



COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association

First, I would like to thank all of the Association members who voted in the recent election for directors to the Board. Second, to thank all those members who attended the annual meeting on Dec. 15, 2010.

We covered a great deal of material generally dealing with the state of the community and the factors that affect the operation and, very much by extension, the quality of life for every resident.

Judging by the questions, insurance was a topic on many people's minds. The gist being, what is adequate coverage on your home and contents?

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The per event deductible remains \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5% of the total of values at the time of loss at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$1,000 for any one occurrence such as a named storm. With respect to all other events, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

Other questions focused on what we (the Board), are doing to control costs and operate efficiently. I always welcome these types of questions. By way of response, let me state that the Board delegates most of the operations to Parkway Maintenance and Management Company. That said, the Board remains accountable for the outcome. Parkway, regularly bids work to keep existing contractors honest, and identify competent and competitive suppliers and mechanics.

Much of the work that was going to third parties is now performed "in house" at significant savings. Roofing repair is done in house, as is most construction related maintenance. Grounds maintenance and aerial tree work is also performed by competent and trained staff and by a local contractor. Roof replacements are contracted because of the extensive scope of work they entail.

The proposed rule changes did draw some comments as well. Notably, the changes in US flag display. The Board wishes to encourage the proper display of Old Glory. The problem is that some ways of mounting the flag have not been done in a respectful manner (well intentioned none the less).

Finally, a good deal of time was spent discussing enforcement matters. We live in a tight knit community. What one person does (or doesn't) may adversely affect their neighbors.

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Enjoy the catalog. Take your time considering all the ways you can learn, grow and have fun. But don't wait too long ... these will fill up quickly. See you in class ... a lot of them.

Community Updates

The traffic signal slated for SW 80th Avenue and SW 80th Street is in final component review by the Marion County Transportation Department. Conflicts with underground utilities have been resolved. At this juncture, we cannot offer a firm start date. More information will be available to update everyone on this much-needed improvement in my next article.

Looking back over the last 12 months, we were really pretty busy updating the recreational amenities. The Health & Recreation pool deck and veranda were resurfaced and accessibility was enhanced. The Health & Recreation Building lower courts have been completely rebuilt, paved and surfaced as pickleball courts. The miniature golf course was rebuilt from the ground

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Holiday Festival

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Santa Claus started off the Holiday Festival at Circle Square Commons on Friday, Dec. 3. This jolly old elf must have brought North Pole weather with him, with hot chocolate being the drink of the evening.

The festival drew many spectators. Vendors circled The Town Square selling jewelry, Christmas wreaths and potted poinsettias. Of course, Mr. B's Big Scoop was open and the Island Cafe truck supplied hot refreshments along with food items.

Santa opened the program singing Christmas carols and playing his saxophone. Frank Miller, winner of the World Has Talent contest, played Santa. Next on the agenda was the Dickens Carolers from Orlando and finally Liang, an acrobat.

Liang, who has appeared on NBC's America's Got Talent, The Today Show and performed in eight countries, juggled spinning plates on bamboo sticks, performed tricks with a giant yo-yo and hula-hoops. Each act made many appearances alternating their routines. The final act was dancers from the Extension Dance Studio who performed many dance routines.

Finally, Santa wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Photo by Bob Woods

Santa Claus visits Circle Square Commons on Dec. 3.

Over 120,000 Visitors

By Robert Colen



Photo by Ray Cech

The first winter freeze at Sholom Park changed the face of a Camellia.

This past year, Sholom Park's attendance hit a record high of over 120,000 people. That is a 20 percent increase over 2009. Since opening day in October 2004, nearly 500,000 people have visited the park. We are exceptionally proud and humbled to know that Sidney Colen's vision of a park dedicated to individual peace and private meditation continues to be embraced by tens of thousands of people each year.

So, if you haven't been there, I want to encourage you to go. This is a wonderful time of year to experience Sholom Park; the winter annuals are in bloom, the camellias are flowering and, on a sunny day, when the weather isn't too chilly, you can feel something profoundly beautiful ... peace.

You may also take note of something else. You will see mothers walking with their young children. Young families feeding fish as they literally leap out of the pond for a morsel of bread. You may see grandparents and grandchildren sitting under a shade tree reading books to each other. You may also see painters and poets, joggers and walkers or those with romance in their eyes. You will see people from every ethnic, racial, religious, and national group quietly enjoying the park and respecting each other.

For all of these reasons, Sholom Park exists. We invite you to come and experience the beauty of Sholom Park.

Hoofin' It For Hospice

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Each year, a group of On Top of the World residents organize a fundraiser for Hospice of Marion County called Hoofin' It For Hospice.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Health & Recreation Building. It is open to all residents of On Top of the World regardless of which community you reside.

This is a two-mile walk at your own pace from 8 to 10 a.m. This is not a race to see who finishes first but rather an event to raise funds for Hospice of Marion County with all monies ear-marked for the Legacy House. Everyone who finishes is a winner!

So, get those legs warmed up and those walking shoes broken in and sign up for the Hoofin' It For Hospice. Registration forms are available in all public areas. You have to fill out a registration form and pay \$1 to participate.

Now, the idea of this registration form is to get your neighbors and friends involved by them sponsoring you with a donation. Sounds like a lot of fun, doesn't it?

It all started some 10-years ago when a group of residents including Ruth Goldstine took part in a similar walk in Ocala and decided right then and there to start one in On Top of the World instead of traveling downtown. Last year, Ruth's group raised over \$19,000 for Hospice of Marion County from Hoofin' It For Hospice, a raffle for a cruise, fashion show and other activities.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help get the word out about this important event, please call Ruth at 854-1128 or Margaret Orlando at 854-7306.

So, get ready to hoof it!



2010 food drive donations.

2010 Food Drive a Success

By Barbara Thomas

On Top of the World residents and employees graciously responded with non-perishable food, personal care items and pet food. The Oct. 28 through Nov. 12 campaign resulted in over 3,630 pounds of donations making a difference in the lives of less fortunate Marion County residents.

Interfaith serves over 3,700 children monthly in their Food 4 Kids program.

"We know how much hard work and effort you put into collecting this food and we, as well as those who receive our services, truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and loving kindness."

Phyllis Tate
Interfaith Emergency Services, Inc.

In September 2010, 941 families were assisted with food and over 300 with personal items. All of those who contributed goods, time and effort can be assured their efforts served a

very worthy cause - caring for our neighbors in need.

Thank you all and have a safe and happy New Year.



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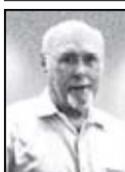
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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

BY STAN GOLDSTEIN



Age is a very high price to pay for wisdom!



Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

Here is my lecture schedule for the upcoming months: Jan. 11, 18 and 25, Attorney Richard Belz and I will be briefly discussing the movies: "The Paper Chase," "Anatomy of a Murder" and "My Cousin Vinny." We hope to point you toward an understanding of the legal issues involved with these movies.

Then, on Feb. 1, I will lecture on Florida Law. On Feb. 15 and Feb. 22, I will reprise my two lectures on the Civil War.

On March 15, I will discuss annuities from a legal standpoint and on April 5, I will discuss Living Wills, Health Care Proxies and Durable Powers of Attorney. I hope you all mark your calendars and will be with me on these dates.

Q. My attorney from (a large Eastern state) prepared a durable power of attorney for my father to sign so that I could sell his Florida real property. According to the law of (the Eastern state) the durable power of attorney was "properly and legally signed." I went to use the power of attorney to sell

my father's real property and I was confronted with the statement that it was not valid because there weren't two witnesses; even though my dad signed it and the document was notarized by a notary public in (the Eastern state). My attorney (from the Eastern state) insists that the power of attorney is valid in Florida because it is valid in (the Eastern state); so why should it not be valid in Florida?

A. It should not be valid in Florida because the durable power of attorney apparently does not comply with Florida law; and it is Florida Law that regulates how real property in the State of Florida can be conveyed by the use of a durable power of attorney. Simply put, in order to convey real property in the State of Florida by using a durable power of attorney that document must not only be signed and notarized but must also be witnessed by two persons.

A power of attorney that is to be used to convey real property in Florida must be executed with the same formalities as a deed to that property. A deed to convey real property must be signed, witnessed by two persons and then notarized so it can be properly recorded. (Note: In fact, a durable power of attorney to be valid in Florida must always have two witnesses and be notarized regardless of whether it is to be used to convey real property.) Unfortunately, this happens now and then.

An attorney from another state prepares a document that accords with the laws of that particular state; but for one reason or another does not comply with the laws of Florida. This is why I personally feel that if you live in a state as your residence or if you are going to be involved with the sale of real property in any state, it is best to have a document drawn up or at least reviewed by an attorney who is authorized to practice law in that state.

And as an aside, I am frequently (but not always) amused by attorneys from other states who are also licensed to practice law in Florida and who seem to feel that simply because they have a license to practice law here, they are Florida attorneys. I am licensed to practice law in Texas where I went to law school and in Ohio, (as well as in Florida, of course); but I sure as heck do not consider myself a Texas or Ohio attorney. In fact, I would not even think about handling a matter in those states.

Why? Because my focus is on the vast number of laws in this state and in order to be truly competent to give legal advice in Texas or Ohio, I feel—and I admit this is just my opinion—that I would need to be focusing on the law of that particular state. You see, there are several different Florida statutes that might relate to a specific transaction but they are not all necessarily located inside the same statute.

An example has to do with Florida's homestead laws. The laws relating to homestead in Florida are found not only in the Florida Constitution but also in several of the Florida Statutes and also in many, many cases decided by Florida Courts. The

various laws regarding Florida homestead have a profound impact on the purchase and sale of real property as well as on asset protection issues, title insurance, marital rights, bankruptcy, taxation matters and other matters as well.

And homestead is just one aspect of Florida law. Thus, it is necessary to keep a lot of different issues in mind even for a simple transaction such as buying or selling a homestead. I, personally, cannot really keep up with the laws of other states that might relate to any single transaction because it would be quite difficult to focus on the laws of those states while also focusing on the laws here in Florida. The truth is I can't really understand why someone in another state who has a law practice in that state thinks he or she can advise clients of Florida law as well as the law of his or her own state.

Q. My children tell me that I need a Living Will. My attorney says I need an Advance Directive. What is your view and is there a difference between them?

A. In Florida, a Living Will is an Advance Directive. The term Advance Directive means a witnessed written document or an oral (verbal) statement in which someone gives instructions regarding his or her desires concerning any aspect of his or her health care and the treatment or non-treatment that may be offered for a specific health condition.

An Advance Directive includes a Living Will and may also include the designation of a health care surrogate. A health care surrogate is someone who is designated or appointed by the person making the Advance Directive to make health care decisions in the event the person appointing the surrogate is not able to make such decisions.

A health care proxy is someone who is appointed—almost always by a Court—to make health care decisions for someone because that someone did not appoint a health care surrogate in an Advance Directive.

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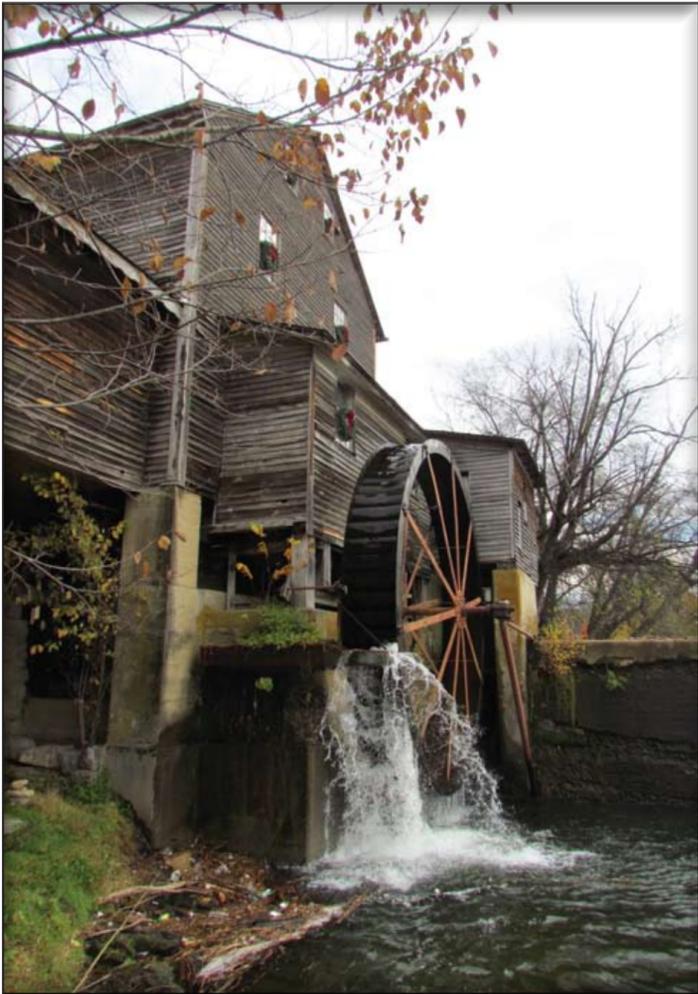


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The old mill and general store in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Smoky Mountains

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Smoky Mountains was a trip of all trips. The sights seen and the shows visited surpassed everyone's expectations. The week-long trip took us through Georgia, Tennessee and Georgia. The fall foliage was spectacular.

Arriving in Pigeon Forge, home for many theaters, after checking into our hotel we departed for an evening southern fried meal. Then the group invaded the Comedy Barn where we were treated to a fantastic show.

The next morning saw the group of On Top of the World travelers heading for the Smoky Mountains National Park where a step-on guide relayed all kinds of stories since she herself was born and raised in the mountains.

Now I understand why the mountains are called "The Smokies" - low clouds, fog and mist often obscured the mountaintops making it look like smoke coming from a huge fire.

The tour offered the group some free time to explore Gatlinburg and some in the group visited the many shops in this historic community while some ventured on a ski-lift for a ride to a nearby mountain viewing Gatlinburg and the fall foliage from this mountain top.

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park is the most visited national park in the United States perhaps because there is no admission charge and it is located on the east coast where the majority of the U.S. population resides.

That evening, the On Top of the World troopers visited the Smith Family Theater for a dinner buffet and a fantastic show. This family has won many awards including the best show and best entertainers for the past six years. They sang country, oldies, bluegrass and gospel; performed comedy and impersonations. This entertaining

show was fantastic.

The next morning, the group arrived at the Black Bear Jamboree Theater for breakfast and the Blackwoods Variety Show. The Blackwoods are known for their inspirational gospel music. Their singing was broken up by comedy skits performed by a duo who are also ventriloquists. This family musical group has won many awards including eight Grammy, 27 Dove and five American music awards and sold over 50 million albums.

A little free time and lunch was enjoyed in the Old Mill section of Pigeon Forge. The town's name came into existence because there were two mills built along the banks of the Pigeon River. Then in 1820, an operational furnace and forge was established near one of the mills, hence the naming of the community as Pigeon Forge.

That evening, the group was treated to the fantastic Temptations Revue Show singing classics of Motown.

The Patty Wazsak show entertained the gang on this tour. She not only sings but plays many instruments, does a bit of comedy and some audience participation stunts in her performance. That evening we headed back to the Black Bear Jamboree Theater for the shows of all shows. After enjoying a great southern style dinner, we were delighted to see the annual Christmas show.

Departing the last of the scheduled shows for the trip, many in the group descended on the Christmas Place, a store selling nothing but Christmas goods. This store is the second largest Christmas store in the United States, the first being in Frankenmuth, Mich.

All in all, everyone I talked to who participated in the Smoky Mountains trip gave nothing but favorable comments on this experience.



D'Clowns

By Paula Magen

D'Clowns started off the month of December with the always-popular golf cart parade. New clown, Penny (Doty Baird), did a fantastic job on her cart. It had wonderful decorations on top, back and front. Clown Joker (Mike Roppel) photographed the decorating stages for all D'Clowns to see.

Another new clown, Clara Bell, did a sensational wreath for the Health & Rec-

reation Center. It was a large clown Santa. Kudos to Charlotte Erickson!

On Nov. 22, D'Clowns participated in the Take Stock in Children program at the Ed Crosky Center in Ocala. One hundred ten families with students involved in the program received Thanksgiving dinner baskets thanks to a professional football player's foundation and the community. Take Stock in Children is a statewide mentoring program for at risk, low-income families. D'Clowns was there to face paint and tattoo. Stan Magen joined our group with his amazing nail puzzle.

D'Clowns was there for the Kids and Cookies program at TimberRidge in November and December. The four and five year olds from the Childhood Development Center enjoy doing a holiday craft

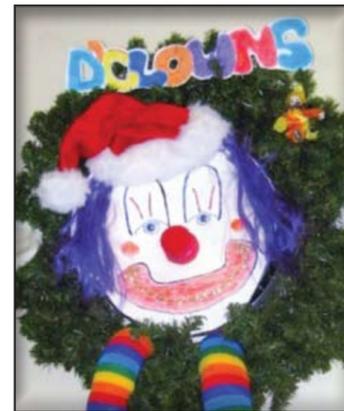
with the residents. The children love seeing the clowns and getting Mardi Gras beads and stickers.

We were at the Superior in Cala Hills in December to do a holiday show for their memory support group. Seasonal songs, skits and magic entertained the residents.

At our meetings on Monday, Jan. 3 and 17, we will be scheduling new events to spread cheer; join us at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 1:30 p.m. For information please call Paula Magen at 873-3433.

Very best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2011!

D'Clowns' wreath at the Health & Recreation Ballroom made by Charlotte Erickson.



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All Around Our World

By Lynette Vermillion

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to put the New Year's goals in place. I stopped calling them resolutions and instead named them goals. Goals are more apt to be accomplished and we have a lot to get done in 2011.

HOA Meetings

December was a busy month with Association meetings for the Circle Square Ranch Master Association, Candler Hills Neighborhood Association, Indigo East Neighborhood Association, and the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association. The Boards of the Candler Hills, Indigo East, and On Top of the World Central Associations approved the proposed Rule Amendments to the Rules and Regulations as well as the Community Standards.

Please check out the changes that were approved by going to the www.otowinfo.com website and clicking on your neighborhood on the left-hand side. You will then need to click on the Community Rules tab and you will be able to see the changes. These include additions and/or changes to the following sections: "Offensive or Unlawful Activities," "Solicitation," "Lawn Furnishings, Ornaments, and Accessories," "Flags," "Flagpoles," "Roof or Wall Attach-

ment or Penetrations" and "Fees For Minor/Major Reviews." A black lined version was also posted on Dec. 2 and can be found if you scroll through the information in the middle of the page.

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 Jan. 19 this month.

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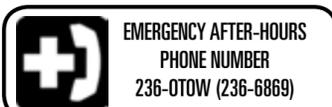
- apply for a modification;
- submit a work order;
- rent a storage or RV space;
- obtain your resident ID or decal;
- pay your Bay Laurel Center CDD bill;
- pay your DCM bill or discuss the latest package offerings;
- sign up for automatic debit;
- have a multitude of questions answered including those regarding your water bill;
- purchase On Top of the World license plates;
- peruse the posters to see what's happening in the community;
- review paint schemes for your home;
- obtain a list of vendors who have provided proof of insurance and proper license if required;

... and the list goes on and on.

So, if you are ever in doubt as to whether Customer Service handles something or not, please feel free to stop by, because more than likely they do.

Holiday Decorations

Please ensure that all holiday decorations are removed by Jan. 16. Live Christmas trees may be placed on the curb in front of your home for pick-up on your community's regularly scheduled debris pick-up day.



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Getting Ready for the Cold

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RV Passes and Guest Passes

Just a friendly reminder that RV owners must obtain a pass from Customer Service before parking in the community. We have received several complaints recently that this rule is not being followed. RVs are only allowed to park within the community to load and unload the 24 hours before or after a trip.

You may also drop by Customer Service for a guest pass for use by a guest visiting overnight within the community. We do not issue guest passes for visitors who are not residing within the community. They may enter the community by being logged in at the gate or after 6 p.m. by your calling the gate to announce them.

Golf Courses

As a reminder to all golf cart drivers, golf cart paths on the golf course are for use during active play only. If you are playing golf, please do not drive your cart into the yards of homes on the golf course or walk into someone's backyard to pick up a ball. The golf course is not a walking/fitness trail, nor is it meant for dog walking or bicycling. These types of activities are prohibited on the golf course.

Indigo East Gateway Changes

The Indigo East community is unique in that they may choose to opt in or out of the Gateway of Services. For those Indigo East residents wishing to enjoy the amenities behind the gates, a Gateway of Services is necessary.

This year, we are offering several payment options when you sign up: monthly automatic debit from your checking, savings or credit card; one time check or credit card payment; or quarterly payments with a quarterly processing fee. If you would like more information regarding the Gateway of Services or if you would like to sign up, please contact Customer Service for an appointment.

RV Parking Area

In an effort to secure the RV parking area, in early January, it will be necessary to

obtain additional access to that area. Most of you are aware the main gate at the entrance of the Storage/RV area is currently secured and any resident who occupies a storage or RV space must use their resident ID to access this area. This access is only granted to residents who are authorized to utilize the facilities.

On Jan. 17, there will be an additional gate with keypad access for RV occupants. A four-digit pin is necessary for anyone who has a registered space. If you currently have a registered lot number and have not obtained a pin code, please visit Customer Service at your earliest convenience to do so.

Single Stream Recycling

Single stream recycling started in the community a year ago at the 90th Street post office and quickly spread to other sites. It has been popular and we have had plenty of positive feedback from residents. If you haven't taken time to check out this convenient and easy form of recycling, you should do so. Many materials can be recycled and the good news is that everything goes into one bin - no sorting required! Just look for the container that states, "single stream recycling."

Please do not include:

- glass such as light bulbs, ceramics or mirrors;
- aluminum products such as aerosol cans;
- plastic bags.

Plastic containers must be numbered one to seven on the bottom of the container and all cardboard must be broken down. Please rinse all containers and remove lids. Please follow the guidelines on the sign, refer to www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com or pick-up information at Customer Service.

Pet Waste

The subject has been discussed many times - picking up after your animals - however, it continues to be an ongoing problem in the community. Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner or custodian of the animal.

It is the responsibility of the owner or custodian to pick up immediately no matter the location - your own lawn, the neighbor's lawn, the common area or a vacant lot. If feces are left, it makes for very unpleasant conditions for other residents and the maintenance crews. It is also a potential hazard. Pet waste carries bacteria and parasites, which can be harmful. Flies may also spread the bacteria and parasites when not properly disposed of. The community rules require it, therefore we ask everyone to pick up after their animal and properly dispose of the waste.

Best wishes to all of you in the New Year and good luck with those New Year's resolutions goals.



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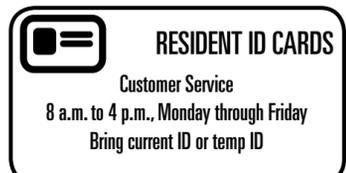
By Patricia A. Woodbury

The members of CERT would like to thank On Top of the World for sponsoring the luncheon on Dec. 13 in appreciation of the CERT volunteers. The food was won-

derful and the presence of management and Sheriff's Office staff, including Sheriff Ed Dean was particularly supportive for the members.

The next meeting of CERT is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 11. CERT meets every second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in Suites E, F and G of the Arbor Conference Center. Persons interested in learning more about CERT are welcome to attend these meetings or contact me at 854-8718.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of CERT, should contact Bob Conn, Trainer, Division of Emergency Management, Marion County Sheriff's Office at 369-8199. A new member training class will start in January.



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James Delfraisse, FRA branch 186 treasurer, James Chandler, branch member and President Military Officers Association of America, Kingdom of the Sun Branch, discuss the events that took place during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor with Donald Dertien, retired USN captain.

Pearl Harbor Luncheon

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The 18th annual Pearl Harbor Luncheon hosted by the Fleet Reserve Association, Citrus Branch 186, was held at Stumpknockers Restaurant on the 69th anniversary of the famous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Fleet Reserve Branch hosts the yearly event inviting all Pearl Harbor survivors from Citrus and Marion Counties, both military and civilians, who lived through this event.

After a brief introduction of each sur-

ivor and guests, a two-bell ceremony was performed honoring all those military personnel who have been transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander. A fabulous lunch followed.

One Pearl Harbor survivor from On Top of the World, Donald Dertien, was a young naval officer onboard the destroyer USS Farragut during the attack. Over the years, each survivor has been presented with a gift and this year they were presented with a U.S.-made American flag.



Genealogical Society

By Elizabeth Kyle

On Nov. 13, Dick Eastman (www.eogn.com) wrote in the free edition of his newsletter an opinion piece on the value of unverified data on the internet, which I found reasonable, surprising, and genuinely helpful.

Throughout my study of history and genealogy, sourcing has been emphasized as of utmost importance. Information should always be sourced, but don't ignore the value of unverified information in providing clues to factual information that can be verified later. Just remember that the data may be wrong and it is the genealogists' responsibility to verify every bit of data we use before we pass it on. The main message he is sending is not to ignore any clues - just

verify, verify, verify.

Our education committee will be offering intermediate level classes at Master the Possibilities. Enrollees must have a good working knowledge of Family Tree Maker because this course is designed for the more advanced user of the program. This course will be offered twice for a total enrollment of 20. The first session will be on Feb. 24 and 25. The last session will be on March 31 and April 1. Register early to guarantee a spot in these first advanced classes.

Our business meeting is held on the second Monday at 10 a.m. in Room 3 of the Craft Building. Helen Grollmuzz opens the library early to give members a chance to borrow and return materials. Helen also is in our library on most Thursday mornings. She has a wealth of experience and information, which she graciously shares. Having a month to use something is a real benefit for researchers.

Educational meetings on topics requested by members and on free sites are held on the third Monday at 10 a.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Club Conference Center.



Keeping It Green

By Phillip B. Hisey

Well, I hate to be redundant but we are seeing some record lows and I wanted to reiterate the importance of backflows 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 irrigation system when backsiphonage from the irrigation system could occur. These devices are a public safety measure to ensure that our potable water is safe.

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, especially since we have already had a couple of hard freezes

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 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 To's." 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.

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 back siphonage.

For those of you interested or concerned, we have halted trimming of the Cord Grass and Paspalum in most areas due to the cold weather. We will resume if there is a warm up in temperatures for a prolonged period of time or we will get back on it in the spring.

Thanks for your patience, hope you enjoy your holidays and have a safe and happy New Year.

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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

Continued from page 1

up. The Craft Room was updated with new flooring, cabinets, and paint. Finally, the Card and Billiards rooms had new carpet installed.

The Town Square

Due to cold weather, dancing on The Town Square has been canceled until March 2011. Watch for upcoming details.

Circle Square Commons

The entertainment line-up for the first half of 2011 has been released and is available on www.CSCulturalCenter.com. We are excited about some of the biggest acts we have booked to date coming to our community in January. On Jan. 8, The Crystals ("Da Doo Run Run") will grace the stage and be joined by our local favorites Rocky & The Rollers. On Jan. 21, Richard Street's Temptations will perform "Papa was a Rollin' Stone;" and on Jan. 28 we welcome back The Lettermen.

On Jan. 15, don't miss the annual free Health & Wellness Expo 2011 in the Circle Square Cultural Center. This year, we are expanding this event to include The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa that will simultaneously host an Open House - everyone is invited! Also, the fitness team for On Top of the World Communities and The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, led by Cammy Dennis, will provide fitness demonstrations in the Cultural Center. If you are a fan of Zumba, go to The Town Square at 12:30 p.m. and participate in a Zumba class. If you want to work out with the group, you will need to complete a registration form. Pick up a registration form at the Health & Recreation Building, The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa or go online to register at www.RanchFitnessSpa.com or www.CSCulturalCenter.com.

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Hospitality

By Linda Tiffany

Candler Hills Restaurant

Join us for cold weather comfort foods. Warm up with a bowl of Texas Red (authentic chili) for \$5.29 and drafts for a \$1 with purchase. Served Monday through Friday 11 a.m. - to 4 p.m.

The following dinner specials are served from 4 p.m. to close - \$9.95 each (plus tax and gratuity). Monday: Homemade spaghetti & meatballs served with a side salad; Tuesday: Baked ham, green beans and mashed potatoes; Wednesday: Chicken and dumplings with side vegetable; Thursday: Beef pot roast with mashed potatoes, vegetables and gravy; and Friday: Crab cake sandwich with French fries and coleslaw.

Every Friday and Saturday is the Prime Rib Special which includes a baked potato, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter for \$12.95 and is served from 4 to 8 p.m. Fish Friday features 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 com-

bined) Membership. Members receive a 5% discount on all food and beverage items and a 10% discount 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 is required.

Our 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 and 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.

Don't forget that our Early Bird Dinner Specials are offered every day from 4 to 6 p.m. for \$9.95.

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

Reservations are recommended for spe-

cial events, and are requested for parties of 10 people or more.

The Pub

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.

The Pub will be serving the following cold weather comfort foods: Warm up with a bowl of Texas Red (authentic chili) for \$5.29 and drafts for a \$1 with purchase. Served Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Wednesday dinner special at The Pub is chicken and dumplings. Served 2p.m. to close, \$8.95 (plus tax and gratuity).

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



Winds of Windsor

By Joni Wetmore

As the winter solstice gets closer in time and our days are shorter, the season changes. For many, there's the snow, which is enjoyed by those north of us, however this year, the cold, windy weather is really affecting our flora here in Marion County and we see sheets covering many delicate shrubs and plants. Our thanks go out to those who are protecting their shrubs for all to enjoy when winter leaves us.

Up to this point in time, we have been enjoying the music of the season; what talent we have both here at On Top of the World and beyond. Thank you to the musicians for sharing their talents with us. Many of us enjoy sharing time with our neighbors or volunteering to bring a smiling face to someone in need.

Our Windsor loop has had several gatherings. Our attempt to have luminaries had to be canceled because of the high winds, however they expect to still have a walk around the loop before year's end.

The Windsorites have two new neighbors and we welcome all of you. We understand that they are delighted with their move to On Top of the World. Among them there are golfers, walkers, R/C flyers, dancers and many more activities they enjoy.

As we end 2010 and look forward to

2011, we pray for peace as always, so that all the countries of the world can and will work together for the future of our children and grandchildren.

We thank the employees here at On Top of the World who keep our outside grounds looking nice, who teach us new skills, who share a smile as they pass by, and all the thoughtful things they do.

We also thank all our neighbors who give their time to keep entertainment nights coming, bus trips filled, crafts taught, and all the many other things our neighbors share with us.

From Windsor, we wish all of you a happy New Year, good health, and the pleasures of the seasons as the equinoxes occur quarterly. If you have any questions, call me at 390-2359.

Candler Connection

By Don Grosner

Did you make money in the market? Did you miss that ace on the golf course? Was 2010 a good year? Well, let's make 2011 a better year. How? Take control; make up your mind to do something you always wanted to do.

Have you always wanted to try golf? Call or go to the Candler Hills Golf Shop, take

golf lessons and then register for Sunday's Duffers Golf. No clubs? Not golf savvy? No problem, they will help make 2011 a better year.

Have you made the day trip to Dudley Farms, Rainbow Springs State Park, Cedar Key, Orange Blossom Opry House, or any of the dozens of other interesting venues within an hour's drive of Candler Hills? Make 2011 a better year and do something you always wanted to do. Need help in planning a trip? Come to the Candler Hills Community Center on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 7:15 p.m., and meet people who have made these trips and are willing to help you make them too. The information is free, no membership or commitment required and no one is going to try to sell you anything. Just a group of Candler Hills residents, called the Candler Gathering Club trying to share their experiences with their neighbors.

On Top of the World is doing its part in making 2011 a better year by rebuilding the golf cart path at the main entrance from

SR200. Having traversed this route many times in our golf cart, this renovation is much appreciated.

In the December column, I outlined how to have "a great time"... well the Candler Connection holiday party, with 100-plus attendees held at the Arbor Club was "a great time"... ask around, I am sure anyone who was there will echo my evaluation. A well deserved thank you to Bob Scherff, Sandi Jankowski and their social committee team for an outstanding event. And a special great job to Chef Greg for a fabulous dinner.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Candler Connection Club will hold a social/board election event at the Candler Hills Community Center at 3:30 p.m. Four board members will be elected this year. Come out to socialize with your neighbors, show appreciation for the efforts of the past year's events and vote for people who are hoping to continue the "great times."

Are you new 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.

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Avalon Social Group

By Lorraine Rourke

We had a wonderful turnout at our Christmas/holiday potluck with the spiral-baked ham provided from our raffle earnings and the delicious food brought by everyone. Those home cooked dishes were delicious with such a variety.

Wilma Wheeler made and provided the holiday centerpieces, which were then raffled off along with some other prizes and the 50/50. Great job Wilma!

Thank you Ed and Joanne Barnes who always head up, set up and clean up; Ed who has taken over the raffle from Wilma and Ed; Larry for organizing the ham; Dori for her help; our ticket sellers Bev, Darlene,

Ed, and Jan; our treasurer, Marie; and the many others who helped set up and tear down. I couldn't do it without your help.

The next potluck takes place on Jan. 10 (second Monday due to New Year's). We're going to try a theme; this will be our Italian dish potluck. Please bring something that would be considered an Italian dish. Of course, we'll accept other types as well if you aren't into Italian. Bring a dish to share (serving 10 to 12), serving utensil and your non-alcoholic beverage. Setup is 5 p.m., start is 5:30 p.m. with the food line starting at 5:45 p.m. It's a great way to have a wonderful meal while visiting with your neighbors.

We'd like to invite the Windsor folks to join us by bringing a dish. There will be a 50/50 raffle to raise funds.

Mark your calendar for the 2011 events: 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.



Photo by Bill Leon

Loopers Girls Night Out celebrated Christmas with their spouses at the Arbor Club.

Loopers Girls Night Out

By Luz Leon

The Loopers Girls Night Out (GNO), formed by the ladies living on 93rd Loop, meet once a month and plan activities and group lunches.

GNO recently celebrated Christmas at

the Arbor Club. The ladies invited their spouses for the fun-filled evening, while they joyfully sang Christmas carols and traded presents. It was quite a night as the food was delicious, along with the appetizers and desserts, but most of all, it was an evening to enjoy the company of neighbors and a chance to wish them all a Merry Christmas.



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

November marked the beginning of our sixth year of having great meals and fun entertaining after our summer hiatus. This was our 55th dinner! Twenty-two diners celebrated this dinner at four club member's homes.

Our first dinner hosts were Mary and Bob O'Neal. Tish and Don Dertien brought two hors d'oeuvres: cream cheese with Major Grey's mango chutney and baked artichoke dip with chopped artichoke hearts, grated parmesan and mayonnaise.

Following the hors d'oeuvres, Mary and Bob served a Bourbon glazed pork loin, rosemary with garlic oven baked potatoes and broccoli, carrots and summer squash. Tish and Don then served a delicious dessert of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream.

Hosting our second dinner were Ann and Conrad Massa. Kathy and Luke Mullen prepared two appetizers: cherry tomatoes stuffed with marinated feta cheese with a half Kalamata olive slid in alongside the feta cheese and prosciutto-wrapped roasted asparagus drizzled with balsamic vinegar. Ann and Conrad then served Boeuf Bourguignonne. It consisted of bot-

tom round beef cut in cubes and marinated for 24 hours in burgundy wine. Accompanying this were a rice pilaf dish and candied carrots. After the main meal, Jean and Joe Breslin served a pumpkin cream cheese pie, made with a buttered graham cracker crust and topped off with whipped cream.

Our third dinner hosts were Barbara and John Young. Shirley and Richard Impresa brought the appetizers: bruschetta, peppers, capers and gorgonzola cheese and white beans with balsamic vinegar and bacon wrapped water chestnuts. Gitte and Paul Agarwal brought fruit to serve after the hors d'oeuvres. Barbara and John then served their main course, which was (Boeuf a 'la Flamande) beef over egg noodles served with a mixed green salad and warm French bread. They then served a pineapple cake and whipped cream.

The fourth dinner hosts were Cherry and Fred Jones. Debbie and Dan Partin prepared the hors d'oeuvres: Brie covered with dried cherries, chopped walnuts and brandy served hot with assorted crackers on side and mini crab cakes. Cherry and Fred then served Halibut Olympia using fish that they brought "fresh from the boat" frozen when they came back from Alaska. With it was served mixed rice, asparagus with onion and water chestnuts and an avocado/orange salad. Joan Sigafos and Richard Miles then served a country apple crumb pie, served a la mode with vanilla ice cream and cheddar cheese.

Our club is currently looking for new couple members, call Luke at 304-8104.

Vote Smart Club

By D.I. Larson

Citizens are tired of voting in the dark. In light of this happenstance a non-partisan Vote Smart Club is now in the planning stages.

Any resident interested in improved voter information, including face to face encounters with candidates of every stripe (judges, too) might like to give this club a look see. Our goal is to learn what is in the mind, and heart of each candidate.

This country was founded by brave men and women who said "No" to their government for a tea tax. Are we any less brave or intelligent?

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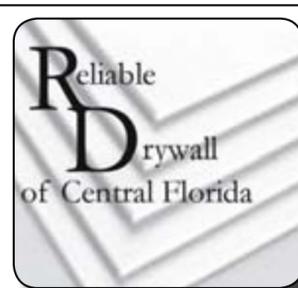
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SPCA

By Maria Devine

Two itty bitty Chihuahua girls have just come up for adoption; so we don't have pictures yet. The gals weigh only three to four pounds and one is four years old and the other is 10. Remember that 10 for a Chihuahua is only middle age, since they can live up to 20 years. If you've had a hankering for a tiny pal of your own this year, please give Donna a call at 873-8972 to set up a visit.

Those loveable kittens, Dewie, Gracie and Riley are still available. Dewie and Gracie are best friends and would like to be adopted together. Riley is a handsome devil that can be with other cats or be the only one. Any of these darlings will make a fine addition to your family in 2011. Please give the SPCA a call at 362-0985 to find out more.

Recently the SPCA went on a field trip to the Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS). Keith and Ken, president and vice president of this non-profit, have created a beautiful oasis in the middle of Ocala where sick, injured or abandoned animals (primarily birds) are nursed back to health and released into the wild. Some with severe injuries have a permanent home where they are lovingly cared for.

Upon entering the sanctuary, the first animal you see is Buttercup, a baby deer rescued at a day old. Now several months old and thriving, Buttercup enjoys the comforts of home in the evening where

she curls up in the house with Keith or Ken much like a puppy.

The house in the middle of the grounds has been fortified to withstand hurricane force winds and the animals and humans can seek shelter there through major storms.

OWLS rescued 400 ducks last year and rehomed them to a large farm north of Ocala. There are still several ducks that live on the premises. If you're standing in their way during a tour, they will beep to let you know that they would like to pass by. Many of the birds that are permanent residents are sadly victims of human cruelty. These cases are difficult if not impossible to prosecute. Keith and Ken make it their business to keep them as comfortable as possible.

OWLS' pride and joy is Hobie, a Great Horned Owl. Hobie is a great ambassador, especially for the children's programs. Keith and Hobie have a wonderful rapport, as Hobie curls his talons to sit on Ken's arm - no restraining leash is needed. OWLS is a great place to bring the grandkids. They can learn so much about our mostly feathered friends.

January through July is OWLS busiest rescue season - that's when the babies are born. They are also building new eagle enclosures to expand their eagle rescue. They are constantly upgrading all their enclosures and wheelchair accessibility. Keith and Ken grow their own fruit trees to defray feeding costs. Still, this labor of love costs a great deal to run. Donations can be made by calling 895-0451 or at their website: www.Owls-Ocalainc.org.

Our next meeting is at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Arbor Club. 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 Jan. 6.



Buttercup, a baby deer, at Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary.

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100 Grandparents

By Eleonora Buba

Happy 2011 to all! We hope that everyone had a joyous holiday. Dec. 9 at Romeo Elementary was like the "Night Before Christmas" ... all the grandparents were laden with surprises and treats, in anticipation of the children's faces they would soon greet.

There was no down time at Romeo during December. Aside from learning, there was a Secret Santa Shop and several grandparents traveled to the school to help the children shop.

The fifth grade students held an evening choral program on Dec. 14 and a morning program for the school on Dec. 16.

The new wing at Romeo campus was dedicated on Dec. 17. What an awesome state-of-the-art facility! The fourth and fifth grade students are so thankful to be out of the portables and it makes us proud to see our tax dollars well spent!

There was a record number of subs in December, including some former grandparents who came out of retirement, Bertha Carlson, Jeralie Walters, Lillian Chadwick, and Diana Riegler. One of our regular grandparents, Lynn Nye, had a visitor from Pennsylvania with her who graciously agreed to read to one of the classes. Her visit to Florida this year will be one she will never forget!

And yes, we draft spouses too! Jim Kraft, husband of grandparent Jean, can attest to this. To each of you, we extend a huge "thank you" for giving your time and making it a special day for the kids. If you are interested in the 100 Grandparents, contact Barbara Greenwood at 861-2539

for information. Even if you cannot commit on a monthly basis, think about being a sub. It is not only rewarding but fun! Remember, to be a grandparent, there is no requirement to have grandchildren of your own - just a love of children.

Our next trip to Romeo Elementary is Jan. 13.

The Food-for-Kids backpack program always needs food items to ensure that the Romeo Elementary children have meals over the weekends. Deliver the items to Elliott & Marlyn Barbours' home, 8680-H SW 94th Street, and place in the tote on their front porch. The food is delivered to a location where the backpacks are made up.

The 100 Grandparents thank the On Top of the World community for your clipping and delivering labels to the Health & Recreation Building. These labels turn into much-needed supplies for Romeo Elementary.

Thanks to Sue Johnson, who created a short questionnaire to get to know some of our members, we discovered some interesting tidbits about our grandparent members; 48% of our members are retired schoolteachers, elementary, high school and one university professor. Collectively, they taught for a total of 298 years! Wow! The remaining 52% were in the corporate world or service industries.

Together, we bring a wealth of experiences to share with the students and the students teach us much more in return!

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Candler Hills holiday party at the Arbor Club Ballroom.

Candler Hills Dances the Night Away

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

It was the fourth annual holiday party at Candler Hills, and it brought out the best: best dancers, best dressed, best food and, best of all, a rollicking good time. This year's Candler Hills holiday party was held at the Arbor Club Ballroom on Saturday, Dec. 4.

As guests arrived, they were warmly greeted with holiday decorations, tables set with flowers, candles and the welcoming music of Le Croix. And getting the evening started, Amanda and her team of efficient and cheerful servers poured up hearty cocktails and eggnog punch. Then, as the celebrating crowd searched out their tables, you could hear Chef Greg sharpening up the tools of his trade, and he didn't disap-

point. The prime rib was mouth-watering perfect as was the rosemary chicken and tilapia. It was Friendship Catering at their best.

Once dinner was served and the Candler guests satiated, Le Croix kicked up the music. It didn't take but a few notes of "Proud Mary" to get the ladies to kick off their "stilettos," grab a partner and get the dance floor vibrating. And, as they say, the rest is history.

A cheerful "thanks" goes out to Bob Scherff, Sandy Jankowski and to all of the Candler Hills Social Committee volunteers for closing out 2010 with a very memorable party.

Thanks to Our Holiday Volunteers

By Kay Chandler, Fest Coordinator

Putting together the annual Golf Cart Parade and Holiday Festival takes the co-operation of many residents. My husband, Jim, thanks all of the participants from On Top on the World and from the fire service and law enforcement who together put on a great parade. We had about 31 decorated golf carts, quite a few antique cars, fire trucks, sheriff's vehicles, and even a unicycle.

Hours before the Holiday Festival began, helpers collected donated cookies from residents and set up for the entertainment. I was assisted in food preparation by Gloria and Ike Hull, Charlotte Hancock, Ginny Rivers, Susie James, Janice Meade, and Jo Swing. Thanks to the "cookie crew."

Bob O'Neal was the emcee for the event. We were entertained by the Concert Chorus (directed by Carol Slimm), The Bubbles, The Swingin' Sisters, Elaine Hersh (with a story about Hanukah); songs by Bob O'Neal and piano accompaniment by Peggy Campbell; and a great finish for the evening featuring our traditional, audience-involved 12 Days of Christmas (southern style).

Special thanks to Santa (Bill Krepel) who rode in the parade, and greeted all at the Holiday Festival. Also thanks to the Sound and Light Crew for their stage assistance, to the Entertainment Group, Bingo, and Theresa Fields and On Top of the World for their support.

The next day, my husband and I delivered left-over cookies to three assisted living facilities in the area, as well as to all three On Top of the World guard gates. It's a fun job.

I ask you to consider being a volunteer for next year - it really is satisfying work. Just give me a call.

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Ken Colen participates in the Golf Cart Parade on Dec. 8.

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Photo by Bob Woods

Jim and Lyn Loux in their 1922 Model T Ford.

A Day of Holiday Festivities

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Every year, to celebrate the holiday season, On Top of the World Communities hosts a golf cart parade and festivities in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

The parade is like no other! Residents go all out decorating golf carts and antique cars. Vehicles from the Marion County Sheriff's and fire departments are also included. Of course, no Christmas parade would be complete without that fat jolly elf dressed in a red suit sporting one great white beard – Santa Claus.

This year's parade took place on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m., under partly sunny skies with cool temperatures putting everyone in the Christmas spirit.

That evening, in the Health & Recreation Ballroom a social was organized where folks could have a little fun getting into the Christmas spirit. Santa Claus met everyone entering the festivities receiving

many hugs from the ladies as he passed out candy canes. Hot chocolate, coffee and donated cookies were also available.

Besides the refreshments, the On Top of the World Concert Chorus entertained everyone by singing many Christmas songs and then the Bubblettes sang a few carols.

As the audience nibbled on the goodies another group, the Swingin' Sisters Dance Group, entertained those in attendance with a nice dance routine followed by Elaine Hersh who told the story of Hanukkah. Peggy Campbell and master of ceremonies, Bob O'Neal, led the audience in singing Christmas carols and the evening program ended with the entire audience participating in the 12 Days of Christmas, southern style.

After the festivities, it was a nice drive home viewing all the decorated homes.

Residents Decorate for the Holidays

By Kay Chandler

If you had a chance to visit the Health & Recreation Ballroom over the holidays, you saw the cheerful Christmas decorations created by generous resident volunteers.

Several of us met on Saturday, Nov. 27, to erect and decorate a large Christmas tree, and surround it with some clever decorations. Led by Shirley Schopf, the group consisted of Kay Chandler, Rita and Tom Miller, Charlotte Hancock, and Dick Wolfe.

In addition, 15 clubs and other groups picked up Christmas wreaths from me on Nov. 12, decorated them with their own clever themes, and returned them for display on Nov. 27. Tom Miller then hung the wreaths around the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

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



Photo by Bob Woods

Snowman in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.



Community Patrol

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The members of the Community Patrol wish to thank On Top of the World for sponsoring the luncheon on Dec. 13 in appreciation of the patrol volunteers. As usual, the food was wonderful and the presence of management, the Marion County Sheriff's Department, including Sheriff Ed Dean, was of supportive significance for the group.

In our November meeting, Cynthia Edgar, coordinator for the Florida Blood Center, spoke and encouraged members to donate blood. She remarked that the elderly utilize four times the medical services of any age group and use the most donated blood. The "Big Red Bus" is in the Health & Recreation parking lot the first Monday of every even month from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Detective Ed Mobley attended the meeting and warned the group about a gentle-

man living in the community who offers to do odd jobs, but also tends to steal. Detective Mobley cautions all to be careful about hiring someone unknown and avoid letting him or her in the house. Other safety suggestions, especially during this holiday season, were to:

- Be more alert and sensitive to your environment around you.
- Watch for a person who tries to distract you or wants to help you.
- Lock your car, even when it is in your driveway.
- Pick up your neighbors newspapers, and put them on the porch, to avoid letting strangers know that they are away.

The next meeting of the Patrol is Monday, Jan. 24. 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. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.

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April	Noon, Monday, March 14	Thursday, March 31	X	
May	Noon, Wednesday, April 13	Thursday, April 28		
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Larry's Fit Tips

By Larry Robinson

At the start of every New Year I ask myself, "Will I see new faces in the fitness center?" It seems that people set high expectations when it comes to their New Year resolutions. Most people view this time of year as the opportunity to re-commit to improving their health and wellbeing.

There are many reasons that we see new faces in the fitness center; weight loss, lowering blood pressure, building muscle, and even under doctor's orders! No matter what the reason you may have for showing up at the fitness center with a healthy New Year's resolution, it's important that you ask yourself: "Will I be successful or will I fall short of my goal?"

I'm always intrigued as to why people fall short of their fitness goals. Most people give up too soon, and I've heard many excuses over the years; "exercise is boring," "I don't have time," and my favorite is, "I don't like to sweat."

Making lifestyle changes is difficult and your goal is sometimes undermined. Your new commitment will be easily side tracked if you don't set clear priorities and stick to them. Social engagements, appointments and friends who persuade us to "cheat" or skip exercise provide easy excuses to revert back to old behaviors that do not support success. Here are some ideas to help you stay committed to your health and wellness goals.

Find a partner or workout buddy to help you stay motivated and accountable.

Schedule your exercise time just as you would a doctor's appointment; if you spend more time exercising you might be able to

avoid appointments with the doctor! Your workouts should be a priority.

Record your progress; keep track of your workouts by logging the amount of time you spend exercising along with the weight load and repetitions you use for strength training (we can help you chart these things).

As most of us know, regular physical activity provides numerous health benefits. These include improved cardiovascular conditioning, strength, and flexibility, along with maintaining a healthy body weight. Exercise helps prevent osteoporosis and has also been reported to result in an

improved sense of wellbeing. It can relieve or reduce daily stress and most people who exercise regularly find it enjoyable. It only takes about 21 days for a behavior to become a habit, so make your New Year's resolution and stick to it! If you need some help I am always here for guidance and support. Sometimes all you need is a push to get yourself started.

FIT TIP #1: Set a realistic wellness goal that is specific and measurable. For example, if you want to lose weight, it would be realistic to set a goal of losing one to two pounds per week. Therefore, your New Year's reso-

lution might be to lose 15 pounds by April 1. That goal is specific, it can be measured and it is realistic.

FIT TIP #2: Select exercise that you will enjoy. Some people like to go to a gym and do a structured workout, while others enjoy a neighborhood walk. Either will help improve your fitness level.

FIT TIP #3: Keep track of your progress. Documenting your progress can be the boost you need to stay motivated. Seeing improvements in weight loss and strength can inspire you to work even harder to meet your goal.

ARBOR CLUB FITNESS SCHEDULE

Effective Jan. 1, 2011

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

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300 gifts were donated and picked up by Mike Conolly. Pictured from left to right: Wendy Phillips, Dianne Lovely, Estelle Clark and Mike Conolly.



Lions Club

By Eloise Hollyfield

Happy New Year everyone! The On Top of the World Lions Club hopes each of you had a wonderful holiday filled with good health, good fellowship, and much joy.

Members were very busy during December. We had the pleasure of working with the Florida Center for the Blind to aid in their holiday baskets project. We have many to thank for their contributions to the holiday baskets drive and to our gift donations project for underprivileged children. Our thanks go out to Wal-Mart (SR 200), Winn Dixie, Pete's Produce, and Belview's Sweetbay Grocery for their help in supplying contents for these baskets.

We also wish to thank residents for their contribution of more than 300 gift items for needy children. A special thanks goes to Mike Connolly, Fire Station #21, who picked up the gifts for delivery to the children. We hope these gifts brought a little happiness to those families who may have

otherwise had little to brighten their holidays.

Plans for 2011 have already begun and, as always, our focus will be on increasing the number of events so that we may be of even greater help to those in need.

On Jan. 15, our club will participate in the Health & Wellness Expo, which will take place at the Circle Square Cultural Center. This event includes eye screenings and diabetes testing. Emergency light switches will also be for sale.

On Feb. 14, several members from our club will help the Florida Center for the Blind by sponsoring their Valentine's luncheon. This event will take place at the Hilton Hotel, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. The menu will include a fresh garden salad, a vegetable du jour, Chicken Cordon Blue, warm rolls, the chef's specialty dessert, and coffee or iced tea. A vegetarian meal is also available, but it must be ordered by Feb. 11. For more information, contact the Florida Center for the Blind at 873-4700.

Won't you come join the On Top of the World Lions Club? We welcome new members who want to make a difference in the lives of those in need of a helping hand. For information, contact Lion Estelle Clark, membership chair, at 861-7358.

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Women's Cancer Support Group

By Patricia A. Woodbury

At our November meeting, the group talked about patient/health care provider communication. They expressed the importance of being heard, getting the information necessary to form good opinions, and participating in the decisions of their over all care.

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, Jan. 20, at 1:30 p.m. For further information contact, Diane Kiroi at 854-8152.

Bloodmobile



By Sara Sommer

I would like to thank all the heroes who came out on Dec. 6 for the blood drive. It was very cold by Florida standards. Our turnout was down from last time. We collected 19 whole blood units and two Alyx units. Since Alyx donors have to wait 16 weeks, I hope to see those from the October drive again for February.

Here are those who braved the cold: Jane Bauer, George Borgia, Pamela Carpenter, Kay Chandler, Trudy Foster, Patrick Frechette, Deanne Green, Gilbert Green, John Hegarty, Julie Hickok, Suzanne Johnson, David Keitz, Edward LaLonde, Gretchen Luebke, Audrey Mangan, Susan McKay, John Rappa, Virginia Rivers, Megan Searls, and Sara Sommer.

Our next drive for the Big Red Bus will be Feb. 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mark your new 2011 calendars. Only you can give the gift of life.

LifeSouth Bloodmobile

By Diana Morgan

Happy New Year! One of the best resolutions you can make is to give blood! You will be saving lives!

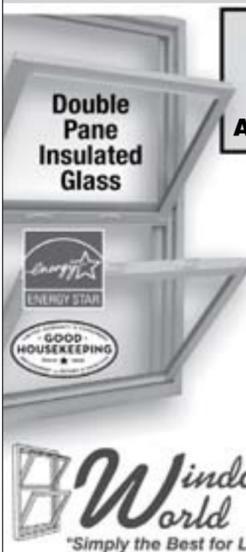
The LifeSouth bloodmobile will be at the Health & Recreation parking lot on Monday, Jan. 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors will receive a cholesterol screening and a recognition item. Be a friend by bringing a friend!

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Fitness Happenings

By Cammy Dennis

"I Think I Can ... I Think I Can"

In that beloved childhood tale, "The Little Engine That Could" learns a very important lesson on self-efficacy. The little blue engine was modest in size but mighty in spirit. Faced with the daunting task of climbing up a mountain, the little blue engine never ceased to believe that this challenge could be conquered.

The power of positive thinking prevails as the engine fortifies conviction with the mantra "I think I can, I think I can." Despite insurmountable odds, the little blue engine is successful and able to climb the mountain.

As we find ourselves at the dawn of this New Year, let this story's mountain serve as a metaphor for those challenges we face in our own lives. Set goals for yourself that will improve your health and wellbeing, holding tight to the words in "The Little Engine That Could." And let me just say ... "I know you can, I know you can!"

Inspirational stories such as these help to reinforce our own self-efficacy. Self-efficacy is your belief in yourself to set goals and meet those goals successfully. However, it will take more than just inspiration and motivation to help you achieve your goals. The power of positive thinking is very important, but the reality is that you will need to be a critical thinker as well. Let's examine the process of setting goals and New Year resolutions, but more importantly doing so with success.

Set goals that are specific and realistic: "I'm going to start going to the gym." This is not specific. Specific goals can be measured; this one is too vague and leaves room for you to abandon it.

"I am going to start an exercise program that will improve my strength and lower my blood pressure." This goal is specific because it can be measured. It is also realistic; improved strength and lower blood pressure are positive results of regular physical activity.

Develop an action plan: Assuming the goal is to "improve strength and lower blood pressure" determine how often you will need to exercise to accomplish this. There are numerous resources to answers these and other fitness questions; meeting with Larry Robinson our full time personal trainer at Health & Recreation, attending Master the Possibilities courses and research through various publications and websites (stick with trusted organizations such as the American Heart Association, International Council on Active Aging).

"I will go to Health & Recreation and

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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
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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-10:30 Kitti
11:30 - 12:00 Aerobics Room	Ultimate 30 Minute Workout* - Han			Ultimate 30 Minute Workout* - Han	
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use the strength training machines twice a week, and I will walk one to two miles most days of the week," is a good action plan to accomplish this goal.

Empower yourself with the skills needed to accomplish your goals:

Attend the free fitness center orientation to learn how to use the strength training machines and record your workouts to monitor and measure your progress, stop by the Health & Wellness Expo to gain insight on current information, and consider joining the "Biggest Loser" weight loss program for support and information on managing nutrition that will assist with your wellness goal.

Most goals that we set for ourselves fail because we give up too soon. Don't abandon your desire to improve your health and wellbeing because you have had a setback. Stay focused and committed to your resolutions even when you have a bad day. When the mountain seems too hard to climb remember those words, "I think I can, I think I can."

Fitness happenings:

- Biggest Loser 6-Week Weight Loss Program: Friday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m., Health & Recreation Building, Meeting Room 2, \$10 per person
- Health & Wellness Expo: Saturday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center
- Free Zumba and Dance Jam class: Saturday, Jan. 15, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Circle Square Commons
- The Ranch Fitness Center and Spa Open House: Saturday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Back at The Ranch

By David Gibas

Put some healthy in your New Year! The Ranch Fitness Center is brimming with new programming to assist you with your health and wellness goals. Have a look at our "healthy New Year" highlights:

New classes! We will now be offering "Tai Chi for Health" on Fridays at 8 a.m., along with many new evening classes. "Butts and Guts," "Power Core," "Cycle Express" and "Power Stretch" are all new evening classes starting at 7 p.m., schedules available online and at the front desk.

We are dedicating the week of Jan. 10 - 14 to our members! Our member appreciation week, is a way for us to say thank you. Look for special fitness events every day this week!

The Ranch Fitness Center and Spa Open House will be on Saturday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a friend for great membership offers that you can both benefit from! Have some light refreshments and enjoy our fitness demonstrations.

Free "Zumba and Dance Jam" class on Saturday, Jan. 15 at Circle Square Commons, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The Ranch Fitness Center is partnering with Ocala Zumba to bring you this exciting special event. This

class is free and open to everyone; bring a friend! Please register online or at the front desk of The Ranch.

Our six week weight loss program "Who Shed That?!" begins on Monday, Jan. 17. This comprehensive lifestyle management program is led by personal trainers and offers personal support on nutrition and exercise. The cost is \$25 per person. You can sign up at the front desk. You have a choice in weekly meeting times on Mondays at 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. The program runs Jan. 17 through Feb. 28.

"Drum C.O.R.E." is back on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Stability balls are transformed into drums and we provide the drums sticks. Instructors will lead you in a percussive workout that feels more like fun than fitness - don't miss this popular class. Space is limited to first come first serve.

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Opera

By Bernie Kelly

In December, the Opera Appreciation Class began the season with a superb production of the Puccini opera, La Boheme. It was a movie version with Rolando Villazon and Anna Netrebko starring as Rodolfo and Mimi.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, we will study two one-act operas. Gioacchino Rossini composed the first one, Il Signor Bruschino, which debuted in Venice in 1813. Rossini was 21 years of age but had already composed three buffo works, which had been very successful.

In fact, his first farce, La Cambiale di Matrimonio was such a hit he was given commissions for more works of the same genre. Il Signor Bruschino was the fourth and was not well accepted by the audience, because the plot was too complicated. Rossini and his librettist, Giuseppe Foppa, simply were asking too much of the Venetian audience.

Il Signor Bruschino was a distillation of a five act French play, The Son by Accident, into a one act opera which would take only a little over an hour. At the age of 66 and in retirement in France, Rossini evaluated his opus by writing, "I declare that I am happy about having committed this youthful folly." It is only recently that this work has been staged enough to show off the wit and individuality of this opera.

We are going to see a staging that was filmed live at the Rokokotheater in Stuttgart, Germany in May 1989. The singers are all good and they act their roles very well. There is no point in listing their names. They are not famous except to their families but the end result is very satisfying. The orchestra is the Radio-Sinfonieorchester of Stuttgart conducted by Gianluigi Galmetti.

Our second one act opera is a fable by Unberto Giordano. He is most famous for Andrea Chenier, which premiered at La Scala in 1896 the same year as La Boheme. At that time, Giordano was 29 and was at the peak of his reputation; he wrote many other operas with only nominal success.

Giordano's last opera was Il Re, which was a complete departure from his verismo style and adapted from the novella by Giovacchino Forzano. The preparation for this production went very smoothly with Arturo Toscanini, the conductor, giving sage advice, as they got closer to the scheduled premiere date in early 1929. Finally, the event took place at La Scala when Il Re was paired with I Paliacci by Leoncavallo. Giordano reported to his friends, "Success. Perfect performance."

The performance that we are going to see was filmed at the Teatro Giordano, Foggia, Italy in January 2006. Giuseppe Altomare sings the title role and Fabio Andreatti and Patrizia Cigna sing the roles of the couple who are in danger of breaking up because of the young woman's infatuation with the king.

Join us on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m., in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center to see these two one act operas.



Theatre Group

By Bob O'Neal

We have our cast of 11 for the April 1, 2 and 3 play, "It Will Be No Trouble Selling the House—The Musical" but more on that later.

Right now, we want to be sure you know about our Saturday, Jan. 15 show, "Musical Vignettes (with a little humor)" at the Arbor Club beginning at 7 p.m. The music is mostly Broadway tunes, ranging from "Annie Get Your Gun" to "Funny Girl" and features Dottie Berkowitz at the piano. Behind the microphones (supplied through the kindness of Joe Fanelli), will be Norma Batton, Anne Merrick, Dixie Hogarth, Glo Hutchins, Marilyn Bettinger and Sue Veres. There will be a few solos but it is mostly chorus singing with opportunities for the audience to lend their voices to some of the selections.

Handling the humor skits will be Irene Moran, Shirley Coe, Glo Hutchins, Bob Cowie, Bill Shampine and yours truly. It will be a fun evening of music and humor and did I mention it's free?

Auditions were held on Dec. 10 for the two act musical comedy, "It Will Be No Trouble Selling the House-The Musical" and we came away with Dick Phillips and Marilyn Bettinger as the leads. Irene Moran, Elliott Barbour, Glo Hutchins, Sue Veres, Bob Cowie, Dixie Hogarth, Anne Merrick, JoAnn Nyren, and Marcia Millier

in supporting roles.

The play is written and directed by Bob O'Neal (the very same) and the musical adaptation and Walter Koenig provides support.

Something new, our Sunday, April 3 production will be presented as a "dinner theatre."

I mentioned "Dottie Berkowitz at the piano." That's redundant! She's been at the piano since 1935 when, after listening to a classmate play in kindergarten, she went home and told her parents that she wanted to play. They bought her a piano (in the middle of the Depression) and bought her another one in 1939.

That same piano is in her living room here at On Top of the World ever since she and her husband, Sandy, moved here 13 years ago. The two of them met in 1975 in Edison, N.J. in a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." She played Golda and he was Tevye, roles they made "permanent" in 1978 when they were married.

The two of them continued to perform in New Jersey in a variety of roles and plays that Dottie described as "too numerous to count."

They didn't slow down when they came to On Top of the World with their involvement in plays and shows. Two highlights, ten "Dottie Shows" that featured singing and humor and their founding of the "Swinging Singing Seniors," a local entertainment mainstay for seven years. Sandy was the Director and Dottie played the piano and handled the choreography. Sandy was also a past president of the Theatre Group.

Hope to see you on the 15th at the Arbor Club and did I mention, it's free!



Concert Chorus

By Anne Merrick

Our 2010 Christmas Concert was a huge success. We had a fun and interesting program with several different groups and soloists from our membership as well as members of the Bells of Ocala West, under the direction of Bob Williams, playing delightful music.

We thank Joyce Walchak, our pianist, who dedicated her time and expertise to more music than you can imagine for our four concerts this season. We couldn't do it without you.

We also thank Carol Slimm, our new permanent director, who has worked tirelessly to bring us together in harmony. Carol has sung all her life, training in piano and voice at a young age and continuing her voice training on and off for 60 years. She has been a featured soloist in many venues and has directed many choirs.



Photo by James Merrick

2010 Christmas Concert.

Many thanks go to all the people behind the scenes who do so much to make things run smoothly, the board of directors, section leaders and ad hoc committee members. The singers also work hard to perfect their parts.

The Sound and Light crew were great, Bob Wroblewski gave a wonderful narration and the ushers did a fine job.

Lastly, we thank you, our audience, for listening and showing your appreciation. We do this for you.

We are starting our new season on Jan. 11 and welcome new members. If you are able to read music and can follow your voice part in four-part harmony, call Marjorie Bruno at 352-237-3042 for a simple audition.

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Karaoke Friends

By Vivian Brown

Happy New Year everyone! Now that the holidays are over, we can get back to our regular get together.

I'm sure many of you have made some New Year's resolutions. Well, I'll tell you mine was to sing as often and as much as I can because it is the sunshine of my life. I also resolved to do more to help those in our community who are in great need.

Some of our Karaoke Friends agree with me and we are going to donate our time and talents putting on a musical show. Mark your calendar; it will be Saturday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Admission will be a bag of non-perishable food, which will go to the Salvation Army to feed the hungry.

Remember, we meet the first and third Monday of the month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. We have a great group of guys and gals, as well as songs filling the air! There is always an abundance of laughter and fun. So put your medicine away, come sing with us and life will be beautiful!

If you have any questions or if you would like us to entertain at your club or organization, call me at 291-0246 (there is no charge).

Until next time, keep on singing and God bless.



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German American Club

By Inge Gaitch

There are still tickets available for our club Fasching Party (a German Mardi Gras) to be held March 5 at Oak Run. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be sold each Monday from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Health & Recreation Ballroom, or they may be ordered by phone from Inge or Peter Gaitch at 237-7428.

Another year has come and gone and here we are planning New Year's Eve celebrations again. The Germans call their New Year's Eve, "Silvester" or "Silvestera-bend." Saint Sylvester was a pope who lived in the fourth century and legend has it that he cured Roman emperor Constantine I of leprosy. Dec. 31 is the feast day that is cel-

brated in St. Sylvester's honor.

Although huge New Year's Eve celebrations go on all over the world in cities such as New York and London there is no bigger open-air party than the one held in Berlin. Starting in late afternoon, the residents of the city and also visitors make their way to the Brandenburg Gate, Germany's signature landmark, and by evening more than one million people have assembled.

Behind the Brandenburg Gate begins the 1.2 miles long "party mile" that is lined with several dance floors, stages and bars. At midnight, there is a spectacular fireworks display and the party continues into the early morning hours of the New Year.

We hope that your own celebration will be a safe one and, of course, we also wish you "Ein Gutes Neues Jahr" (Happy New Year).



American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

Here's wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

When you read this, we will have enjoyed our Chanukah party. It was a wonderful surprise with all the holiday goodies

(to make up for last month) to have Rabbi Rubinger as our guest. He is always a terrific speaker.

Lunch Bunch at Stone Creek Grille was terrific as well.

Next on the agenda is our trip to Cross Creek on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Lunch Bunch at La Cuisine restaurant will follow this trip. We are carpooling to Cross Creek and if anyone needs a ride, please call Carol A. at 861-8074. For all those going, driving directions will be available.

Again, good health to all in the New Year; that's all that really counts!



Pennsylvania Club

By Pat Utiss

Our Christmas party was a huge success. It seemed to me, everyone in attendance had a great time.

It started with dinner; the wonderful cooks from our club outdid themselves! The food tables were sagging from the amount of food.

There were a lot of good things, but at the table where I sat, the most requested recipe was Nell Entinger's butternut squash casserole. It was so tasty and different. Nell and Jim were gracious enough to share the recipe, so if you didn't get it and want it, I have copies.

Our refreshment chairs, Eileen Kreps and Carol Emrick, did a tremendous job.

Our brain cells were tested with two quizzes. The first, a trivia quiz for seniors, had a lot of winners. The second was Christmas trivia. That one was a little harder. During the games, Santa made his appearance. He gave out candy canes and then started our gift exchange. The gift exchange was carried out with the reading of "The Right Family Christmas" and "The Visit of St. Nick." Nancy Minehart and Larry Wilver aided Santa nicely in this endeavor. As usual, things didn't go real smooth, but then, that adds to the fun.

Following the gift exchange, door prizes were awarded. The first prize was the basket of Pennsylvania products donated by

members; packed and decorated by Hazel and Elmer Radabaugh. If my memory is correct, we have had this prize basket for at least nine years, and it gets bigger every year. This year's lucky winners were Edie and John Dieckman.

Poinsettia centerpieces were also awarded as door prizes. Once again, our members were extremely generous in their donations of toys for the Salvation Army. Many boxes and bags of toys were taken to the Salvation Army in Ocala and I am sure many children's Christmas was brighter due to the thoughtfulness of our members.

Here is an important note about our January meeting. On the program schedule, we had planned a trip to Jai Alai, with no regular meeting. However, recently, the program chairman found out there would be no Jai Alai until March. There will be a regular meeting on Jan. 12. The program at this meeting will be the horse racing we planned for March. In March, we will go to Jai Alai. You can read more about this in a future column.

So, we hope to see you all on Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center for a regular meeting. Come early for refreshments. Also, dues of \$5 per year, per member are payable at this meeting.

Have a safe, happy and healthy New Year.



Irish American Club

By Bob O'Neal

The club had a nice Christmas dinner gathering and a great evening of music presented by the On Top of the World Concert Chorus under the direction of member, Carol Slimm. The show was entitled, "The Music of Christmas" and they even threw in a few Irish tunes at the end, most notably, "Christmas in Killarney" and "An Irish Blessing."

The Irish, like most countries, have a number of Christmas traditions that are all their own. Many of these customs have their root in the time when the Gaelic culture and religion of the country were being suppressed and it is perhaps because of that, they have survived.

Just to name a few:

- Placing a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas Eve is still practiced today. It has a number of purposes but primarily it is a symbol to welcome Mary and Joseph as they traveled looking for shelter.
- St. Stephen's day (Dec. 26) had a great deal of significance in "olden times" but only one of many rituals has survived and that is, it continues as a day for visiting from house to house.
- Most of our Christmas decorations are down just after Christmas day but if you see some still lit, they might be following the Irish tradition of taking them down on "Little Christmas" (Jan. 6), The Feast of

the Epiphany.

An article that got my attention around Thanksgiving time was entitled, "How the Irish 'Saved Thanksgiving.'" I had never heard that before and here is a short version of how this came about. According to the "Observant Citizen" in Boston, the Pilgrims in the winter of their first year were starving and faced the end of their project to colonize the new land when a ship arrived from overseas bearing much needed food.

The records at the Massachusetts Historical Society revealed that the wife of one of the prominent Plymouth brethren was the daughter of a Dublin merchant and that it was he who chartered the vessel, The Lyon, loaded it with food and dispatched it to Plymouth.

According to the Historical Society, this gives the "Irish a fair claim to saving Thanksgiving." One wag, in reply, commented, "my gracious, do the Irish claim to have saved everything?" But then the facts (at least according to the Massachusetts Historical Society).

The shillelagh found itself in the news this past month when the Notre Dame Irish finally beat USC for the first time in many years. Did you know that the winner every year is awarded a famed jeweled Shillelagh Trophy and that the tradition spans over 58 years?

The shillelagh, of course, comes from the Irish and may be connected to a forest in County Wicklow famous for its fine oaks. It's used often as a walking stick or, at the least, a conversational piece (we have one leaning against the wall in our living room) but for a long time, it was exclusively a fighting stick and the "sport" of shillelagh fighting was popular up to the 1840s.

Like the gold of the sun, like the light of the day, may the luck of the Irish shine bright on your day.

Italian American Club

By Jerome Cauda

The first meeting of the New Year is scheduled for Jan. 4. I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

An interesting year is planned; Anne has been hard at work. First scheduled is Randall Brown of the Department of Financial Services; this should be an interesting beginning session.

A pizza party is scheduled for March and an end of season picnic in May.

Entertainment or speakers are scheduled for the February, March and April meetings. Further information will be made available in later columns.

Please remember all meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

The Italian American traditional Christ-

mas Eve dinner originated in the coastal areas of southern Italy where fresh seafood was available. This dinner is mainly composed of various fish dishes, usually seven but in some instances up to 13, but never an even number. These could include baccala (dry cod), clams, whitefish, shrimp, eel, mussels or calamari (squid).

Christmas Eve is the vigil of the main holiday so typically meat is avoided. What is a localized ritual in some areas of Italy has become a tradition in the Italian American communities.

If you know of any club member who could use a card, please contact our Sunshine Lady, Fran Kostnik at 873-4104.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 4, at 3 p.m., Arbor Conference Center Suites E and F. Refreshments at 2:30 p.m.

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Original Karaoke Group

By George Quaranta

Greetings! At 5:30 p.m., we started off the evening with dinner and some libations at Candler Hills Restaurant. At 7 p.m., we started our karaoke session.

Judy who is always in fine voice got us started with her rendition of "Mash Potato Time." Next up were Sindy, Dave, Richie, Vince, Tony D., Tom, Jerry C. and then myself. Numerous songs were sung.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. For information, call George at 873-9667.

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Due to cold weather, dancing on The Town Square has been canceled until March 2011. Watch for upcoming details.

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ShutterBugs Photography

By Marilyn Cronin

Sign up to join the ShutterBugs—lots of classes and fun times for an annual fee of only \$12. You can go online (www.otowspc.com) to download the 2011 membership form.

The 2011 board of directors has been elected to serve January through December. They are: Marilyn Cronin, president; John Bauer, first vice president; John Ware, second vice president; Mike Crosa, treasurer; Doris Mauricio, secretary; and Bruce

Hagstrom, display director. The January Master the Possibilities display is by Ray Christian. The Freedom Library display will be photos from the November exhibit.

There were no field trips in November and December, but this month, we are traveling to the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park and then onto Micanopy for lunch and more photo opportunities.

Tip: From an article by Darren Rowse titled Photographing Urban Landscapes.

Urban landscape photography is hard to define. Let me contrast it with a few related photographic genres:

- Cityscape photography – urban landscapes go beyond polished and clean.
- Architectural photography – urban landscapes are more interested in what happens in and around architecture
- Candid street photography – urban photography focuses more on the city itself (and its life) than the people who live in it.

Urban landscape photography is often gritty, it's not always pretty and it can be quite abstract.

1. Lenses: Take two lenses, one wide-angle lens and a zoom with a fair bit of length to it. Take a monopod or tripod to shoot into the evening, polarizing and UV filters, spare batteries, and an external flash for a good portrait opportunity.
2. Look for contrasts between architectural styles, building materials, colors, etc.
3. People: A constant challenge for urban landscape photographers is they tend to become the focal point of shots whether you want them to or not. One way of eliminating people from shots is to shoot on weekends or after work hours. Ultimately, when it comes to whether to include people in a shot or not, ask yourself the questions: Are they relevant to the shot? Do they add or take away from the composition?
4. Evidence of People: If you eliminate people, they almost always still live in the shots by the things that they leave there. Urban landscapes speak about the way we live.



Photo by John Ware

Modified category 1st place: US Flag



Photo by Norbert Sachs

Modified category 2nd place: Recycle Bin

5. Research: Urban landscape photography seems spontaneous (and can be) but many spectacular shots are a result of careful planning. Locations and lighting change depending on the time of day.
6. Look for Themes: There is real diversity in urban areas as there are also many recurring themes of life.
7. Look for Mirrors: Many buildings are built with highly reflective surfaces. Try lots of angles; maybe a polarizing filter.
8. Shoot into the Evening: Cities change incredibly as evening comes and the lights go on.
9. Explore Different City Zones: Within a block or two you can move from a business district, to a commercial zone, to a gritty, run down industrial zone or a trendy inner city residential or shopping area. Don't shoot alone after dark.

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 Marilyn Cronin at sharpshooter@otowspc.com.



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Modified category 3rd place: Motherhood

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Ocala Clown Express

By Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

We were there even though you may not have seen much of a costume. You did see coats, hats and gloves. That was us in the

five golf carts in the Golf Cart Parade. We think we waved to you. There were brave people bundled up to watch us go by and catch candy. It was a fun way to welcome in the holiday spirit to the community.

If you were at Olive Garden on Dec. 6, you may have seen us there. We had our Christmas party and a lot of fun. We always do a grab bag. This year, to get your place in line, you had to try to answer a silly Christmas question. Some of the clowns were pretty good.

The nursing home clowns were at Life Care this month. It is always a joy to put on a show and get people laughing. It is fun to see faces light up as they watch the tricks and try to sing and dance with us.

Several of the clowns helped the Marion County Sheriff's Department celebrate with needy children. The children were brought in for a fun day. We were there to face paint and give tattoos. Putting a smile on a sad face is all the pay we need for a day like that.

We wrapped up the hospital program for 2010. The hospital clowns will return to Munroe Regional Medical Center and the first graders in January. Fire and bike safety are taught. We warn about talking with strangers and who a stranger is. Of course, we dance and do magic.

We will be getting back in gear after the first of the year. Maybe a New Year resolution for you is to do something for the community. This is a great thing to do. You can always call Dotsy, 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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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES*

* Schedule and performers subject to change. For the latest information, please visit www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com or see channels 17 / 21 / 703.

Thursday, Jan. 6

Farmer's Market
Circle Square Commons
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 7

Golf Clinic: Greenside Bunker Play
Candler Hills
10 a.m.
Free

Happy Hour with Ricky & Franky
Arbor Club
4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 8

The Crystals with Rocky & The Rollers
Circle Square Cultural Center
7 p.m.
\$16 - \$20 per resident
\$18 - \$22 per non-resident
To reserve, call 854-3670.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Farmer's Market
Circle Square Commons
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Golf Clinic: Driving
Candler Hills
10 a.m.
\$10 per person

Biggest Loser Weight Loss Program
Health & Recreation Building, MR2
11 a.m.
\$10 per person

Happy Hour with Petrina
Arbor Club
4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Golf Tournament: Kick Off the New Year Classic
The Links
9 a.m.
\$2.50 plus applicable golf fees

Health & Wellness Expo
Circle Square Cultural Center
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free

Open House
The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Free



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Zumba and Dance Jam Class
Circle Square Commons
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Free

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Casino Trip
Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa
\$20 per person
To reserve, call 854-8707 x7533 or x7530

Thursday, Jan. 20

Farmer's Market
Circle Square Commons
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21

Happy Hour with Rockin' Robin
Arbor Club
4 to 8 p.m.

Richard Street's Temptations
Circle Square Cultural Center
7 p.m.
\$21 - \$25 per resident
\$23 - \$27 per non-resident
To reserve, call 854-3670.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Farmer's Market
Circle Square Commons
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

Golf Clinic: Putting
On Top of the World
10 a.m.
Free

Happy Hour with Dunning Shaw
Tailgate Theme
Arbor Club
4 to 8 p.m.

The Lettermen
Circle Square Cultural Center
7 p.m.
\$21 - \$25 per resident
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Recreation News

By Theresa Fields

Happy New Year to all! Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Many have made New Year's resolutions and will spend the next few months trying to implement them. There are plenty of recreational events scheduled to help you kick-start some of those resolutions. Be sure to get your copy of the Spring Fitness & Recreational Program Guide for all of our upcoming events.

The Golf Cart Parade was held Dec. 8 with decorative golf carts, antique cars, Marion County Sheriff's department and Friendship Fire Department. The temperature was chilly and helped to set the mood for bringing in the holiday spirit.

The festivities continued into the evening where Santa was present and shared hot chocolate and cookies while enjoying entertainment by several of our clubs. We would like to say "thank you" to the planning committee for coordinating and making this a festive event for the community once again.

Health & Wellness Expo

What better way to start the New Year than by taking care of your health? Join us on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Circle Square Cultural Center for our Health & Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by Munroe Regional Medical Center and On Top of the World Communities. Munroe representatives from various departments will be available to answer any of your medical questions. Additionally, many other health agencies will be on hand to assist in answering your questions.

Spanish Dance Workshop (Rumba)

Do you like to dance? Would you like to learn the art of Spanish dancing? Maritza Acevedo is an experienced instructor in Spanish dancing. She will be holding a nine-week Spanish Dance Workshop. The cost is \$8 per person per class. The classes will be held in the Arbor Club Ballroom from 4 to 5 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 13, 20 and 27.

Seminole Casino Trip

Have fun on a day trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Your trip will include roundtrip transportation, \$25 in free play money and a \$5 lunch voucher. Enjoy gaming tables and 100s of slot machines. The trip cost is \$20 per person and seats will be assigned at time of payment.

The casino schedule for 2011 is now available; you can pick up your copy at the

Health & Recreation office. Please note that no refunds will be issued one week prior to the trip. For reservations, contact the Health & Recreation office.

Happy Hour

Come join us for an evening of entertainment and dancing at our Friday night Happy Hours. We have a new line up of entertainment planned throughout the year with plenty of exciting themed events. This month themed Happy Hour is a Tailgate Party, come dressed supporting your favorite team!

Please note, do not approach the entertainers personally. If you have a complaint or a request, please inform the staff at the Arbor Club.

- Jan. 7: Ricky & Franky
- Jan. 14: Petrina
- Jan. 21: Rockin Robin
- Jan. 28: Dunning Shaw (Tailgate Party)

Community Directories

The 2011 Community Directory will be available for pick up starting Monday, Jan. 31. You can pick up your copy at the Health & Recreation information desk Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Room Requests (2012)

It's that time of year to turn in your room request forms for 2012. We are currently booking for the 2012 calendar year and space is limited. Please submit your forms to the Health & Recreation office along with any specific table set ups or arrangements that will be required. Please note that if you are planning a special, event table set ups and guest notifications are required two weeks in advance.

Have a great month!



Photo by John Ware

Holiday lights around the community.

ATLANTIC CITY BOYS



We are proud to sponsor the SOLD OUT Atlantic City Boys show on Saturday, Jan. 29 in the Health & Recreation Building! This show will pay tribute to the hottest ticket in Vegas, The Jersey Boys. This is a small way of saying thank you to all of our past, present and future patients.

Sincerely, Dr. Stephen Dunn, DDS PA and Staff
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CIRCLE SQUARE Commons



Entertainment on The Town Square!

Due to cold weather months, dancing will be postponed until March, 2011.

Watch for further schedule details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26 - Spring Festival
- April 2 - Classic Cruiser Car Show
- May 14 - Latin American Festival
- July 2 - Patriotic Celebration

* Schedule and performers subject to change.

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PICK-UP	ROUTE	TIME
1st Pickup	90th St. - Post Office	8:42 am
Williamsburg	90th St. - 91st Cir. E. - 91st Cir. W - Post Office	8:45 am
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
Exit Community		9:25 am

Circle Square Cultural Ctr. At Bus Stop Sign Call Health & Rec. one day in advance for pick-up
Indigo Community Center Parking Lot

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Jasmine Square, Dillard's & Kohls (1st & 3rd Thurs) 1st Run Only	9:50 am
Lowe's	10:05 am
Paddock Mall	10:10 am
Wal-Mart	10:15 am
Target	10:20 am
K-Mart	10:25 am
Gaitway Plaza	10:30 am
Wal-Mart	12:05 pm
K-Mart	12:10 pm
Gaitway Plaza	12:15 pm
Paddock Mall	12:20 pm

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Sam's Club 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month 2:10 pm - 3:30 pm

Beall's & Wal-Mart 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month 1st run Ocala 2nd run Hwy 200 W.

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January 8

**The Crystals
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**7 Bridges - The Ultimate
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Greatest hit: "Take It Easy"
Tickets: \$11-15



Jay & The Americans
Greatest hit: "This Magic Moment"
Tickets: \$16-20



January 15

Health & Wellness Expo
10 am - 2 pm • FREE



Home Improvement Expo
9 am - 1 pm
FREE



**2nd Annual The World Has Talent
55+ Talent Show**
Tickets: \$9 General Admission
Auditions: Tuesday, February 1st



January 21

Richard Street's Temptations
Greatest hit: "Papa was a Rollin Stone"
Tickets: \$21-25



March 11

Frank Sinatra, Jr.
Greatest hit: "New York, New York"
Tickets: \$36-40



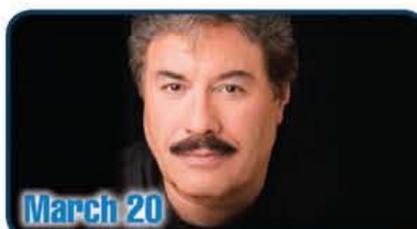
May 21

**Miss Martha Reeves
Motown Soul Queen**
Greatest hit: "Heat Wave"
Tickets: \$16-20



January 28

The Lettermen
Greatest hit:
"The Way You Look Tonight"
Tickets: \$21-25



March 20

Tony Orlando
Greatest hit: "Knock Three Times"
Tickets: \$38-42



June 11

**Fun, Fun, Fun: A Tribute to The
Beach Boys & The Beatles**
Tickets: \$13-15



February 3

Care & Share Expo
10 am - 2 pm • FREE



April 7

Frankie Avalon
Greatest hit: "Venus"
Tickets: \$46-50



June 25

**Barbershop Quartets
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Tickets: \$8-10



February 11

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Deck the Halls

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la! Do you remember this Christmas carol? This is what took place in the Health & Recreation Ballroom during the last weekend of November when the decorating committee proceeded to decorate the facility for the Christmas season.

Part of the committee concentrated on the Christmas tree while another group

tactfully placed large wreaths around the hall that were made by On Top of the World clubs. At the front door is a tree erected by the On Top of the World Lions Club seeking donations for needy children.

The committee, headed up by Kay Chandler, has been decorating inside the Health & Recreation Ballroom for years to be enjoyed by all those who enter the facility.



Photo by Bob Woods

Members of the Christmas decorating committee, Kay Chandler, Dick Wolfe, Charlotte Hancock, Shirley Schopf and Tom & Rita Miller.



Photo by Bob Woods

Mort Meretsky, president of bingo, practices with a new bingo machine while Ron Motchkavitz is waiting his turn to practice.

New Bingo Machine

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Bingo! The cry heard around On Top of the World on Wednesday evenings.

The New Year brings new bingo equipment to the On Top of the World bingo players who play every Wednesday evening except in the month of December. It has taken the bingo players nine years to save enough money to purchase new state-of-the-art bingo equipment making everybody's job a little easier.

The price tag for the equipment was steep and the money was raised through 50/50 raffles held weekly during bingo. Tom Clark from Tampa's Bingo King was on hand delivering and setting up the new equipment plus teaching the callers how to use the new bingo machinery.

The On Top of the World Bingo Players is a non-profit organization following the rules from the homeowners association, Marion County and the State of Florida.

Those who wish to join Wednesday evening bingo must show a valid resident I.D. card. Residents' guests are welcomed as long as they are overnight guests.

Bingo consists of 20 games with an intermission after the first 10 games. According to Lolly Foos, secretary/treasurer, the last blackout game can be as much as \$250, allowed under law, and each game is around \$35 to \$45 depending on how many cards are sold.

Would you believe the game's history could be traced back to 1530, to an Italian lottery called, "Lo Giuoco del Lotto D'Italia?" This game made its way to the U.S. shores in 1929 and was known as "beano" and was played at a carnival around Atlanta, Ga. It was played by using dried beans, a rubber stamp and cardboard sheets, hence, the name "beano." A smart New York entrepreneur heard someone playing the game yell out "bingo" instead of "beano." Bingo has been utilized as the game name ever since.

Mort Meretsky, president and caller, and Ron Motchkavitz, the group's other caller, are anxious to start the 2011 bingo season utilizing the new equipment.

Recycling for Hospice

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

I know a lot of you folks reading this article have at least one old cell phone, maybe it works, and maybe it doesn't. You also might have an old digital camera that is still usable or even an old 35mm camera with extra lenses. How about that old laptop computer that is outdated or no longer usable?

I have a way you can dispose of these items in the form of a donation or even get some cash. Sound interesting? Keep reading.

Drop-off boxes will be located at the Health & Recreation Building, Customer Service, and the Arbor Club from now until the end of February.

The items in the box will be recycled and sold with all the money being donated to Hospice of Marion County.

eRecycling Network's president, Conrad Melancon, explained that they can utilize many electronic products regardless of condition. If a donated item is still in good working order, but old, after reconditioning it is sold and the monies head to Hospice of Marion County.

If the item is too old, then eRecycling will strip the item for parts making a reconditioned product. If the item is beyond repair, then it is melted down for precious metals. All consumer electronics contain metals and chemicals that are potentially harmful to individuals or our environment. This is a great way to dispose of it properly!

eRecycling will purchase the following items:

- cell phones
- laptop & tablet computers
- flat panel computer monitors
- music players
- eReaders
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- video, digital and film cameras including lenses

- plus other electronics.

You can completely donate the product or receive cash by simply receiving the information on the company's website, www.eRecyclingNetwork.com. The company

will even pay for postage.

Placing your donated electronic item in one of the collection boxes, Hospice of Marion County will be the beneficiary. You can go on the website and click "donate now" and select Hospice as the receiving organization making sure they receive the funds.

If you desire to have your item shipped to the company, eRecycling will furnish the shipping material but make sure you men-

tion the profits go to Hospice of Marion County.

For additional information and other donations, contact Ruth Goldstine or Margaret Orlando. Money for your product will be sent in the form of a prepaid Visa card.

Donating electronic items in this program is a win-win situation. You have made a donation to Hospice of Marion County and you have disposed of unwanted clutter from your home. You have nothing to lose!



Photo by Bob Woods

Margaret Orlando, Ruth Goldstine, Dania Melancon, vice president of administration and finance of eRecycling, and Conrad Melancon, president of eRecycling with the donation box.



Director of Golf

By Sally Collins

Once the New Year's arrival has been toasted and all the college football bowl competitions have been viewed, we have an opportunity to sit back and ponder all that the game of golf has provided to those less fortunate over the past year. Whether on a local, national or international spectrum, golf is one sport that allows us to compete while at the same time offering support to various charities and organizations.

Would you believe that golfers around On Top of the World Communities raised or contributed over \$40,000 to the community in 2010? The On Top of the World MGA's mulligan dollars as well as money raised from the Ocala Open went into the coffers of Hospice of Marion County. Students on the Westport High School golf teams compete for scholarship funds the Candler Hills MGA collects through their league efforts.

How about the Candler Hills LGA 18 support for the Toys for Tots program or Stirrups 'n Strides therapeutic horseback riding receiving donations from the On Top of the World LGA 9? The Candler Hills LGA 9 assists the Marion County Sheriff's Department with items to fill gift baskets for needy families during the holidays.

Labor Day was celebrated at both golf clubs with over \$700 collected for the Patriot Golf Day from communities' golfers. During the month of October, the color is

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pink - pink for the Rally for the Cure or the Walk for the Cure both of which are supported by both the Candler Hills and On Top of the World ladies golf leagues for breast cancer research programs.

Consider the fact that the Blues Brothers at Candler Hills send packages quarterly to several military units overseas. So when someone tells you golf is just a game, please remember all the ways our On Top of the World Communities' golfers give back to the Ocala and Marion County community.

A new year often brings about new changes. The golf department, along with the food and beverage department, is excited about the new Preferred and Elite Membership Program. This allows you to save between 5 and 10% on all your food and beverage purchases at either The Pub or Candler Hills Restaurant. If you joined as a golf member, upgrading to the Elite Membership is certainly an option to be considered.

The upcoming year promises to be active for all the golfers. January tends to be a month of "getting back into the swing of things" after the December holidays. Be sure to register for the "Kick off the New Year Classic" golf tournament at On Top of the World Golf Club on Saturday, Jan. 15. This will be an ABCD Scramble with a 9 a.m. shotgun start on the Links. Cost is only \$2.50 per player plus applicable golf fees. Sign up by Tuesday, Jan. 11 to reserve your playing spot.

February will boast the World Golf Championship. This event is open only to members at either the On Top of the World Golf Club or Candler Hills Golf Club. There will be gross and net divisions for men's 18 hole, women's 18 hole, and women's 9 hole competition. Each golfer will play all three courses in the community Feb. 14, 16 and 19. An awards dinner is planned the evening of Saturday, Feb. 19.

Registration will open Monday, Jan. 24 with an entry fee of \$40 per person, which includes the awards dinner.

Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy Jorgensen and his staffs to

provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. This is not happening. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. Remember, the USGA does not permit you to repair spike marks before you putt. If you played at Candler Hills and borrowed a rake, please return it to the Candler Hills cart barn. The driving range baskets and tokens are always disappearing - please return so that we may continue to service all our golfers' practice area needs.

Just a reminder - all shop credit expires Feb. 28. All credit winnings to your account will be posted through the January events. Any winnings during February will be held until the beginning of March to be posted.

World Accolades: This has been a very rewarding few weeks for many of our golfers - congratulations to all! Tim O'Neil aced the Links #6 hole on lucky Nov. 13. Ralph Solvold shot a 74, three shots under his age, on the Tortoise and the Hare. Jon Hill had two days of celebration - on Nov. 29 he had a hole in one on the Links #5. One day later, Jon shot a 70 from the white tees while playing the Links. On Top of the World golfers Larry Conway and Bernie Locklear scored eagles on the Links holes #4 and #3 respectively.

Richard Trembulak knocked a 3 wood into the hole for an ace on Candler Hills' 17th hole during play Friday, Dec. 10.

As we close out 2010 and prepare for a happy and healthy 2011, I personally close out my tenure as the Director of Golf for On Top of the World Communities. I want to personally thank all each and every one of the communities' golfers and residents for your assistance, support and hospitality over the past nearly five years. It has been my pleasure to serve in various positions in the Golf Department - I know that the Professional Golf Team of Matt Hibbs, Nick Montanaro, Russ Smith and Denise Mullen will be there to take care of all your golfing needs. Should you have any membership questions, Gwen Becker is there with all the answers and solutions. May your pars be the many and your bogies be few.



Arbor Club Tennis

By Jorge Privat

I wish you all a wonderful New Year! It is also my wish that all of those residents who want to get into tennis or want to get back into tennis will come to see me and join the group of regulars who play this wonderful sport for the health and the fun of it.

For those who wish to have the basics covered, or wish to brush up your skills, we have clinics for beginners, intermediates and more advanced players.

I have seen an increase in activity on the courts, not only in the mornings, but also in the afternoons, which is really terrific. If we have enough players interested in participating in a mixed doubles tennis ladder, I will be glad to run it. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Arbor Club office and at the courts.

Don't forget that at the top professional level there are four major tournaments: Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open. And it is particularly during these tournaments that you can also learn a great deal about tennis, because the commentators give you a lot of information about the sport on each specific tournament and each specific surface.

Therefore, in January, try to follow the Australian Open, and at the same time, pick-up a few pointers from the best in the sport. And, if you have any questions, you can always come to me.

The Return of Serve

First, you need to observe the serving patterns of your opponents in order to determine where to stand. But, remember that this is only the "initial" position. Once the ball is in play, you may need to move back, forward or laterally, depending on the length, height and direction of your opponent's balls.

There will be times when you will face a server who has a fast paced serve, and also adds a spin to the ball to make it hop when it bounces in the service box. This is not the time to concede or get distressed. You can't simply allow him to keep doing this to you over and over. If you have been receiving on, or close to the baseline, step back three, five or seven feet behind the baseline and see how this effects his serve. This gives you more time to adjust for the pace because the ball slows some at the end of the flight, and it takes longer to cover the additional area you have created by backing away. You will also discover that it makes your return of serve more effective and successful.

However, if this does not solve the problem, you may choose to stand four or five feet inside the baseline. Now, you are hitting the ball as it rises, before the spin or hop takes full effect. Of course, this is not easy to do because it takes excellent hand-eye coordination, but it may also force the server into errors when he sees you close and tries to overpower you with extra hard serves. They may be extra hard, but they usually end up in the net, or well beyond the service box.

If the server is following his serve to the net, try to return the serve so it falls at his feet. Even a mild return at that spot will give him trouble. If the server chooses to stay back at the baseline, you should hit deep and as close to the baseline as possible.

If you encounter a strong server, just block the ball back with as little back swing as possible, using the server's pace to keep the ball in play. If you can impart a little underspin to the ball, even better, because it helps keep the ball low on the return.

There is a controversy over whether it is best to hit directly at the incoming server, or to one of his sides. It is the server's ability to handle volleys, which should determine where you aim your returns. It's trial and error. I say, test him on every side, and bear in mind his response the next time he serves.

One must be particularly careful of the junk server. His serves are so slow, or chuck full of spins. You want to kill each shot with hard put away returns. This is when you lose control and drive your returns into the net or into the back fence, or get caught totally off guard by the spins. To beat him, you must pay special attention to the pattern of his spins. Your returns can be slow, but placed well.

Convention dictates that the return be hit away from the net player. However, I would recommend at the beginning of play to test the net player, particularly when the server gives you a soft and short serve. Maybe he does not know how to volley.

In the same way, pay attention to the opposing net player's position. If he is standing very close to the net and you get a fairly easy serve, you should lob over his head, and follow your lob to the net because most likely, you will get a short lob back which you can put away.

Happy returns and see you on the courts!



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Allen Kauffman gets ready for take off to the parade.

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R/C Flyers

By Bob Wroblewski

On Dec. 5, the R/C Flyers held the annual Christmas banquet at Stone Creek Grille. All had a good time. Westport High School Chorus provided the entertainment. Besides singing the traditional holiday songs, the Chorus featured talented students playing solos on the piano and the guitar. Our thanks to Larry Riehl, club president, for organizing the event.

The following day, the club met to vote for 2011 officers. The 2011 officers are: president, Chuck Foreman; vice president, Joe Fanelli; treasurer, Pete Finan; secretary, Bob Emery; field marshal, Bob Perry; and board members, Bud Owens and Chuck Frederick.

Despite the cold weather, flying continues at the field. We have a group of morning flyers who prefer to fly electric powered aircraft. Some of the planes are designed to fly gentle and slow. No starting equipment is required and besides that the plane does not have any fuel residue to clean off.

This month, we feature a club member who without any doubt is a key promoter of our hobby.

Allan Kauffamn moved to On Top of the World in November 2007 from Bensalem, Penn. He retired from the Naval Ship Warfair Center in South Philadelphia where he worked as a Systems Electrical Test Mechanic

He chose to move here as a result of learning about the flying field and facilities that were advertised in the Model Aviation Magazine published by the AMA.

Al is truly an asset to the club. He has taken charge of the parking crew during annual events. He has collected over 300 Model magazine publications and helped to distribute them at events to spectators. He also assists with fieldwork and sees to it that the pavilion is in order at the end of flying sessions.

His latest project with the assistance from Jim Loux was to convert his golf cart into an aircraft for the Golf Cart Parade. Al is in the photograph all dressed in his flying cap with goggles on and ready for take off. The plane was made from Styrofoam and with lots of tender loving care, paint and decorations. Al is already thinking about next year's project for the parade.

The club invites you to come out to the field to have fun watching our pilots fly during the week or weekends.

Our best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy New Year.

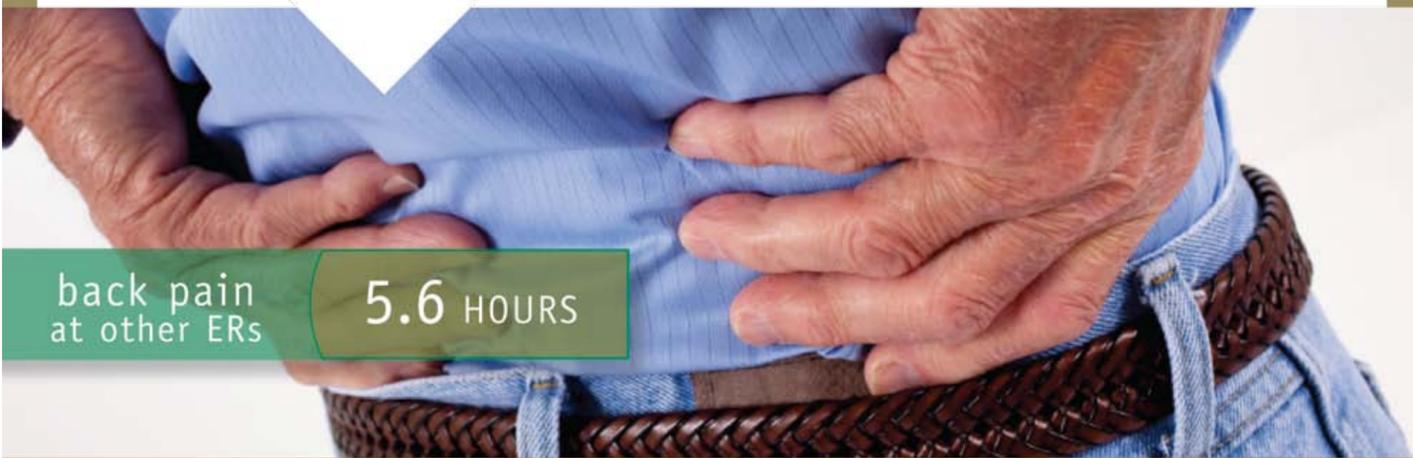


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Men's Golf Association

By George Blankenship

(continued...) As the saga of the MGA continues in this episode of As (On Top of) The World Turns we find that the MGA was able to complete the Memorial Tournament as scheduled in November. The weather was very cooperative, and now in this episode we can give you the names of the winners. In Flight A Jay Bouton was the champion, in Flight B it was Ray Beloin, and the Flight C champion was Robert Farineau. Great playing guys! Congratulations!

Also in this episode, we recall some non-cooperative encounters with the weather. It was necessary to cancel play on Dec. 8, the last Chicken Day of 2010, but we did manage to have our meal. The meal was different to say the least. No chicken on Chicken Day. Your MGA board thought perhaps the members might appreciate a change for the last Chicken Day of the year. The feedback was about what we expected. Many people expressed satisfaction with the meal change, with some having suggestions if we do it again. However, a few still wanted to know where the chicken was. Oh well, it will be back to chicken in February.

On this last Chicken Day in December,

as we usually do, we presented our annual donation to Hospice of Marion County. This was the MGA's 13th consecutive year to make this annual donation, a feat of which every MGA member should be proud. We had decided to give all money we collected for mulligans to Hospice of Marion County. This year, the check was in the amount of \$1,156. The donations that we collected at this Chicken Day, while you didn't get any mulligans to use in play, will start the total for next year. Thanks guys!

It was also mentioned at Chicken Day about how to sign up if you wished to get on the e-mail distribution list. There are notices posted on the bulletin boards, both inside and outside, about the procedure. Simply send e-mail to mgaotow@gmail.com from your home computer with your name and phone number in the subject line. The e-mail address is case sensitive, no caps.

Here are a few miscellaneous thoughts to close out the year. By the time you read this article, and if you haven't, you will only have a couple of days left to pay your MGA dues for 2011. The first play day for 2011 is Jan. 5. Also present Gold Tee players do not have to sign back up for the Gold Tees in 2011. However, anyone can opt out if they desire and new players can sign up for the Gold. Remember: use your Golf Shop credit before the end of February. If you don't use it, it will "disappear" into a large hole never to be seen again!

I would like to take this moment to express my wishes to all for a very happy and

a visit from our local EMS squad who will help with hands-on CPR. It should be an interesting and informative meeting.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, we will be attending the fundraiser at the College of Central Florida, Webber Center for lunch and a play. Tickets are \$50. There are a few seats available. Call Lorraine at 854-1365 if you wish to attend.

Coming up on Feb. 24 will be at potluck luncheon at Oak Run together with singles clubs from the SR 200 corridor. Call Ellen at 304-8675 to sign up to attend and get details.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H. Come join us and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

prosperous New Year. We can wish that we will have many days of bright skies and sunshine with great golfing weather.

Well, I guess that's all for this episode (to be continued...). Until next month, play well, have fun, and remember we "play" golf. It's a game.

3-Day Memorial Tournament Nov. 10, 11 & 12

PGA Net: 13-Raymond Beloin; 9-Joseph Bologna; 4-Ralph GT Solvold; 3-Tom McHaffie; 2-Art Buecher; 2-Jack GT Hegarty; 1-John Hall; Even-Bob Cates, Chuck Nicholas, Francis Caprez and Marvin Williams.

Masters Net: 11-Jay Bouton; 9-Tim O'Neil; 7-Jon Hill; 3-Frank Smith; 2-Gary Hassett; 1-Ian McCullough; +1-Paul Wade.

US Open Net: 15-Robert Farineau; 11-Freddie Moody; 10-Ronald Wilson; 6-Norm Lallier; 5-Anthony Romiti; 4-Carl Larsen and James Merrick.

MGA 18 Low Gross/Net Flighted Nov. 17 / The Links

Flight 1 Gross: 76-Jon Hill; Tie at 80-Tom Konop and Tom Paszek.

Flight 1 Net: 66-Paul Wade; 67-Ralph GT Solvold; 69-Jay Bouton; 70-Gene Sohler.

Flight 2 Gross: 84-Edward C. GT Wilson; 86-Carl Zeiler; 87-Jerry Chase.

Flight 2 Net: 68-Marvin Williams; Tie at 69-Art Dushary, Bernard GT Locklear and Charles Casale.

Flight 3 Gross: 86-Joe Hayes; 91-Art Buecher; 92-Dick Griswold.

Flight 3 Net: 65-Bill Walker; 69-Tom Marta; Tie at 70-Douglas Coleman and Steve Gregely.

Flight 4 Gross: 91-Ronald Wilson; 93-Robert Farineau; 96-Mike Flynn.

Flight 4 Net: 62-John GT Oneil; 69-Bernie James; 71-Frank GT Palotta.

MGA 18 Team 3 Best Ball Nov. 24 / Tortoise & the Hare

186-Jay Bouton, Tary Bole, David Miller and William GT McGarry; 190-Ron Thompson and Blind, Blind and Ronald Wilson; 191-John Hudacik, Sherman Hutchings, Tom Marta and Blind; 192-Raymond Beloin, Paul B East, Phil Johnson and John GT Oneil; 193-Ross GT Mac Donald, Bob Cates, Norm Lallier and James L. Delfraisse; 194-Paul Wade, Joe Dent, Ray Messer and Jack Martin; 195-Rick Ciletti, John Bauer, Barry Barringer and Peter M. Peterson; 196-John Hall, Art Buecher, Tom Pasch and Freddie Moody.

MGA 18 Team Points ABCD Dec. 1 / The Links

149-Rudy Normandin, Rick Ciletti, Dan Cary and William GT McGarry; 144-Gary Hassett, Steve Becker, Tary Bole and Joe Rappa. Tie at 139-Tom McHaffie, Ed Klodzen. Rocky Grooms and Raymond Wilson; Michael Almon, Robert GT Kingsley, Douglas Coleman and Marvin Williams. 138-Jay Bouton, Guy Russell, Norm Lallier and Phil Johnson. 136-Paul Wade, Larry Rourke, James Merrick and Scott Fraser.

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Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

So much for hoping "Old Jack Frost" would keep his butt planted solely on the pumpkin. Let me see if I have everything I need. Knit hat - check! Long johns - check! Turtleneck - check! Thermal pullover - double check! Being able to make a backswing with all this on? Priceless!

Our membership now stands at 108 with the addition of Mike Deahl. We welcome you to the guild and hope you enjoy the experience. We also welcome back to the fold Dave Schultz and JC Van Bloom. You guys were missed and we all look forward to playing with you again. Not much has changed since you last played - you still need some resemblance of a golf swing, a limited number of senior moments, a good sense of humor and springing for a pitcher of beer once in a while wouldn't hurt. Anyone looking to play in such an environment can e-mail me at tjalf8371@yahoo.com for more information.

Our shotgun now starts at 9 a.m. for the winter months and don't forget to stop before league play at The Bakery Café for coffee and a bagel compliments of your association. Nothing is better than a delicious and nutritious meal before we hit our first shot out of bounds!

John Urdike once said, "the golf swing is like a suitcase into which we are trying to pack too many things." Thinking less and swinging more this past month were Chris Jett (72), Garry Gerlach (73), Walt Pacuk & Larry Joseph & Lon Scheibal (74), Bryant Giffin (75), Dan Gill & Tom Garrison & Bruce Venslavsky & Dennis Norris (77), Mike Rec & Frank McCray (78) and Mike Buschur & Nick Nimerala (79). Nice job "baffin yer ball ladies."

Here's hoping everyone had a joyous and happy holiday season and wishing our entire membership and their families a healthy and happy 2011. As always, I continue to wish everyone a life of "nothing but fairways and greens."

Four-Man One Net/One Gross Nov. 16

127-Bryant Giffin, Tony Bruno, Tim O'Neil & Dan Carty; 132-John Menzies, Art Buecher, Tony Romiti & Joe Alfano; 133-Dennis Norris, Frank McCray, Ed Wilson & Dave Green; 134-Roger Whittle, Ray DeLuca, Jerry Segovis & Jay Bouton and Tony Mysterly, John Diaz, Mike Flynn & Dave Caspar.

Two-Man Stableford Nov. 23

Burns Flight: 86-Garry Gerlach & Jack Ashenfelter; 84- Dan Gill & Mike Romm; 81-Walt Pacuk & Ed Pozsony.

Allen Flight: 81-Gil Schofield & John Diaz; 77-Rean Morse & Phil Moherok; 75-Jim Bennett & Dave Miller.

Four-Man Three Best Balls Nov. 30

187-Bruce Venslavsky, Marc Schaffer, Tim Beaty & Ed Viloria. 194-Lon Scheibal, Nick Nimerala, Rean Morse & Ed Marinaro and Chris Jett, Tom Martinetto, Gil Green & Don Huston. 195-Joe Alfano, Phil Bucchi, Bob Cooke & Phil Moherok and Gil Schofield, Dennis Norris, Mike Romm & Ralph Kiner.

Individual Stableford Dec. 7

68-Lon Scheibal, Jon Raupach & Stan Jarmel. 71-Bruce Venslavsky, John Diaz & Charlie Tichy and Roger Whittle, Dave Miller & Ed Viloria.

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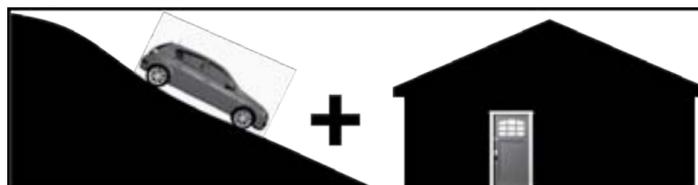
By Lorraine Serwan

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2011. I hope everyone had a happy holiday. The Singles Club ended the year with a tasty luncheon and gift exchange at The Schnitzel Factory. Ellen Hammill did her usual great job of organizing it.

Now we are ready to start the New Year with our meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13, with



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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

By Kelli Brunner

As I sit here writing this article, I am toasty warm inside my house and the sun is shining brightly, but the outside thermometer reads a chilly 39 degrees. At publication, who knows what the weather will be. That's winter in Ocala! In the words of Forrest Gump, "It's like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

Over the next couple of months the assortment of drop clothes that adorn our landscaping beds will be a harsh reminder that we live just north of the frost line.

The cold temperatures do take some enjoyment out of our favorite pastime. The golf swing becomes quite ineffective when you feel like Ralphie in his snowsuit. I may be somewhat wimpy but when the temps dip below the half-century mark I would rather trade my sticks for a movie ticket.

For those harder players, our league by-laws stipulate that the game of the day won't be canceled unless the temperature is

below 40 degrees at 8 a.m., so check with the Golf Shop before heading out. That's what happened the first two weeks in December, but some committed (no pun intended!) members got out there and braved the cold. You go girls!

Everyone looked very festive for our annual Christmas party at Carrabba's. We all enjoyed a tasty dinner with friends. It's fun to get together and socialize when the only spikes on our shoes might be on the heel. Thank you to the 33 members who attended and contributed to the Toys for Tots program. Special thanks go out to Connie Norris for delivering the many toys to the collection site.

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year filled with birdies, eagles, or better yet, a hole-in-one!

Low Gross/Net Nov. 18

Flight 1: 80-Kelli Brunner, 69-Mia Kolar.
Flight 2: 86-Deanne Green, 61-Marie Gillis.
Flight 3: 95-Irmgard Anger, 63-Mary Kuntz.

Upcoming play dates:

- Dec. 30 - Stableford (ind.)
- Jan. 6 - 1-2-3 (team)
- Jan. 13 - Criss-Cross (ind.)
- Jan. 20 - 6-6-6 (team)
- Jan. 27 - Low Gross/Net (ind.)



Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Marilyn Rose

Well, guess I spoke too soon. Too much cold weather has stopped our play for a couple of weeks. I guess we are never satisfied.

Our Christmas luncheon was wonderful. Thanks to all the ladies who made the day extra special. Now for our January schedule: Jan. 4 - Open Play; Jan. 11 - Scramble/Luncheon; Jan. 18 - Low Gross/Low Net, Flighted; Jan. 25 - Team Points, A,B,C,D. Be sure that these go into your book. Also, be sure to sign up quickly for the luncheon.

Low Gross/Low Net - Flighted Nov. 16 / The Links

Low Gross Flight 1: 84-Beverly Ovrebø; 89-Gretchen Normandin.

Low Net Flight 1: 71-Iro Lisinski; Tie at 74-Harriet Hawkins, Nancy Zielinski.

Low Gross Flight 2: 94-Christine McIntire; Tie at

100-Carol Johnson, Susan Watters.
Low Net Flight 2: 70-Mary Jane McAtee; 74-Carolyn Cummings.
Low Gross Flight 3: 104-Shirley Smagner; 105-Marti Marta; 110-Serene Rossi.
Low Net Flight 3: 72-Glenna Swank; Tie at 75-Elie Rapacz, Jeanne Rice, Marilyn Rose.

LGA Scramble-ABCD Nov. 23 / The Links

68-Beverly Ovrebø, Mary Jane McAtee, Margaret Hudacik, Dot Muller. 74-Harriet Hawkins, Peggy Borro, Angelita Pena, Dea Johnson.

LGA 18 3 Worst Holes to Par

Flight 1: 61-Nancy Nicholas; 62-Laurie Hall; 63-Betty Schwartz; 64-Sandy Chase; 65-Janet Juhlin.

Flight 2: 61-Christine McIntire; Tie at 62-Flo Emanuel, Mary Jane McAtee; 64-Angelita Pena; 65-Susan Watters.

Flight 3: 62-Elie Rapacz; 64-Dea Johnson; Tie at 65-Rose Hoover, Shirley Smagner.

As you can see, two play days are missing. Hope the rest of the winter will allow us to play each week. Let's hope we are back on the course soon. Have a wonderful New Year.



Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole

By Mary Pat Giffin

Happy New Year! By now, many of you have made your New Year resolutions for golf. Will this be your year to break 70, 60 or 50, week after week?

That's what Mary Giannukos plans to do. "I want to consistently score in the 50s. I don't care where (as long as I score in the

50s). And, I want to get out of those damn bunkers better."

Lois Lane wants to break 60, then 50. As a matter of fact, "I'd like to shoot a 55," she said. She also wants to have a birdie on Thursdays (league day).

Other nine-hole league members, like Cheryl Engeman, wants to have three to four pars in one round.

I don't want any snowmen (eights) on my score card so I plan to get every putt to the hole. I just hope I don't scream by to the other side of the green.

How are we going to achieve these goals? As Tiger Woods put it, "The best way to start off with any set of clubs is to have them built for your size. When you have a

set that is made for you it is amazing how much better you will be able to play."

So, before you take that new driver under the Christmas tree out for a test drive, go back to the shop that sold it and find a club-fitting pro to help you make sure you have the right club for you.

Another way to lower your score is to take a lesson in the area of your greatest weakness on the golf course. For most of us, that's probably chipping or getting out of bunkers.

Lastly, in no other game is a great attitude more important. Why is it that in football and basketball the players are encouraged to get excited and energetic about playing the game, yet golfers are taught to be "focused and intense?" After all, it's just a game. Let's have fun.

It's no fun playing in the cold. That's why Dec. 9 league play was canceled. When it's less than 50 F an hour before tee time, the game is normally canceled. However, a handful of brave souls battled the wind and

enjoyed the afternoon.

Nine-Hole Scramble Nov. 18

36-Olive Curtin, Dianne Masterson, and Nancy Dreimiller; 38-Susy Buckland-Mulhern, June Tassinari, Vicky Salyers and Sandy Schaffer.

Nine-Hole Three Blind Mice Dec. 2

Flight 1: Tie at 20-Mary Pat Giffin and Dianne Masterson.

Flight 2: 22-Carole Venslavsky; Tie at 24-Danielle Williams and Julie Crudele.

Mark your calendars now for Feb. 10. Susy and Vicky are planning a Sweetheart tournament. Play with your spouse and enjoy a bite to eat at Candler Hills Restaurant. Watch for details.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Don't hesitate to e-mail me at marypatgiffin@yahoo.com or give me a call at 854-8545.



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

By Diane Dzik

The New Year has arrived with a calendar of activities but the afterglow of our Christmas luncheon in the Arbor Club Ballroom remains. Jean Flynn, Gretchen Saker, and Betty Jo Dent are to be congratulated for the fine work they did with the lovely centerpieces and in organizing the event. Table favors were individual ornaments in velvet boxes and were very lovely. The lunch menu catered by Friendship Catering was abundant and delicious and 15 of our social members were in attendance. It was a pleasure to see them and share pleasant memories.

Please remember that if you wish to golf in monthly tournaments and are not a golf club member, Ghinn fees were due the end of 2010. If you have not done so by this writing, please do so immediately or you will be put on the inactive list. Also any shop credit earned up to now must be used by Feb. 28.

As of this writing, the weather has taken a toll on our weekly tournaments. We have used the phone committee and the computer mailing list to notify members of cancellations. We will continue to do so, but remind members to check local weather conditions on the Internet or television and

refer to the policy on page 5 of the league handbook when signing up for golf.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be Jan. 4 after a Modified Scramble on the Links. Please be in attendance at that time as we discuss important events scheduled for the remainder of our season.

Three Blind Mice Nov. 16

Birdie: Grace Bock
Chip-Ins: Sumiko Bridges, Jean Flynn, Ruth Mitchell, Agnes Tetti.
Flight 1: 26-Linda Dumeer; 29-Grace Bock; 30-Agnes Tetti.
Flight 2: 29-Alice McDaniel; 30-Marie Marquis; 31-Carol Bell.
Flight 2: 35-Myra Noel; 37-Esther Lang; 38-Ann Hetzel, Ruth Mitchell.

Low Gross Nov. 23

Birdie: Agnes Tetti
Chip Ins: Carol Bell, Joyce Ferruolo
Flight 1: 48-Kathy Hoefer; 49-Deborah Mallardi.
Flight 2: 51-Mike Beyer; 54-Carol Bell, Marie Palombo.
Flight 3: 58-Esther Lang; 61-Cathleen Hathaway.

Ironing Day Nov. 30

Flight 1: 32-Marlene Floeckher; 34-Carol White; 35-B.J. Leckbee.
Flight 2: 31-Myra Noel, Betty Tully; 33-Evelyn Stewart; 34-Adele Stelljes.

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Billiards

By Richard Impresa

The holiday season is upon us and the Marion County Senior Men's Billiard League is on hiatus until mid-January; having completed the first half of our season.

For any new readers of this column, the league consists of 10 teams from six different adult communities in Marion County. Each team has six players (three sets of two players) for each match as well as several substitutes who are rotated into the schedule as needed.

Each match consists of a total of 36 games, 18 eight ball and 18 nine ball. That gives each two-man team a total of 12 games per match. The eight ball games are played in the traditional "shoot 'til you miss" format and the nine ball games are a "scotch double" format, which calls for alternate shots.

A typical 36 game match is usually completed in two hours. Match play is held on Tuesday afternoons, starting at 1 p.m. The season consists of a total of 18 matches so each team gets to play every other team twice, once at home and once away.

On Top of the World is represented by three teams in this league. At the halfway point of the season, my team #1 is in first place with a record of 9-0; J.C. Brown's team #2 is tied for fifth place with a 4-5 record; and Jerry Kamenker's team #3 is tied for fourth with a 5-4 record.

Our own, Bill Daly, is the league manager. Bill has kept busy during the league's halftime break by organizing a single's eight ball tournament for league players. The match was played over a two-week period and, as of this writing, was not complete but I'll announce the results in the next column.

If you care to join our league or start a new team to compete in it, just see Bill or any of the captains for details. We will be starting the second half of the season in mid-January, so if you would like to watch some of the competition come down to the pool room on any Tuesday afternoon, at least one of our three teams will always be there.

The ladies also participate in inter-community competition. Watch Leslie Conlon's column for details.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Ceramics Room of the Craft Building. All members and guests are welcome. I hope you are having a great holiday and remember to keep stroking and keep your tip dry.



Pickleball

By Tom Seitz

Let's hope January weather is more favorable to Pickleball than early December was!

The playing tip this month is associated with return of the initial serve, and is provided by Bill Booth, president of USAPA. Very often, the best return of serve is a long, soft floating return that keeps your opponent in the back court. With the two-bounce rule which prohibits the serving team from volleying the return of serve, the soft floater gives you and your partner time to get to the no-volley line.

When you control the no-volley line, you have assumed the offense and put the serving team on defense. The other advantage of using this type of return is that it is one of the easiest returns to make and greatly cuts down on errors.

There are times when a hard driving return is appropriate. It can be especially effective if one of your opponents has a tendency to move up too quickly after the serve. The hard drive forces him to backpedal quickly and forces an off-balance shot. But, keep in mind that your chances for error increase with that type of return. A drive return is much more likely to hit the net or be long. The other risk of the drive return is that it may be returned to you before you have had time to establish your position at the line.

Use the hard drive return every now and then for a change of pace and to keep your opponent off balance. But, most of the time, it would be wise to play the winning percentages and return a deep soft floater.

Current scheduled times are Tuesday through Saturday at 9 a.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m.

Beginners are encouraged at any time. Just come to the courts next to 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

Happy New Year to everyone! The winners for the high score awards for the month of November, were as follows:

Men

- Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz
- Monday p.m.: Tony Manzo
- Tuesday p.m.: Rick Vogel
- Wednesday p.m.: Lou Fischer
- Thursday a.m.: Greg Rasmussen
- Friday a.m.: Andy Bullock & Carl Tecce

Women

- Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz
- Tuesday p.m.: Margo Thomas & Dott Migliaccio
- Wednesday p.m.: Paula Magen & Helen Foskett
- Thursday a. m.: Violet Dubay & Delores Bilello
- Friday a.m.: Mary Kuntz & Nancy Kowsky

For many years, John Mataya has filled the roll of play instructor holding instructional sessions on Saturday mornings to help existing and prospective members of our league to improve their skills at Shuffleboard. John has now decided to relinquish this activity.

We are fortunate to have a replacement for this position. Greg Rasmussen has volunteered to take up this duty, and will begin instructing participants every Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Greg will also fill in a new position, that of safety director. He will instruct players in the safe way to play the game and point out physical hazards to look for on the courts.

At the annual general membership meeting held on Nov. 4, a revision to the Constitution was proposed for approval. Article VII Section II reads, "The general membership will meet in November and March. The time and place to be designated by the President."

Article IX Section II reads "Vocal notice will be read at one general membership meeting, prior to the general membership meeting at which the proposed amendments will be submitted."

This action regarding Article IX was taken care of at the meeting of Nov. 4.

At the general membership meeting of March 2011, the final step to simplify the Constitution and by eliminating Section II of Article IX and changing the annual membership meeting to once a year instead of twice a year will be put to a vote.

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 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 writer has provided this column 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 of the last report with best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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Model Railroaders

By Jim Devine

The On Top of the World Model Railroaders Club is having a Winter Wonderland show on Thursday, Jan. 6, to show off our layouts. We will have trains running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both the HO and N scale layouts. Come down to see and hear the trains. (Some of our HO steam locomotives make very realistic railroad sounds.)

This month, I'd like to tell you about one of the most important people in the history of railroading in Florida, Henry Flagler. He made his fortune as John D. Rockefeller's partner in Standard Oil. He first visited Florida in 1876 when he took his sick wife to Jacksonville.

Five years later he took his second wife to St. Augustine on a honeymoon, and they fell in love with the place. He bought the Casa Monica hotel (which still exists) and built the luxurious Ponce de Leon hotel. (This hotel is now part of Flagler College, and is a St. Augustine must see.) He realized that he needed a railroad to transport his rich friends to St. Augustine, so he built one. (Nice to have money, isn't it?) He bought some existing railroads to create the Florida East Coast railroad, and extended the line down the east coast of Florida.

Mr. Flagler kept moving south, building the 1,100-room Royal Poinciana Hotel in Palm Beach. At the time it was built, it was

the largest wooden structure in the world. After that, he built the Breakers Hotel, extending the railroad as he went.

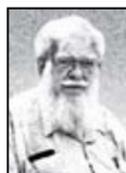
Flagler subsequently moved even further south to avoid possible Florida freezes. He went to the area that would later become Miami, and built the Royal Palm Hotel, streets, and a water and power system. Citizens wanted to name the area after him, but he refused the honor. Regardless, Henry Flagler is recognized as the "Father of Miami."

In 1905, Henry Flagler decided to do the impossible. He decided to extend his railroad over the Florida Keys to Key West. Key West was Florida's most populous city at this time. The idea of building a railroad through swamps, over open water, linking one key to the next all the way to Key West was thought to be folly, but he did it. This part of the railroad came to a disastrous end in a hurricane in 1935. Mr. Flagler was dead by this time, and the decision was made not to rebuild. It should be noted that the Overseas Highway that links Miami to Key West was built using much of the destroyed railroad's infrastructure.

Henry Flagler is responsible for making the East Coast of Florida what it is today. Flagler County, Flagler Beach, and Flagler College are all named for him in recognition of his achievements.

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 Railroaders 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.



Stamp Club

By David Groves

Our General Francis Marion Stamp Club and its individual members have always been active in encouraging younger generations to appreciate the lifelong benefits of the hobby of stamp collecting. Stamps are educational in that they give many young people one of their first lessons in geography, history and culture of the United States and all other nations.

During my annual family get-together - with our grandchildren - we have a "stamp night." On stamp night, an assortment of different topical stamps are spread out on a table, then each grandchild and their father take turns picking out stamps that they want for their collections.

Afterwards, there is trading of stamps until the kids have exhausted all trading possibilities.

In addition, this year we placed a small classified ad in a national stamp magazine, offering free packets of 100 different US and foreign stamps for kids who would like stamps as Christmas gifts. As result, at least 235 kids in 12 different states across the nation received stamps as Christmas gifts. In some cases, the packets were their only Christmas gifts.

During December, our members enjoyed several talks about different aspects of our hobby, our annual Christmas luncheon, and the opportunity of visiting the

annual Florida Stamp Show in Orlando. Members also discussed possibilities for activities related to the Kidfetti festival in Silver Springs in February 2011.

Members elected our club officers for 2011: John Renyhart, president; Larry Fahy, vice president; Joe Rosinski, treasurer; and Jeffery Howard, secretary.

Due to our club's recent growth to 58 members, treasurer, Joe Rosinski, updated our club's membership list and distributed the list to members.

If you have an inherited stamp collection that is not of interest to you, your children or grandchildren, our club may be able to provide you with an opinion of value of your stamp collection. We also have information on making tax-deductible donations of stamp collections to the American Philatelic Society or to Boys Town.

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 the SW 90th Street entrance to On Top of the World. Visitors are always welcome!

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 club brochure, please contact Joe Rosinski at 237-7366 or via e-mail at jrjr8850@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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For additional information about the General Francis Marion Stamp Club, please call Roy Schwartz at 237-1204 or send an e-mail to roy678@webtv.net.



Ladies Billiards

By Leslie Conlon

Welcome 2011! As we all start off the New Year with many resolutions that we hope to keep, maybe one of them is coming to the Ladies Billiards on Mondays, we start at 9 a.m. and we have the room until noon.

We will draw cards to see who will be playing with whom, this way we get a chance to play with different people every week. I know it's easy to say I just want to shoot by myself and practice, but that can be done at other times (the pool room is open every day from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.). It is so much nicer to play with others; it also is a form of practicing and watching how your opponent shoots. It's amazing how much you can learn by that alone.

The ladies held their holiday luncheon on Monday, Dec. 13 at The Mason Jar. We had a total of 18 ladies attending; from what

I was told it was the largest turnout in many years. At this luncheon, we did something different, in the past we did a Secret Santa gift exchange. This time, we each put in the same amount of money as the Secret Santa, but we got some restaurant gift certificates to give out as prizes. My next column will let you know who won and what they won.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, the club holiday party was held at Golden Corral; a total of 52 members attended and as always had a great time. We would like to thank Bill Daly for making the reservations and being in charge of this event. Bill we (the ladies)

think you did a fantastic job! Keep up with the good work.

As I close the first column of 2011, we're hoping many more of the ladies in On Top of the World will come and give a try at pool/billiards; it's a fun, not strenuous and it's a chance to meet other ladies in the community. So, remember, "A club is only as good as its members make it."

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World Traveler

By Bill Shampine

In this column, I strive to take you to interesting places scattered all over the globe, and have many places from which to choose. Were you aware that there are 195 recognized sovereign states in the world, each with its own history and story?

And herein lies today's story. I suspect that most of us tend to think of the 195 states (countries) as being old with relatively stable boundaries. We know, for example, that China, Egypt, India, Italy, Japan, and many more, have been recognized sovereign states for centuries.

On the other hand, did you know that four countries have come into existence (been recognized by the world community) in the last eight years! Personally, I find it fascinating that 53% (103) of the 195 globally recognized, independent sovereign states in the world have come into existence in the last 50 years!

Forty-two countries were recognized as independent sovereign states by the world community in the 1960s, 24 in the 1970s, eight in the 1980s, 25 in the 1990s, and four (so far) in the 2000s. These include countries like: Somalia (1960), Congo (1960), Cyprus (1960), Kuwait (1961), Kenya (1963), Singapore (1965), United Arab Emirates (1971), Bahamas (1973), St. Lucia (1979), Antigua and Barbuda (1981), Lithuania (1990), Russia (1991), Czech Republic (1993), and Kosovo (2008).

What is the cause of changes like this? Over the centuries, dominant cultures/individuals, such as the Romans, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, and the Ottoman Empire controlled huge tracts of land. Similarly, by controlling the seas from the 15th to the 19th century, England, France, Spain, Portugal, and the Netherlands were able to claim and colonize vast areas of land, thus becoming global powers.

With time, however, these once great empires were broken up and autonomy given to the indigenous peoples that originally were overwhelmed by one of the great powers. Other nations have been formed



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as spoils of war. Let's look at a little history.

Many of the new states originating in the 1960s were the result of breaking up the old colonial claims in Africa and redefining the borders of dozens of countries. Others resulted from Great Britain granting independence to many of its former colonies in the Caribbean.

Most of the 24 sovereign states recognized in the 1970s were the result of colonialism breaking up and were located in the Caribbean, the Middle East, or in the South Pacific. There were 25 new countries recognized in the 1990s, most of which resulted from the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Finally, in the 2000s, Timor-Leste (2002), Serbia (2006), Montenegro (2006), and Kosovo (2008) have been the latest states recognized globally, the latter three resulting from the breakup of Yugoslavia.

In addition to this remarkable series of new states, there also are scores of others in the wings that have been striving for years for their own autonomy; some violently and some benignly. Some of the better known separatist movements include the Basque trying to separate from Spain, the Kurds trying to separate from Iraq, Puerto Rico trying to separate from the U.S., and Quebec trying to separate from Canada.

More impressive, did you know that there are 13 active separatist movements in the U.S. today? These include groups advocating for sovereign statehood for: Alaska, Black Belt, Hawaii, Lakota Sioux, Minnesota, New York City, New York State, Oklahoma, Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, The South, South Carolina, Texas, and Vermont! For many of these groups, I would offer the old adage, "Be careful what you wish for, you might get it!"



On The Road Again

By Bob Woods

First of all, I would like to state that our coach trip to the Smoky Mountains was a great success. The shows were fantastic. Everyone on the trip thoroughly enjoyed the venture.

In a few weeks we will be venturing to the Conch Republic to visit such places as the Ernest Hemingway House and the Truman Summer White House, plus other attractions and destinations along with museums in Key West. We are departing on Jan. 16.

April 5-8, I have a coach trip heading for Pensacola and Mobile. While at Pensacola, we will watch the Navy's Blue Angels practice (weather permitting) then touring the Navy's Aviation Museum. This museum has to be undoubtedly the best aviation museum in the world. We will visit the Mobile Carnival Museum, Bellingrath Gardens and the Battleship Alabama.

In October, I have a nine-day coach trip to Boston visiting many sights in the Massachusetts capital plus tours of Lexington and Concord. The coach will travel to Cape Ann where we will visit Gloucester and Rockport. On the way back to Florida, we will visit Mystic Seaport, Conn. and the Lewis Ginter Botanical gardens in Richmond, Va. This trip is half sold out.

I have two cruises planned. The first is a five-night Western Caribbean on the Freedom of the Seas departing Dec. 18, heading for Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico, with a \$75 shipboard credit per cabin. Passports required.

The next cruise is a 12-night trip to Hawaii where we will board the Radiance of the Seas spending seven-nights in Hawaiian waters, visiting four islands before sailing to Vancouver, BC, Canada. This cruise departs April 22, 2012. Passport required.

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Travel Toppers

By Jo Swing

Travel Toppers wishes all residents of On Top of the World a happy, healthy New Year with many enjoyable trips to come.

Speaking of enjoyable, we have one coming up on Wednesday, Feb. 23; an evening with the delightful Daniel O'Donnell at the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. The cost for this performance of Irish and American music is \$78 per person and includes show, bus and tip for driver. Your meal will be on your own. Reservations start Monday, Jan. 3 (not Jan. 17). The coordinator is Kathy Brouillard.

The trip to Kennedy Space Center on Monday, Jan. 17 has one seat left. The cost of \$62 covers admission, bus and tip for driver. Meal is on your own. If you want to get in on this great experience, call Glo Hutchings.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, we will be going to see the musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at the Show Palace Dinner Theater. Show, buffet, bus and tips for driver and meal are included in the price of \$64. Call Joan Connolly for reservations.

Reservations start Monday, Jan. 17 for the musical, "42nd Street," at the Show Palace on Sunday, March 27. The classic 1933 movie musical is just as great on stage. The cost is \$64 for show, buffet, bus and tips for

driver and meal. Joyce Wood will be the coordinator.

Monday, Jan. 31 reservations start for "Church Basement Ladies 2 - A Second Helping" at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach. The cost is \$54, which will include show, bus and tip for driver. Meal will be on your own. Linda Hein will be the coordinator.

There is room available on the Western Caribbean cruise, Saturday, April 2 to Saturday, April 9 on the Carnival Dream. The prices range from \$729 per person for inside cabin to \$1,079 per person for balcony. Prices are based on double occupancy. The ports of call start at Port Canaveral, with a day at sea; Cozumel, Mexico; Isla Roatan; Belize; Costa Maya, Mexico; day at sea and back to Port Canaveral.

We also have a wonderful cruise going to Hawaii in October. The dates are Saturday, Oct. 22 to Saturday, Nov. 5. The cruise starts at San Diego and goes to four Hawaiian islands, Ensenada, Mexico and then back to San Diego. There is an optional San Diego excursion leaving On Top of the World Oct. 21 with a tour of San Diego before boarding ship. The prices range from \$2,369 per person for inside, \$2,769 ocean view, and \$3,269 for veranda. These prices include bus to Orlando airport, round trip airfare and port transfers and taxes. For reservations or more information on either of these great cruises, contact Allan Rickards.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center. All On Top of the World residents are invited to attend one of our meetings. Until then, happy travels to all.



Tall Tale Travelers

By Jim Lynam

The Tall Tale Travelers R.V. group recently camped at Salt Springs Recreation Area located in the heart of the Ocala National Forest and operated by the U.S. Forest Service. Salt Springs acquired its name from the nine vertical fissures rising from within the earth that produce 54 million gallons of 74 degree water every day. The water contains mineral salts, which makes the water slightly saline.

Gloria and Nick participated as the wagon masters for the 17 couples included in the excursion.

The members arrived on Monday and after setup everyone greeted each new arrival to say "hello" after being separated all summer. After supper, the group went to the "Barn" for the wonderful selection of guaranteed half-calorie desserts. The enormous fireplace provided the welcomed warmth from the unseasonable cooler temperatures.

President Jim welcomed Becky, Rosalie and Joe as guests for the campout and held the initiation for the new members, Linda and Dick. The evening continued with the usual games and sitting around the fire.

After a chilly night, the campers took advantage of the warming temperatures and enjoyed their favorite activities including games, tennis and biking. Gloria and Nick chose Thanksgiving as the theme for

dinner and the members provided all the turkey and fixin's for a complete feast. The chilly temperature, the warm fire and the rustic barn reminded everyone of the original Thanksgiving.

The games, biking and tennis continued on Wednesday and Phil actually went swimming in the Salt Springs. When asked how it was, Phil replied through clenched and chattering teeth that the "water was fine."

Gloria and Nick made the dinner reservations at the Bass Champions restaurant. Nick ordered the seafood platter and it was so large that everyone thought it was for the entire table!

The plan for Thursday morning was to go to the Square Meal restaurant for breakfast. Jackie and John recommended the choices of: The Big 'Un, The Little 'Un, or the Mu Burger, and John confused the waitress by ordering "diet water." After breakfast, several couples made the trek to a local winery for tasting and purchase.

The group returned for happy hour and supper, which included leftovers. Following dinner, in honor of traditional Veterans Day, the group recognized all the veterans and their spouses for their personal sacrifices and service to their country.

Later that evening, many members became aware of some form of wildlife banging and tearing apart the dumpster apparently looking for some "special goodies." As always, the members of the Tall Tale Travelers left Salt Springs Recreation Area with fond memories and an appreciation of Florida's natural resources and agreed to return another time.

May the New Year bring even more "Tall Tales" and memories!



Williamsburg Cruise Club

By Fred O'Blenis

Happy New Year from all of us at Williamsburg Cruise Club.

In late November of last year, we had almost a hundred people on the Carnival Dream. Fortunes were made and lost in the casino, and the winners who didn't declare are now enjoying an IRS paid vacation at "Club Fed" or better known as "jail." A little comedy, but the real story is we had a wonderful time, so much so that many of us are getting ready for the upcoming Feb. 27 cruise on the Freedom of the Seas. It is a seven-night from Port Canaveral, Fla.

We don't even care that much where it goes because we love the ship. It is not too late to join us, but you have to call now. As an added incentive for this cruise, we are giving each cabin a \$100 onboard credit. We provide bus transportation, if you wish

not to drive yourself, at \$45 per person, which includes round trip bus driver and port arrival porter tipping.

The next planned cruise is Nov. 6 on the Allure of the Seas. This is Royal Caribbean's newest mega ship that sails weekly from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. We will visit Fort Lauderdale, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico.

The ship will also spend a day docked at the private section on Haiti's north shore called Labadee. There you can relax at any of the five beaches, walk on designated trails and quench a big thirst at nine bars located throughout the island. For the adventurous, there is a long ride zip line over water plus an expanded shopping plaza.

Back on the extravagant \$1.5 billion ship there are dozens of restaurants, cafes and bars with so much to do it is beyond belief. The Broadway show, "Chicago" will be playing with other entertainment every night. Our group cruise club has blocked cabins in several categories and while supplies last, so bring your family and friends along.

At this time, we are just about sold out. We have about 90 people going with us. We can find room for you, and this is why we tell you about our trips a year ahead of time.

We can get more cabins, but it will not be at the price we had in the beginning. We offer optional round trip bus service at \$75 per person. If you aren't ready to sign up now, you might find a \$50 per cabin onboard

credit as a little extra incentive.

I am extremely excited about this cruise. Call Fred at 237-6367 for more information and be sure to catch my next column with more about this cruise.



Wood Shop

By Ray Utiss

The annual membership meeting of the On Top of the World Wood Shop was held on Dec. 4.

Starting with President Gordon Cich, each member of the board reported on their areas of responsibility. Suggestions were requested for the coming year. Dues will remain at \$25. Dues can be paid any Thursday morning at 9 a.m. This is the regular clean-up time. When your dues

are paid, you will receive your new key for 2011.

President Cich resigned and Joe Hilchey will be the incoming president.



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Native Plant Group

By Ron Broman

How is it possible? Two species of plants continue to bloom in our "garden of weed-in." They've bloomed there for over six months and we've just taken them for granted. One is a purple lantana, a non-native (exotic) and the other the Scarlet or Tropical Sage, *Salvia coccinea*.

The University of Florida, IFAS Extension describes it as "an herbaceous perennial that is native to the southeastern United States including the State of Florida. It may attain a height of three to four feet with a vase-shaped or upright habit. It bears striking rich red flowers (occasionally white or pink) in late spring, summer and fall seasons."

As I read the literature, two topics stand out for me:

- Uses: cut flowers, border edging, mass planting, attracts butterflies, and attracts hummingbirds. Wow, what more could one ask for in a native garden?
- Soil tolerance: acidic, alkaline, sand,

loam, clay and occasionally wet. This plant is certainly not picky, which bodes well for its survival.

For some species, this might be a red flag indicating invasiveness but listen to one "satisfied customer."

Texas Sage (another of its several names) self sows exuberantly! I bought one plant when I first moved here, [north Florida], and its seedlings have sprouted all around my yard. I never have to water or fertilize them. They grow so easily that pretty much the only maintenance required is pulling up the ones I don't need.

Last night, we expected a hard freeze. The thermometer on the porch at 7 a.m. read 20 F. I expect this red lady to be gone tomorrow; but she has graced us with much beauty. We will welcome her back in the spring.

The Native Plant Group resumes regular monthly meetings, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H. Jan. 12, Linda Duever will speak on "Understanding How Species Behave in Florida Habitats: The Key to Becoming a Plant Whisperer."

Betty and I will be absent from the meeting in January, February, March and April as our schedule takes us on a world cruise. I hope to be able to send articles from various spots on this magnificent sphere. Stay tuned, and enjoy growing native.



Photo by Ron Broman

Salvia coccinea Scarlet Sage.

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Photo by Anne Merrick

Great Blue Heron with its catch.



Birders' Beat

By Anne Merrick

On Nov. 17, 2010, at 7:30 a.m., eight of us gathered at the Health & Recreation parking lot to car pool to Salt Springs for a walk on one of the trails. Our two cars held Margitta Claterbos, Margaret Edmiston, Bob Mackenzie, Tom and Anita Martinetto, Melanie Vittitow, Anne Merrick and Carole Rao. We joined three members of the Marion Audubon Society, Karen Kudia, Larry Sutton and Carolyn Retey who led us.

It was a perfect Florida day, cool and clear with low humidity. The walk down the trail to the Salt Springs Run was delightful with many stops to listen and look for birds and to admire the woods and marsh, which was dry after a long dry spell.

We saw at least 26 different species of

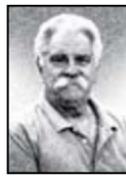
birds including Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great and Little Blue Heron, Bald Eagle various Woodpeckers, Ruby-crowned Kinglet and all of the common backyard birds.

The highlight of the trip was seeing a Great Blue Heron that had been patiently waiting, ankle deep in the river, catch a large fish (Shellrocker). It was so large the bird didn't know what to do with it and kept dipping it into the water.

Soon enough, word got around, and others, looking to share in the feast, made an appearance. There was a scuffle and the intruders were chased off but not before the fish appeared to be lost. Soon the Heron had it back in its bill and it was time for us to go.

We went to a small, but very busy, local restaurant in Salt Springs for lunch before heading home. It was a perfect day.

If you have any questions about our trips or would like to join us, please call Roberta Campbell at 854-4814 or Anne Merrick at 732-0706.



Social Club

By Mort Meretsky

Happy New Year to all of our members. Don't forget to renew your memberships. For anyone who is not a member, now is the time to join. The dues are \$10 a year.

We play poker and blackjack on the third Friday of every month at the Arbor Conference Center from 2 to 4 p.m. We play with "funny" money and at the end of the day we pay \$5 to the person with the most money at each table, \$3 to second place and \$2 to third place. We also have at least one pizza party and a picnic in the summer at no cost to our members. So come on down to our next get-together and join.

We recently had a group of over 80 people return from a cruise on the Oasis of the Seas to the Western Caribbean. I'm going to pass on what they reported to me. "What a ship - we can't even feel the ship move - so

smooth. This really gave a new meaning of a cruise ship. It's so big, over 6,000 people, but there was no time that we felt crowded. Have to give credit to Royal Caribbean, they know how to move people. No long lines to the dining room or those great shows, really amazing. There is so much to offer on this ship that we can't even begin to describe, it's really a must see."

We are planning another cruise next year. This time it will be on the Allure of the Seas, a sister ship of the Oasis. Hope you can join us. The cruise is scheduled for Nov. 27, 2011, for the Eastern Caribbean, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale. The cruise will visit Nassau, St. Maarten, and St. Thomas. Book early and get the lowest possible prices. The following prices include port charges and taxes. Inside, \$895.11; ocean view, \$1,105.11; and balcony, \$1,115.11 and \$1,235.11 (prices are per person, based on double occupancy). There will be a bus from/to On Top of the World and Ft. Lauderdale. Price is estimated at \$65 per person.

For more information, call Shirley Schopf at 854-0975, or Margaret Orlando at 854-7306.

See y'all on Jan. 21.

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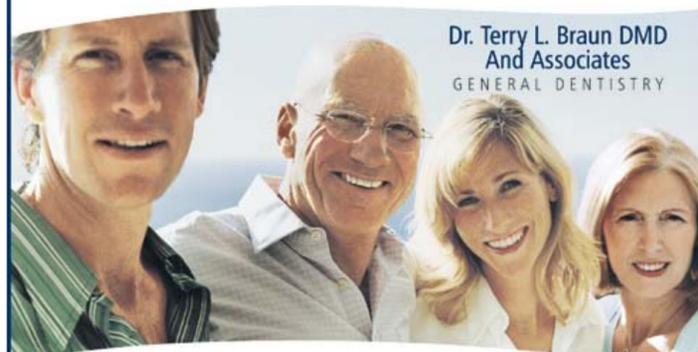


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Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr

Welcome 2011! Christmas is now a pleasant memory and we hope you enjoyed family and friends during the holidays.

The Bees provided many comfort kits to the abused, abandoned and neglected children of Marion County. Eighty children received our stockings, filled with candy, toys and a stuffed animal. It is a warm feeling to imagine the smiles on the children's faces!

Twenty-one Bees attended a Christmas luncheon at Sammy's on Dec. 9. Everyone enjoyed their meal and participated in a Secret Santa exchange. There were oohs and aahs all around as the gifts were opened. A

gentleman having lunch was kind enough to take a group photo as a remembrance for us.

For those new to On Top of the World, our mission is to provide a measure of comfort to the needy children of Marion County with our comfort kits. Each kit contains a quilt and matching pillowcase or stuffed animal, all neatly placed in a tote so the child can easily take it with him or her.

The New Year promises to be another busy year for the Sewing Bees. The need grows each year as the economy puts a strain on children and their families.

Our group is small and our funds are limited. Monetary donations are used for batting to complete our quilts. Donated cotton fabric and thread have been welcome gifts.

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



Photo by Linda Lohr

Some of the 80 stockings filled by the Sewing Bees.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Loretta Troutman

A New Year beginning and again we take stock of our handcrafted items. We are always looking for new items to make and indeed, the crafters have added new items to their inventory recently.

For instance, in addition to the light as a feather necklaces, Helen has added earrings and bracelets; some in matching sets. The towel lady has added golf cart steering wheel covers, which have become a popular useful item. Lois added new comic items to her display along with her scrubbies and nightlights.

When you come up to the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Tuesday morning, you are likely to see Jackie knitting hats in women's sizes and baby robes with matching hats in a variety of patterns and colors. Carol has a large turnover of her clever greeting cards for all occasions. Even in plants that Gail brings in there is a changing collection of greenery and blooms according to the season. Frances has already begun tatting shamrocks for those looking for a bit of green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Of course, there are many more items on display for your selection than I can list here. You will always be delighted with the beauty or cleverness you will see when you visit us. We are in the Health & Recreation Ballroom every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Happy Hookers

By Yvonne Bednar

A happy, healthy New Year to all! Our first luncheon for 2011 will be on Feb. 7. Any suggestions?

Every month, several women approach me and tell me they want to attend our gatherings, but something always gets in the way. This year, why not make it one of your resolutions to put aside every Monday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and join us? Bring what you enjoy doing or what you started a long time ago but never finished. We are a chatty, informal gathering of women from all the parts here who have gotten to know each other and enjoy "doing our own thing."

If you have no one to knit or crochet for, I know of many organizations that would love to receive hats, mittens, baby blankets, lap covers, etc. All it takes is a little time on your part and fun doing it; so why not give it a try?

We meet in the Arts/Ceramic Room. Best of all, there are no dues, board or stress. Please feel free to attend every Monday or when you can, we meet all year and have bi-monthly luncheons. For information, call Naomi Berman at 873-4328.

Knit one, purl two.

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Sunshine Quilters

By Tekla Krause

The Sunshine Quilters had a great year with a special Christmas luncheon at Mimi's Café to celebrate.

We are looking forward to more of the same with a few new perks. We love making our comfort quilts and will continue to donate to the homeless and abused children of our county.

Jan. 25 is our monthly workshop for comfort quilts. Marcy Benz has made beautiful machine embroidered 6-1/2" squares to be used in a pattern Renee Aden has put

together for us. Kits will be available.

Food for the backpack program in Dunnellon will continue to be collected at our monthly business meetings.

Jan. 11 there will be a "yoyo" workshop. We are getting ready for our quilt show, "Summer Daze," to be held in November. These yoyos will be made into pins for the attendees of our show. Sounds like fun.

Not a member? Not to worry! We welcome newcomers who have an interest in quilting. Come see us any Tuesday in the Art Room. We'll show you around.



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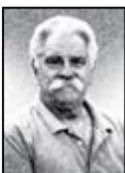
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Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

Happy 2011! We are preparing for the spring tournament to be held on March 5. The cost this year is \$22. Please sign up now so I can get everything ready for a great day. The food choices are the same and so is everything else. Call me at 873-7507 if you need more information. Jokers to you!



Bingo

By Mort Meretsky

Happy New Year to all of our players; and a big thank you to our volunteers. It is your hard work that makes bingo possible. We could not have the bingo games without you.

Our new equipment is here and we will start 2011 new and improved. We are also planning some new games and surprises for you.

We had a very successful Super Bingo in November I believe, it was our most successful ever. We gave away two floral centerpieces made and donated by Pam Mindle. Gem Galleria Jewelers donated a lovely bracelet, which was also given away. Thank you Pam and Gem Galleria.

At Super Bingo we get a lot of new players who never come to our regular Wednesday night bingos. I'm happy to see all of these extra people because they may enjoy themselves and want to come to our regular games, and their attendance makes it possible to have a super bingo.

We ended our 2010 season with the jackpot of \$250 being won, not only by a regular but by one of our volunteers. Congrats to Edie!

I hope to see you all at our first bingo of the New Year on Jan. 5.

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Monday Afternoon

By Joe Zwick

Nov. 15
1: Elsie Helwig & Maizie Millward; 2: Jayne Kaske & Esther Lang; 3: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett.

Nov. 22
1: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Bruce Benton & Marjorie Benton.

Nov. 29
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Marjorie Benton; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Carol Thompson; 3: Maizie Millward & Elsie Helwig.

Dec. 6
1: Shirley Stolly & Iro Lisinski; 2: Betty Morris & Gloria Richards; 3: Marge & Bruce Benton.

Tuesday Afternoon

By Agnes LaSala

Nov. 9
1: Mazie Millward & Ray Dietz; 2: Agnes LaSala & Carl Woodbury; 3: Marie & John Fiorella; 4: Rich Fluet & Agnes Weber.

Nov. 16
1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward; 3: Elsie Helwig & Betty Larsen; 4: Bill Hunter & Joe Zwick.

Nov. 23
1: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly; 2: Ray Dietz & Mazie Millward; 3: Norbert & Florence Heckler; 4: Millie Fellin & Al Novotny.

Nov. 30
1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Marie & John Fiorella; 3: Agnes La Sala & Carl Woodbury.

Tuesday Night Dup

By Marjorie Benton

Nov. 9
1: Doris Keathley & Mary Carol Geck; 2: Harry & Ruth Tindall; 3: Ida Rosendahl & Dick Mansfield; 4: Ida & Bill Carlson; 5: Kathie Duchary & Steve Becker.

Nov. 16
1: Doris Keathley & Mary Carol Geck; 2: Ernie & Joan Lord; 3: Bruce & Marjorie Benton; 4: Betty Kauffman & Rita Smyth; 5: Harry & Ruth Tindall.

Nov. 23
1: Doris Keathley & Mary Carol Geck; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Dick Mansfield; 3: Ernie & Joan Lord; 4: Harry & Ruth Tindall; 5: Bruce & Marjorie Benton.

Nov. 30
1: Doris Keathley & Caryl Rosenberger; 2/3 (tie): Ernie & Joan Lord and Harry & Ruth Tindall; 4: Ida Rosendahl & Dick Mansfield; 5: Pam Blawie & Rose O'Rourke.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Fran Griswold

Our group wishes everyone a happy and blessed 2011 and may dreams come true. We also wish everyone good luck in their New Year's resolutions.

Nov. 17
1: Carol Johnson (4150); 2: Keith Briggs; 3/4 (tie): Joyce Walchak and Kay Boland; Cons: Bonnie Heinlein.

Nov. 24
1: Ida Rosendahl (4930); 2: Mary Culberson; 3: Shirlee Wolcott; Cons: Alice McDaniel.

Dec. 1
1: Bonnie Heinlein (4500); 2: Joyce Walchak;

3: Ida Rosendahl; 4: Fran Griswold; Cons: Marlene Floeckhner.

Dec. 8

1: Betty Morris (4840); 2: Shirlee Wolcott; 3: Liz Milleson; Cons: Dot Calveck.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marge Starrett & Phyllis Silverman

Nov. 11
1: Mazie Millward; 2: Helen Eshbach; 3: Marge Starrett; 4: Shirley Wolcott.

Nov. 18
1: Helen Eshbach; 2 (tie): Betty Legg & Alice McDaniel.

Dec. 2
1: Mazie Millward; 2: Betty Larsen; 3: Alice McDaniel; 4: Joanne Jones.

Dec. 9
1: Elsie Helwig; 2: Helen Eshbach; 3: Florence Heckler; 4: Alice McDaniel.

Thursday Night

By Helen DeGraw & Ida Rosendahl

Nov. 18
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Miriam McNeilly; 3: Myra Butler; 4: Dick Griswold; Cons: Shirley Stolly.

Dec. 2
1: Eleanor Giardina; 2: Betty Morris; 3: Flo Penn; 4: Joan Sigafos; 5: Jim Mahoney.

Dec. 9
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Mary Culberson; 3: Nancy Van Gordon; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Norbert Heckler.

Friday Night

By Elly Rapacz & Serine Rossi

Nov. 12
1: Jayne Kaske; 2: Ruth Tyndall; 3: Mary Carol Geck; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Agnes Weber.

Nov. 19
1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Jan Moon; 3: Marion Turbin; 4: Serine Rossi; 5: Ruth Tyndall.

Dec. 3
1: Ruth Tyndall; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Helen DeGraw; 4: Jack Martin; 5: Mildred Lane.

Dec. 10
1: Jack Martin; 2: Elly Rapacz; 3: Jayne Kaske; 4: Ed Horner; 5: Agnes Weber.

EUCHRE

Friday Night

By Joe Askenase

Nov. 12
Four Handed Game
1: Joe Askenase with a perfect score of 60 points; 2: Lou Fisher; 3 (tie): Viola Horton & Marie France; 4: Marcy Askenase; 5: Shirley Coe.

Nov. 19
Five Handed Game
1: Clarence Lietzow; 2: Jim Hein; 3: Lou Fisher; 4: Rose Riegler.

Six Handed Game
1: Virgil Taylor; 2 (tie): Diana Riegler & Helen Foskett; 3: Maria France; 4: Shirley Coe; 5: Viola Horton.

Dec. 3
Four Handed Game
1: Lou Fisher; 2: Jim Hein; 3: Clarence Lietzow; 4: Russ Riegler.

Six Handed Game
1: Vi Horton; 2 (tie): Maria France & Marcy Askenase; 3: Diana Riegler; 4: Helen Foskett.

Friday Night 4 Fun

By Irene Pisani

Intermediate and advanced players are all welcome; so come and join us on Friday at 6:15 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A. Come one come all.

For more information, call Irene at 873-4173.

Nov. 5
1: Jerry Harris; 2 (tie): Betty Legg & Paul Agarwal; 3: Richard Gillette; 4 (tie): Mary Bartel & Buck Chaillet; 5: Edith Kolb.

Nov. 12
1: Sam LoBianco; 2: Betty Scrivo; 3 (tie): Billy Swing & May Holtz; 4 (tie): Jerry Dean, Rich Miles, Nancy Kowsky, Joan Sigafos & Sharon Dean; 5 (tie): Edith Kolb, Betty Legg & Jean Gillette.

Nov. 19
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2 (tie): Irene Pisani & Gayle Argano; 3: Bill Eberle; 4: Sharon Dean; 5: Paul Agarwal.

CRIBBAGE

Friday Night

By Rose Marie Postin

Nov. 5
1: Mary Ehle; 2: Mary Lou Chamberlain; 3: Craig Ehle; Cons: Elsie Helwig.

Nov. 12
1: Herb Postin; 2: Mary Lou Chamberlain; 3: Ray Bock; Cons: Norma Yonke.

Nov. 19
1: Luke Mullen; 2: Norma Yonke; 3: Mary Ehle; Cons: Gene Hubbard.

Dec. 3
1: Mary Lou Chamberlain; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Alberta Sarris; Cons: Sheila Howell.

PINOCHLE

Tuesday Night

By Viola Horton

Come up and play a fun game of pinochle on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Art Room of the Craft Building. No partners are needed.

Nov. 2
Single Deck Winners
1: George Dertinger; 2: Vernon Uzzell; 3: Millie Ferrell.

Double/Triple Deck Winners
Tables 1: Jim Mazzotta, James Nottingham, & Vi Horton; 2: Charley Distler & Ray Bock; 3: Ilse Kersey & Jim Hein.

Nov. 9
Single Deck Winners
1: Eva Mazzotta; 2: Audrey Bartolotta; 3: Lois Rider.

Double/Triple Deck Winners
Tables 1: Margaret & Joe Sciarino; 2: Charley Distler & Ray Bock; 3: Ann Pelham & Jim Hein.

Nov. 16
Single Deck Winners
1: Albert Novotny; 2: Lois Rider; 3: Vernon Uzzell.

Double/Triple Deck Winners
Tables 1: Elsie Helwig, Margaret & Joe Sciarino; 2: Jerry Beaky & Jim Hein; 3: Charley Distler & Virgil Taylor.

Nov. 23
Single Deck Winners
1: George Dertinger; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Audrey Bartolotta.

Double/Triple Deck Winners
Table 1: Lee Topf & Elsie Helwig; 2: Ilse Kersey & Jerry Beaky; 3: Ray Bock & Virgil Taylor.

Nov. 30
Single Deck Winners
1: Millie Ferrell; 2: Yarcy Hartman; 3: Bob Unangst.

Double/Triple Deck Winners
Tables 1: Alberta Sarris, Jimmy Mazzotta & Vi Horton; 2: Jim Hein; 3: Virgil Taylor & Joe Scrivo.

Saturday Night

By Elsie Helwig

Nov. 6
1: Karen Unangst; 2: Bob Unangst; 3: Audrey Bartolotta.

Nov. 13
1: Ilse Kersey; 2: Al Novotny; 3: Gene Hubbard.

Nov. 20
1: Bob Unangst; 2: Karen Unangst; 3: Millie Farrell.

Nov. 27
1: Bob Unangst; 2: Audrey Bartolotta; 3: Viola Horton.

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Red Hat Society

By Vivian Brown

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back to all our snowbirds.

Our Red Hat lady of the month is Cecilia Miller. Ask any of her friends and neighbors, they will tell you she is there for them whenever the need arises. I personally know that she hates to be in the limelight. She does things in a way not to draw attention to herself. She is a quiet, big hearted, thoughtful and generous person and is loved by everyone. When you see Cecilia, tell her thanks and let her know how proud we are of her.

THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE RED HAT DAMES: I was hostess for the December luncheon and chose to go to the High Tea on Thursday, Dec. 2. The food was very good and there was a fashion show put on by the Consignment Shop in Ocala. I was one of the models as well as Sally McCazzio. We had so much fun doing it. All had a good time!

Our hostess for January is Delores Bilello.

I would like our group to think of some ways to help those in need. Maybe we could help serve food at a soup kitchen or clean out our closet and give the clothes to Goodwill or Salvation Army or visit shut-ins and people living alone. A smile and kind word can warm a heart. So, lets do whatever it to get started today.

Remember, live long, laugh often and love much. God bless. *QM Vivian Brown*

THE BLAZING BONNETS: Happy New Year! We can't believe it's 2011!

I have to commend Princess Rose for our November luncheon at Olive Garden. She even picked a great waiter, Patrick, who went along with all the laughs and jokes that our Princess Rose is well known for. Princess Rose made each of us a lovely beaded rainbow for our windows. We welcomed a new Princess into our sisterhood, Princess Vee Firkins who is bringing many talents to our group.

We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon at Red Lobster planned by Princess Jackie Barker. I must say, their service was excellent. Even with all our chatter, we were served in record time. Princess Jackie made each of us miniature china doll ornaments dressed as Red Hatters in lovely monogrammed Christmas bags.

After lunch, we all stopped at the Marine Recruiting Office to drop off some toys for their Toys for Tots program. Dessert was at my house and everyone brought goodies to have with their coffee or tea. Vice Queen Linda brought everyone a bag of Red Hat goodies. Our new Princess Vee brought everyone an ornament filled with chocolates.

We talked about attending the Concert Chorus Christmas show and our own plans for how we're spending the holidays. Good food and good company always make for a fun afternoon. We also made a list of who

will be hosting each month for 2011.

Princess Mary Clunis will be hosting our January luncheon and I'm sure she already has plans.

Vice Queen Linda and I will be attending the Royal Court Gathering of Florida, hosted by the West Coast Queens Council, at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort Convention Center in Orlando on Jan. 22. We hope to return with some new ideas for our group.

Remember, keep your hat on your head and dessert on your minds at all times. *QM Mary Vanasse*

THE GLITZY GALS: December was a busy and exciting month for our group. Several of our girls have volunteered at Operation Shoebox to pack stockings for the troops and write notes to be included in those. This was a very rewarding project and will be continued.

Six of us attended the Christmas Show at The Show Palace, which was a most enjoyable day for those attending.

A few decorated their golf carts and participated in the Golf Cart Parade, which is always fun.

Pasta Faire was the choice of our hostesses QM Mary Curry and Janet Wahl for our luncheon this month. After lunch, cars loaded with items purchased and donated. We traveled to Belleview to Shepherd's Lighthouse and delivered all the items we had to furnish a kitchen in a new apartment. Our shoppers Janet Becker and Betty Tesmer did an outstanding job of shopping for our Christmas project. A tour of the facility was impressive for those who had not been there before. We returned to QM Mary's home for dessert and socializing. What a great way to end the year.

As 2010 ends, we remember the good times of the year and look forward to enjoying many more Red Hatting opportunities in 2011. Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to all. *QM Mary Curry by Janet Wahl*

THE RED HAT DOLLIES: What makes the Red Hat Dollies so special? Maybe it's our names. We have two Connie's, two Shirley's, two Peggy's, and not one but two Marge's. There is a Carol and a Carolyn and two with the last name of Greer. Then there's Joan, Doreen, Barbara, Maria and Ann who are oh so special too.

The November luncheon was held at The Blakely House Bakery and Café. The food was wonderful and they were very accommodating to our little group. When you are there, be sure to have a cupcake! *QM Connie Cameron by Peggy Greer*

Please send you club's activities to vivjcb@cfl.rr.com by the eighth of the month. Any questions, please call me at 291-0246.

Please send me your nominations for Red Hat Lady of the month. She must be a Red Hatter from any chapter. You may e-mail me or call me and tell me about how she contributes to the community.

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Bowling Accessories

By Annette Sharpe

When we're off to bowling I always bring Things my bowler just might need, For all his little aches and pains, Or, to keep him up to speed.

There's a pill for his sore neck or thumb, For thirst, a pack of chewing gum, Band aids for small emergencies, Kleenex, should my bowler sneeze, Tums to keep him heartburn free, And Starlight Mints for energy.

I don't mind toting things for him, Though his bowling future looks quite dim. I wish I could bring a little pill That might improve his bowling skill.

My Wish for You

By Annette Sharpe

May your days be bright and sunny, As you travel on life's way, And any trials of the past Be gone with yesterday.

May the good Lord watch over you, And keep you from harms way. May His peace that passes understanding Fill your heart to stay.

May your heart, with hope, be light, As you enjoy pleasant hours. May contentment bloom for you Like a garden filled with flowers.

May your life be blessed forever By each seed of friendship sown, For the fabric of each life Is made rich by those we've known.



Women of the World

By Maureen Corr

The December meeting of Women of the World was held on Friday, Dec. 3 and members enjoyed a lovely holiday luncheon, courtesy of the club.

For the luncheon meeting, tables were decorated in holiday themes, each with a centerpiece on loan from different club members. At each setting, there was a brochure provided by Phyllis Silverman, director of Marion County Senior Alliance. The brochures are a resource directory with phone numbers of all local agencies and support groups. This information is appreciated by all of our club members and we thank Ms. Silverman for providing these.

Ocala Harmony, led by Bill Lewis, provided entertainment for the meeting. This delightful group of ladies provided the club

with a nice selection of holiday songs including some stories or history of a particular song.

The charity for the month was Interfaith Emergency Services. Our members responded with their usual generosity and the table for donations was full. The charity for January will be Hands of Mercy Everywhere. Items needed are on our programs, or information can be obtained from any of the officers.

In January, tickets will be on sale for the March 12 luncheon/fashion show, which will benefit Hospice of Marion County. Dillard's will provide fashions, and tickets are again \$20. Members were reminded about saving baskets and thinking about their theme baskets, which are raffled off at the luncheon and are a big fundraiser. Many members either do a basket by themselves or get together with friends/neighbors to pool their money and talent.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 5 and an important reminder is that the meeting will be at our Health & Recreation Building instead of the Arbor Club. Please mark your calendars.

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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	ACP
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
	Racquetball	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
11:30	Lap Swimming	AC
12:00	Lap Swimming	AC
	Men's Poker	MR3
	Cyber Orientation	GYM
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Tall Tale Travelers	CC:G

Location Codes

AC	Arbor Club	GC	Golf Course
ACF	Arbor Club Fitness	HR	Health & Recreation
AC CTS	Arbor Tennis Courts		Exercise Room
ACIP	Arbor Indoor Pool	H&R CTS	Tennis Courts
ACOP	Arbor Outdoor Pool	H&R	Health & Recreation
Art	Art Studio		Building
BR	Health & Rec Ballroom	HRP	Health & Recreation Pool
BCTS	Bocce Courts	ICC	Indigo East
CC	Arbor Conference Center		Community Center
CCC	Candler Hills	MGC	Miniature Golf Course
	Community Center	MR1	Meeting Room 1
CCR	Candler Hills Community	MR3	Meeting Room 3
	Card Room	PL	Health & Recreation
CLC	Computer Learning Center		Parking Lot
CSCC	Circle Square	PL RM	Poolroom
	Cultural Center	SBF	Softball Field
CR	Card Room	WW	Wood Shop
FF	Flying Field		

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.

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
	R.C. Flyers Club	Field
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
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	Field
	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
10:00	Reflexology	ICC
10:30	Walleyball	CTS
	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
	Table Tennis	CC:D
1:30	Shuffleboard	CTS
2:00	Swingin Sisters	HR
2:30	Pretenders	ICC
5:30	Card Game	CC:B
6:00	Men's Poker	MR3
	Poker Night	CCC
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	Field
	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
	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	Field
	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	Field
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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Ballroom Dance Club

By Richard P. Vullo

Happy New Year to all of the On Top of the World residents. Your Ballroom Dance Club has good news for everyone this New Year. We've been successful in obtaining the services of Joe Mounts to provide dance instruction for us here at On Top of the World. Lessons begin on Tuesday, Jan. 4 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Beginner lessons will be at 2 p.m. and intermediate at 3 p.m. Lessons will continue every Tuesday for four weeks.

The first dance style this month will be fox trot and each month a different dance style will be taught. In order for the lessons to continue each month, we will need five to six couples for each hour. Singles are always welcome. The cost will be \$8 per person per lesson, payable at the beginning of each month.

For the first month, please call me (854-6772) to register your attendance. If you have a non-resident partner or guests who would like to attend, please call me for the details.

Joe Mounts owns the Beacon Ballroom Dance Studio and teaches all styles of dance, as well as designing choreography

for a variety of performances. Yours truly, in addition to several residents, have taken lessons from Joe and he is great to work with. The lessons are relaxed and his sense of humor will keep you smiling throughout. For more information, please call Dick Vullo at 854-6772 or Joe Mounts at 620-5280. We look forward to joining many of you for the lessons.

As you read this newspaper, you may be looking forward to the annual "Dancin on the Top" New Year's Eve dance. As in the past, the dance has been sold out and "Sounds of Time" will entertain the 240 guests. Guests will enjoy shrimp, hors d'oeuvres and snacks at their table, party favors and champagne and sweets at midnight, all for \$18 per person. What a deal!

The next dance for the "Dancin on the Top" committee will be the Sweetheart Dance celebrating Valentine's Day on Feb. 12. We'll have a special treat for the ladies and the outrageously beautiful and tasty sweets tables at intermission. "Tomaaura" will provide the music. Tickets will be \$8 per person and will go on sale Monday, Jan. 24 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom and each Monday and Wednesday thereafter until sold out. For more information, please call Jack Stone at 873-3083.

The schedule of remaining dances for 2011 are May 7 with "Automatic", Oct. 8 with "Sounds of Time", Nov. 19 with "Karen Hall" and New Year's Eve with "Tomaaura". It's a great line-up, so mark your calendars and plan on attending each dance.



Square Dancing

By Walter Lamp

On the evening of Oct. 24, we enjoyed a Halloween dance at The Villages square dance club; Dee Dee Dougherty called it. With her yodeling style, her cowgirl hat and funny cracks, amid her fast calling, it was a really fun evening.

Between my laughing and dancing, I wonder how I was able to keep up with her. Dancing to her, one has too much fun to be tired. Like I said, she has her own way of doing things.

Square dancing may be basically the same moves, but it's the individual caller, with their own way of mixing up the calls, with different combinations that makes it so important and fun for a dancer to pay strict attention, while dancing and laughing.

On Monday, Dec. 6, we had our fourth banner raid of the season. We raided (actually visited) the Oak Run club to borrow the Oak Run Twirlers banner. We hold it for them until sometime in the future, when they raid Circle Squares and retrieve it. It gives each club a reason to visit, do a little dance, say a few words and most importantly, get together as fellow dancers from

another club. It's really a fun time, when square dancers from other clubs do get together. Then, the banners are hung at each respective club, waiting for the next raid and seeing fellow square dancers, whom we don't see every week.

The first special dance will be Jan. 11 with a 50s Sock Hop theme. This should bring back many memories from the 50s in square dance form and rhythm. So, as you dance in the here and now, your thoughts and memories will be back when. Enjoy the memories.

On Jan. 20 and 22, the annual Florida Winter Festival is being held, down in Lakeland. This will be our second one that we attended. We really had fun last year. There will be five callers and three cuers, again like last year. Whether from Florida or out of state, we will be dancing to some new callers, with a different style and we are both looking forward to that.

Another good reason to be going is the time of year. While, it's probably snowing up north and a little cool (remember last winter?) down here, we'll be inside dancing up some warmth and having fun with all the new dancers we'll be meeting down there. Whether from different parts of Florida or from out of state, there will be plenty of fun and laughter to share with one and all.

If you need any more information on this dance or square dancing in general, please call me at 854-9378.



Line Dancing

By George Conklin

The holidays are over, our winter friends are here at home, and we are all back in line dance class. Our winter friends have some catching up to do. So far, in 14 weeks of class with our new instructors and format, we have learned about 30 new dances; 10 each for the three levels of dance. Some dances were easy to learn and some are a challenge. We will keep some and some we may never dance again.

Not all the dances we learn are for the Town Square Friday and Saturday dances or for the Arbor Club Friday night Happy Hour. We have dances that are just for our own in class enjoyment and challenge us to be better dancers.

Bernie and Teresa Randolph the intermediate level instructors are planning to teach us a few of these more challenging dances. They will be scheduling a series of two hour workshops starting in February so get on your dancing boots and sign up. These workshops will be open to all the dancers regardless of their level but Bernie will not be able to slow down if you cannot keep up. Sign up and stretch your ability; it is the only way to learn.

It is getting a little chilly for the outside dancing at The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights. A hardy band of dancers do show up and keep warm dancing to our favorites songs for the first few hours. Come dance with us or bundle up and watch us dance. 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 at 291-7570; Janice Meade at 861-9345; Bob Ferguson at 873-4478; or Carole Smith at 237-4826.



Ballet Club

By Eugenie Martin

The Ballet Club members are busy working at the barre and in the center of

the studio to keep us in shape throughout the holiday season. We are also rehearsing some ballet routines to be presented at the upcoming Health & Wellness Expo held at Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 15. The Expo will last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Ballet Club will be on stage at noon. Please stop by to see us.

We now have four classes each week at

the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor swimming pool. These are Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. To join us, you need no previous experience. All you need are exercise clothes and socks. For information, please feel free to call me at 854-8589. Happy dancing and Happy New Year!

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The New Pretenders

By Nancy Grabowski

"What's new? How is the world treating you?" These are some fitting lyrics for The New Pretenders! They have new songs with which to entertain you, new uniforms and new costumes. What isn't new are the dates of our performances.

As previously stated, the first show will be Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. The next show will be Saturday, Feb. 5, again at 7 p.m. The last show will air on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. Each of these performances will be held in the Health & Recreation Building.

Tickets are a must to see the show. The tickets go on sale on Monday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. However, some hale and hearty Pretenders will be available at 6 a.m. to give out num-

bers for those early birds who just can't wait to secure a prime seat!

If you are not among those eager risers, good seats will be available a bit later. We appreciate your patience while we deal with the inevitable lines, which occur as the seating charts fill up.

Remaining tickets will continue on sale throughout the month of January or as long as there are some remaining in the Health & Recreation Ballroom every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 to 10 a.m.

No one should miss the next season of The New Pretenders! We welcome some audience participation ... sing along, dance in the aisles, tap your toes, clap your hands ... and have a great time!



Sidekicks Western Dance Club

By Jim & Nell Entinger

Happy New Year everyone! How did 2010 go by so fast? Can we just slow these years down a bit?

Thanks to all Side Kicks for helping to make our Christmas dance party so special. Carla did a great job with the music. We celebrated the holidays in fine style and enjoyed dancing to Christmas music. That is the great thing about partner pattern danc-

ing, we can adapt to all kinds of music no matter where we are.

In fact, several members were cruising in the Caribbean recently and enjoyed dancing to the various entertainment on board. Also, we were able to arrange for the private use of one of the dance lounges and danced our way into port. At times, our balance was a bit challenged, but we had a really fun time.

It's a new year and since our new members are no longer new and are doing so well, it is time to kick things up a notch. We'll be learning many new dances that will be livelier and more difficult. We know we are up to the challenge. The practice sessions on Sunday nights have been well attended and are the key to learning and retaining the patterns. So put on your dancing shoes and get ready to kick off 2011.

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

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The Movie Club Presents 'Extraordinary Measures'

By Mary Ehle

Welcoming in the New Year we will start by showing "Extraordinary Measures" on Sunday, Jan. 9 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

As always, the movie is open to any resident and their overnight guests. The yearly cost is \$6 but if you only want to pay as you go then it is \$2 payable at the door. We start promptly at 6 p.m.

This movie is inspired by a true story. A father (Brendan Fraser) has two children who are diagnosed with Pompe disease.

That is a condition that prevents the body from breaking down sugar.

Dr. Stonehill (Harrison Ford) is an unconventional specialist who is trying to find a cure. He works tirelessly to prove the theories that made him a black sheep in the medical community. A powerful bond is forged between the father and the doctor with their greatest struggle yet to come.

The movie also stars Keri Russell, Meredith Droeger and Sam Hall.

Hope to see you at the movie.

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View From The Library

By Doris Knight

When I saw, "His Name is Ron" on the shelf at the library my first thought was I don't want to read anything more about O.J. Simpson and his trial in 1994. Many of you probably watched at least part of the "trial of the century" when Simpson had murdered his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman, who became part of the story by accident according to his family. The book contains much that I didn't know because it was written after the civil case, which followed the criminal trial. His family wrote the book because they felt Ron's reputation had been sullied by a situation in which he had played no role by his own intent.

The criminal trial of O.J. Simpson takes up a good share of the book as it did of television time. The family tells us how shocked they were to discover that Ron was involved in the events of the crime. He apparently had gone to Nicole's home to return her mother's pocketbook, which she left behind in the restaurant where he worked. He arrived at the house, according to the family, at the same time as O.J. got there and killed his ex-wife. Ron was killed when he tried to stop the murder of Nicole. At least, this is what the family believes and so did the State Attorneys in their presentation of the case against O.J.

But when Johnny Cochran was added to the defense team, the whole slant of the defense began to change. Instances were found where the defense claimed the Los Angeles police department was prejudiced against blacks. The family felt that the judge in the case yielded to the pressure of the defense team. This, they say, injured the State's ability to present their case against O.J. Simpson. As a result, as we know, he was found not guilty.

The family then chose to become involved in the civil case against O.J. Simpson. His life would not be at stake but his reputation and his future income would be. The civil trial was very different from the criminal trial, the family tells us. The judge in this case was in charge of his courtroom, so the State's case was presented in full—not pushed aside by the racist issues discussed in the criminal trial. There was also, of course, a different jury and the results were different in the civil case. O.J. Simpson was found guilty of Ron's murder.

The fascinating aspect of the book is what it tells us about the American judicial system. Both trials dealt with the same overall issues, but were tried under different laws and with different actors. People are human, they make different judgments, they have different goals and different methods. You don't have to be on one side or the other, but "His Name is Ron" is an excellent lesson in how our judicial system works—not perfectly—but only as well as we humans can make it.

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