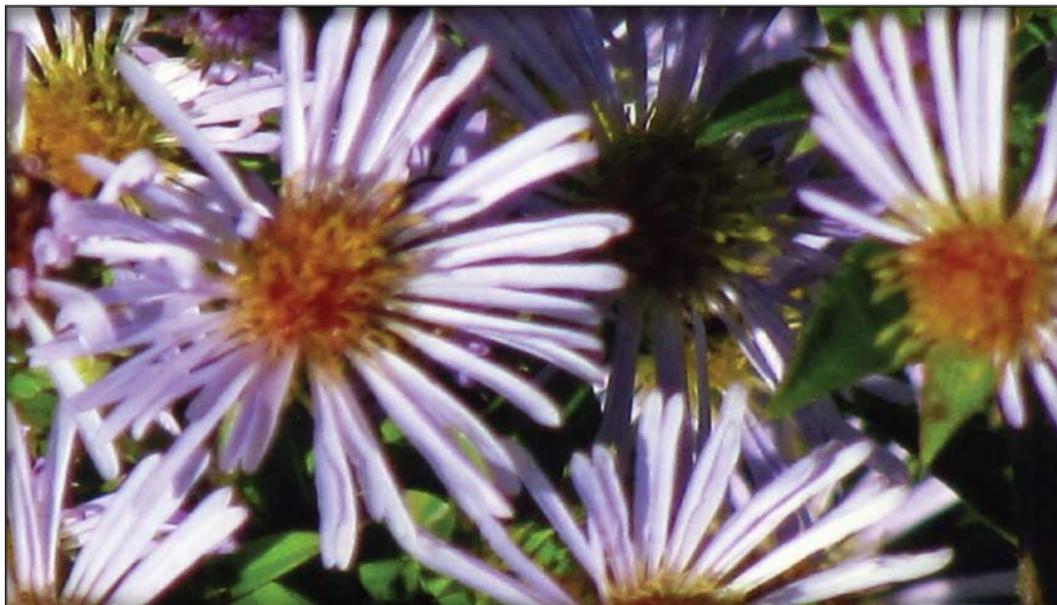


Photo by Ron Broman

**Symphotrichum elliottii.**

species are a type of Aster: Rice Button Aster, Climbing Aster, Walter's Aster, Scale-leaf Aster, Eastern Silver Aster, Chapman's

Aster, and our species, *Symphotrichum elliottii* - Elliott's Aster.

The Elliott's part, fairly straightforward, is the last name of the botanist. Stephen Elliott must have discovered this plant, probably in the early 1800s, somewhere in a southeastern, coastal, full-sun wetland, as that's its preferred habitat. The aster is very common in roadside ditches, often standing more than four feet tall by blooming time, which is in the fall.

Its color varies between blue to light violet to white with a yellow center. If you'd like to add this species to your garden, you need to know that, if it "likes" the spot where you planted it, it will "take over." Its size and behavior allow it to out compete smaller neighbors in a mixed garden. The entire crown of each stem becomes a mass of light lavender (sometimes white) blooms, more than one inch across. It has some fragrance enough to make it one of the best asters for attracting butterflies and other pollinators.

Now it's very possible that its first generic name, *symphyotrichum*, describes its

very habit of saturating its habitat. If that's the case, we can say, without a doubt, that we've gotten to the root of the question and that it is now famous for its symphony of symphysis. (At least one of us might say that.) Now we can make up new words to Dry Bones:

Elliott's connected them rhizomes Elliott's connected them rhizomes Elliott's connected them rhizomes Now see that aster plant grow.

Enough of that! There will be no Native Plant Group meeting in December because there are so many activities. We thought you'd enjoy simply growing native.



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Photo by Anne Merrick



**Birders' Beat**

By Anne Merrick

The trip on the Ocklawaha River with Captain Erika was delightful. The day was clear and cool with a light mist rising from the river surface as we arrived. Soon, she arrived on her pontoon boat, the Anhinga Spirit, and we were off.

Florida native, Erika gave us a brief history and shared her knowledge of the birds, flora and fauna. We saw the areas where the Cross Florida Canal had been started in 1964 with massive clearing of the vegetation. Much of this has grown back since the project was finally aborted in 1991. We had a great time, with many species of birds identified, in such a beautiful area of Florida, now a protected greenway.

The number of members who participated was limited by the boat's capacity; so next time, get your name in early. Following lunch, there was a business meeting. It was decided:

- We will no longer hold regular monthly meetings.
- The Unique Birders will have monthly trips during the months of October through April. Any business meetings will follow lunch on a trip day.
- In order to continue in the club, each member will be required to plan and lead a trip for the Unique Birders at least once in a two-year period. Those who regularly work for the club or have served faithfully in the past will be exempt from this requirement.
- A schedule was developed for this year as follows:
  - Tuesday, Dec. 14, Roberta Campbell: Christmas Bird Count - Sunnyhill Levee
  - Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, Norm Lantz: Christmas Bird Count - SW Marion County
  - Thursday, Jan. 27, Bob Mackenzie & Margitta Claterbos: Sandhill Cranes at Paynes Prairie
  - Friday, Feb. 25, Tom & Anita Martinetto: Wood Duck Drive, Emerald Marsh
  - Thursday, Mar. 24, Conrad & Ann Massa: boat trip to a rookery
  - Thursday, Apr. 28, Anne Merrick: Owl Sanctuary
- Jane Callender and Anne Merrick will share the responsibilities for writing the monthly column in the World News. Margitta will continue to keep members informed by e-mail.

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## Red Hat Society

By Vivian Brown

Our first Red Hat lady of the month is Connie Forte, a kind, loving and thoughtful, mother, grandmother, sister, neighbor and friend. They will be the first to tell you how really special she is.

She brings a meal to a neighbor; sits with a friend in need; gives a listening ear; checks on those who live alone; and sends birthday cards and get well wishes to everyone and anyone she knows. If you ask Connie to do something, she is always glad to help out.

When you see her, tell her how special she is.

**THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE RED HAT DAMES:** Our hostess, Sally McCazzio, chose Harry's Restaurant for this month's get together. I was unable to attend but was told the food was good; the atmosphere was fun and friendly. Thanks Sally; you did a good job.

Since I am the hostess for December, we decided it would be a good idea to attend the High Tea on Thursday, Dec. 2 in the Arbor Club Ballroom at 2 p.m. Looking forward to it.

Happy holidays ladies! I love you all and God bless. *QM Vivian Brown*

**RED HAT TAMALES:** November brunch was at Red's followed by a leisurely boat tour with Captain Mike on the Withlacoochee River. Sue Moody will host our Christmas luncheon and party, vice queen.

We are planning lots of fun events for 2011. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. *QM Marlene Kaiser by Marilyn Cronin*

**THE GLITZY GALS:** The fall festival with a country western theme was an evening of good food, music and fun. A big thank you to Betty Thayer for the planning and organizing of this lively activity. Our group attended the Lion's luncheon

and fashion show. Some of us attended the Precious Peaches annual charity event for cancer research. A delicious lunch, entertainment and a vendor for red and purple shopping made for an enjoyable outing.

Our November hostesses, Faye Shampine and Paula Guildford, took us to the Mojo Grill. Good food and socializing was fun for all. After lunch, shopping for items to complete our project for Shepherd's Lighthouse in Belleview was exciting for those participating. Janet Becker and Betty Tesmer have spent several days shopping for kitchen items for this project. These will be delivered after our December outing.

"There is nothing like a broad grin or a deep belly laugh to lighten one's load." *QM Mary Curry by Janet Wahl*

**HAPPY ATTITUDE:** Over the last few months, we have been out to a luncheon each month. In September, we went to Horse and Hounds Restaurant. In October, we were to Bently's in Dunnellon. We had our usual delicious meal there and after the luncheon, we went to Jean Jeitner's house for a luscious dessert and coffee and lots of visiting.

We thoroughly enjoyed the western night celebration in the Health & Recreation Ballroom in mid-October. Two of our members line danced and represented us in the competition. They did extremely well, especially considering that one of those good sports had never line danced before, and the other one had just two lessons under her belt. Bravo girls!

We're now heading into cooler weather. We have been so blessed this summer with such good weather. May it continue through the fall and winter! *QM June Otto by Mary Black*

**THE BLAZING BONNETS:** In October, we really had an abundance of change. We have a lovely new vice queen, Linda Foreman, who came with me to her first queen's meeting at Abigail's in Dunnellon. The food was great as was the company. I would recommend this to our sisters if they were looking for a place to meet.

Between September and November, five new princesses were welcomed into our sis-

terhood: Mary Clunis, Gail Duffy, Muriel Raupach, Mary Vedder and Vee Firkins.

Kudos to Queen Mary and Queen Betty who ran the western night. This was a real kick up your heels night. Everything was done to perfection. I think we all smiled for two days.

Princess Betty Horton did a wonderful job for our October outing to Logan's. They even gave us our own room. We asked the waitresses why they seemed a little frightened. They said the only time they were frightened was when they couldn't hear us talking, then they realized we were eating. The food was good, the desserts were better and again, the company was great. Our guest, Lady Vee Firkins, won the door prize.

Princess Saint Rosabella Bevaqua was our hostess for the November luncheon. Princess Rose, as we call her, already has her plan in the makings for this event.

Our Princess Jackie Barker is planning our December luncheon and already has the plans set.

Remember, keep your hat on your head and dessert on your minds at all times.

The Blazing Bonnets wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you all. *QM Mary Vanasse and VQ*

Linda Foreman

**THE RED HAT DOLLIES:** We have had a fun filled month. On Oct. 5, a carload of us went up to the Belk Red Hat Fashion Show in Gainesville. Lunch was served, and then the show began. Afterwards, we shopped Belk, then strolled down the mall for more shopping.

Our luncheon this month was at Cody's Roadhouse Grill and Barbara Greenwood was our gracious hostess. Lunch was very good but dessert was better! Try the strawberry cheesecake.

Then to round out the month we attended the Red Hat Western Night. *QM Connie Cameron by Peggy Greer*

Remember Red Hat ladies, that we will honor one of you as the Red Hat lady of the month, each month. So, please contact me or if you don't have a computer, write a paragraph or two to nominate the lady or yourself who gives her time and efforts in helping others in the community. My e-mail address is vivjcb@cfl.rr.com or call me at 291-0246. Please send this and your chapter's activities by the eighth of the month. Wishing all of you wonderful ladies and your families a wonderful, healthy and happy holiday season. God bless you all and America.



## Women of the World

By Maureen Corr

The Women of the World meeting was held on Friday, Nov. 5 and members enjoyed our usual selection of great snacks while greeting old and new friends.

Our charity for the month was Operation Shoebox and members donated many items from a list provided by the group - snack crackers, playing cards, puzzles, hygiene items, Sudoku books and anything

that would be appreciated by our service men and women.

The founder of Operation Shoebox, Mary Harper, was on hand to thank the members for their donations and to explain further how they operate and what is currently needed. Ms. Harper explained how the boxes are put together, what items are especially useful and how much the soldiers appreciated receiving a package from the states.

Of special interest to the group was when Ms. Harper explained that some of the items (i.e. children's toys) are used by the soldiers to give to Iraq and Afghanistan children; this humanitarian gesture makes the populace more receptive to the soldiers and, in turn, they help them in finding bombs, etc.

The group also tries to insert a handwritten note with each package and Ms. Harper read some of the "thank you" notes she has received from the soldiers and, in some cases, from their commanding officers. At this time, Operation Shoebox is working on filling holiday stockings for the troops. The troops are still facing danger and can use any cheer that we in the States can send them.

Marsha Vieu, president of Women of the World, asked members if we should again make a donation to the Marion County Sheriff's department for their annual holiday party for children. This was met with a resounding "yes" and Women of the World will again contribute to this cause.

It was reported, that our participation in On Top of the World's Rags to Riches sale was a big success and members were thanked for their donations and individual members were thanked for their time in transporting the donated items and in setting up and working on the day of the sale.

Our annual luncheon/fashion show will be in March and everyone was reminded to think about their theme baskets they will be putting together to be auctioned off. Tickets will go on sale in January.

At this meeting, representatives from the local Lion's Club were on hand for health screenings and they provided blood pressure checks and diabetes screening; this was much appreciated by our members.

Our charity for December will be Interfaith Emergency Services. Our next meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 3 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E - H. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. but members may come at 12:30 p.m. to socialize and enjoy refreshments.

## Singles Club

By Lorraine Serwan

Happy holidays! It doesn't seem possible that a decade of the new century has passed by. Let's hope that the next 10 years sees this world of ours at peace.

There are several exciting events coming in the next few months. On Tuesday, Dec. 14, we'll be going on a daylong bus trip to St. Augustine. This guided tour includes a trolley ride and dinner at Barnacle Bill's. Cost is \$59. Call Ellen for details. We must have at least 40 people, so tell your friends and join us for a fun-filled day.

Our holiday luncheon is on Thursday, Dec. 9 at The Schnitzel Factory, on NE 14th Street. You will be able to order from the menu. The highlight, as usual, will be our Chinese auction/gift exchange. Gifts should cost between \$5 and \$10; please, no recycled items. Call Ellen to make a reservation.

On Jan. 29, we will be attending College of Central Florida Foundation's Dinner Theater. We will view the comedy, "It Runs in the Family" and enjoy a hot buffet lunch. Cost is \$50. To reserve a table, tickets must be paid in advance. Call Lorraine at 854-1365 for reservations.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season and join us for our holiday luncheon and the trip to St. Augustine. See you there.



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**Christmas Eve Party**  
FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 4 TO 10 P.M.  
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**Christmas Dinner**  
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**Larry's Fit Tips**

By Larry Robinson

**How important is water to your body?**

Have you ever stopped to think about how much water you consume each day, and if it is enough? Here are some facts about water, find out if you are getting enough through out the day. You may want to drink more water.

Your body is estimated to be about 65 to 75% water. Blood is 83% water, muscles are 75% water, brain is 74%, and bones are 22% water. Your body needs water to regulate body temperature and to provide the means for nutrients to travel to all your organs. Water also transports oxygen to your cells, removes waste, and protects your joints and organs.

A good estimate to help you determine how much water you need is to take your weight in pounds and divide that number in half. That gives you the number of ounces of water per day that you need to drink.

For example, if you weigh 160 pounds, you should drink at least 80 ounces of water per day. If you exercise, you should drink another eight ounce glass of water for every 20 minutes you are active. If you drink alcohol, you should drink at least an equal amount of water. When you are traveling on an airplane, it is good to drink eight ounces of water for every hour you are on board the plane. As you can see, daily need for water can add up to quite a lot.

About 20% of the water you need will come from the foods you eat. The rest will come from the beverages you drink. Water is probably the best choice; sweetened soft drinks and sodas have sugar that adds extra calories. Sports drinks contain electrolytes and may be beneficial, just look out for added sugar and calories that you may not want. Fruit and vegetable juice are good because they have vitamins and nutrients.

**Women's Cancer Support Group**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

In October, the women met to share some healthy recipes that they have found

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:15-10:00	Deep Water Arbor Club Indoor Pool	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barbara	Deep Water Aerobics* Maritza	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barbara	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry
9:30-10:30	Yoga* Arbor Club Ballroom		Yoga* Ronnese		
10:00-11:00		Tai Chi For Health* Mary Pat		Tai Chi For Health* Mary Pat	
11:45-12:30	Get Fit While You Sit Arbor Club Ballroom		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti

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**FIT TIPS #3:** Water can reduce your risk of heart attacks, disease and infection.

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to be helpful in their diets. They also welcomed some new members to the group. As always, they continue to support each other in their various stages of cancer, whether it is in treatment or fear of recurrence, sharing experiences and resources.

This group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. Women who are cancer survivors or may be a caretaker for someone with cancer or are interested in learning about cancer and other related issues are welcome to attend.

The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 16, at 1:30 p.m. For further information, contact Diane Kirol at 854-8152.



**C.E.R.T.**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

At our November meeting, the members were involved in a team building training session. An outside consultant volunteered his time to help us learn to form and function as teams. A PowerPoint demonstration showed different levels of hurricane damage for which the team members had to rate and record.

There were hazards indicated and various types of human injuries for which the team members had to triage and make deci-

sions on how to handle. Interspersed with these activities were some casualties even within the teams for which the members had to respond and regroup. The results of the event gave the group much insight to their strengths and weaknesses.

The next meeting will not be until Jan. 11 because of the Christmas luncheon scheduled for Dec. 13.

CERT meets every second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in Suites E, F, and G at the Arbor Conference Center. Persons interested in learning more about CERT are welcome to attend these meetings or contact me at 854-8718.

A new member training class is scheduled in January. Anyone interested in being trained in CERT should contact Bob Conn, trainer, Division of Emergency Management, Marion County Sheriff's Office, at 369-8199.



**Lions Club**

By Estelle Clark

November has been a busy month for the On Top of the World Lions. We were busy doing diabetic screenings at a meeting of the Women of the World.

We would also like to express our thanks for the support of the residents of On Top of the World and the community who attended our Luncheon and Fashion Show; we were able to present checks in the amount of \$2,000 each to The Florida Center for the Blind, and Interfaith's Backpack Program. We are also supporting the Florida Diabetes Camp helping children attend camp during the summer months and were also able to present them with a check for \$500 at a recent meeting.

On Nov. 9, the club welcomed District Governor Richard Richards for his official club visit.

We are also busy working on baskets for seven visually impaired families for the holidays.

The On Top of the World Lions also have the honor of being the host club for the Lions of Florida Council of Governors Conference, Nov. 11 - 14.

The day after Thanksgiving, our annual Christmas tree will be put up in the front lobby of the Health & Recreation Building with tags for residents to pull and buy gifts for those children who are less fortunate. As you know, this is going to be a difficult year for a lot of people.

Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Charity Dance to be held on Jan. 29, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 3600 SW 38th Ave. Dinner selections are beef, chicken or fish; cost is still \$25 a person. Come dance to the 60s music of the Sugar Bear band. For reservations, call 854-8629 or 304-8519.

Interested in joining the On Top of the World Lions Club? Contact membership chair Lion Estelle Clark, 861-7358.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

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**Fitness Happenings**

By Cammy Dennis

**Deck the Halls But Watch for Falls!**

The holiday season is fast upon us and it seems like there is never enough time to get everything done. Although there is much joy to be celebrated during this time of year, the preparations can create a stressful state of hustle and bustle. Holiday decorations, shopping, packages, and the hectic holiday pace may be an equation that equals a fall!

Falls are not a part of the aging process. Falls occur because of risk factors that are either internal (having to do with our body) or external (having to do with the environment). It's important to remember that we have control over many of these risk factors and therefore can reduce the risk of falling.

We know that falls have the potential for serious injury, which can require long term care and threaten one's ability to stay functional and independent. Let's not let that happen now or during the coming year! Here are some things you can do to prevent falls during the holiday season:

**Internal Risk Factors**

- Medications – The type and amount of medications you take can make you tired, dizzy or delay your reaction time. Make sure you talk with your healthcare provider about side effects from your medications and what interactions may arise from multiple medications (if you are taking three or more medications your risk for falling increases). Mixing alcoholic drinks with medications can also be dangerous.
- Vision – As we age, there is no getting away from the fact that our vision is not as acute as it was when we were younger. During the holidays, you may find yourself out at night more frequently for parties, shopping and special events. Make sure that you park in areas that are well lit and stay mindful of your surroundings.
- Muscle Strength and Endurance – Sarcopenia is an age related muscle loss that is progressed by a sedentary lifestyle. This muscle loss will leave you with less muscle strength and stamina than you used to have. Be cautious not to over do it; tired muscles are less reactive to trips and slips, your likelihood of falling increases.



**Bloodmobile**

By Sara Sommer

The holidays are coming and the goose is getting fat. Unfortunately, the blood supply is always going low. No matter what your faith, all seem to be centered on giving. What better gift to give than the gift of life? With each donation of blood, three lives are saved.

The Big Red Bus is coming on Dec. 6 to the Health & Recreation parking lot from

**External Risk Factors**

- Your Home – Statistics show that you are most likely to suffer a fall in your own home! We all know that at holiday time we increase the clutter in our homes with trees, lights, decorations and packages. These are exactly the things that can cause us to trip and fall. Keep your living space free of clutter and make sure your home is well lit inside and out.
- Out and About – You cannot control environmental hazards outside or your own living space. Crowded malls, dark parking lots, stores jam packed with merchandise and fancy displays can all be a falling hazard. Ensure that you have plenty of time to accomplish your to do list so you are not rushing. Don't tire yourself out. Look for parking spots that are well lit. Admire the holiday décor but keep a watchful eye on obstacles that could result in a fall.

If you have a fear of falling, we can help! Health & Recreation is pleased to offer free balance assessments every Thursday at noon. Please call the fitness center to make an appointment. We can identify if you are at risk of falling and assist you with getting started on exercise program specifically for fall prevention.

Happy holidays from the fitness team!

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please take time out of your busy schedules to include a visit to the bus.

The Big Red Bus is giving back to you, too. Each donor will receive a movie ticket by mail. Plus you will receive a 50% off coupon to ICE! at the Gaylord Palms Resort through the end of 2010. The discount is for one adult or senior admission only and this attraction is open from Nov. 10 to Jan. 2, located in Orlando, Fla. What a great present!

This is your last chance to give this year. All the blood given here stays here. Florida Blood Centers is the sole provider for Marion County.

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**HEALTH & RECREATION FITNESS SCHEDULE**

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 Aerobics Rm.	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video
8:00-8:50 Aerobics Room	Cardio Mix Jessica	Condition & Stretch Cammy	Cardio-Kick & Tone Jessica	Condition & Stretch Maritza	Cardio Mix Kitti
9:00-9:50 Aerobics Room	Core and More Jessica	Mind-Body Balance Mary Pat	Stretch for the Stars Jessica	Mind-Body Balance Mary Pat	Core and More Kitti
10:00-10:45 Aerobics Room	Balanced Body Jessica	KB KB' Kick boxing Han	Balanced Body Jessica	Strictly Strength Larry	Balanced Body Mary Pat
10:30-11:15 H&R Ballroom	Cardio Jam Kitti		Cardio Jam Kitti		Light Latin-10:45 Dunia
10:45-11:30 Aerobics Room	Light Aerobics Jessica		Light Aerobics Jessica		S.O.S - "Serious on Kitti Strength"
11:30 - 12:00 Aerobics Room	Ultimate 30 Minute Workout* - Han			Ultimate 30 Minute Workout* - Han	
12:00 Fitness Center		Fitness Center Orientation		Balance Assessments**	

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**Back at The Ranch**

By David Gibas

Striving to be physically fit is a great goal to set for yourself. During this time of the year, you may find yourself contemplating health and wellness goals for 2011; let us help you get prepared by defining physical fitness.

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Muscular strength is the muscle's ability to exert force for a brief span of time.

Flexibility is the ability to move joints and use muscles through their full range of motion.

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December 3rd - 2:00 pm

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**Stroke Happens - Know the Signs & Symptoms of a Stroke**  
December 10th - 2:00 pm

Are you at risk for a stroke? This informative lecture will not only discuss ways to prevent a stroke and identify certain lifestyle risk factors, but it will show what happens to the brain in the event of a stroke, and the role diabetes can play. Presented by Brenda Forrest, RN, Stroke Team Coordinator with Ocala Health System.

**Holiday Eating Without Regrets**  
December 17th - 2:00 pm

The holiday season is a time to celebrate family, friends, and culture with traditional foods that are usually high in calories and fat. Want to have your turkey and cake, and eat it without regrets? Come and learn how you can as our food and nutrition expert shares healthier, lighter versions of favorite recipes and cooking techniques to help you prepare and enjoy delightful holiday foods. Presented by Victoria Haynes-Johnson, RD/LD with Ocala Health System.

**Taking Control of Your Diabetes**  
December 21st - 2:00 pm

What is diabetes? We all talk about it, but do we really know the physiology of diabetes and what is occurring in the human body? This informative lecture will give new as well as long-term diabetics the knowledge base to understand the disease process and the importance of good diabetes management and control. Presented by Megan Gaitia, ARNP, with Ocala Health System.

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**Stamp Club**

By David Groves

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has not issued Halloween or Thanksgiving commemorative stamps this year, but there's nothing unusual about that.

However, what is unusual is that now is the time when literally millions of people in the U.S. are going to be sending Christmas cards to their relatives, friends and other loved ones, but there will be no 2010 Christmas commemorative stamp. Not even a Santa Claus stamp (an angel did sneak in though).

In addition to the missing Christmas stamp, the USPS won't issue stamps in 2010 commemorating the Jewish (Hanukkah) and Muslim (EID) religious holidays.

This year, the USPS stamp development people apparently decided on a one-size-fits-all policy and issued four winter holiday season greetings stamps. They are officially called "Holiday Evergreens Forever" stamps, each depicting a close-up look at cones of four different conifers: ponderosa pine, eastern red cedar, balsam fir, and blue spruce. The word "Forever" is used to indicate that the stamps can always be used to pay first class postage at the 44-cent rate.

But what about the angel stamp? For whatever reason, in October, the USPS issued a 44-cent stamp featuring a musical angel with a lute that was originally part of

a fresco by Italian artist, Melozzo del Forlì (1438-1494), considered by many critics as one of the world's great fresco artists.

So, those are your choices for stamps for your winter holiday greeting mail.

While all this was transpiring, our General Francis Marion Stamp Club members were busy preparing exhibits for display in the Marion County Library in May 2011; publishing a new club brochure; listening to several fascinating talks - including one on some very unusual stamps produced during the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt; and planning our annual member's family December, or winter holiday lunch.

Our treasurer, Joe Rosinski, prepared a list of the individual stamp collecting interests of each club members and e-mailed the list to all of our members.

You can learn more about the fun of stamp collecting by attending one of our Stamp Club meetings. Visitors are always welcome! Our club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Park Avenue Bank on SW State Road 200 and SW 90th Street. Monthly "show-and-tell" evening meetings are held on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Queen of Peace Church library.

For a free "Guide to Stamp Collecting" kit, including a packet of interesting stamps, and our new club brochure, please call our Treasurer, Joe Rosinski at 237-7366 or via e-mail at jrcr8850@embarqmail.com.

If Joe's not available, please contact member Stan Lander at 369-8977 or by e-mail to slander3@otowhomes.com.

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General Francis Marion Stamp Club, please call Roy Schwartz at 237-1204 or send an email to roy678@webtv.net.

**Holiday Evergreen stamps were created 12 years ago by artist, Neil Seidler.**

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**2011 Publication Schedule**

Issue	Advertising/Column Submission Deadline	Home Delivery	Inserts	
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January	Noon, Monday, Dec. 13	Thursday, Dec. 30	X	X
February	Noon, Thursday, Jan. 13	Thursday, Jan. 27		
March	Noon, Monday, Feb. 14	Thursday, March 3		
April	Noon, Monday, March 14	Thursday, March 31	X	
May	Noon, Wednesday, April 13	Thursday, April 28		
June	Noon, Friday, May 13	Thursday, May 26		
July	Noon, Monday, June 13	Thursday, June 30	X	X
August	Noon, Wednesday, July 13	Thursday, July 28		
September	Noon, Friday, Aug. 12	Thursday, Sept. 1		
October	Noon, Tuesday, Sept. 13	Thursday, Sept. 29	X	
November	Noon, Thursday, Oct. 13	Thursday, Oct. 27		
December	Noon, Monday, Nov. 14	Thursday, Dec. 1		
January '12	Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 13	Thursday, Dec. 29	X	X

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**Community Patrol**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

A business meeting was held in October. The members were reminded that as volunteers of the Community Patrol we serve as the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's office. The Patrol is responsible for patrolling all of On Top of the World, Indigo East, Shalom Park, Circle Square Commons, Friendship Shopping Center, 103rd Street Plaza, Canopy Oaks Center, Steeplechase Plaza and the new Walgreen's.

The Patrol is encouraged to drive with the yellow overhead lights on in On Top of the World and especially in the shopping

centers. The lights attract attention and act as a deterrent to crime, especially now with the approaching holiday season.

Captain Tom Terrell reported that the Sheriff's office has received federal grants. They received a grant for 10 deputy positions—100% full salary and benefits for three years with the agreement to maintain them for two more years. The SW District Office hopes to get one of these positions.

They also received a grant for 10 new patrol cars and the SW District hopes to get two cars. They received money for technology equipment—computers in the patrol cars, which include the ability to check fingerprints as well as GPS equipment.

The Sheriff's office will have their Stress Detail functioning now and until Christmas Eve. This is when they have extra deputies patrolling from 5 p.m. to midnight. Captain Terrell reminds all of us that parked cars should be locked even when it is in the owner's driveway to avoid having the cars burglarized. It is also important to keep the garage doors closed.

The next Patrol meeting will be Monday, Jan. 24 in lieu of the Christmas luncheon scheduled for members on Monday Dec. 13. The Patrol will also be participating in the Golf Cart Parade on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Community Patrol should call Gary Rodoff at 291-7508 or Jim Miller at 854-4947. Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center at 3 p.m. Our meeting is open to everyone, so come and join us.

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# Veterans Day

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The 11th-hour, of the 11th-day, of the 11th-month saw many On Top of the World residents gathered at the flagpole in front of the Health & Recreation Building for the annual Veterans Day ceremonies.

The sun was high in the heavens with just a stray cloud but otherwise a perfect Florida day. I noticed familiar faces, who have attended this ceremony year after year, and then again, I noticed a lot of new faces in the crowd which was made up of veterans and those non-veterans who wished to honor those who served our country.

There were many golf carts encircling the paved perimeter of the flagpole.

The program was presented by the Ocala On Top of the World Lions Club Charities Foundation, Inc. Lion Richard Spahn welcomed those attending. After introductions of honored guests by Lion Ralph Mills, the Westport High School JROTC Unit presented the colors.

Spahn read background information

while giving a special tribute to certain veterans present who were honored guests. There was a medley of military songs sung by the Sunshine Singers as each veteran present from the different services stood while their service song was sung.

Lynette Vermillion placed the memorial wreath at the flagpole and all veterans were asked to form a semi-circle around the flagpole while prayers were spoken. Sandy DeFler led the attendees in "God Bless America" ending the 2010 ceremony observing Veterans Day.

The holiday marks the official signing in Versailles, France, ending World War I known at that time as "The Great War." The holiday has been celebrated at different dates and under different names over the years but officially became Veterans Day in 1954.

It was a great morning to honor American veterans of all wars.



Photo by Bob Woods

Veterans Day in front of the Health & Recreation Building on Nov. 11.



Photo by Ray Cech

Candler Hills Halloween party.

# A Spooky Night

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

It seems that Candler Hills neighbors love to throw a party, particularly when they get a chance to dress up—or down. Either way, Halloween night was a very special time for folks to get into costume, enjoy Chef Dave's buffet, and then boogie along to the music of Fred Campbell.

The Candler Hills Restaurant and patio was the venue for the Candler Hills Halloween party—a sold-out event. It was a perfect, balmy, star-lit night, with the patio lighted in holiday fashion, and the restaurant surrounded by buffet tables serving up Swedish meatballs, ham and cheese sandwiches, hot dog wraps, bruschetta, fresh fruit, and a variety of pizzas. All these goodies were complemented with drinks served by Amanda and her team at the outdoor bar.

The highlight of this "scary" evening, though, was really the costumes: pirates,

witches, Indian maidens, flappers, and even a Julius Caesar look-alike. And, of course, there was the "best of" contest. Selected by the most applause, Margie Punk won a bottle of Chardonnay for her very authentic witch costume; Norm Giannukos for looking very much like a ghoul; and Diane and Don O'Brien, who won the scariest couple award for making everyone believe they actually were pirates of the Caribbean.

After the celebration for best costumes, Fred Campbell spun songs that brought the crowd onto the patio dance floor, and the fun went on well past the usual bedtimes.

It was a terrific event, thanks in most part to the work of social chairman, Bob Schirff and his cast of hard-working and creative volunteers.

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Sing-along with songs like "Let's Hang On" from The Four Seasons and "One of a Kind" from Frankie Valli and many more!

Advance ticket sale dates are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 10. Regular ticket sales will begin on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

Ticket prices are \$7 general and \$9 reserved with a limit of four tickets per purchase and for all residents of On Top of the World Communities.

Thanks to Dr. Stephen Dunn, DDS and his staff for sponsoring this show.



### Concert Chorus

By Anne Merrick

December is here, Thanksgiving is over and the really busy time for parties and celebrations begin. Hopefully the cards and presents are well on their way to being purchased, wrapped and mailed to those loved ones who are away from here. This is a time to celebrate life and all that is good.

The Chorus is singing in several separate venues this year, the Irish American Club on Thursday, Dec. 2, the Holiday Festival on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and our main performance on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. We

will have a completely different program for each of these performances.

We also have a benefit concert at the Ocala West United Methodist Church on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. This is for the Backpack Ministry of the church and your generous goodwill offering will be shared between the ministry and the chorus.

We have a wonderful program for you. Not only will the Chorus sing but there will also be solos, trios, ensembles and a piano solo. Bells from Ocala West United Methodist Church will be featured this year performing several selections. There is nothing like taking an hour or so to relax and listen to beautiful music and voices.

There is no charge for these concerts; however, your generous donations are always appreciated as they help to defray expenses.

If you need any more information, call Anne at 732-0706.



Photo by Jim Merrick

Chorus members at last year's Holiday Festival.

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## Thursday, Dec. 2

**Farmer's Market**  
Circle Square Commons - 8 a.m. to Noon

**High Tea**  
Arbor Club Ballroom - 2 p.m.  
\$12 per person  
To reserve, call 854-8707 x7530.

## Friday, Dec. 3

**Golf Clinic: "Improve Your Swing"**  
Candler Hills - 10 a.m.  
Free

**Happy Hour with Fred Campbell**  
Arbor Club - 4 to 8 p.m.

**Holiday Festival**  
The Town Square - 4 to 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Dec. 4

**OTOW Favorites**  
The Town Square - 5 to 9 p.m.

**Dan McMillion Orchestra**  
Circle Square Cultural Center - 7 p.m.  
\$8 - \$12 per resident;  
\$9 - \$13 per non-resident  
To reserve, call 854-3670.

## Wednesday, Dec. 8

**Golf Cart Parade**  
See map on page 1, 2 p.m.

**Holiday Festival**  
Health & Recreation Ballroom - 6 p.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 9

**Farmer's Market**  
Circle Square Commons - 8 a.m. to Noon

**Ladies Power Pamper Salon/Spa Event**  
The Ranch Spa & Fitness - 4:30 p.m.

## Friday, Dec. 10

**Golf Clinic: "Putting"**  
Candler Hills - 10 a.m.  
\$10 per person  
Register at the Golf Shop.

**Happy Hour with Bontempos**  
Arbor Club - 4 to 8 p.m.

## Saturday, Dec. 11

**Sound of Joy**  
The Town Square - 5 to 9 p.m.

## Monday, Dec. 13

**Seasonal Flu & Pneumonia Shots**  
Arbor Conference Center, Suites E & F - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
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## Thursday, Dec. 16

**Seminole Casino Trip**  
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## Recreation News

By Theresa Fields

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. We are busy planning events for the upcoming New Year. I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year.

On Nov. 4, the Paul De Ritter Duo performed during the Social Hour. Resident's danced to smooth Jazz being played on the keyboard and saxophone. There was not an empty seat in the house. Our next Social Hour will be on Feb. 24, and The LaCroix will provide easy listening entertainment on keyboard.

### High Tea

Our Holiday High Tea/Fashion Show for all ladies is being held on Thursday, Dec. 2. This will include a fashion show, assorted teas, finger sandwiches, desserts and more. Bring your favorite tea cup or we will provide one. The event is \$12 per person and registration is required. Contact the Health & Recreation office for more information.

### Flu Shot Clinic

If you missed our last Flu Shot Clinic, you still have one more chance to take advantage of this service. The next Flu Shot Clinic will be on Monday, Dec. 13 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact the Health & Recreation office to register.

### Holiday Festival/Golf Cart Parade

The annual community Holiday Festival will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Come join the community festivities, which will include a Golf Cart Parade and a holiday

celebration in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. The parade will start at 2 p.m. and the holiday celebration will begin at 6 p.m.

### Casino Trip

The next Seminole casino trip will be on Thursday, Dec. 16 and this will be our last casino trip for the year. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and will include \$25 in free play, a \$5 lunch voucher and round trip bus ride. To register, contact the Health & Recreation office.

### Happy Hour

Join us for an evening of great music and dancing at our Friday night Happy Hour! This month's themed Happy Hour will be on Friday, Dec. 17 (holiday party). Rumor has it that Santa could be paying a visit to see who's been naughty or nice.

- Dec. 3 - Fred Campbell
- Dec. 10 - Bontempos
- Dec. 17 - Automatic (holiday party theme)
- Dec. 24 - No Happy Hour
- Dec. 31 - No Happy Hour

### Bingo

Please mark your calendars; there will be no Bingo in the month of December. Bingo will resume on Wednesdays starting Jan. 5.

### Holiday Schedule

Please note that all facilities will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. All employees will be off in observance of the holidays.

### Health & Recreation Pool

The Health & Recreation pool will be heated on the weekends due to cooler temperatures. The pool will be covered every Friday around 2 p.m. and will reopen the following morning at 8 a.m. For more information, please contact the Health & Recreation office.

### Community Bus

Please note that the Community Bus will not run Dec. 27 through Dec. 30. Have a safe holiday!

**Farmer's Market**  
Circle Square Commons - 8 a.m. to Noon

## Friday, Dec. 17

**Bridgestone Ball Fitting**  
Candler Hills Golf Club - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Happy Hour with Automatic**  
Arbor Club - 4 to 8 p.m.  
Holiday party theme.

**OTOW Favorites**  
The Town Square - 5 to 9 p.m.

## Saturday, Dec. 18

**Johnny D.**  
The Town Square - 5 to 9 p.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 23

**Farmer's Market**  
Circle Square Commons - 8 a.m. to Noon

## Thursday, Dec. 30

**Farmer's Market**  
Circle Square Commons - 8 a.m. to Noon



Photo by Theresa Fields

Paul De Ritter Duo at the Social Hour on Nov. 4

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Providence	90th St. - 96th Ter. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd.	8:49 am
Arbor Club	Parking Lot	8:53 am
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	8:58 am
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:02 am
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:06 am
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th St. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:10 am
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:14 am
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:16 am
Health & Rec. Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:20 am
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Lowe's .....	10:05 am	11:35 am
Paddock Mall.....	10:10 am	11:40 am
Wal-Mart.....	10:15 am	11:45 am
Target.....	10:20 am	11:50 am
K-Mart .....	10:25 am	11:55 am
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:30 am	12:00 pm
<b>2nd RUN</b>		
Wal-Mart.....	12:05 pm	1:45 pm
K-Mart .....	12:10 pm	1:50 pm
Gaitway Plaza.....	12:15 pm	1:55 pm
Paddock Mall.....	12:20 pm	2:00 pm

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## R/C Fly-In

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

It all started under cloudless skies, a slight wind blowing and falling temperatures. Radio-controlled aircraft would at times dot the skies as these miniatures would dart here and there.

The R/C Fly-In took place on Saturday, Nov. 6 at On Top of the World flying field. The club added something new this year, there was a show depicting an attack by an enemy tank on buildings out on the flying field. The tank fired a round and the smoke bellowed from the tank's cannon while a few seconds later smoke arose from the buildings reenacting as if it were a real shelling.

In the meantime, three model Navy Corsairs took to the sky and dropped bombs on this enemy tank. The bombs either fell short or beyond the target allowing the tank to escape. The bombs dropped by the squadron of Corsairs made a popping sound with smoke giving the impression of real bombs. It was an entertaining demonstration and, of course, the narrative describing what was taking place made the whole scenario almost real.

As usual, the R/C Fly-In was great and if you missed this fly-in, I would make sure of being at the next. The club holds two each year.



Aircraft lined up at the R/C Fly-In on Nov. 6.

Photo by Bob Woods

## The Other Side of the Hat

By Nancy Grabowski

Garbed in western attire, complemented by a red hat, 114 gals gathered at the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Sunday, Oct. 17. The semi-annual event allowed women from 13 On Top of the World chapters to reconnect and enjoy an evening of camaraderie.

Country Sunshine played quiet country and Sonny's Barbeque provided a generous table for the evening's dinner with three types of meats, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and butter, cold drinks and carrot cake.

At the end of the night, we were left with eight trays of hot food, a bucket of sauce, and bags of rolls, it seemed only reasonable to feed the members of our local fire rescue unit. Arriving in the nick of time, the food prevented the rookie chef from cooking duties that night. The entire firehouse group was thrilled with the meal provided by such generosity.

Queen Betty Thayer and her cohorts, Bobby Roeder and Mary Curry, introduced Carla Magri who taught us a new line dance, "The Cowgirl Twist." Amid much laughter, we danced and danced. Then, two ladies representing each Red Hat group were selected to enter the dance competition. The entrants donned numbers, like an old-fashioned dance marathon, and took to the floor. Judges watched, conferred and

tapped out the ladies one by one until half remained.

After a short break, the contestants continued. The judging continued. We have two winners: Jean Pixley from Martha Evans' Queen Bee and her Honeybees and Judy Singer from Bobby Roeder's Aged to Perfection chapters.

Amid the breaks, the side of Red Hats that is most unfamiliar to the general public was brought to light. Red Hatters don't only go out to lunch or party. The good works of chapters was shared. Mary Curry's Glitzy Gals will forego Christmas gifts to each other and replace them with gifts to the Shepherd's Lighthouse. Shepherd's Lighthouse, located in Bellevue, gives shelter to single mothers and their children while teaching them valuable life skills. The Glitzy Gals will outfit the kitchen in one of three apartments provided by Shepherd's Lighthouse.

Three groups will donate to other charities in lieu of a gift exchange. All the groups will take part in a canned food drive to assist Brother's Keeper food pantry.

After the door prizes and the clean-up, exhausted Red Hatters retired for the evening leaving only Bob Wroblewski, from the Sound and Light Crew, to turn out the lights.



Red Hatters line dancing.

Photo by Bill Shampine



Photo by Gary Rodoff

The New Pretenders.

## The New Pretenders

By Nancy Grabowski

Just like a butterfly emerges from its chrysalis, so, too, will The New Pretenders emerge from their practices.

Like that butterfly, they will be beautifully attired in new uniforms for the first show on Friday, Feb. 4 with a follow-up show on Saturday, Feb. 5. The show begins at 7 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

One more show will be offered on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$8 for reserved seating and \$6 for general seating. Ticket sales begin on Monday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. However, starting at 6 a.m., numbers will be given to those hearty souls who begin lining up that early.

There will be plenty of good seating available for those who arrive a bit later; please, be patient with our sellers as they deal with all the needs and wants of our fans.

After the first hectic day of sales, The New Pretender members will be present in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during January from 8 to 10 a.m. to continue with the sales. We will be there as long as tickets remain available.

Please note that tickets are a must.

Come and join us for a rocking good time! You will want to tap your feet, clap your hands, dance in the aisles ... and we encourage you to do just that.

## Happy Hour

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Witches were casting their spells as vampires sorted out ladies for their blood sucking meals and then a swarm of barflies entered the room but Superman and Superwoman saved all at Happy Hour on Oct. 29.

Hordes of costumed patrons entered the

Arbor Club Ballroom through a ghoulish cemetery and enjoyed the music provided by Sounds of Time for the evening.

With over 100 costumes to choose from, the first prize went to a young lady trapped inside an animal cage being carried by King Kong.



A swarm of barflies at Happy Hour.

Photo by Bob Woods



**Arbor Club Tennis**

By Jorge Privat

Remember the summer of 2010? Well, it sure made us wish for cooler weather ... and voila, we got November and hopefully December. We certainly enjoyed some terrific tennis weather!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new tennis players and I encourage you all to give me your full names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses so we (the tennis committee and I) can keep you informed of tennis events, social activities, etc.

Before the end of the year, we will have a general meeting and will also elect at least three new members to the tennis committee, which is comprised of three women and three men. If you wish to volunteer, please let a member of the current committee know it.

I would also like to thank all of you who regularly read my column, because I do my best to put in current information about what happens in the world of tennis. And I thank you all for your understanding, cooperation and your help in the running of the tennis program, which I try to do in a

professional manner.

In closing the year, I would like to echo the sentiments of Donn Davis, USTA Florida president, who summed it up in this fashion: connection, connection, connection.

He said, "As I've probably mentioned before, I've played on a couple of USTA league teams this year. I also played each week with a great bunch of guys on Thursday night. It's all doubles and for us, it's quite competitive but always friendly. There are four regular participants with several substitutes for when work, travel or situations intercede, which happens on a regular basis. The sets are rarely blowouts, so, many nights we stay with the same partner but on occasion, we'll play a set with each of the other three players on the court. The point is that through the spring and summer, I've played with a lot of different guys, which is just to my liking.

Well, about a month ago, I was playing with a fellow that I just met this year. His name is Jose and he is of Chinese decent, but I believe he was born and raised for a period of time in Brazil. I'm not sure of all the detail about that, but what I do know is that he is relatively new to the game, say within the past five to six years or so, and he's absolutely captivated by it!

He's always the first to the courts and the last to leave and for that whole time, he's talking tennis with anybody that he can engage on the subject. Any part of tennis is open for discussion ... preparation, strategy,

placement, movement, the USTA leagues, NTRP ... who, what, or why ... it doesn't matter - Jose will talk to you about it!

Well, one night after a match where Jose was a substitute and my partner, we were sitting with a cold refreshment as we often do, rehashing the match and whatever else came up. There had been two courts that night, so there were about five or six of us and the subject turned to why we play the game. Everybody had a little different take on it, mine being that I'll play as long as my knees hold out but that I got involved with USTA Florida so that I could stay with the game after I could no longer compete. As for Jose, he kept saying, "connection, connection, connection."

Now, I sometimes have a hard time understanding him, but it finally dawned on me what he meant. What Jose meant is that tennis has become his "connection" with many, many people that love the game, people that he would probably otherwise never had met except for tennis. Jose speaks Chinese very well ... and probably other languages but for Jose even if there is a bit of a language barrier, tennis has become the common language for him with his friends and now because of tennis, I am one of them!

Jose helped put it all in perspective for me. Tennis is the language I have in common with a lot of my friends and family, and well, all of you reading this column. Just like Jose, if it hadn't been for tennis, I wouldn't have met all of the wonderful folks over the

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years that love the game as much as I do, but the important thing is that regardless of gender, race, religion, socio-economics, whatever - tennis is our way to communicate - it's what brings us together - it's our common language!" Thanks to Jose, and to all of you, I wish wonderful holidays!

See you on the courts!



**Pickleball**

By Tom Seitz

Did I miss fall, one morning recently it was 39 degrees when I left for the courts! Winter in Ocala is usually an ideal time to play Pickleball.

However, we also need to remember that most of us are a bit beyond our first year of voting. Prior to playing, warming up and stretching is very important to decrease the possibility of injuries and help improve performance.

The main purpose of a warm-up period is to raise the general body temperature. When the body temperature is raised it will increase your ability to perform the stretching exercises. The warm-up period should

be approximately five minutes. A fast walk to the courts, riding a bike or treadmill are just a few examples for a good warm-up.

Following the warm-up period, start a stretching program, which will increase your flexibility. The muscles/joints that need to be stretched are: ankles, Achilles tendon, calf muscle, quadriceps (front of upper leg), hamstrings (back of upper leg), groin, lower back, shoulder and arms.

Start with the ankle stretch and work up toward the shoulder/neck area. Include the upper body (arm across the chest & trunk rotations). For each muscle group, place that group on stretch. This is a point where you feel the stretch and hold it for 10-15 seconds. Relax, and repeat three to five times.

Current scheduled play times are Tuesday through Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Beginners are encouraged to join any time. Just come to the courts next to the Health & Recreation Building, introduce yourself as a new player and someone will be glad to get you started. Shoes appropriate for court play are mandatory, and a bottle of water and something to keep the sun out of your eyes is suggested. All other equipment is furnished for beginners.

For more information and as changes are made there is a bulletin board located on the far side of the courts. Alternately contact Maryann Johnson or Karen Benson.



**Shuffleboard**

By Claude Servais

This month, we begin with some exciting news for our club. Tony Manzo and John Mataya participated in the County Senior Shuffleboard games in Ormond Beach, Fla. on Tuesday, Oct. 26. They played in the doubles tournament in the age bracket of 80 to 84 years old and came in first earning a gold medal. This achievement qualifies them as participants in the doubles class at the State Senior Games in Cape Coral, Fla., on Dec. 11 and 12.

Tony and John, in the name of our club, congratulations and best of luck at the upcoming event.

The winners for the high score awards for the month of November, were:

**Men**

Monday a.m.: Bob Schuck

Monday p.m.: Tony Manzo & Al Bice  
Tuesday p.m.: Vern Uzzell  
Wednesday p.m.: Lou Crudele  
Thursday a.m.: Jack Smith  
Friday a.m.: Don Rowell & Cal Tecce

**Women**

Monday a.m.: Helen Foskett & Margo Thomas  
Monday p.m.: Lena McCombs  
Tuesday p.m.: Carol Scruggs  
Wednesday p.m.: Paula Magen  
Thursday a.m.: Phyllis Hershey & Helen Montes

Friday a.m.: Daisy Rowell

Congratulations to all.

On Nov. 2, an executive board meeting was held and the subject of liability insurance came up for those playing and for the executive members of the board.

This matter was taken to the annual general membership meeting on Nov. 4 and a committee of three members was named to look into this matter and report to the executive board, recommending a solution.

At this meeting a series of 50/50 drawings took place. The winners were Dottie Phillips, Mario Miglaccio, Tom Berry, Jim Smith and Richard Hutchins.

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John Matay and Tony Manzo with their gold medals.

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**Director of Golf**

By Sally Collins

Happy holiday wishes to all on behalf of the On Top of the World and Candler Hills Golf Club staff!

With the bright green rye grass growing on the fairways, all the courses are sporting the hues of the holiday season. Speaking of the holidays, the Golf Shops will be celebrating with a special Golfers Holiday Week, Dec. 13-19.

An Odyssey Putter Demo Day starts the week on a roll on Monday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Candler Hills putting green. Come out and be fitted for a new putter by a Callaway tech rep. That evening, the Candler Hills Golf Shop will host a holiday party from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the On Top of the World Golf Shop will be the party place to be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Stop by the Golf Shops for all your shopping needs and check out the special pricing the shops will feature during their parties.

Wrap up the week at the Bridgestone Ball Fitting Day on the Candler Hills range Friday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See if the golf ball you are currently playing is the correct golf ball for you. Please call the Candler Hills Golf Shop, 861-9712, to book your fitting appointment.

Just a reminder - all shop credit expires Feb. 28, 2011. Any credit a golfer wins during the month of February 2011 will be held and posted to the golfers' shop credit accounts the beginning of March.

Check out the holiday specials that are featured in both Golf Shops throughout the month to assist with your holiday gift giving!

The Golf Shops will feature special holiday hours during the Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

On Dec. 24, the Golf Shops will close at 3 p.m. and reopen Dec. 26 at 7 a.m. New Year's Eve the shops will close at 4 p.m.; while the New Year's Day hours at both On Top of the World and Candler Hills will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Due to the holidays, there will be no free clinic on Friday, Dec. 31.

This is the time of year the membership renewals are due - Dec. 31 is the expiration date on the annual golf memberships. Before deciding on the membership plan, we ask that you consider upgrading to the Elite membership, which combines the annual golf dues with the new food and beverage program that offers you a 5 - 10% savings on all your Pub or Candler Hills Restaurant purchases. This is a win-win situation if you are a golfer who enjoys the social opportunities that the clubs afford.

As always, the golf staff needs your as-



Photo by Russ Smith

**Flight winners of the 2010 Candler Hills Men's Member Guest: Gil Schofield and Larry Miller; Bill Bonner and Joe Buba; and Tony Bruno and Phil Moherek. Schofield and Miller captured the Overall Champion honors in a one-hole playoff.**

sistance! Somewhere, living in the On Top of the World community, are pocketfuls of range tokens. Unless the tokens are returned, the driving range operations will suffer. We ask you to clean out your golf bags, carts, piggy banks, and golf short pockets and return the tokens and range baskets to the Golf Shops. Please only take the number of tokens and golf balls you plan on using on a particular day.

Demo clubs are available from Ping, Callaway, TaylorMade, Cobra and Adams. When checking out these clubs, we ask that you keep the clubs signed out for no more than 48 hours. Often times there are other golfers waiting to try the clubs. We appreciate your cooperation.

Congratulations are in order for the On Top of the World/Candler Hills team which represented our community in the Oxford National Pro-Am recently contested in Las Vegas. Professional Nick Montanaro teamed with golfers John Hall, Frank McCray and Paul Moltisanti to capture the overall championship in this event. Way to hit the jackpot!

On the local scene, Bill Lorenz not only eagled the 12th hole on the Tortoise and the

Hare on Oct. 18, but also shot his age of 73 during the round. John Gayso's 71 earned him an Age Shooter honor on Oct. 28. The eagles landed for Bev Ovrebø and Bob Cronin during play on the North Course. Bev eagles hole number 10 while Bob celebrated his on the seventh hole. Congratulations to all!

As the year 2010 comes to a close, we would like to thank all of the On Top of the World Communities golfers for your support over the past year. Many golfers have stated that the courses are in the best condition they have ever seen. We are extremely proud of our golf facilities and look forward to a very rewarding 2011 golf season.



**Mah Jongg**

By Mary Ehle

We will be teaching again starting Jan. 5. Please call me at 873-7507 for more information.

Several ladies have made the big hand lately. Hopefully, someone will do it for the March tournament. The date for the tournament is March 5.

Reservations are now being taken for the tournament. Remember, the cost is

now \$22 and cash is preferred.

Wishing everyone the best for the holiday season, stay warm and above all, keep safe. Jokers to you.



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## Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

By Kelli Brunner

It is incredible how fast time flies here at On Top of the World. Another year is closing in on us and I refuse to blame the speed of time on our experienced ages! It must be the quality of our lifestyle, which we all enjoy, that keeps the clock ticking faster. It doesn't get any better than this!

December is an especially busy time as we navigate through the holiday season with shopping, parties, family, friends, and, of course, golf. Our league will play every Thursday in December (that's five times!) with a 9 a.m. shotgun start; so give yourself a break from the holiday stress and relax on the golf course with friends. It is relaxing, isn't it?

We have several new members, as well as a few returning snowbirds. Welcome to all, we are happy to have you and are ex-

cited about expanding our membership.

Don't forget our holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m., at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Please sign up in our league book located in the Golf Shop. We are continuing the Toys for Tots contribution, so bring an unwrapped toy to donate. I wish everyone a joyful holiday season. Hopefully Santa will bring lots of fairways, GIRs, and one putts.

### Individual Net

Nov. 4

Flight 1: 66-Tona Scheibal, 69-Jackie Rickloff.  
Flight 2: 70-Pam Carpenter, 71-Kathy Beaty.  
Flight 3: 69-Andrea Fratarangelo, 71-Angie Jingco.

Flight 4: 68-Irmgard Anger, 71-Barbara Masaschi

### Scramble

Nov. 11

70-Betty Dong, Angie Jingco, Barbara Masaschi, and Tona Scheibal. 70-Andrea Fratarangelo, Barbara Keough, Mia Kohler, and Kathy Smyth.

Upcoming play days are: Dec. 2 - Two Best Balls, Dec. 9 - T's and F's, Dec. 16 - Pink Ball, Dec. 23 - Odd & Even, and Dec. 30 - Stableford.

Gretchen Saker and Dot Wagner for doing a great job in organizing this event!

Our Christmas luncheon will be held Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Arbor Club Ballroom. Happy hour begins at 12:30 p.m. with lunch served at 1 p.m. The cost is \$16, which is due by today and is non-refundable with no additions after today. Our menu will be salad, rolls, mixed vegetables, sliced sirloin with mushrooms and gravy, mashed potatoes, coffee, iced tea and water, with chocolate cake for dessert.

### Rally For The Cure

Oct. 26

41-Carol White, Michaela Beyer, Dodie Phillips, Cathy Hathaway. 42-Linda Dumeer, Joyce Ferruolo, Donna Fey, Helen Degraw. 43-Darlene Clark, Marlene Floeckher, Helen Bailey, Lucy Quaranta.

### Modified Scramble

Nov. 2

42-Carol Bell, Kathy Hoefler, Evelyn Stewart, Jane Wilson. 43-Catherine Becraft, Sumiko Bridges, Ruth Koch, Vi Sica.

### Low Net

Nov. 9

Chip-in: Diane Dzik  
Flight 1: 35-Joan Rappa; 36-Judy Garrett, Lorraine Rourke.  
Flight 2: 35-Kathy Dushary, Vi Sica; 37- Helen Bailey.  
Flight 3: 32-Cathy Hathaway; 35-Evelyn Stewart; 37-Myra Noel.



## Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Marilyn Rose

We have been so lucky with weather this fall. I know it has been quite cool, but we shouldn't complain. All summer it was very hot, so now we are getting the cool weather. Enjoy! Each month, I will be putting the schedule in the column, starting in January. You can also find it at the clubhouse in the back room. Be sure to update your books.

### LGA 18 Scramble

Oct. 12 / The Links

72-Beverly Ovrebo, Harriet Brower, Joan Cecchini, Dorothy Muller. Tie at 75-Iro Lisinski, Carolyn Cummings, Serine Rossi, Susan Rhodes; Betty Schwartz, Mary Jane McAtee, Dea Johnson.

### Low Gross/Low Net - Best 9

Oct. 19 / Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: Low Gross-38-Gretchen Normandin; 39-Harriet Hawkins.

Flight 1: Low Net-29-Linda Bervinkle; 30-Chris McIntire.

Flight 2: Low Gross-43-Angelita Pena; 48-Carolyn Cummings.

Flight 2: Low Net-Tie at 32-Harriet Brower, Mary Jane McAtee, Peggy Borro.

Flight 3: Low Gross-47-Shirley Smagner.



## Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole

By Mary Pat Giffin

With the holiday season underway, we're all busy dashing to and fro but league members, who have not signed up for our holiday dinner party need to do so soon. The deadline is Thursday, Dec. 9. It will be held at Candler Hills Restaurant. The cost is only \$10 with the league contributing \$5 per person. The festivities begin at 5 p.m. with a cash bar and tomato brochette served family style.

Entrée choices include: beef stroganoff over noodles, lemon herb chicken with rice and vegetables, or broiled fish with herb butter, rice and vegetables. Iced tea and coffee are included. In lieu of a gift exchange,

Flight 3: Low Net-Tie at 33-Dea Johnson, Linda Mandala, Marilyn Rose.

### Trick or Treat Tournament with Candler Hills LGA

Oct. 26 / Tortoise & The Hare

125-Beverly Ovrebo, Patty Ware, Mary Jane McAtee, Jo Apperson. 126-Sandy Chase, Kathy Beaty, Velma Rose, Jeanne Rice. 127-Nancy Zielinski, Andrea Fratarangelo, Angelita Pena, Barbara Masaschi. 131-Connie Norris, Gail Bannavige, Joan Cecchini, Rose Hoovler.

### Low Gross/Low Net Tournament

Nov. 2 / The Links

Flight 1: Low Gross-81-Beverly Ovrebo; 88-Iro Lisinski.

Flight 1: Low Net-Tie at 68-Harriet Hawkins, Nancy Nicholas.

Flight 2: Low Gross-Tie at 98-Margaret Hudacik, Rosemarie O'Neil.

Flight 2: Low Net-Tie at 72-Joan Cecchini, Marti Marta.

Flight 3: Low Gross-104-Glenna Swank; 110-Shirley Smagner.

Flight 3: Low Net-71-Fran Griswold; 77-Marilyn Rose.

### LGA 18-ABCD Scramble

Nov. 9 / The Links

73-Beverly Ovrebo, Georgette Perrault, Dorothy Muller. 75-Sandy Chase, JoAnn Roney, Shirley Smagner. 77-Nancy Nicholas, Carol Johnson, Velma Rose, Marilyn Rose. 78-Laurie Hall, Rosemarie O'Neil, Linda Mandala, Fran Griswold.

As you can see, we have had a good season so far. No rainouts and good golf. Hope to see you on the course soon.

members are asked to bring a \$10 gift for an older child.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to share a few laughs with your golfing friends. Please call me at 854-8545 or e-mail me at marypatgiffin@yahoo.com with your selection today.

At our league meeting on Oct. 28, past board members were applauded for their contributions to the league. Refreshments were served and we played a game, asking attendees to guess the number of tees in a jug. New member, Patty Beeman, took the jug of 430 tees home with her. We also approved a darker red league shirt. If you'd like one, contact Mary Giannukos. It comes in sleeveless, short sleeves and long sleeves. She's placing an order this month, so call her today if you'd like to pick up a long sleeve shirt for the winter season.

Be sure to welcome new members on league day. They are Patty Beeman, Debby Malo and Judy Tassinary.

Some of our members have moved up to the 18-hole league. We'll miss Betty Dong, Hedy Racinowski, Piper Thomas, Sandra Noe, Angie Jingco and Peggy Burro. We wish each of them birdies and pars in the big league.

Terry Alfano and Dianne Masterson planted a seed for our social event of 2011 - a mini-golf cruise out of Port Canaveral. The tentative plan is to cruise at the end of April or first week of May. A miniature golf tournament will be held on the cruise ship. Terry and Vicky Salyers are researching cruise lines to find the best deal. So, start saving now for the event of the year. We will keep you posted.

In the first flight on Nov. 11, Mary Pat Giffin took low gross and Susy Buckland-Mulhern took low net. Vicky Salyers placed first in the second flight with low gross and Judy Parisi won low net.

The format for Nov. 5 was Red, White and Blue. First place winners were Diane O'Brien, Dianne Masterson, Mary Giannukos, and Ina Menzies. Second place: Susy Buckland-Mulhern, Julie Crudele, Cheryl Engerman, and Donna Liphardt.

Your suggestions and comments are welcome. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me at marypatgiffin@yahoo.com.

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**Men's Golf Association**

By George Blankenship

Well, here we go once more! It has been exactly one year ago that I wrote my first "informative" article for the World News. I know, I know! Most of you are thinking that I should have quit with the first one while I was ahead. (I was ahead, right?) Anyway, you are stuck with and depending on me for at least one more year for the latest breaking news from the MGA.

This is going to be one of those "little bit of everything" articles, so first let me mention the Gold Tees. The original plan was to have everyone sign up again at the first of the year for the Gold. However, it was decided that instead of signing up again, it made more sense to let a Gold Tee player opt out if he wishes. So, if you are now playing from the Gold and want to opt out for the first of the year, let someone in the Golf Shop or one of the MGA directors know.

If you wish to continue to play from the Gold, nothing is required of you. This does not preclude anyone new from signing up to play from the Gold Tees if you wish. Just remember that if you elect to play from the Gold in the MGA, a majority (50%+) of your other rounds must be played, and scores posted, from the Gold or you will be asked to return to the White Tees for MGA play.

Andy and the maintenance crew have completed the overseeding of both courses and they seem to be coming along really well. Hopefully, we are going to have a great winter to play golf, (not another one of those "You don't think I'm crazy enough to go out and play golf in that weather do you?" winters), and we will be able to take full advantage of the great conditions of our golf courses.

I believe that in the last five or six months both courses have been in the best condition I can recall since I have lived here. But hey, what do I know? I'm just a sprout. I have only been here five years.

As you read this, it is early December; which means it is time to sign up and pay your MGA dues for 2011. And hey! It's still only \$10 a year, still the best deal around. Just go to the members lounge and take one of the white envelopes; put your name and Ghin number on it. Indicate that it is for MGA dues and put it in the brown "Chicken" box. Remember, you must be a current MGA member to play in the first MGA event of 2011 on Jan. 5.

The time that I am writing this article coincides with the start of the Memorial Tournament. It looks like the weather is going to be perfect for these three days. Next year, this tournament will be called the Veterans Cup with a different format (see outside bulletin board); so hopefully, we will have increased participation.

Until next month, play well, have fun, and remember we "play" golf. It's a game.

**MGA 18 Hole Low Gross/Net**

**Oct. 13 / The Links**

Flight 1 Gross: 79-Tim O'Neil; 80-Gary Hassett; 81-Rudy Normandin.  
Flight 1 Net: 68-Ralph Solvold; 70-Tom Fragapane; 72-Gene Sohler.  
Flight 2 Gross: Tie at 84-Chuck Nicholas and Jim Weaver; 87-Ed Klodzen.  
Flight 2 Net: 66-Ron Thompson; 67-Marvin Williams; 70-Charles Casale. Flight 3 Gross: 88-James Merrick; Tie at 92-Hira Roy and Tony Capillo.  
Flight 3 Net: Tie at 69-Art Buecher and Bill Walker; Tie at 71-Jerry Segovis and Tary Bole.  
Flight 4 Gross: 94-Art Frescura; 96-Freddie Moody; 97-Sam Harris.  
Flight 4 Net: Tie at 95-Barry Barringer and Mike Flynn; Tie at 71-Bob Selmon and Frank Palotta.

**MGA 18 Team 3 Best Balls**

**Oct. 20 / Tortoise and the Hare**

181-Michael Drabicki, Phil Johnson, Richard Schiller and Robert Farineau. 186-Gene Sohler, Norm Lallier, Art Buecher and John Oneil. 190-William E Young Jr, Calvin Apperson, Francis Caprez and Frank Palotta. 191-George Blankenship, Leonard Ruble, Edward C. Wilson and Sam Harris. 193-Raymond Beloin, Dan Carty, Rocky Grooms and Ron Thompson.

**MGA Stableford**

**Oct. 27 / Tortoise and the Hare**

163-Douglas Coleman, Sam Harris, Blind Draw, Blind Draw. Tie at 162-Ian McCulough, Johnny Gill, Jerry Segovis and Phil Moherek; Jack Gustafson, Tom McHaffie, Bill Walker and Francis Caprez. 161-John Redden, Colin Adamson, Steve Molnar and Freddie Moody. 159-Bryant Giffin, Joe Dent, Charles Casale and Blind Draw. Tie at 158-Tim O'Neil, Jerry Chase, Norm Lantz and Donald Huston; Glenn Sauer, Raymond Beloin, Ronald Wilson and Jimmy Johnson. 157-John Langville, Art Dushary, Norm Lallier and Rogers Rice. 157-Jay Bouton, Paul B. East, James Merrick and Jack Ashenfelter.

**MGA 18 Chicken Day Scramble**

**Nov. 3 / The Links**

63-Johnny Gill, John Hudack, George Noltensmeyer and Joe Hayes. 65-Michael Drabicki, Dan Carty, Norm Lallier and Sam Harris. Tie at 66-Rudy Normandin, Bob Cates, Edward C.GT Wilson and William McGarry; Colin Adamson, Art Dushary, Jerry Segovis and Mike Flynn; Tom McHaffie, Joseph Bologna, Bernard Locklear and Frank Palotta. Tie at 67-William E Young Jr, Leonard Ruble, Tary Bole and James Moran; Steve Becker, John Langville, Art Buecher and Harry Brower; Larry Lucier, John Bauer, Ray Hellman and Rogers Rice; Gene Sohler, Larry Rourke, Fred Rodriguez and Bill Koch; John Hall, Rocky Grooms, Jimmy Johnson



**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

By Joe Alfano

All of us here at Candler Hills sincerely hope that "Old Jack Frost" continues to remain solely on the pumpkins and stays away from our fairways and greens for many more weeks to come. It's a great time to be "baffin yer ball" and we all hope it stays that way.

Congratulations to Joe Buba and Lon Scheibal on their recent election to the board of directors. Yours truly was elected to another term, yet it hasn't been determined whether it is a reward or punishment for the past two years of service.

A shout-out goes to Bruce Venslavsky and Linda Tiffany for the scrumptious bill of fare at our semi-annual members meeting. Introduced at the meeting by Candler Hills' version of the Three Tenors was the association's new fight song, "Back in the Fairway Again" (music by Gene Atry and

lyrics by Gerlach, Horton and Alfano).

The Candler Hills Member/Guest recently concluded and congratulations go out to flight winners Gil Schofield & Larry Miller, Joe Buba & Bill Bonner and Phil Moherek & Tony Bruno. Gil and Larry won the overall championship on the first play-off hole thanks to the ten foot par-saving putt by "Mr. Up an' Down" himself, Gil Schofield. Special thanks go out to director of golf, Sally Collins and her entire staff for a well-run and enjoyable tournament.

We welcome our newest member, Rich Lilly, to the association and we hope he enjoys the experience. A reminder to all members that it is that time of the year again - relax guys, you have months to go before April 15. Dues for 2011 are due by the end of the year and will remain at \$30.

Sam Snead once said, "keep close count of your nickels and dimes, stay away from whiskey, and never concede a putt." Not having to concede much of anything this past month was Pat Clayton (71), Tom Garrison (72), Chris Jett (73), Bruce Venslavsky, Lon Scheibal, & Walt Pacuk (76), Mike Buschur (77), and Bryant Giffin & Ray DeLuca (79). Nice job golfing your ball gentlemen!

Here's wishing everyone a joyous,

healthy and safe holiday season and, as always, a life full of "nothing but fairways and greens."

**Four-Man One Gross/One Net**

**Oct. 18**

125-Tom Garrison, Dick Masterson, Jim Bennett & Bob Starrett. 126-Chris Jett, Joe Buba, Dave Miller & Tony Bruno. 128-Pat Clayton, Tom Martinetto, Ken Zweiback & Stan Jarmel. 130-Chris Scharar, Bill Anger, Ray DeLuca & Joe Alfano.

**Two-Man Alternate Shot**

**Nov. 2**

Monitor Flight: 66-Tom Garrison & John McCoy. 70-Garry Gerlach & John Redden. 71-Walt Pacuk & Phil Bucchi and Dennis Norris & Joe Alfano.

Merrimack Flight: 69-Ken Zweiback & Charlie Tichy and Dave Miller & Stan Jarmel. 70-John Diaz & Mike Romm. 71-Jim Bennett & Ray DeLuca.

**Four-Man Scramble**

**Nov. 9**

62-Bryant Giffin, John McCoy, Jerry Lumpke & Fred Hobbins. 63-Lon Scheibal, Paul Fratangelo, Dave Miller & Tony Bruno. 63-Larry Joseph, Bob Grim, Joe Buba & Don Huston. 64-Chris Jett, Tom Martinetto, John Menzies & Bob Starrett.



**Model Railroaders**

By Jim Devine

**Earthquake!**

Well, not really. Although On Top of the World residents who visited our train room in the middle of October saw HO scale buildings pushed off their foundations, and sections of railroad tracks destroyed. What they actually saw was the work necessary to fix the minor wiring and track problems that were identified over the summer. With the club being reinforced by our returning snowbirds, we made revisions to the track to improve operations (i.e., have fewer derailments) and to allow more trains to be run simultaneously. The most obvious change visitors will see is that a third track now encircles the town.

Changes that we made that are less noticeable were the installation of new couplers on many of our older HO cars, and the upgrading of the N scale layout's power pack. These changes are also intended to improve the operation of the trains.

It's time for a surprise quiz. Where do you think the world's largest train yard is? Would you guess somewhere in China due to its immense population? Or perhaps

somewhere in Europe or on the east or west coasts of the United States?

According to Trains magazine, the world's largest rail yard is in North Platte, Nebraska. (That's right, scenic North Platte, Nebraska.) Their train yard has 315 miles of track, and handles 10,000 cars a day. They also service 300 locomotives daily. Their Golden Spike Tower rises eight stories above the yard, and visitors are welcome to visit the top floor of the tower for a "bird's eye" view of their operation.

It's likely that some of you will have family visiting for the Christmas holidays. I'd like to remind you that everyone's welcome to come down and see the trains whenever they want. A club member does not have to be present. We ask you to remember, however, that the trains and models are fragile, and not to touch the layout. We are making plans to have a train show for you sometime in early January, making it a "winter wonderland" show. We'll provide you with more details next month.

If you want to see model trains closer to Christmas, we suggest going to the Trains

of the Holidays show at the Webber Center on the College of Central Florida's (formerly known as Central Florida Community College) campus. The show runs from Dec. 15 through Dec. 30 (except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A number of model railroads will be in operation during the show, including the Ocala Model Railroader's modular layout.

The club has work sessions every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. to work on the layout or just to run some trains. Feel free to stop by and visit.

On Top of the World Model Railroader's Club meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in Meeting Room #3 of the Craft Building. Please join us if you're interested in becoming a member.

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## Billiards

By Richard Impresa

The dog days of summer are behind us, fall is in the air, and the snowbirds are back. You can see the difference as soon as you enter our pool room. Some new faces and returning seasonal residents join the year round regular players to keep the place busy. Combine this with league play and tournaments and you have a very active and lively billiard community.

Last month, Diana Villars (one of our newer members) organized, ran, and par-

ticipated in a mixed doubles eight-ball tournament. This was a unique tournament, in that it was played in a "scotch double" format. That means that the players took alternate shots, rather than one player shooting until he or she misses. When the match was over, first prize went to the team of Fred Adolf and Ruth Gretchen. Second place went to Leslie Conlon and Ray Stover, with Jayne Mulvey and Dave Englehart winning the third place award. Our thanks to all the participants and to the members who brought food for this event and especially Diana for her contribution of food, drink, time and effort to make this tournament a success.

Any organization or club is only as good as its members want it to be. On Top of the World Billiards club is fortunate to have people who volunteer to organize events

which benefit all members by providing opportunities for fellowship and camaraderie. Another example of this is the efforts of Bill Daly, Penny Wilson, and Leslie Conlon for their work on our annual holiday party. The seating is limited but at the time I am writing this column there are still some tickets available. If you're interested in attending, see Bill, Penny, or Leslie.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, additional thanks go out to Leslie, who also volunteered to prepare a billiard-themed Christmas wreath to be displayed in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. It would be well worth your while to view this wreath, along with dozens of others prepared by the various clubs. Each one is a work of art and uniquely constructed to personify the particular club they represent.

Even if you don't have the time, health,

or inclination to volunteer you can still contribute to the club's success by participating in these sponsored events. The basic expression of support and/or interest in any club can be found in joining the club and paying your annual dues. It's only \$5 for a calendar year and if you join up now, you're good until January 2012.

We will finish this year with about 152 paying members. So when you enjoy the well-maintained tables, balls, sticks, chalk, etc. you can be proud that you contributed to its success. I'm sure that all these volunteers would appreciate a "thank you" from our membership for their efforts. So don't hesitate

Until next time, happy holidays, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.



## Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

Our club did not have a dinner in October because of conflicting schedules among our members. This month, we did have two new couples join our club. As part of our guidelines, however, any new club members may attend one dinner before they should be prepared to host the following month.

Our club is currently looking for additional new members. If you are a couple who enjoys preparing and cooking food for others and enjoys entertaining people in your home, you might consider joining our club. Please call Luke at 304-8104 for more information.

Shown below is another of my personal favorite recipes. Usually, I prepare this for special occasions for my wife and myself. I call this recipe Valentine Steak as it was first described as a special treat for a Valentine dinner rather than going out to eat.

### Valentine Dinner for Two

¾ pound of tenderloin steak (two approximately equal size pieces)  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 Spanish onions, thinly sliced



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1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce  
¼ cup dark brown sugar  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Salt and pepper to taste  
Trim the excess fat from the steak if necessary. Score the fat side, if there is one.

Sprinkle the meat with salt and plenty of pepper, rubbing the seasonings into it.

In a heavy-based skillet, over high heat, melt the butter. Add the steak and sear on one side until brown. Turn the steak and continue to cook, turning it often, for 6 to 8 minutes or until the meat is pink and juicy in the center. Do not overcook. Set the meat aside.

Without wiping out the skillet, add the oil and heat it. Cook the onions, salt, and pepper over medium-high heat, stirring often, for 10 minutes or until the onions are lightly browned.

Stir in the tomato sauce, brown sugar and Worcestershire sauce. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 5 minutes.

Return the steak to the skillet and turn several times in the sauce so that it's coated all over.

Remove the steak from the pan and transfer it to a cutting board. Cut it on the diagonal into ¼ inch-thick slices.

Set the steaks on two dinner plates. Taste the sauce, and add more Worcestershire if you like.

Add some onions and sauce to each plate, then steak slices, and, finally more onions. Sprinkle with parsley and serve at once.



**DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES**



## Ladies Billiards

By Leslie Conlon

We hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and now are getting ready for the holiday season. Whether it is getting ready for company to come or planning on traveling, it's a very busy time of the year. I've been very busy also, so this article is going to be very short.

As you can see when you go to the Health & Recreation Ballroom, it has been decorated for the upcoming holidays. This is the second year the Billiards Club has participated in decorating a wreath for the wall. Ours is among other beautifully decorated wreaths representing the various clubs, I think it is a nice touch and something to show our visitors when they come. We might not have snow, but we know sure know what to decorate.

On Oct. 25, as stated in last month's article, Diana Villars hosted the Mixed Doubles Tournament. Diana did a great job and we would like to thank her for all the hard work she did. The winners were: first place, Ruth & Fred; second place, Leslie & Ray; third place, Jayne & Dave.

The Ladies Billiards group is planning a holiday luncheon on Monday, Dec. 13. This year, we will be going to The Mason Jar. Anyone attending the luncheon will put in \$5 each and we will purchase gift cards as prizes. In the past, we had done Secret Santa with the limit being \$5, but in today's economy we felt gift cards would be a better choice. We will see how it goes; sometimes change is a good thing.

We are also looking forward to our Billiards Club holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 16, at Golden Corral. The last I heard, Bill Daly and Penny Wilson only had a few tickets left; so if you haven't gotten yours as of yet, please contact either one of them.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2011. We hope to see new ladies coming to the billiard/pool room in the New Year. Remember, "A club is only as good as its members make it."

## The Movie Club Presents 'A Christmas Cottage'

By Mary Ehle

Christmas will soon be here. What a wonderful way to get in the spirit of the season by coming to the movie on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

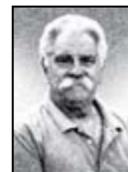
The movie is open to all residents. If you are not a member, you may pay \$2 at the door. Next year's membership is available

for the cost of \$6. You can see every show for about 50 cents.

The movie pick for this season's Christmas special is "A Christmas Cottage."

I know that many of you are Thomas Kinkade fans and this is the semi-autobiographical story of his life. It stars Jared Padalecki, Marcia Harden, Ed Asner and Peter O'Toole. Peter plays Glen Weisler who was Thomas's mentor.

It is a wonderful story about how all those marvelous paintings came about. Don't miss it. Treat yourself to an evening out and join all of us for a few hours. Happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.



## Bingo

By Mort Meretsky

It's December! I can't believe it! It seems like it was years ago when Lolly and I were talking about the possibility of purchasing new equipment and now it's here. It took lots and lots of time to accumulate enough money to purchase it.

The cost was around \$12,000 and it came from our portion from the sale of 70/30 tickets. Lolly and I would like to thank all of our Bingo players who participated in the 70/30 ticket sales. The equipment is now here!

We don't have any Bingo in December, but we'll start our New Year on Wednesday Jan. 5, and I hope to see a nice big crowd to usher in the New Year.

Lolly and I would like to wish our Bingo players a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a happy, healthy New Year.

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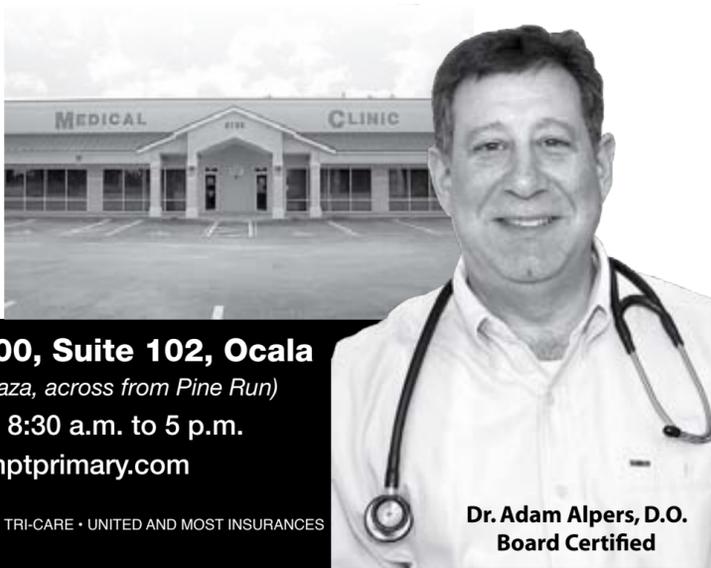


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## Winds of Windsor

By Joyce Wood

Did you know that on Sunday, Dec 12, the streets of Windsor will be lit with luminaries starting around 6 p.m.? We expect walkers and golf carts to be out to see the beauty of the evening.

The history and symbolism of Christmas luminaries is interesting. Some luminaries were small paper lanterns, which were made when colored paper was brought to this continent from the Orient. Instead of hanging these delicate lanterns from trees or on wires, they were placed on the ground, on rooftops and along pathways.

Luminaries are also linked through history to the ancient tradition of communicating, warning and celebrating through linked bonfires. For instance, the lighting of hundreds of bonfires along the Mississippi River in Louisiana originated with German and French settlers who migrated to the state in the 19th century.

Our snowbirds have all returned safely and we are one again.

The blue birds started to set up home-making in our birdhouse mid-November. What a sight to see as the days end; a dozen or more blue birds circling our trees and

their house.

I decided that this month I would tell you something about the Windsrites. Did you know that we have several residents who star gaze at night as they calculate where Venus is in relation to the North Star? I find it interesting that among all the clubs and activities available here that there is no astronomy group. We have some RC flyers, sailors, swimmers, good cooks, and some who make furniture, quilts, and pottery.

Did you know that we have many walkers? One of our residents walks at least 10 miles a day during all seasons?

Did you know that there are several bicyclists who ride during the week followed by breakfast at The Pub?

We have some opera enthusiasts, a clarinet musician who plays at summer resorts, and there are about a dozen ladies who line dance year round. Despite all these activities almost all our neighbors volunteer in the community in one way or another.

My husband and I have lived here for over three years and we have met so many interesting people throughout the entire complex; the warmth and generosity of all those that live here is evident when someone needs a ride, a piece of furniture moved, a meal or whatever.

On behalf of all of us in the Windsor loop, we wish all of you season's greetings during the holidays and may peace be with all around the world.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 390-2359.

## Candler Connection

By Don Grosner

Did you hear about the Candler Connection Halloween party, the Monster Mash? Did you see the pictures? Were you there? If not, you missed a great time!

Looking back over this year's columns, I have tried to highlight some other great times shared with Candler Hills neighbors. The column on Duffers Golf highlighted the attempts by people with little or no golfing experience having a great time while learning the game of golf.

The Sunset Club meets by chance but on a few occasions, participants have been rewarded with an up-close look and the sounds of nature here in our own backyard. While the howling of coyotes may be common to some residents, it has been a great time for several willing to tough it out as the sun sets and the wildlife begins its nightly prowling at the fringes of Candler Hills.

I never thought that touring the waterworks serving On Top of the World could be described as a great time but nearly everyone in our group of twenty all agreed

that it was!

Great times are found, not sent to your front door. If you want to find a great time, you must decide to participate, buy that ticket to a party, sign up for Duffers Golf at the Golf Shop, drive your cart to the Sunset Club rendezvous or take that Master the Possibilities sponsored water-works tour. Have your own great time!

Candler Connection can help you find that next great time. When you see an event advertised, get a few friendly neighbors together, participate and make it a great time.

Hope to see you at the holiday party at the Arbor Club this week. Let's have a great time!

Are you a new resident to Candler Hills? Please call John Podkomorski at 875-9890 to update our neighborhood directory and learn about our New Neighbor Welcome event on the third Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center, RSVP required.

For residents of Candler Hills, or if you'd like to see what our neighborhood experience is all about, you can find more information at the Candler Connection website at [www.candlerconnection.org](http://www.candlerconnection.org).



## Avalon Social Group

By Lorraine Rourke

What a great turnout in November! Our snowbirds are definitely back! The food was oh so tasty and included a variety of casseroles, meat dishes, etc. If you didn't make it, you really missed a good one.

Ralph gave a great presentation afterwards on various home repairs to keep in mind and changes you might want to think of. Thank you to Ralph for his presentation, Ed for the running the raffle, and the many helpers who helped set up, pick up and clean up!

The Dec. 6 Christmas potluck will have some neat decorations to celebrate the holi-

day season. Those who would like baked ham with their meal will need to pick up a ticket for this no later than Dec. 3 as we need a head count to purchase the meat. Please contact Bev Moreau at 854-2498, Jan Bancroft at 237-5747, Lorraine Rourke at 390-2120, Joanne Barnes at 304-8206 or Darlene at 873-0156.

It's a potluck with everyone bringing a dish, so if you don't like ham, come with your dish and enjoy the meal and holiday spirit. Bring a dish to share of appetizer, salad, fruit, bread, vegetable, casserole, meat, pasta, a serving utensil, and a non-alcoholic beverage. We assign the desserts so please don't bring one. We will have a 50/50 raffle to support our events.

If you think of it, bring canned food or pet food to donate to those in need.

Our 2011 events will be Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 14, April 4, May 2, June 6, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5.

If you have any questions or ideas, call Lorraine at 390-2120.



## Genealogical Society

By Elizabeth Kyle

Several months ago, I described a painstaking method I used to find my father's ancestors because they always claimed to be Scots. Using the IFH county websites, I explored the frequency of the surnames "Kyle and Patterson" in the counties of Ireland.

Because they were Episcopal, I figured they must be somewhere in Ulster Plantation, the name the English gave to lands taken from the Irish nobility in the 17th century.

Finding both surnames in county Tyrone, I was able to find birth, marriage and death records for my grandparents and great grandparents.

In one of his e-mails, Ron Chard recommended Googling for information about the surnames. Lo and behold! The three Kyle men, William, James, and Robert who had been loyal to the king were given a land grant to much of what is now county Tyrone.

William moved to Tyrone from Ayrshire in southwest Scotland. The names William and James frequently are found in my father's ancestry.

Now, I want to spend a summer in Ulster researching, visiting places where they lived, and discovering the facts of what little ears heard when they were too young to understand.

"Family Tree Maker" classes will be taught at Master the Possibilities in February and March.

Educational meetings continue on the third Monday at 10 a.m. in Suites A and B of the Arbor Conference Center.

We have seen demonstrations of a simple photo scanning device from Pandigital, a genealogical trip to Croatia, and using Picasa to edit and improve the appearance and readability of photos and documents. These presentations are an invaluable learning tool for those of us in the early stages of our search.

Our regular meetings are on the second Monday at 10 a.m. in Meeting Room 3 of the Craft Building. Helen Gromullz comes early to open the library. It is rich with resources to help in your search.

If you can see that genealogy is as much fun as a treasure hunt, come and visit. You might be tempted to join in your own search!

## Jamming in the Park

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The fourth annual Salsa Meets Jazz event took place at The Town Square on Saturday, Nov. 6. There were plenty of vendors; some selling handmade goods and jewelry while another was selling Spanish style food. Mr. B's Big Scoop had his grill fired up but the most popular item sold that evening was hot chocolate and coffee.

Plenty of spectators filled The Town Square to dance when the band started playing. The beat of Latin music was the

start of the entertainment for the evening. While the band took a break, a dance group took center stage performing all kinds of dances; even Arabic dances.

The performances for the evening included Sound of Joy, Jamming in the Park, Al "Jazzman King", Caylenn Renee, Jota R, Orquesta Perfecta Paz, Danza Arabe Dancers, Rosanna "Queen of the East" and more.

It was an enjoyable evening.



Photo by Bob Woods

Jamming in the Park on The Town Square.

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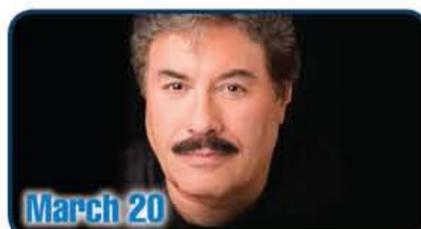
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**Ballet Club**

By Eugenie Martin

With Christmas on the way, I want to remind you about that annual holiday treat, The Nutcracker. With familiar music composed by P. I. Tchaikovsky, it is fun filled and beautiful, something for all ages to enjoy. Locally, there will be performances at the Ocala Civic Theatre in Ocala and the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Gainesville. I urge you all to attend.

The Ballet Club is busily preparing to perform at the On Top of the World Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 in the Circle Square Cultural Center. The Expo will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will let you know next month of our performance time.

We now have four classes each week; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m., Mondays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. To accommodate the larger number of dancers taking class, we are adding a fifth ballet barre. The barres are used during the first half of the class, to help us warm and stretch our bodies in preparation for dancing routines in the center of the studio. When we are not using the barres, they are taken down and stored out of the way in a corner.

As usual, our classes are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio, adjacent to the indoor swimming pool. For information, please feel free to call me at 854-8589. Happy dancing!



**Sidekicks Western Dance Club**

By Jim & Nell Entinger

Things have been rolling right along for the Side Kicks. We are having great turn-outs for dancing on Tuesdays and practice on Sundays. New members are quickly learning the dance patterns; we will be able to pick up the pace this month.

The responses to our new name and our logo have been great. When you come to The Town Square on weekends, you will see many of us wearing colorful shirts with the logo on them. Let us know what you think.

A special shout out to Roger and BJ Schwartz, the secretary/treasurer for our club. They have done an outstanding job keeping up with the attendance, nametags and club correspondence. They came up with our logo and found a place to have shirts embroidered with the logo. We can't thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication.

Due to the holidays, our schedule for December has changed. Please note that there will be no dancing or practices Dec. 19 through Jan. 4. Due to a conflict, we will not be dancing on Dec. 14. Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, Dec. 16 instead. This will be our last dance of the year and it will be special.

However you celebrate, enjoy and be safe. See you next year.

For more information, call Nell Entinger at 861-5351 or Carla and Tony Magri at 873-8387.



**Ballroom Dance Club**

By Richard P. Vullo

All of the members of the Ballroom Dance Committee wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Even during the holidays, some of our members continue to take ballroom dance lessons from Trish Sands of Ocala Dance Center. For information on days and times, call Trish at 351-2423 or send her an e-mail at ocaladancecenter@centurylink.net. Others take lessons from Joe Mounts who holds ballroom dance classes at The Beacon Ballroom Dance Studio, 401 NW 3rd Avenue and at Urban Cowboy. He can be reached at 620-5280 and beaconballroom@yahoo.com.

Both Joe and Trish are available for private lessons. Other lessons and dance opportunities are available at numerous venues throughout the county.

The "Dancin' on the Top" committee held its traditional Harvest Dance on Nov. 20. About 180 people enjoyed dancing to the music provided by "Automatic." They also enjoyed the complementary hors d'oeuvres prior to taking the floor.

If you haven't yet purchased your tickets for the annual New Year's Eve celebration, hurry. As in the past, this dance will sell out. This year, the music will be provided by "Sounds of Time." The New Year's Eve dance will be special. Shrimp, hors d'oeuvres and snacks will be served at each table and coffee and sweets will be available at midnight along with the traditional champagne toast. Party favors and noise-makers will add to the fun.

The cost this year will be only \$18 per person. Ticket sales will begin Dec. 6 at the Health & Recreation Ballroom from 9 to 10 a.m. and will continue every Monday and Wednesday until sold out. For more information, call Jack Stone at 873-3083.

For spring 2011, the dance dates are: the Sweetheart Dance, Feb. 12 with "Tomauro" and the Spring Fling Dance, April 23 with "Automatic." It's a great start to the New Year, so mark your calendars and plan on attending each dance.



**Line Dancing**

By George Conklin

Carole Smith can organize a cardboard box full of Beagle pups. Carole's 34 years as an elementary school teacher have provided her with the skills and patience to teach the newcomers, level one and two line dance classes.

The Monday 1 p.m. newcomer's class in the Arbor Club Ballroom started in September and has 56 students. The newcomer's class is step-by-step (put your left foot here put your right foot here) instruction in some of the easier dances and includes some dances we do at both the Friday night Arbor Club Happy Hour and at The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights.

The newcomers are learning not only the easier dances, but also the dance nomenclature, such as: vine, kickball change, step, touch, shuffle and rock recover. These short word phrases describe standard step sequences that allow the more advanced dancers to understand the sequences of a dance.

The newcomers dance to straight rhythm one step per beat of the music and syncopated rhythms with two steps per beat. Carole's newcomers, level one and two classes are providing the foundation learning for a new group of On Top of the World line dancers.

With that big Thanksgiving dinner behind us, we need to get out there and dance to take it off. But just as we get that under control, we have Christmas and New Year's. Our dance instructors will be enjoying the holidays with families and friends so there will be no classes on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

Carole, the instructor for beginners, level one and two, is also taking off the Monday prior to Christmas, Dec. 20. We will be back on our normal Monday schedule on Jan. 10. See you on the dance floor, just stay in line and step when the drum goes thump.

For detailed information contact, Bernie and Teresa Randolph, 291-7570; Janice Meade, 861-9345; Bob Ferguson, 873-4478; or Carole Smith, 237-4826.



**Square Dancing**

By Walter Lamp

On Oct. 23, we had our Harvest Hoe-down. The stage and tables were all decorated in a fall theme, with lighted pumpkins, scarecrows and even a bale of hay to add to the scenery.

Of course, our two callers, Jack Lewis and Scotty Sherrer, took it from there. Besides their unique calling, the floor was packed with dancers and that only added to the challenge of the evening. With some squares pretty close, and with folks moving right along, there were some close calls and even a few unintended bumps. But, it made the dancers move more cautiously as they completed their calls. It only added to the fun of the evening and the dancing.

The special outfits and all kinds of foods to enjoy (so we could keep up our energy) made up the other parts of a really fun night.

We had our hillbilly theme dance on Oct. 26. Many of our members were all dressed in hillbilly outfits, with the traditional Halloween costumes and some customary square dance get ups. The costumes added to the fun and enjoyment, but the real fun was square dancing itself. Costumes and the decorations really added to the evening.

Now looking forward to December and the holiday season, we have ways of making the holiday season a lot jollier. Guess how? That's right, a bunch of square dances to get us in the Christmas mood, with plenty of food to snack and plenty of exercise to

work it all off.

The first event is the Snowflake Ball on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Being a Saturday night dance, that means that there will be more decorations, more food and more time to dance. A pretty good combination, I think. Our callers will be Don Hanhurst and Art Springer from Tampa. Also, Loretta Hanhurst will be the cue for the rounds.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, as part of our monthly theme dances, we will be hosting the Holiday Frolic, again with a Christmas theme, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

Finally, on Dec. 30, one year to the day, our regular callers, Don and Loretta Hanhurst, will be hosting their annual New Year's Eve Eve Dance, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom, from 7 to 10 p.m.

This is the last dance of the year for our club. I know that it gives me time to look back over the year here at Circle Squares. All the dances my wife and myself have attended. All the squares we formed, all the laughter and smiles we shared with others and even the times, for whatever reason, when we missed a call. All the new steps we learned and, of course, all the pounds we lost with all of this exercise. Well, if not pounds, at least a few ounces or two.

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**R/C Flyers**

By Bob Wroblewski

Brr! It was cold on the morning of our Fly-In, but that did not stop the wonderful residents of On Top of the World from coming out to witness the day's event. At least 225 residents were on hand to watch 46 pilots take to the air during the day.

When attendees arrived, they received a warm welcome by the parking crew and were given a RC Magazine and a Newcomers Guide from the Academy of Model Aeronautics to take home.

Dick Rose, our event director, kept things moving throughout the day. In charge of the flight line and spotters was Richard Bridges.

The Ladybirds had plenty of hot coffee to keep everyone warm and later on they served delicious burgers and hot dogs. The kitchen crew headed by Stan Stein, were mighty busy during lunch time.

During the noon break, the pilots displayed their aircraft for the spectators to look over and a pilot's choice award was voted on by the pilots. The aircraft that won first place was a third scale, Bristol Scout biplane owned by Walt Moucha, from Ft. Pierce, Fla.

This month, we feature the cast members of the first ever, noon time show. As pictured from left to right they are Dick Rose, Corsair pilot, Allen Kowalsky, spotter, Ervin Schamal, spotter, Harry Lock-

wood, Corsair pilot, Bob Perry spotter, Larry Riehl, Corsair pilot, Joe Fanelli, Show organizer and Director, Doug Ensley, assistant director, Bob Wroblewski, Announcer, Sid Sherman, Black Baron's accomplice, Cathy Fanelli, Trudy Truelove, Bela Mandl, The Black Baron, Steve Sauger Tank designer and commander, Skip Mast, tank operations. The show lasted for ten minutes and was packed with action. Joe Fanelli wrote the script and provided computer driven sound effects and music that required perfect timing.

In short, the show was about good versus evil. The Black Baron would do anything to win over the affections of Trudy Truelove. However, Trudy's true love was Dudley Doright of the Doright Squadron. The Black Baron decided to take out the Aero factory where Trudy worked, with his tank. Unbeknownst to him, the Doright squadron was in the air and had seen what the Black Baron was up to.

One by one, the three Corsairs swept in and dropped bombs to disable the Black Baron's tank. After two misses, a direct hit was made. Trudy Truelove came out waving at the corsair squadron while the Black Baron and his henchman picked up the disabled tank and went home. Prior to landing in sequence, the Corsairs did a victory roll. Who knows what the Black Baron will do next? We'll have to wait until next year's show to find out.

Our thanks to all of the spectators for coming out despite the cold weather and to all the club members and Ladybirds for making this event a success.

Our fondest wishes go out to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget, you are always welcome at the field.



Photos by Mike Roppel

**D'Clowns, Diane Sistrunk (DeDe), Katherine Anshewitz (Skittles), and Nancy Schiff (CoCo) at the Marion County Sheriff's SW District Office on Halloween.**



**D'Clowns**

By Paula Magen

Golly, the months fly! It's December and it feels like I just wrote last month's D'Clown column!

The highlight of the season has to be the Marion County Sheriff's Halloween Party. We had five clowns face painting. New clowns, Penny and Clarabell, looked terrific and did a great job of decorating faces. Another new clown, Giggles, joined the others who were tattooing and also gave out Mardi Gras beads. There were nine clowns in all; who were kept very busy. A disc jockey, food, dancing, bounce house and games by Friendship Kiwanis made for a fun filled safe Halloween. We look forward to next year!

At our next meeting, we will be practicing skits to present to Hampton Deerwood, an assisted living residence. This will be followed by Kids and Cookies at TimberRidge.

We enjoy seeing the four and five year olds who are bussed from the Childhood Development Center. At TimberRidge, they do an activity with the seniors in residence. It will most likely be a Thanksgiving craft.

D'Clowns were invited to celebrate Thanksgiving on Nov. 22 for "Take Stock in Children." It is an important mentoring program for underprivileged children. We painted faces and tattooed the youngsters.

The annual Golf Cart Parade on Dec. 8 will be fun. Come catch our candy canes! This year, clown Penny will be decorating her cart. Clown Clarabell will be decorating the Health & Recreation Ballroom wreath.

D'Clowns will again be doing a show at the Superior, an assisted living facility for memory support, on Dec. 13.

Kids and Cookies will be early in the month on Dec. 9. They love getting beads and doing activities with the residents.

It's so nice to be busy spreading laughter and smiles. Come join us! Our meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 1:30 p.m.

For information, call Paula at 873-3433.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!



Photo by Charlie Smith

Noon time show cast members.

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**Ocala Clown Express**

By Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Our clowns were on the move last month. What a busy time of the year it is for us.

You would have found us at many festivals in November. We were at Druid Hills

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Church festival and at Hale Academy to name a few. We were face painting and making balloons. If it is not too windy, the children can get a tattoo.

We had two workshops to prepare for these types of events. In October, face painting was reviewed and we had a training session on balloon making in November.

We still continued our program at the hospital. Miss Priss has added a great bubble gum trick for the children. After we did our basic bike safety, fire safety and do not talk to strangers skits, we were able to do some magic and songs. We always have a good time with the children.

We will be getting ready to ride in the Golf Cart Parade. We will be in decorated golf carts and all dressed in costume.

Our clown Christmas party is Dec. 6. We will have to tell you about that next month. Get a room full of clowns and you never know what can happen!

We do lots of great things and would love for you to join us. You can always call Dot-sy, aka Carol White, at 873-9223 or Rosey Nosey, aka Marge at 291-0077. Why not come to a meeting and learn more about us? 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!

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# Local Artist and Philanthropist

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

As a young boy, Donald MacMurray loved to spend his spare time sketching. And as both he and his sketching matured, he discovered and mastered the watercolor medium. Along the way, he graduated from artist to artist plus philanthropist.

If this sounds all too puzzling, let's explain.

A resident of Candler Hills, Don MacMurray is a watercolor artist who donates a good deal of his works to charitable causes. For example, over the past three years he has donated art pieces to Rally for the Cure, an On Top of the World annual fundraiser for the cure of breast cancer. He has also donated works to our 18th Hole LPGA Invitational. When asked what motivates him to donate some of his exquisite watercolors, he will tell you that he simply enjoys the sharing and seeing other people benefit from his talent.

Mr. MacMurray is a native of New Jersey, where he studied at the Newark School of Fine Arts, as well as with several important watercolorists at the Montclair Art Museum. His works have been purchased for display at Rutgers University. Most re-

cently he was awarded with the Blue Ribbon for his "Fall at 4" watercolor at the Marion Cultural Alliance Artful Gifts exhibit.

Driven by their love of art, Donald and his wife, Patricia, a folk-art artist, have visited just about every art museum in the U.S. As a by-product of those travels, Don can point to pictures that he's painted from Washington State to Texas, and of course, Florida.

He and Patricia eventually settled in Marshfield, Mass., where he was on the board of directors of the North River Art Association and taught evening classes at the Abington Arts Association. His works were featured at the Duxbury Art Museum. Donald's distinguished career includes serving as a crew chief during the Korean War with the 49th Bomber Group, which flew those amazing F-84 fighter jets.

Donald MacMurray's generosity with his artwork is indicative of the spirit of giving so pervasive in the On Top of the World community. His sharing gives back to those groups and organizations that help to enrich the entire Ocala community. Thank you Don.



Photo by Ray Cech

Donald MacMurray with a few of his watercolors.



## SPCA

By Maria Devine

The three "G" sisters are six months old now and still need homes. You can have your own kitten network by adopting Gidget, Ginger or Grace. They have been lovingly fostered and socialized since they were born. Here's a picture of Gidget just imploring you to give her a chance. So power up that kitty litter and give Arlene a call at 875-9761 so that these girls can have a home for the holidays.

Looking for a different kind of dog? How about a four-year-old Boston terrier named Zippy who likes to have his toenails polished? You can unleash your inner creative diva attending to Zippy's grooming. Zippy is a 15-pound ball of fun, whose favorite activities are cuddling, playing with toys, and laying in the sunshine. Zippy would make a great companion for a senior. He's great in the car, loves to go for walks and is even house trained to use a doggie door. He has AKC papers, is current on all shots, neutered and micro-chipped. Did we say that he's really cute? You will be the envy of all your friends when you're out about town with this Beau Brummell of a boy. Please call Genevieve at 237-1322 to meet him.

The dogs of the month at Marion County Animal Services were taken in as part of a cruelty case. Taz, a Pekingese/Chihuahua mix and Mia, a longhaired Chihuahua are both 10 years old. Don't let their ages scare you away; Chihuahuas and their mixes are among the longest living breeds and can even live up to 20 years.

Taz is an extremely sweet, loving and loyal boy. He forms attachments quickly if he is given the attention he craves. Although Taz walks

well on a leash, sometimes he likes to be carried. Wouldn't we all like to be that small and get a free ride every once in a while? But that's no problem for Taz, he's just a bit of a thing. If you give him a home now, you can put a carryall on your holiday wish list. Please call Marion County Animal Services at 671-8700 and tell them Taz's ID number, which is A023677. Let Taz's second act be his (and your) best.

Mia, the lovely longhaired Chihuahua, will bring a lot of love into your life, and she's easy to live with. She's very quiet and doesn't bark much at all, but she still has plenty of spunk left in her. Perfectly leash and crate trained, she's always game for a nice walk. Mia likes to be held and petted, and is quick to warm up to people she meets. Please call 671-8700 to meet Mia. Her ID number is A023677.

In lieu of our regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16, we will have our holiday luncheon at Candler Hills Restaurant. We'll call or e-mail members with the time.

As always, the SPCA is available to help those in need in the community. If you need our help or want to help, please call us at 362-0985. Also check us out at the Farmer's Market on Dec. 2.

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Mia



Taz



Zippy

## Grand Re-Opening

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

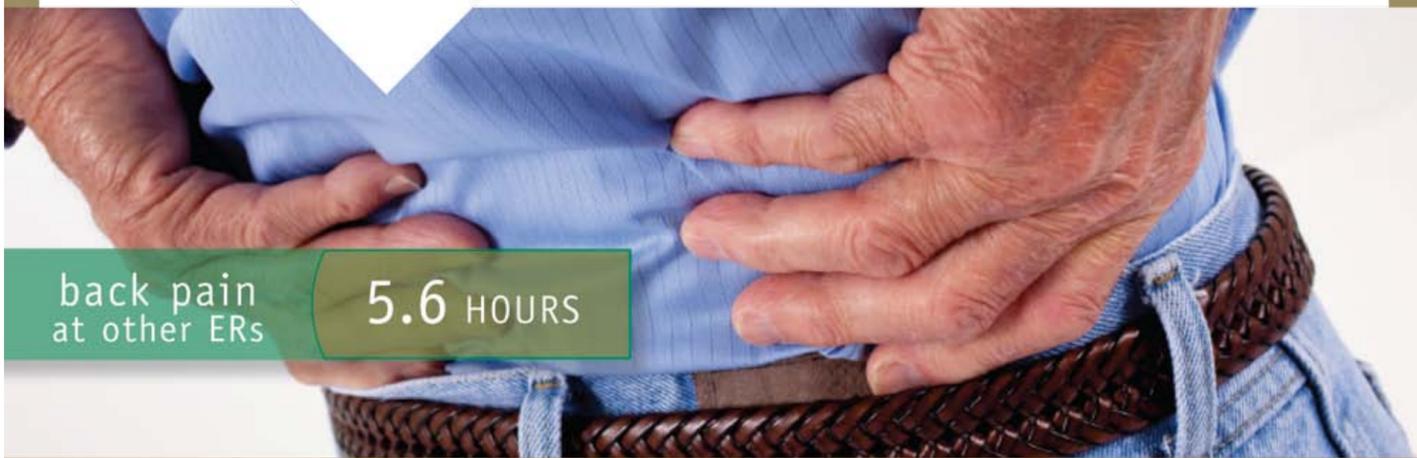
The grand re-opening of the Candler Hills Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 28, was an event filled with music by

Le Croix, a bountiful buffet, and just plain neighborly chitchat. The event, was held to celebrate the expansion and further beautification of the Community Center. More than 150 Candler Hills neighbors showed up to participate in the celebration.

The Candler Hills Community Center was transformed into a brighter and larger venue replete with a portable dance floor. Yep, portable, just fifteen minutes and you can be doing the bunny-hop.

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## Travel Toppers

By Jo Swing

The snowbirds are back and the holiday season is in full swing. The two December trips are full, but both can use wait lists. The first is the Dec. 10 trip to Jacksonville to see the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show. To be put on the wait list, call Allan Rickards. The always popular Christmas show at the Show Palace Dinner Theater is also full, but can use a wait list. Call Pat Hood to be put on it.

Travel Toppers starts the New Year with two special trips. The first is our mystery trip, Saturday, Jan. 8. The cost is \$55 and includes buffet meal, show, bus and tips for meal and bus driver. Put a surprise in your life and call Pam Giddings for reservations.

Back again is our very popular trip to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Com-

plex on Monday, Jan. 17. This fascinating tour includes the four-story LC-39 Observatory Gantry, the Apollo/Saturn V Center, two IMAX films, and a chance to meet at real astronaut. The cost of this adventure is \$62, which includes coach, admission and tip for driver. Meal will be at own expense. Call Glo Hutchings for reservations.

Reservations start Monday, Dec. 13 for the Thursday, Feb. 10 presentation of the musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at the Show Palace Dinner Theater. The show chronicles the life of J. Pierpointe Finch as he climbs the corporate ladder from window washer to high-powered executive. The cost of \$64 covers show, buffet, bus and tips for driver and meal. The coordinator is Joan Connolly.

Travel Toppers has two cruises for 2011. The first is a Western Caribbean cruise on the Carnival Dream, Saturday, April 2 to Saturday, April 9. The cruise starts at Port Canaveral and visits the ports of Cozumel, Mexico, Isla Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya, Mexico before returning to Port Canaveral. Prices range from \$729 per person for inside to \$1,079 per person for balcony.

The second cruise is a 14-day Hawaiian

cruise, Saturday, Oct. 22 to Saturday, Nov. 5 on Holland America's Oosterdam. We sail from San Diego, visit four Hawaiian islands, sail back to Mexico and end back in San Diego. The prices are \$2,369 for inside, \$2,769 for ocean view, and \$3,269 for veranda. These prices include roundtrip bus to Orlando airport, roundtrip airfare to San Diego, port transfers and taxes.

There is an optional San Diego excursion leaving On Top of the World on Oct. 21 with a tour of San Diego on Oct. 22 before boarding the ship. For more information and/or reservations, call Allan Rickards.

The current Travel Toppers brochure is now available on line. Go to [www.on-topoftheworld.com](http://www.on-topoftheworld.com). Click on neighborhood and then click on clubs and activities. Scroll down to Travel Toppers and click. This will bring up our latest brochure.

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

All of us in Travel Toppers wish everyone a happy, healthy, bright holiday season. Until next time, happy travels to all.



## Southern Club

By Charlotte Hancock

The Southern Club members had a rip snorting good time at our country western night on the Nov. 4. Everyone was excited about our dinner that was catered by Sonny's. We had ribs, chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, and potato salad. Our members brought dessert, which consisted of Jeanne Stanley's famous bread pudding, pies and cakes.

Thanks to Edith Owens and her sidekick, Mary Carol Geck, who decorated our tables with cowboy boots made from paper. These boots were filled with flowers or candy and were given as door prizes. Our thanks to all the members who pitched in to help set up and clean up the tables.

Jeanne Stanley was shining brightly in her white and gold jeans. Plus her gold boots were stunning. Leo Sehler looked like he stepped right out of a western movie in his jeans, leather vest, hat and boots. There were other women and men dressed in western wear from white western shirts, vests, plaid shirts, cowboy hats and red boots. Everyone looked great; all dressed for our country/western night. Charlotte Erickson had a good time introducing everyone to her pet blow up cow. Or was it a bull?

Our entertainment was really fun. Close your eyes and Willie Nelson was there. Dave Miller's rendition of Willie Nelson and his songs were excellent. Thanks to Judy Furfaro and Dave Miller for their lovely country tunes.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. We will be having ham and asking all members to bring a dish to feed at last eight people. We will be collecting \$4 at the door to offset the cost of the ham. The chorus from Westport High School will be our entertainment.

Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for the children ages newborn through 15 who live in the Ocala National Forest. Monetary donations will be accepted and this will go to buy clothing for the children.

The Southern Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## Pennsylvania Club

By Pat Utiss

Our Christmas party will be on Dec. 1. I will report on the Christmas party in next month's newspaper.

It is not too late to donate toys to the Salvation Army. We won't be taking the donations into the facility until the second week of December, so if you still want to donate through the Pennsylvania Club, bring the toys to our home.

Our November meeting was a success. Our speaker was Jaye Perrett of the Endangered Animals Rescue Sanctuary. She was a really good speaker and those in attendance really enjoyed her stories of tigers, lions and chimpanzees. She invited us to become contributing members of the Sanctuary and to tour the facility in Citra. Several members were enthusiastic about this, so we will be planning that trip for a future outing.

Due to the absence of our regular refreshment chairman, I want to thank Carol Emrick for stepping into that roll. She also had the assistance of Dick and Florence Soens and Jim and Mary Lou Chesney.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the officers and members of the Pennsylvania Club.



## Williamsburg Cruise Club

By Fred O'Blenis

Welcome aboard! It is December and we will soon be back from our cruise on the Carnival Dream. I have not had time to write about our November trip as of yet, but will have something about the 92 people that went on this cruise in the next issue of the World News. When we return on Dec. 4, most of us will be washing the dirty clothes and packing for the upcoming cruise on Feb. 27, 2011 on the Freedom of the Seas.

Before we went on our cruise, I was talking with some of the people about get-away

vacations for retirees. We have the luxury of leaving at almost anytime and the financial means to enjoy life in our "golden years." There are countless ads about land vacations by air, car and/or motor coach. Although, in my opinion, the hassle of packing, unpacking at different locations with long highway hours on a bus just isn't how I want to spend my away time.

By comparison, based on an advertised cost, a motor coach trip of about \$1,000 per person gets you five nights in hotels, eleven meals and five shows. A seven-night cruise on the Freedom of the Seas in February 2011 with a balcony cabin costs \$1,085.85 per person, and includes at least 21 meals and plenty of other dining opportunities in between, a different show every night and door-to-door service via a floating resort to interesting ports-of-call.

Other stateroom categories are even less expensive like an ocean view at \$855.85 per

person, promenade for \$805.85 or inside cabin for \$755.85. I, for one, like the optional transportation service to the cruise terminal, then unpack and sleep in the same bed. I can do nothing or stay busy without worrying about missing the bus/airplane to yet another hotel. Call Fred at 237-6367 to discuss all that a cruise can offer.

Cabins for the February cruise are nearly sold out, so don't wait. A \$250 per person deposit will hold a cabin, and is fully refundable until final payment is due, should you have to cancel for any reason. Oh by the way, we have a \$100 on board per cabin credit for you.

It's not too early to think about our November 2011 cruise on Royal Caribbean's new ship the Allure of the Seas. I'm really excited about this one. I'll cover more on this in my upcoming column. Until then, fair winds and following seas.

the Conch Republic. This is the last call if you would like to join the group to Key West.

I have flyers and all details for the Pensacola coach trip departing April 5 for a three-night/four-day excursion to the Panhandle to tour the Naval Aviation Museum, reportedly one of the best aviation museums in the world. At the museum, we will watch the Navy's Blue Angels practice and have a chance to talk with the group's pilots. The trip will also include a guided tour of the Mobile, Ala. Carnival Museum (where the Mardi Gras was born), then the beautiful Bellingrath Gardens enjoying a tour of the gardens, house, and cruise. Lunch will

be provided in the Magnolia Café.

After the Bellingrath Gardens, the tour will stop at the Battleship USS Alabama where you can tour the ship, inside and out, plus other military equipment along with aircraft in a hanger.

In October, the club will depart for a nine-day coach trip to Boston touring the city and surrounding towns such as Cambridge, Salem, Lexington, Concord, along with Rockport and Gloucester. On the return trip, we will stop at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut and the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond, Va. I have booked a five-night Western Caribbean Cruise on the Freedom of the Seas sailing Dec. 18 from Port Canaveral visiting Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Florida. A fun packed holiday cruise.

Also, I have booked space on another fantastic 12-night cruise on the Radiance of the Seas. The ship will spend seven days in Hawaiian waters before continuing its itinerary to Vancouver, B.C. where we will fly home. I have prices for the cabins now but can't give prices for transfers and airfare, as they are not available at this time. You can book space now for a cabin and if airfare is too costly, you can get your deposit refunded. Book now to get your cabin of choice. Date of this cruise is April 21 or 22, 2012.

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**World Traveler**

By Bill Shampine

Because Haiti has been in the news so much over the past several months, I thought it might be interesting to learn a little bit about the country. I freely admit that it is not a tourist hot spot, particularly right now, but we all should try to understand it a bit better.

The Republic of Haiti, southeast of Cuba, is slightly smaller than Maryland, and occupies the western one third of the island of Hispaniola. The eastern two thirds of the island is the Dominican Republic.

When Christopher Columbus landed on the island of Hispaniola at Môle Saint-Nicolas in December 1492, the lives of the native Taíno Indians were changed forever! They did try to fight the Spanish occupiers, but they were no match for the Spaniards' superior weapons and, even more deadly, the chronic infectious diseases they brought with them. It only took about 25 years for smallpox to wipe out the Taínos.

As colonization grew, the Spanish began to import slaves from Africa in 1517 to replace the forced labor of the indigenous Indians. With a favorable climate and cheap slave labor, the sugar, coffee, and indigo industries thrived. Hispaniola also became a

haven for pirates in the late 16th century, with the area now known as Haiti being dominated by French buccaneers and settlers.

Over the next 280 years, there were many struggles among the French, Spanish, and British as they all tried to control the wealth of the region. The huge slave population revolted in 1801, which finally was resolved on Jan. 1, 1804, when Haiti became the first independent black republic and the only nation ever born of a slave revolt.

One result of the constant fighting was a steady exodus of the people, many of whom came to the United States. In 1809, for example, nearly 10,000 French Créole colonists left Haiti and settled in New Orleans, thus creating an influence that is visible even today.

Independence did not stop the political unrest, however, as there have been 32 coups since 1804. From 1915 to 1934, the United States occupied the island and controlled the government. There were massive improvements to infrastructure during this period, but human rights issues continued to suffer.

Haiti achieved a lot of public notoriety during the brutal dictatorships of the voodoo physician François "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude, or "Baby Doc," who ruled from 1957 to 1986. The various governments since then have continued to be plagued by violent confrontations between rival groups and gangs seeking power and wealth.



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**The ruins of Ft. Louis, one of the many old forts that can be found in Haiti.**

The overwhelming social issue in Haiti is the huge wealth gap between the impoverished Créole-speaking black majority and the French-speaking mulatto minority, who control most of the country's wealth.

An estimated 98% of the forest has been cut to use as fuel for cook stoves, which

has led to desertification, destroyed fertile farmlands, and caused serious levels of soil erosion.

Haiti is a mountainous country with a wonderful tropical climate, but persistent violence, rampant health problems, and the perennial instability of its government have wiped out the tourist industry.



**Tall Tale Travelers**

By Jim Lynam

A group of the Tall Tale Travelers from On Top of the World met in Santa Fe, N.M. on Oct. 4 to plan the 70-mile expedition by caravan to Albuquerque, N.M. for the annual Balloon Fiesta. The group arrived, registered and were escorted to their respective sites. Just like Bob Uecker, the sites were right in the front row of the landing field. What a magnificent location!

The group enjoyed beautiful weather each day. The shuttle to the launching area was available each morning, sometimes as early as 6 a.m., to view the inflating of the balloons and the subsequent launch.

Watching the balloon preparation was both interesting and exciting. The cameras were sure active as the group watched balloons of every color and many unique shapes flew overhead.

After lift-off, many members would hustle back to the RV location to watch them land. Several couples even volunteered to be part of the chase teams. Liz

and her sister couldn't resist and took their own balloon ride. Liz exclaimed with great enthusiasm and very wide-eyed how much she enjoyed the ride.

The fun also included a Mexican dinner one evening, a potluck breakfast one morning, and a catered luncheon one noon by Rudy's Bar B Q.

The Tall Tale Travelers welcomed three couples that were guests of members. The more the merrier! What a memorable trip. The individuals departed on Oct. 10 and all headed out in different directions to enjoy the scenery on the way home to Ocala.

For those members who were unable to travel to the Fiesta, an alternate outing was planned for Dunedin Carefree RV Resort near Clearwater, Fla. The campground was truly a "resort" and provided excellent sites and amenities. The members enjoyed the heated swimming pool after playing horseshoes, shuffleboard, and table games in the air-conditioned recreation hall. The adjacent bike trail provided excellent exercise and Linda and Charlie made it the entire way to Honeymoon Island and Clearwater Beach.

Mary Jo and Norm planned a trip to Tarpon Springs where everyone learned the history of the sponge industry in Florida. While dining out at the restaurant, the group enjoyed the live piano music and was



Photo by Jerry Chase

**Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.**

amazed at how well the pianist played each couple's requested tune.

As always, the members of the Tall

Tale Travelers left the campsites with fond memories and an appreciation of America's natural resources.

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# CLUB CARDS & GAMES

## BRIDGE

### Monday Afternoon

By Joe Zwick

**Oct. 18**

1: Jayne Kaske & Eleanor Lang; 2: Helen DeGraw & Carol Thompson; 3: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold.

**Oct. 25**

1: Ida Rosendahl & Carol Thompson; 2: Marjorie & Bruce Benton; 3: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak.

**Nov. 8**

1: Shirley Stolly & Kay Boland; 2: Joan Lord & Eleanor Giardino; 3: Bruce & Marjorie Benton.

### Monday Night

By Art & Kathie Dushary

Players of various skill levels are welcome. You don't need to call ahead or have a partner. Just come to the Health & Recreation Card Room by 6:20 p.m. as we start at 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 4**

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Art Dushary; 3: Janet Becker; 4: Dot Findlay.

**Oct. 11**

1: Peggy Borro; 2: Gail Tirpak; 3: Eleanor Giardina; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Dot Findlay.

**Oct. 18**

1: Helen DeGraw; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Jim Mahoney; 4: Myra Butler; 5 (tie): Walter Hickenlooper & Peggy Borro.

**Oct. 25**

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Peggy Borro; 3: Walter Hickenlooper; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Ray Wilson.

### Tuesday Afternoon

By Agnes LaSala

**Oct. 5**

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Marion Wade & Marie White; 3: Rich Fluet & Agnes Weber.

**Oct. 12**

1: Norbert & Florence Heckler; 2: Joe Zwick & Bill Hunter; 3: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward.

**Oct. 19**

1: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward; 2: Elsie Helwig & Betty Larsen; 3: Rich Fluet & Millie Fellin.

**Oct. 26**

1: Rich Fluet & Agnes Weber; 2: Mazie Millward & Ray Dietz; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 4: Marie & John Fiorello.

### Tuesday Night Dup

By Marjorie Benton

**Oct. 5**

1: Bill & Ida Carlson; 2: Bruce & Marjorie Benton.

**Oct. 12**

1: Bill & Ida Carlson; 2: Ernie & Joan Lord; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Katie White; 4: Ida Rosendahl & Dick Mansfield.

**Oct. 19**

1: Bruce & Marjorie Benton; 2: Bill & Ida Carlson; 3: Betty Kauffman & Rita Smyth; 4: Ernie & Joan Lord; 5: Doris Keathley & Katie White.

**Oct. 26**

1: Doris Keathley & Mary Carol Geck; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Carol Thompson; 3: Ernie & Joan Lord; 4: Kathie Duchary & Steve Becker.

### Wednesday Afternoon

By Fran Griswold

We welcome Ruth, Helene, Kay and May back from their summer homes. Also, a special welcome to Dot Calveck a first timer at Wednesday Bridge.

The Domestic Violence will be receiving a big bag of stuffed animals courtesy of Tony and Mike Lagattuta. So many people count their blessings by their generosity.

Also thanks to Phyllis Silverman for bringing all of us the Resource Directory from the Marion County Senior Alliance. This directory includes valuable information for all On Top of the World residents.

**Oct. 13**

1: Judy Wagnitz (4880); 2: Gloria Richards; 3: Keith Briggs; Cons: Delores Melberg.

**Oct. 20**

1: Mary Carson (3958); 2: Gloria Richards; 3: Shirley Stolly.

**Oct. 27**

1: Evelyn Mastin (4930); 2: Eleanor Giardina; 3: Ruth Goldstine; 4: Delores Melberg.

**Nov. 3**

1: Ida Rosendahl (5530); 2: Kay Boland; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Keith Briggs; Cons: Serene Rossi.

**Nov. 10**

1: Esther Lang (5860); 2: Bill Mahoney; 3 (tie): Liz Milleson and Kay Boland; Cons: Pat Goltart.

**Nov. 17**

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Marion Wade & Marie White; 3: Rich Fluet & Agnes Weber.

**Nov. 24**

1: Norbert & Florence Heckler; 2: Joe Zwick & Bill Hunter; 3: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward.

### Thursday Afternoon

By Marge Starrett & Phyllis Silverman

**Oct. 14**

1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Alice McDaniel; 3: Mary Carson; 4: Florence Heckler.

**Oct. 21**

1: Cleona Redman; 2: Mazie Millward; 3: Elsie Helwig; 4: Betty Larsen.

**Oct. 28**

1: Marge Starrett; 2: Florence Heckler; 3: Gloria Richards; 4: Phyllis Silverman.

**Nov. 4**

1 (tie): Betty Legg & Pat Goltart; 3: Mazie Millward; 4: Nancy Clarkson.

### Thursday Night

By Helen DeGraw & Ida Rosendahl

**Oct. 14**

1: Bill Hunter; 2: John Mataya; 3: Millie Farrell; 4: Florence Heckler; Cons: Jim Mahoney.

**Oct. 21**

1: Marti Marta; 2: Bill Hunter; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Ray Dietz; Cons: Jan Moon.

**Oct. 28**

1: Dick Griswold; 2: Irv Lisinski; 3: Myra Butler; 4: Hazel Merchant; Cons: Florence Heckler.

**Nov. 4**

1: Norbert Heckler; 2: Jan Moon; 3: Hazel Merchant; 4: Bill Hunter; Cons: John Mataya.

**Nov. 11**

1: Ron McNeilly; 2: Myra Butler; 3: Ida Rosendahl; 4: Rich Fluet; Cons: Carl Woodbury.

### Friday Night

By Elly Rapacz & Serine Rossi

**Oct. 15**

1: Dick Mansfield; 2: Marion Turbin; 3: Mary Carol Geck; 4: Shirley Stolly; 5: Carol Johnson.

**Oct. 22**

1: Helene Sternberger; 2: Ida Rosendahl; 3: Jayne Kaske; 4: Nancy Dreimiller; 5: Virginia Blanchard.

**Oct. 29**

1: Jack Martin; 2: Rose O'Rourke; 3 (tie): Ray Deitz & Marge Benton; 4: Dick Mansfield.

**Nov. 5**

1 (tie): Virginia Blanchard & Ray Dietz; 3: Harry Tindall; 4: Helene Sternberger; 5: Hazel Merchant.

## CRIBBAGE

### Saturday Night

By Rose Marie Postin

**Oct. 1**

1: Norma Yonke; 2: Luke Mullen; 3: Rose Marie Postin; Cons: Sheila Howell.

**Oct. 8**

1: Rose Marie Postin; 2: Ray Bock; 3: Norma Yonke; Cons: Craig Ehle.

**Oct. 15**

1: Herb Postin; 2: Rose Marie Postin; 3: Luke Mullen; Cons: Elsie Helwig.

**Oct. 22**

1: Ray Bock; 2: Gene Hubbard; 3: Norma Yonke; Cons: Craig Ehle.

**Oct. 29**

1: Mary Ehle; 2: Craig Ehle & Ray Bock; 3: Gene Hubbard; Cons: Shelia Howell & Rose Marie Postin.



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By Irene Pisani

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**Oct. 1**

1: Out of 20, Nancy Kowsky had a perfect score. Congratulations! 2: Irene Pisani; 3: Richard Gillette; 4: John Wall; 5: Betty Legg.

**Oct. 8**

1: Out of 30, Jerry Harris; 2: Mary Bartel; 3: Esther Lang; 4 (tie): Jerry Dean & Andy Mark; 5: Jan Harris & Richard Gillette.

**Oct. 15**

1: Out of 24, Paul Agarwal; 2: Gayle Argano; 3: Joan Sigafoos; 4 (tie): Paul Schaefer, Walter Hickenlooper, Mary Bartel & Betty Scervo; 5 (tie): Fred Lang, Buck Chaillet & Joe Scervo.

**Oct. 22**

1: Out of 24, Phyllis Wall; 2: Richard Bartel; 3: Nancy Kowsky; 4 (tie): Gitte Agarwal & Joe Scervo; 5 (tie): Jean Gillette & Fred Lang.

**Oct. 29**

1: Out of 23, Billy Swing with a perfect score. Congratulations! 2: Buck Chaillet; 3 (tie): Paul Agarwal, Bev DeBusschere & Paul Schaefer; 4: Irene Pisani; 5: Richard Gillette.

### Friday Night

By Joe Askenase

**Oct. 8**

#### Four Handed Game

1: Marcy Askenase 2: Clarence Lietzow; 3: Russ Riegler; 4: Jim Hein.

#### Six Handed Game

1: Shirley Coe; 2: Vi Horton; 3: Maria France; 4: Helen Foskett; 5: Diana Riegler; 6: Virgil Taylor.

**Oct. 15**

#### Four Handed Game

1: Maria France; 2: Shirley Coe; 3 (tie): Virgil Taylor & Jim Hein 4: Marcy Askenase; 5: Clarence Lietzow; 6: Helen Foskett.

**Oct. 22**

#### Four Handed Game

1: Marcy Askenase; 2: Jim Hein; 3 (tie): Shirley Coe, Helen Foskett, Clarence Lietzow, & Virgil Taylor; 4: Maria France.

**Oct. 29**

#### Four Handed Game

1: Russ Riegler; 2: Lou Fisher; 3: Jim Hein.

#### Six Handed Game

1 (tie): Marcia Askenase & Maria France; 2: Shirley Coe; 3: Vi Horton; 4: Helen Foskett; 5: Diana Riegler.

**Nov. 5**

#### Four Handed Game

1: Clarence Lietzow; 2 (tie): Diana Riegler & Russ Riegler; 3: Lou Fisher.

#### Six Handed Game

1: Vi Horton; 2: Maria France; 3: Helen Foskett; 4: Marcy Askenase; 5: Shirley Coe.

## PINOCHLE

### Tuesday Night

By Viola Horton

Come join us all you pinochlers. No partners needed; just come to the Craft Building at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**Oct. 5**

#### Single Deck Winners

1: Vernon Uzzell; 2: Dot Findlay; 3: Whitney Frye.

#### Double/Triple Deck Winners

Tables 1: Virgil Taylor; 2: Gayle Argano, Margaret Sciarriano & Verna Harsh.

**Oct. 12**

#### Single Deck Winners

1: Walter Hicken Looper; 2: George Dertinger; 3: Vernon Uzzell.

#### Double/Triple Deck Winners

Tables 1: Norma Yonke, Margaret Sciarriano & Vi Horton; 2: Jerry Hein & Virgil Taylor.

**Oct. 19**

#### Single Deck Winners

1: Lois Rider; 2: George Dertinger; 3: Audrey Bartolotta.

#### Double/Triple Deck Winners

Tables 1: Norma Yonke Margaret & Joe Sciarriano; 2: Virgil Taylor & Jim Keller.

**Oct. 26**

#### Single Deck Winners

1: Andy Mark; 2: Vernon Uzzell; 3: Millie Ferrell.

#### Double/Triple Deck Winners

Table 1: James Nottingham & Vi Horton; 2: Elsa Kersey & Jim Hein; 3: Ray Bock & Joe Scervo.

### Saturday Night

By Elsie Helwig

**Oct. 9**

1: Al Novotny; 2: Gene Hubbard; 3: Ann Davis.

**Oct. 16**

1: Al Novotny; 2: Elsie Helwig; 3: Ann Davis.

**Oct. 23**

1: Ilse Kersey; 2: Audrey Bartolotta; 3: Millie Farrell.

**Oct. 30**

1: Viola Horton; 2: Bob Unangst; 3: Karen Unangst.

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# The Cro-Meter

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

A chronometer is a very accurate timepiece. A "cro-meter" is a timepiece you hope will keep running. This was the case recently when I boarded a cruise ship in San Diego and my watch, which I have had for years, all of a sudden stopped working. What do I do? This is what happened.

I went to the ship's store after getting out beyond the three-mile limit to see if I could get a battery. No such luck. I asked the gentleman behind the jewelry counter if they had any cheap watches. He told me there were all kinds of watches for just \$10. After steering me in the right direction, I checked the watches and to my dismay, they were all childish looking. The bands were all bright colors and they looked like something, well, a grown-up would not be caught dead wearing. I went back to the jewelry clerk and asked for the next cheapest watch and was told \$49.95.

Well, just a short time later, I met my wife, Bev, at a different jewelry counter and this clerk told me the same thing and showed me where the \$10 watches were located. My wife convinced me to look again and that she would help me select a watch to last the length of the cruise.

It didn't take long and she picked one out. All the watches had large faces and loud colored pleather watch bands. The particular watch Bev picked out for me had an imitation looking watchband that looked like snakeskin. This watch was better than nothing, as all I needed it for was just the length of the cruise.

Now all these watches were basically stapled to a piece of cardboard and wrapped in cellophane. When I took the watch to the counter to pay for it, the clerk set the correct time on the watch for me and discarded what wrappings there were.

A problem arose. What are all these other knobs on the watch for? I had no idea and never touched one just in case this cheap watch would stop running. I found out later this timepiece has a one-year warranty. I received no directions.

Looking closer to the back of the watch, it said stainless steel but nothing else. No shockproof. No waterproof. No anything proof. In fact, looking at the dial on the watch's face, the hands and numbers looked like the same color as those that glow in the dark. Guess what? This watch does not glow during dim light conditions.

The name on this timepiece is Terner, the same name on the pleather watchband and it is made in Singapore.

The next day, an announcement over the vessel's public address system stated that the ship's store was selling two watches for \$12 and stated, "What a bargain." Boy, I was wearing a bargain, a real bargain.

The watch was one of the top conversational topics with the folks traveling with us on this Panama Canal cruise. In fact, after reaching Tampa and riding back to On Top of the World on the motor coach, I announced I would sell this fantastic time piece for \$12 stating that this watch had traveled the entire length of the Mexican Riviera, Costa Rica, a complete transit of the Panama Canal, then visiting Colombia and the Grand Caymans before arriving at our final destination of Tampa.

It had to be worth a lot more than what I paid for it after traveling all those miles. I received a bid of \$3.50. My feelings were hurt as I tried to get more money by trying to auction it off. I still have the watch.

I will say that this watch gave all in our group a subject of conversation and hundreds of dollars worth of laughs. Everyone would ask me how my "cro-meter" was doing and after looking at it and seeing it on my wrist, laughter would erupt.

The second day after returning home, one of the passengers must have felt sorry for me and delivered to my house a fantastic looking Italian watch with two different colored leather, not pleather, watchbands. This passenger stated he could not wear this watch, as it was too big for his wrist.

Anyone want to buy a "cro-meter" with a genuine pleather band?



Photo by Ray Cech

Bobby Goldsboro, third from the left, at the Artful Gifts grand opening.

# Bobby Goldsboro Guest Artist at Artful Gifts Grand Opening

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

You might remember that back in July a new venue opened on The Town Square that exhibited the works of artists of On Top of the World. That was the opening show at Artful Gifts. On Oct. 14, the official grand opening and ribbon cutting took place and was attended by local dignitaries, along with artist Bobby Goldsboro and his wife, Diane. Goldsboro's paintings will serve as

the grand opening's official display.

Most of us will probably remember Bobby Goldsboro as the singer-songwriter who made famous those lovely ballads "Honey," "Watching Scotty Grow," and "Little Things," to name just a few.

If you'd like to go back in time a bit, you can Google Bobby Goldsboro and click "Honey." But Bobby was always a doodler,

and eventually he took that doodling talent seriously. It is now our good fortune to see the results of those sketches exploded in brilliant colors onto canvas at Artful Gifts. His show ran through Nov. 26.

With the help of an anonymous donation, the Marion County Alliance (MCA) has been able to open the gallery and gift shop on Circle Square Commons, Suite #10. The mission of MCA, a non-profit organization, is to support the arts of Marion County, and their newest location, Artful Gifts, is committed to supporting the arts with any profits derived from the gallery.

Keeping with that spirit, Bobby Goldsboro, a Silver Springs resident, donates a good deal of his time and art to local galleries and artists. We welcome Mr. Goldsboro's art and hope that everyone took the time to enjoy his brilliant colors, and perspective, especially that certain one he calls "Honey."

## Republican Club

By Tony Tortora

The club meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center unless otherwise advised. Members with an e-mail address will be notified of changes.

The November meeting was very successful as were the November elections. Our precinct turnouts were good although there are many more residents who could have voted.

The Republican Club has been active for

many years and has provided both political information and community help. The community help has been through participation in Farm Share, Operation Shoebox and other programs to help the needy. The club will continue as long as the members participate.

This column has been provided by this writer since the club was founded except for two years that the president decided to

write her own ideas. In that time, we have covered many candidates and many issues that were important to us as retirees.

The time has come to change the watch. As a member of the Republican Club, you can become the voice of the club by preparing this column once a month. For details call 854-7804.

Signing off for the last report with best wishes for a happy holiday.

## Bingo

By Lolly Foos

Bingo will be closed during the month of December. We resume play on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom at 6 p.m. Come and see our new equipment. Cards will be sold at 5 p.m.

The Bingo Committee wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2011.

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# CLUB MEETINGS

To make changes, call the Activities Office at 854-8707, Ext. 7530 or 7533

## Monday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
8:00	Mixed Tennis D	CTS
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Men's Softball	SBF
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	Ceramics 9-2 p.m.	Art
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
9:30	Shuffleboard	
	(Sept. - April)	CTS
10:00	Tennis Doubles	CTS
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
	Tai Chi	ACF
10:30	Water Walk	ACIP
11:00	Golf Groups	PAV
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Beginner II	HR
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Aqua Belles	ACF
12:45	Line Dance (Sept.-Dec.)	AC
1:00	Line Dance	
	Newcomers Class	AC
	Intermediate Line Dance	
	(Sept.-Dec.)	H&R
	Dominoes	CC:H
1:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
	Line Dance	ICC
2:00	Happy Hookers	Art
	Rummicube	CC:E,F
	Line Dance (July- Sept.)	HR
3:00	Line Dance (Sept.-Dec.)	HR
4:30	Line Dance Level I	
	(Sept.-Dec.)	HR
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
5:30	Beginner Line	
	Dance Level 1	HR
6:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Men's Poker	MR3
6:15	Euchre II	CC:H
6:30	Bridge	CR
6:45	Ballet Club	ACF
7:00	Mexican Train Dominoes	CC:G
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Pinochle	MR2

### 1st Week

7:30	Marion Blood Bank	PL
	(All Even # Months Only)	
9:00	Life South Blood	PL
	(All Odd # Months Only)	
	RC Flyers Club	CC:B,C
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B,C
3:30	Handicap Comm.	CC:H
4:00	Billiards	ART
5:30	Avalon Social Club	AC
6:30	Karaoke Friends	CC:E,F
6:30	Sunshine Singers	HR

### 2nd Week

10:00	Genealogical Society	MR3
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### 3rd Week

10:00	Genealogical Workshop	CC:B,C
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B,C
5:00	Card Game	CC:C
6:30	Sunshine Singers	HR

### 4th Week

1:30	Community Patrol	CC:B,C
4:00	Candler Potluck	CCC

## Tuesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
8:00	Men's Tennis	CTS
	Arts & Crafts	HR
	Fun Time Cloggers	HR
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
	Pickleball	CTS
8:30	Women's 18-Hole	GC
	Raquetball	HR CTS
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Woodworking	WW
	Women's 9-Hole	GC
	Horseshoe League	CTS
	Arts & Crafts	HR
9:30	Sunshine Quilters	Art
	CSI Bible Study	CC:A
10:00	Yoga	ICC
	Concert Chorus	AC
10:30	Horseshoe League	CTS
	Walleyball	CTS
	Water Walk	ACIP

### Location Codes

<b>AC</b> Arbor Club	<b>GC</b> Golf Course
<b>ACF</b> Arbor Club Fitness	<b>HR</b> Health & Recreation
<b>AC CTS</b> Arbor Tennis Courts	<b>Exercise Room</b>
<b>ACIP</b> Arbor Indoor Pool	<b>H&amp;R CTS</b> Tennis Courts
<b>ACOP</b> Arbor Outdoor Pool	<b>H&amp;R</b> Health & Recreation
<b>Art</b> Art Studio	<b>Building</b>
<b>BR</b> Health & Rec Ballroom	<b>HRP</b> Health & Recreation Pool
<b>BCTS</b> Bocce Courts	<b>ICC</b> Indigo East
<b>CC</b> Arbor Conference Center	<b>Community Center</b>
<b>CCC</b> Candler Hills	<b>MGC</b> Miniature Golf Course
<b>CCR</b> Community Center	<b>MR1</b> Meeting Room 1
<b>Card Room</b>	<b>MR3</b> Meeting Room 3
<b>CLC</b> Computer Learning Center	<b>PL</b> Health & Recreation
<b>CSCC</b> Circle Square	<b>PL RM</b> Parking Lot
<b>Cultural Center</b>	<b>SBF</b> Poolroom
<b>Card Room</b>	<b>WW</b> Softball Field
<b>CR</b> Flying Field	<b>Wood Shop</b>
<b>FF</b>	

Advance registration and fee may be required. Please check in advance. A full list of classes can be found in the Master the Possibilities catalog, available at the Education Building at Circle Square Commons.

11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Men's Poker	MR3
	Cybex Orientation	GYM
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Tall Tale Travelers	CC:G
1:00	Badminton	HR
	(Racquetball Cts)	
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Shuffleboard	CTS
	Crochet Club	ICC
2:30	Shutterbugs	CC:B,C
3:00	Chess Club	MR3
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Poker	CC:G
5:45	Mah Jongg	ACC:C
	Side Kicks Western	
	Dance	HR
6:00	Pinochle	MR3/Art
	Poker	CCR
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	CR
	Mah Jongg	MR2
	Circle Squares	AC
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H

### 1st Week

8:00	Men's Golf Assoc.	CC:A
8:30	Lions Club	CCC
10:30	Shuffleboard	CC:H
11:30	OTOW Ladies 9-Hole	
	Golf (Oct.-March)	HR
2:30	Italian American	CC:E&F
6:30	J.B. Poker Club	CC:E,F
	Indigo Girls Bunco	ICC
7:00	Girls Night Out	CC:G

### 2nd Week

8:00	Citizens Emer.	CC:E,F,G
	Response Team	
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc.	
	18-Hole (Oct.-April)	HR
12:00	Visually Impaired	CC:H
3:00	Knights of Columbus	
	Golf	ICC
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
6:15	Game Knight	ICC
6:30	German American Club	CC:E,F
7:00	Lions Club	CCC

### 3rd Week

2:00	Candler Connection	CCC
5:00	Caribbean Club	ICC

### 4th Week

8:00	CERT Team	ICC
8:30	Lions Club	CCC
11:30	Ladies 9-Hole Golf	HR
12:30	Scandinavian Club	CC:E,F
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
5:00	Providence II Club	CC:E,F
6:30	Ladies Poker	ICC
7:00	Karaoke	CCC

## Wednesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
8:00	Ladies Tennis	CTS
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Pickleball	CTS
8:30	Men's 18-Hole	GC
	Men's Softball	SBF

9:00	Woodworking	WW
	Crafty Ladies	CR
9:30	Fun w/ Ceramics	ART
10:00	Tai Chi Practice	ACF
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:15	Bridge	CR
12:30	Japanese Bunka	CC:B
	Lucky Thirteen	
	Mah Jongg	CC:G
	Aqua Belles	ACP
1:00	Mah Jongg	ICC
1:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
2:30	Scrabble Club	CC:H
	(No Mtgs in Aug.)	
3:00	Yoga	ACF
5:30	Bingo	HR
6:00	Men's Poker	MR3
	Line Dancing	AC
	Duplicate Bridge	CR
6:30	Square Dance	CC:E,F

### 1st Week

8:30	OTOW LGA 18-Hole	CC:B
9:00	Model Railroaders	MR3
6:00	Democratic Club	CC:G
6:30	Tall Tale Travelers	CC:B,C

### 2nd Week

1:00	Native Plant Grp	CC:H
2:00	Project Giving Back	ART
3:00	Pennsylvania Club	CC:E,F

### 3rd Week

11:00	Arbor Tennis Club	CC:E,F
6:40	Bunco Club	CC:G
7:00	Square Dance	CC:E,F

### 4th Week

1:00	Italian American Club	CC:G
2:00	Military Cards	CC:E,F
	Project Giving Back	ART
6:30	Tall Tale Travelers	CC:B,C
	(No mtgs Dec, June-Sept.)	
7:00	Mystery Book Club	CCR

## Thursday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
8:00	Men's Tennis	CTS
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Fun Time Cloggers	HR
	RC Flyers	FF
	Pickleball	CTS
8:30	Racquetball	HR CTS
9:00	Woodcarvers	Art
	Art Group	Art
	Wood Working	WW
	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Circle Square Dancers	CC:E,F
	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Reflexology	ICC
10:00	Walleyball	CTS
10:30	Water Walk	ACIP
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Aerobics	ICC
12:30	Sewing Bees	Art
	Bridge	CR
1:00	Badminton	H&R
	(Racquetball Cts)	
	Ballet Club	ACF

1:30	Table Tennis	CC:D
2:00	Shuffleboard	CTS
2:30	Swingin Sisters	HR
5:30	Card Game	CC:B
6:00	Men's Poker	MR3
	Poker Night	CC
6:15	Mah Jongg	CCR
6:30	Bridge	CR
7:00	Cards	ICC
	Mixed Poker	CC:H
	Square Dance	CC:E,F
	Card/Game Club	CC:G

### 1st Week

1:00	Rubber Stamping Cards	CC:G
5:00	Southern Club	HR

### 2nd Week

6:00	Karaoke Night	AC
6:30	Ballroom Dance CL	HR

### 3rd Week

1:00	SPCA	AC
	Rubber Stamp Club	CC:G
1:30	Orchid Group	CC:H
5:30	Friends Game	CC:E,F

### 4th Week

9:30	American Jewish Club	CC:G
6:30	Ballroom Dance Club	HR

## Friday

6:00	Lap Swimming	AC
8:00	Ladies Tennis	CTS
	Water Walk	ACIP
	RC Flyers	FF
	Pickleball	CTS
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	Dominoes	MR3
9:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
10:00	Racquetball	H&R CTS
	Women's Bible Study	CC:A
	Tai Chi	ICC
10:30	Water Walk	ACIP
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Ladies Poker	MR3
	OTOW Circle	
	Square Dancers	HR
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Leo's Golf Group	CR
12:30	Canasta Old Fashion Way	CR
	Aqua Belle	ACP
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Mah Jongg	CCC
	Mexican Train	CC:H
5:00	Cribbage	Art
6:00	Advanced Bridge	CR
	Euchre 4 Fun	CC:A
6:15	Nickel Nickel	MR3
6:45	Friday Night Euchre	MR2

### 1st Week

10:00	Emb. Chicks	CC:B,C
11:00	Women of the World	CC:E,F,G,H

### 2nd Week

8:30	RC Ladybirds	CC:B,C
7:00	Republican Club	CC:E,F,G

### 3rd Week

2:00	Social Club	CC:E,F,G,H
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### 4th Week

10:00	Emb. Chicks	CC:B,C
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## Saturday

8:00	Mixed Tennis	CTS
	Fun Time Cloggers	HR
	RC Flyers	FF
	Pickleball	CTS
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Wood Working	WW
10:00	Mixed Tennis	CTS
	Swingin Sisters	CC:E,F
	Tip Top Tappers	HR
	Yoga	ICC
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
5:30	Saturday Pinochle	CR

### 2nd Week

6:00	Northern Lights	CC:B,C
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### 3rd Week

2:00	Circle of Friends	AC
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## Sunday

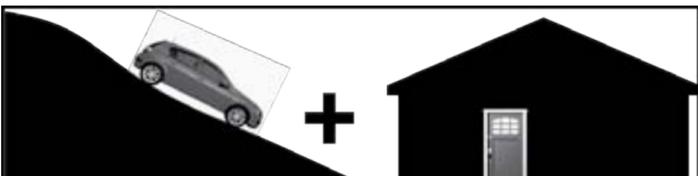
9:00	Racquetball	HR CTS
	Wood Working	WW
9:30	RC Flyers	FF
12:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Table Tennis	CC:D
5:00	Pattern Dance	AC
6:00	Pickleball	CTS
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H
6:00	Movie of the Month	HR

### 3rd Week

2:00	American/Jewish	CC:E,F,G
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### 4th Week

2:00	Line Dancing	HR
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# Sustainable Floridians

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

The very first program offered to a retirement community in the State of Florida, "Sustainable Floridians," was introduced at Master the Possibilities. The class was inaugurated last month and is being led by John Linhoss, an expert in resource and environmental conservation with the Marion County Extension of the Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

The class takes a look at the world as a whole, and then at local issues here in Florida as they affect the day-to-day challenge of conserving our natural resources. The course is designed to provide practical information for incorporating sustainable practices into our daily lives, and at the same time increase our knowledge of sustainability issues facing Florida.

Participants of the program will also participate in a community level group project. One of those projects will be to design a curriculum for On Top of the World residents that will further immerse them in their awareness and their active participation in resource management.

Our natural resources are being depleted by a civilization experiencing a growing population that knows little of the need to conserve by over development, and of course, those two most controversial words in our lexicon, climate change. Programs such as "Sustainable Floridians" are being introduced across the country to those people who can most effect habit change—"everyday" citizens.

The six-week course at Master the Possibilities focuses on what Floridians can do to implement sustainable practices for water, energy, and transportation/land use. Mr. Linhoss presented scientific and quantifiable data on where and how our natural resources are being depleted.

The last week of "Sustainable Floridians" concentrates on a plan of action for class participants to take on a leadership role and carry the torch for resource conservation within our community. We all look forward to these torchbearers actively spreading the word throughout On Top of the World in the coming year.



Photo by Ray Cech

**John Linhoss introducing Sustainable Floridians at Master the Possibilities.**

## Trees of Sholom Park

By Joe Maddox

We stand on the plains of ages,  
We stolid oaks and pines.  
Our gray moss hangs like beards,  
As our rings grow with time.  
Our foliage changes with the seasons,  
We filter where the sunbeams shine.

We shade our floors in summer,  
And warm them in gelid murk.  
Winds from the compass bend us,  
And we sing with a rhythmic mirth.  
Our leaves, needles and acorns,  
Blanket and feed our earth.

We have stood the ravages of time,  
Through eons of death-like sleep.  
We have seen evolution  
Creep from the foamy deep.  
And edged the ice-age,  
And followed the glacier's creep.

We grace this serenity around us,  
We are haven for the birds that soar.  
Hurricanes from the seaward break us,  
With their wild and howling roar.  
But when the earth is calm again,  
We shoot up by many a score.

So don't take us for granted,  
We've been here since dirt.  
We'll be here for your last rides,  
From the altars of your kirks.  
We're the guardians of stillness,  
Lords 'till the last on earth.

## Friends

By Mary Culberson

If it wasn't for friends like you  
The world would be dark and drear  
You have a way about you  
That is honest and sincere.

One can't be lonely very long  
Or get to feeling down  
You have a built-in sunshine  
That follows you around.

So today I want to tell you  
In case you might not know  
How very much your friendship means  
The older that I grow.

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# POETRY

BY ON TOP OF THE WORLD RESIDENTS

## To Welcome Autumn Old Friends

By Annette Sharpe

A chill blows in from the meadow.  
The day is crisp and bright.  
Jackets and sweaters are welcome,  
For, autumn slipped in overnight.

Trees are brushed with color,  
Each one a different hue.  
They'll change before our eyes each day  
Into a scene that's new.

A splash of color here and there,  
A hillside's breathless splendor.  
Thanksgiving Day is on the way,  
The high point of November.

Gathered 'round the table with loved ones,  
Giving thanks is such a pleasure.  
We're thankful for blessings large and small,  
Too vast for the heart to measure.

## Sholom Park

By Joe Maddox

Gazing across this hushfull lea,  
Makes me think of times of yore.  
And of the changes man has made,  
And how it may have looked before.  
I only compare to murals I've seen,  
In museums and books and such.  
I wonder how it really scened,  
Before the envisioned artist's brush.

Were there carnivores that ravaged the earth,  
And purged their preys to nil?  
Were there birds that shadowed the earth,  
Squawking their calls at will?  
Were there herbivores that raped the foliage,  
Leaving plains of dunes.  
Were there mutants before creation,  
That crawled from of dark lagoons?

God's bright stars have seen it all,  
And will until there's no more.  
Then what we sought will matter not,  
No need to keep the score.  
But till then I'll seek the park,  
To soliloquize alone.  
And stroll nature's scenic paths.  
And think of happy songs.

By Mary Culberson

Old friends are not forgotten  
Whenever they depart  
They occupy a special place  
Deep within the heart

Years and years of memories  
Don't quickly fade away  
The dreams you shared together  
Aren't lost in yesterday

Old friends are not forgotten  
When new friends come along  
There's always room for someone new  
To help you sing your song.

## Christmas is Love

By Annette Sharpe

In memories of evergreen  
By a fireside glow,  
Or, colored lights glistening  
On a blanket of snow,  
The excitement of children  
Believing still,  
Hanging their stockings  
For Santa to fill.  
We may relive the love,  
And cherished sights,  
Enjoyed by the family  
On those special nights,  
And feel nostalgic,  
As memories flow,  
Enriched by each Christmas  
Of long ago.

Hang your wreath with pleasure,  
For sweet memories you treasure,  
And bask in the seasonal glow,  
For Christmas is a time for rejoicing  
For God's many blessings,  
We know.

Wear holly green and Santa red.  
Hang a sprig of mistletoe  
Above your head.  
Let the Christmas spirit start.  
Cherish each reason  
To be joyful this season,  
For, Christmas begins in the heart.

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# Panama Canal

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

It was a trip of a lifetime! I am referring to the recent trip the On the Road Again group took. It all started with a flight to

San Diego for a two-night stay. Many of the explorers on the trip spent an entire day at the San Diego Zoo, reportedly the best zoo

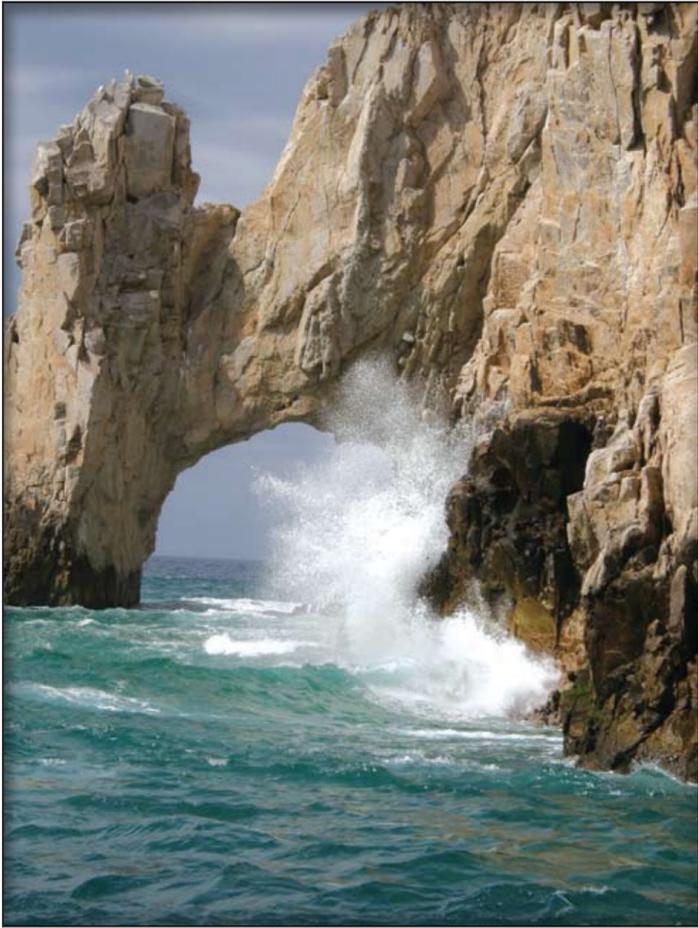


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Rock formation located on the tip of Baja, Calif.

in the world. Many others spent a portion of the day there, and then explored the San Diego waterfront including the Maritime Museum, Aircraft Carrier Midway Museum, Old Town San Diego, Gas Lamp District and the Harbor Village. Our hotel was right on the harbor's waterfront with spectacular views of sunsets over Point Loma.

Two days later, Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas pulled into San Diego, right across the street from our hotel. The sights pulling out of this southern Californian city were breathtaking as the ship passed the tip of Point Loma on its way to Carbo San Lucas.

Carbo San Lucas is located on the tip of Mexico's Baja California, known as Lands End. Many cruise ships visit this port because of the beautiful views of Lands End and the bountiful variety of water sports and nightlife. The beautiful atmosphere draws many of the wealthy from California to this tropical playground.

Spending just one day in Carbo San Lucas, the ship headed south plying the seas for Acapulco. I believe most of the group opted for the city tour that included this city's most famous tourist attraction, the daredevil cliff divers. The divers are just teenagers and have no fear of height. They dive from two areas on the cliff. The most common is something along the height of 137 feet into the surf below.

These divers, as we were told, have to judge the waves as they approach the cliffs as well as the speed and direction of the wind. The divers perform once a day around 1 p.m. but if ships are in port, they have two extra performances, one in the morning and the other later afternoon.

The quaintest port of call was perhaps the tiny village of Huatulco. This little village can be traveled to within an hour or so. There were many small shops to purchase goodies with the Mariachi band playing for the enjoyment of the passengers.

Departing Huatulco, the Radiance of the Seas headed for Puntarenas, Costa Rica, for a day's visit. Most on the cruise took a variety of offered shore excursions. A large group went on a coffee plantation tour. After a two-hour bus ride over the mountains and into the countries humongous valley, we reached the plantation and immediately were given the opportunity to sample Costa Rican coffee.

During the tour, we were told about the

entire operation of growing and roasting coffee and also where the best coffee beans are grown. There are many countries producing coffee and many brand names utilize a variety of beans from different locales to make their signature blend. This is the case of the famous Starbucks Coffee.

Departing the coffee plantation, the bus load of adventurers stopped at a village called Sarchi. This village is famous for its painted ox carts, once used to transport products from the valleys and mountains to the coast area for further shipment to world ports. At this lunch stop, the passengers had the opportunity to watch the hand painting of the carts and peruse a huge gift shop.

Departing Costa Rica, after days on the water, the ship entered Panamanian waters before dawn and sailed slowly under the Bridge of Americas to the Miraflores Locks, the first set of locks of the Panama Canal. The ship's beam is 105.6 feet wide; the locks are 106 feet wide. The cost of the Radiance of the Seas was \$287,000 to transit the canal. A tour guide informed us that the Panamanians are building new locks to accommodate the larger ships.

Folks stayed on the helicopter landing pad on the ship's bow the entire transit of the canal, which took many hours.

Reaching the other end of the canal and after the Radiance of the Seas was risen 84 feet above sea level and then lowered 84 feet after transiting the approximately 50 mile canal, the ship headed for Colon Panama for a brief visit. Some of the passengers departed the ship at this port for a little shopping pier side while we waited for returning passengers who departed the ship earlier for Panama Canal excursions.

The ship now headed for Cartagena, Columbia after departing Colon, Panama. Cartagena is a beautiful port city to explore. The old city lies within the wall of Cartagena, a giant fortress protecting the city from all enemies including the evermerciless pirates. The old city comprised of quaint cobblestone streets with balconies loaded with cascading flowers, such as the colorful bougainvillea.

In the late 1500s, Cartagena was a shipping port for Spanish galleons that transported gold and emeralds back to Spain. The bay surrounding Cartagena is lined with small forts that protected the city. Most On Top of the World explorers took one of the city tours and those who did so, were thoroughly pleased.

Departing the walled city of Cartagena, the ship headed in a northerly direction towards George Town, Grand Cayman. Arriving off the coast, it was announced that the seas were too high, and the captain decided to head for the other side of the island where the waters were a lot calmer.

Taxis and buses met the ship at the tender landings and most shore excursions went as planned. Many folks hopped in cabs for \$5 a person and were given a short scenic ride into the island's capital. Most passengers just strolled the few streets while others did a little last minute shopping.

Overall, the weather cooperated with mostly sunny days. It seems that at every port there were plenty of jewelry stores.

There was a sigh of relief when the ship finally made port in Tampa. Not that the cruise was not favorable, but just tired. The cruise was 15 nights; the entire trip including San Diego was 18 days.

I was tired, and I know many others in our group were also. All had a great time. Some were heard saying, "It was a trip of a lifetime."

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**Clothing:** big & tall, size 52 dress pants grey, black, brown. Jacket, brown, all new white dinner-jacket, dress shoes and sneakers size 14, new, sell for \$10-20/OBO. 854-5679.

**Department 56 Snow Village:** 17 retired pieces, dating from 1986-1998. Includes original boxes & a few accessories. Will sell individually, or take them all and save on current collector's prices. 873-9177.

**Elliptical Exerciser:** Pro-Form XP 420 Razor. Purchased from Sears. Asking \$200/obo. 229-4513.

**Entertainment Center:** Coconut Grove collection. Two years young. 74" x 74." Make offer. 237-6062.

**Estate Sale:** Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 9305 SW 94th Loop (Windsor). Home decor, table linens, dishes, bookshelves, fitness equipment, jewelry, etc.

**Estate Sale:** Saturday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 8711-C S.W. 90th St. (north entrance). Bedroom set, dining table & hutch, couches, chairs, art, costume jewelry, kitchen items & much more.

**Estate Sale by Ruth:** Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 8721-C SW 90th Street (Friendship Colony).

**Furniture:** Highland House of Hickory, Inc. 8-foot sofa (bone with floral design), \$245. Sofa table with glass top insert, \$65. Matching dark wood with bone legs coffee table, \$45 and three end tables, \$40 each. 854-8532.

**Furniture:** solid oak desk, good condition, 31" h x 42" w x 32" d, \$125. TV entertainment armoire, cherry. Doors fold completely back. Queen Anne legs and bonnet top. 72" h x 39" w x 22" d, \$125. Negotiable. 419-704-6669.

**Golf Cart:** 48 volt, new batteries, hi-speed motor, full light package. 237-9523.

**Golf Clubs:** ladies - 1,2,3 Adila Woods. \$50. 873-4759.

**Golf Clubs:** Big Brother irons, 3-9; PW, SW, putter (cover); The Bomber woods, 1,3,5 (cover); bag. \$70/OBO 879-7866.

**Golf Equipment:** Golf bag and clubs with hoods, \$35. Golf shoes (size 10), \$10. Tees and golf balls. 861-2540.

**Golf Shoes:** Footjoy black, size 15 new, \$25. 854-5679.

**Hearing Aids:** Phonak, digital, current models, remotes optional. 861-2312 (resident).

**Heartland Stoneware Dishes:** complete set of 12 including cups, saucers, soup bowls, salad plates. \$120. Many extras can be purchased separately. 237-9523.

**Jazzy Power Chair:** new, loaded with battery charger. 873-4759.

**Lighthouse Collectibles:** Harbour Lights & Lefton, all in original boxes. Some are retired limited editions & no longer available. 873-9177.

**Misc. Items:** Inversion table, like new, \$50. Radial arm compound saw, \$40. 861-0601.

**Misc. Items:** tripod, turn table and speak-

ers. 812-4343.

**Misc. Items:** XM home radio, camcorder, various 35mm cameras with extra lens, 8x9 gold-bound rug, electric weed whacker, Igloo coolers, golf clubs, Cuisinart Classic, etc. 671-3425.

**Movie Camera:** Canon Super-8, auto zoom. 873-4759.

**Organ:** Thomas, double keyboard, bench, lamp and books, \$400. 812-4343.

**Organ:** Yamaha, single keyboard, rhythm and voice selections, bench and music included. Excellent condition. \$350. 873-9007.

**Oxygen Generator:** 854-2260.

**Patio Set:** 36" round table with four chairs, \$50. 854-8532.

**Percolator:** Westbend, 12-30 cups hot or cold. Ideal for parties. 854-2205.

**Pressure Cooker:** J.C. Penny's Home Collection. Eight quart, one year old, slightly used. \$30/OBO. 229-4513.

**Punch Bowl:** large, glass with supporting glass tray and cups. 854-2205.

**Refrigerator:** Frigidaire, 18 cu. ft., white, top freezer, excellent condition. \$250. 873-9007.

**Schnauzer Puppies:** AKC Toys & Minis. All colors, prices vary. www.tinker-toy-schnauzers.com or (352) 328-7444.

**Step Ladder:** 6 ft. Stanley, fiberglass, like new. \$35/OBO. 873-7866.

**Stereo Speakers:** Pioneer, large pair \$40; Aiwa medium pair \$25; small surround-sound Bose pair with single Technics \$50. Negotiable. 419-704-6669.

**Tag Sale:** Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Push mower, dog items, sleeper loveseat, grandfather clock and much more! 8626-D SW 97th Lane Road (Americana).

**Tag Sale:** Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas items, tools, housewares, glass door base cabinet for large screen TV and more. 9587-E SW 84th Terrace (Friendship Village).

**Tag Sale:** Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 9460-D SW 84th Terrace (Friendship Village). Tools, housewares, linens, lamps, furniture, king bed, golf cart accessories, etc.

**Vacuum Cleaner:** Hoover Windtunnel, 3.8, good condition. \$20/OBO. 873-7866.

**Wicker Loveseat** for lanai. Brown with floral cushion. Very good condition. \$60. 368-2221.

**Workshop Light:** two fluorescent bulbs and all hardware include in original box. 854-2205.

## Services

**Alterations by Betty:** Alterations by appointment only. 50 years experience. A Pine Run resident. Call Betty at 237-9909.

**Alterations by Ernestine:** Alterations, experienced. On Top of the World resident. Call 861-0259.

**Appliance, A/C & Heat Repairs.** Electrical & plumbing. Experienced and honest. Call Tom Parker (On Top of the World resident) anytime at 873-1297.

**Blinds, Shades & Drapery Rod Repairs** in your home by certified and experienced installer. Call Gary or Kathy at 352-344-3805.

**Bob's Screening Service:** Garage door screens, window screens, porch enclosure screens. We re-vinyl windows. Complete rescreening service. Free estimates. 352-586-8459, Bob.

**Caretaker:** Gentle touch, kind heart, all types of adult care, outings. Your home or mine. Call Debby (352) 447-5551. CNA68800. References available.

**Carpet Cleaning:** Countryside Chem-Dry, serving On Top of the World residents for 11 years. Dry in hours, not days. 307-4100.

**Cat and/or House Sitting Services** for On Top of the World residents. Dependable, trustworthy and affordable. References provided upon request. Grammy Sharon, 694-4853.

**Cat Boarding and Sitting** provided by loving experienced Cat Nanny. On Top of the World resident. Call 854-8589.

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**General Maintenance:** Trimming, weeding, edging, pressure wash driveways and gutters, wash windows. On Top of the World resident. Steve at 237-5338.

**Grass & Grounds, Inc.:** Complete lawn service. Mowing, edging, trimming, weeding, fertilizing and pest control for lawn & shrubs. Lic./Ins. Free estimates. 288-4445.

**Hair care in your home:** Licensed, experienced beautician comes to you. Full service. Call Cathy, PCA, resident, 237-3347. Service homebound.

**Handyman Services** by Oden Inc. Fair prices for any type of home repair, remodeling and yard maintenance, pressure washing and gutter cleaning. Mulch Specials! Lic. & Ins. Free estimates: 207-5930.

**Handyman:** Kruman Services, Inc. Licensed and insured. Remodeling, repairs, replacements and preventive maintenance. Call Daniel at 361-4055.

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**Laminated wood floor installation:** Quality work at a \$1.75 per square foot. Free estimates. I am a resident. Call Bob at 237-7452.

**Lawn Service/Yard Clean Up:** planting new flowers, bushes, mulch & rock. Trimming & removal of plants, bushes, small trees. Licensed & insured. Call Lisa & David at 425-0109.

**Painting:** Add a little Color to your Life! Free estimates, insured, references and photo gallery available at Suespainting.com. 10% off for residents. Sue's Painting 237-0892.

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**Painting by Danny's Painting:** interior, excellent references, 25 years exp. 10% discount for 55+. Call Danny at 547-9588.

**Painting by Frank the Painter:** Free estimates, interior painting, specializing in colors, quality service, affordable prices, 30 years experience and licensed. 237-5855 (resident).

**Pet Sitting:** dogs, cats, birds, etc. Care for your pets in your home. Fully insured/bonded. Years of experience. Pam 577-2877.

**Pressure Washing:** "Don's" Free estimates. Remove mildew from driveways, porches, patios, walkways and clean the gutters. On Top of the World resident. 873-6225.

**Pressure Washing:** house or driveways. Call On Top of the World resident, Okey. Free estimate 237-6637.

**Steve's Handyman Service:** Doors, shelving, general carpentry. On Top of the World resident. Call Steve at 854-4927.

**Transportation:** Airport Express! Safe, courteous drivers, affordable, on-time, dependable, locally owned, custom-tailored professional service. 620-5537 or www.the-airport-express.com

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**Transportation:** doctor appointments, shopping, errands. Call Anna (resident) at 873-4761, leave message.

**Transportation:** I'll drive you to local appointments, grocery shopping, errands and more. Joan at 237-8240.

**Transportation:** Personalized door-to-door transportation to airports, cruise ports, doctor appointments, shopping. Call Betty, 861-1163.

## Wanted

**Estates:** golf carts, military items, guns, fishing gear, jewelry, tools, old swords & knives, guitars, old coins, bronze statues, arrowheads, large sharks teeth or anything unusual. 274-3178.

**Guns:** On Top of the World resident interested in buying guns, new, old, any condition. 854-2555.

**Keyboard Player:** call Gary at 409-3274.

## Lost/Found

**Lost:** Putting green in Candler Hills. A Harvey Pinck putter with Tiger Shark grip. Gift from dad. Gary 409-3274.

**Found:** pendant on the dance floor at The Town Square on Friday, Nov. 12. Call to identify. 873-2398.

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