



COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

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

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

I'll also take this opportunity to mention the 2013 On Top of the World food drive, which is scheduled for Nov. 29 through Dec. 14. There is more detailed information on that in this edition.

Association Meeting Schedule

December will be a busy month for annual meetings:

- **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4:** Circle Square Ranch Master Association, Live Oak Hall at 9 a.m.
- **FRIDAY, DEC. 6:** Indigo Neighborhood Association, Circle Square Cultural Center at 9 a.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, and consider and approve the 2014 annual budget, as well as any other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by mail or drop it in the lock box located at the Indigo East Community Center by Thursday, Dec. 5.
- **FRIDAY, DEC. 6:** Candler Hills Neighborhood Association, Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, consider and approve the 2014 annual budget, as well as other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by mail or drop it in the lock box located at the Candler Hills Community Center by Thursday, Dec. 5.
- **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18:** On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, Circle Square Cultural Center at 9 a.m. Your board will provide an updated report on Community Rules and Standards designed to assure that On Top of the World remains a pleasant, affordable place to live. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by dropping it in one of the lock boxes located throughout the community by Dec. 17, 3 p.m.

Master the Possibilities

The best thing about finishing the year may be the start of the next. At Master the Possibilities, December marks the beginning of registration for the winter/spring season, January through May. The catalog will be available in print at the Education Center and online at masterthepossibilities.com on Dec. 16.

This will be our biggest to date and we think the variety and number of classes ... about 600 ... will certainly make the New Year educationally remarkable. You will be able to register right away! Since winter/spring will have thousands of enrollments, the early registrants will be rewarded.

As we conclude this year, I would like to acknowledge a Master the Possibilities milestone. Since we began this enterprise in 2006, we have increased enrollments every year. In 2013, we topped 25,000 enrollments! This does not come without much dedicated work. The staff has proven itself every day. Your programs are interesting, creative and ... best of all ... appreciated by over 8,000 students!

2014 will be even better ... don't miss a thing. Keep learning and carry on!

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

Circle Square Cultural Center

On behalf of the entire Circle Square Cultural Center team, we want to thank you for coming out and enjoying all of the shows and events throughout 2013. We couldn't have done it without you! The 2014 schedule is currently posted on www.CSCulturalCenter.com. Every year, we look for ways to beat the prior year, and every year the team continues to make it happen.

The Town Square

The holidays are always brighter with festive lights around Circle Square Com-

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Free Wi-Fi Expands

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

For more than a year, Information Technology (IT) Manager Jorge Santiago and his team have been testing a number of Internet options that would provide free Wi-Fi services throughout our community. The system has now been up and running for the past six months, and continues to expand.

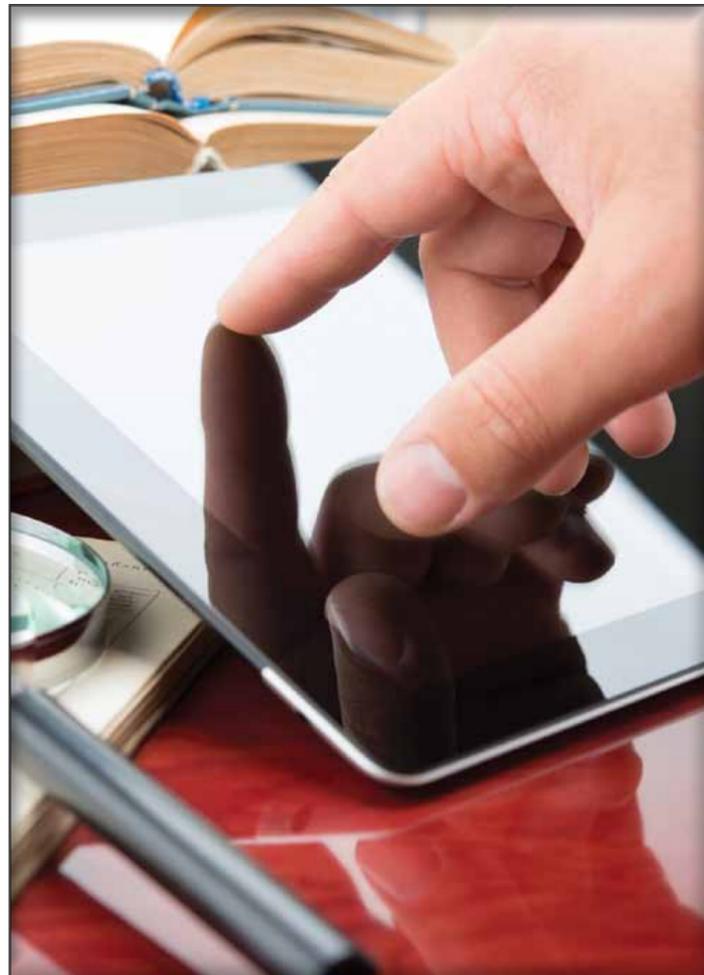
It has long been the desire of On Top of the World management to bring the community into the cyberspace world. So, after surveying residents about where they feel wireless capabilities would be most utilized, the IT team went about testing various technologies.

The testing period was to ensure that once up and running it would be accessible and, most importantly, reliable. As Mr. Santiago said, "It's really aggravating to be in the middle of doing a search, or reading an e-mail and suddenly your Internet goes down. We feel we're providing a glitch-free and user friendly system."

At the present time, you can crank up your iPad, iPod, smart phone or any other gadget with Wi-Fi capability, at the Arbor Club, Arbor Conference Center, Health & Recreation Ballroom, library, swimming pool, Candler Hills Restaurant and Community Center. At Circle Square Commons, you can get a signal at Mr. B's Big Scoop and the surrounding area, and, of course, at Master the Possibilities. The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa also has Wi-Fi access.

There is no password required to connect to Wi-Fi, just turn on your gadget and you're in cyberspace.

With Christmas around the corner, it's good to know where to go for free Wi-Fi with your new electronic gift(s).



Check e-mail and surf the web around the community with free Wi-Fi.

The Entertainment Group Presents The Atlantic City Boys



The On Top of the World Entertainment Group is proud to present The Atlantic City Boys on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

The Atlantic City Boys with their five-piece band will pay tribute to The Jersey Boys.

These are four talented performers who have all performed on Broadway and wowed audiences at Las Vegas, Walt Disney World, and, of course, Atlantic City. Now they lend their world class vocals to the rock-n-roll harmonies of the 60s - singing hits from The Drifters, The Beach Boys, and, of course, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

Ticket prices are \$8 general and \$10 reserved. Advance ticket sales will take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 11 and will resume again on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 and every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday thereafter, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

As always, the shows are for residents of On Top of the World Communities with a maximum of four tickets per purchase.

Sullivan Cadillac and Sullivan Buick GMC are the proud sponsors of this popular show.

Come out and enjoy the show!

Holiday Food Drive

By Patty Soriano

On Top of the World Communities, Inc. has supported the local not-for-profit organization, Interfaith Emergency Services (IES), in the mission to meet needs in Marion County. On Top of the World is IES' designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the month of December.

Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of nonperishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. Proof of that is with our donations in 2012 that exceeded 7,000 pounds. With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend.

As you can see by the following message, the need has never been greater:

"Every day we continue to see new faces in need of assistance. While the recession may be over, the effects of it are still a reality for many of our Marion County neighbors. The need for food, shelter and other assistance to have basic needs met is still great. Anything you can do to help us help others is greatly appreciated. Last year, IES helped over 37,000 individuals. We couldn't do it without the support of this wonderful community. Thank you for your support."

Karla Grimsley, Executive Director
Interfaith Emergency Services
IES is in dire need of the following staple food and hygiene items:

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly

- Boxed dry pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups
- Oatmeal
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Rice
- Cereal

Hygiene Items

- Shampoo

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Feminine products

The 2013 On Top of the World food drive is scheduled from Friday, Nov. 29 to Monday, Dec. 16. Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection box locations below.

Let us all join together in making this effort a success and reflecting the caring community On Top of the World is, especially for those in need!



Community Box Locations

- Health & Recreation Building (lobby or downstairs)
- Customer Service
- Arbor Club
- Candler Hills Community Center
- Indigo East Community Center
- Candler Hills Golf Shop and Restaurant (portico area)
- Master the Possibilities
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa
- Circle Square Cultural Center



ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

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

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

BY STAN GOLDSTEIN



A good intention does not excuse a bad action.



Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

Q. Can you tell me the difference between a living will and an advance directive?

A. A living will is an advance directive. Basically, an advance directive is a document that you sign whereby you state, in advance, your wishes in regard to treatment to be given to you in the event you have some kind of health care crisis. An-

other example of an advance directive is a document that states that in the event you can't give consent for some kind of health care treatment (or non-treatment, if that be the case) then you designate a certain person to provide that consent (or non-consent).

From time to time, I've noticed that some folks are confused about the term living "will." I understand why. The word "living" sometimes gets confused with a living trust. Sometimes the word "will" gets confused with a last will and testament. Simply put then, a living will is the document that states (in advance) what kind of treatment or non-treatment you want in the event of a health care situation.

Q. What happens if I can't find my will either because I lost it or forgot where I put it?

A. This happens now and then. So here's what I tell my clients. If you lose or misplace your will, then after a reasonable search to try and find it, I have my clients call my office and we will reprint the document and have it signed, with the difference only being a different date than the original. We never "back-date" a document. I don't charge for it but I don't know what another attorney might do.

Here's what I want you to remember: Everyone loses or misplaces things now and then. Heck, I'd probably lose my head if it weren't stapled on my neck. The important thing is to make sure you have the documents you need, such as a will or trust, durable power of attorney and advance directive. If you can't find them, it makes sense to have your attorney prepare another set of them for you. Many attorneys won't charge for that, or if they do it would be a minimal amount. (Of course, that's if you were that attorney's client in the first place.)

Q. I am planning to visit my children and will be gone for about five weeks. Should I take my will or durable power of attorney or advance directive with me?

A. Great question! When I travel, I do not take these documents with me. I just don't worry about that. Other folks, especially folks who have a known medical condition that might require medical treat-

ment while out of the area, probably should consider at least taking the advance directive. The thing is when I go out of town on vacation; I only want to think about enjoying my time. Thus, I don't worry about getting sick. I believe in preparing for the best, not the worst. However, this is my personal philosophy and although it works for me, it might, or might not, work for you.

Q. Are you going to retire?

A. Nope. Not a chance. Look, I am a very lucky guy. I love my work. I love my clients. I love my staff. Why would I want to stop doing what I love? I have represented some folks for as many as 40 years! I even have begun to represent the children of my clients. As I said, I am a lucky guy—and I know it!

Q. I have a will that was done in 1975 in (another state). My neighbor told me that since I now live in Florida; my will is no longer valid. Is that true?

A. Of course, I have not seen your will so this can only be a general answer. As a general statement, a will drafted in another state, is valid in Florida if it were signed by the person making it, was dated, has at least two witnesses and was not procured by fraud or duress. It does not have to be notarized although it is always best if it is notarized. The age of a will is not relevant to its validity.

Q. I am now divorced from my second husband. I got a phone call from his daughter and she told me that even though I am not married to her father, I still must include her in my will. Is this true? I don't want to leave her anything.

A. No, it's not true and by the way, it took me a few minutes before I could quit laughing at her chutzpah.

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All Around Our World

By Lynette Vermillion

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2013. I wish a safe and happy holiday season to all. I hope you enjoy this special time with your family and friends, and I look forward to spending time with mine and preparing for 2014. It is once again time to start thinking about our New Year's goals for the community for 2014.

Car Gate Decals

IMPORTANT NEWS: Both Candler Hills and On Top of the World are switching to a new car decal scanner at each of the gates over the next few months.

The older decals will need to be replaced with new ones that will be compatible with the new scanners. You will note two scanners in place at the SW 99th Street Road gate and Candler Hills gate. These are temporary so that the new and old decals will operate at both gates. The new decal is the only decal that will operate the resident lane at the SW 90th Street gate. The SW 90th Street gate is scheduled to be open 24 hours a day, once construction is completed. Residents who mainly use the SW 90th Street gate will want to visit customer service at their earliest convenience to have the new decal installed.

There will be no charge for up to two new decals on your existing vehicles if replaced by the end of March 2014. Residents will need to come by customer service with their vehicles and registration (in the resident's name) to have the old decals replaced. Customer Service will be applying new decals Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon only, unless special arrange-

ments are made. All vehicles must have the new decal by the end of March 2014, as the old scanners will be removed. We ask for your patience, as we work through this process.

Lamp Posts

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

Storage Units

We ask all residents who have rented storage units to please keep their items in their assigned, rented unit and not to move items to empty units. The storage lock-ups are not common Association property but are under private ownership and made available exclusively to residents upon execution of a rental agreement. Units found to be occupied without a rental agreement will be double locked. Violators will be charged the rental rate plus 20% penalty, dating from the last inventory date of the storage lockers. If you have any questions, please call or visit customer service. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yard Debris Pick-up in Indigo East and Candler Hills

During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, yard debris will be collected in the Candler Hills and Indigo East neighborhoods on Thursday Dec. 26, and Thursday, Jan. 2, instead of Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Community Clean-up Day

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, we had our first annual clean up day in On Top of the World Central. It was great to visit with so many residents, and many were appreciative of the assistance provided. The employees of the Management Company were able to work in the Friendship Park and Friendship Colony areas and helped many residents with excess clutter. I'd also like to thank the resident volunteers who helped with their blocks. We will plan another day in the spring to cover other areas of the community. Your board appreciates being able to bring homes in compliance with the Community rules, especially the lawn or ornament rules, in a cooperative way. Thanks

to all residents who supported the Community Clean-up Day.

HOA Meetings

The annual meetings for Candler Hills and Indigo East Neighborhood Associations will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, at Circle Square Cultural Center and On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will have their annual meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Please see Ken Colen's column for more information.

Holiday Decorations

We ask that if you put out holiday decorations, please leave room for the mowers to get through. We all love getting into the holiday spirit and seeing the lights and decorations, and we would rather not damage your decorations, if it can be avoided.

Customer Service Holiday Schedule

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Dec. 18, this month.

Please note the Customer Service office holiday schedule: - Tuesday, Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to noon,

- Wednesday, Dec. 25: closed,
- Tuesday, Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to noon,
- Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014: closed.

Customer Service may be reached by phone: 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons.

VIP Dining Program Membership Special

Indulge in VIP status and enhance your dining experience! Special offer: Enroll or renew by Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, and receive an additional 5% discount on all food and beverage purchases in January.

Members of the VIP program receive a 5% discount on all food and beverage purchases and 10% on sides, appetizers, and

desserts at the Candler Hills Restaurant and The Pub. It also entitles the member to priority reservations and special events.

For more information, or to renew or sign up for the first time, please see Trudy at the On Top of the World Golf Shop or stop by Candler Hills Restaurant.

Golf Cart Permitting Reminder

Please make sure your golf cart has been updated with the new 2014-2015 decal by the end of the year. If you are a golfer and use your personal cart when playing golf, you will need to have the current decal to be able to get on the course as of Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014.

Any of the residents, who work and are unable to visit customer service during normal business hours, please make special arrangements with the customer service office by calling customer service at 266-OTOW (6869) or emailing otowservice@otowfl.com.

Residents are asked to bring proof of insurance (\$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury), golf cart and handicap placard or registration (if applicable). All residents in the household will need to be present at the time of registration to sign a release prior to receiving a permit to operate the cart within the community.

Those residents desiring a handicap sticker for the cart will be required to comply with Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes. You may refer to the following website for more information or drop by Customer Service for a copy of the information: http://www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled_pkg.html. Golf cart handicap stickers are only valid within the community.

For more information on golf cart registration, please stop by Customer Service located in Friendship Commons or call 236-OTOW (6869). Cart rules will be provided to each cart owner, when the cart is registered.

Happy holidays to all!



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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Loretta Troutman

Here we are in the midst of the Christmas shopping season, and some folks have not started, let alone finished their Christmas gift shopping.

The following may be of some help. We are surprised with the number of new crafters who have joined our talented group, here in the Health & Recreation Ballroom, and we are proud that we display items that are unique in purpose as well as in beauty.

There are things that are needed for warmth and practicality and those beautiful items that are always treasured such as jewelry and things for the home decor.

We also show handcrafted wood items that are not only useful but are clever and favored for their natural beauty.

Shoppers will also be delighted with the lovely greeting cards that are available for many events and sentiments.

Please do come up to see what we offer. We know that you will be pleased with the convenience and economy of shopping so close to home, and know that in some cases you will not find these lovely gift items elsewhere.

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Keeping It Green

By Phillip B. Hisey

Hopefully, everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to all that the holiday season may bring. Now that we have seen some temperatures in the low to mid-40s I thought it would be a good time to touch on backflow prevention devices; what they do and how you can protect yourself from freeze damage.

Florida plumbing code specifies that a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) be installed on irrigation systems. Backflow preventers are "an approved safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the potable water supply due to backflow from the irrigation system."

Basically, these devices prevent the contamination of the potable water supply in the event of a negative pressure within the potable system when back siphonage from the irrigation system could occur. These devices are a public safety measure to ensure that our potable water is safe.

From time to time, we have 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. These systems are approved by the Florida plumbing

code but do require an "air gap" method of backflow prevention or a "Reduced Pressure Principle" (RPZ) backflow preventer when installed. This device protects the potable water supply from backpressure from the home and back siphonage.

Protecting your backflow during the winter months needs to be a priority for maintaining your irrigation system and your wallet. In winters past, we have seen extremely cold temperatures during which many backflows throughout the community ruptured due to cold temperatures. I would be willing to bet we will see some cold days this winter.

The weather people are saying it will be a colder than normal and wet 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 during freezing temperatures. Customer Service also sells a backflow bag for \$63.90. This is an investment worth its price especially when you consider that backflows preventers typically cost anywhere from \$125 to \$200 depending on the contractor and what is needed to make the repair.

See you next year! Enjoy safe and happy holidays!



Food For Thought

By Sandy Curtis

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. 2013 has brought new events and ideas our way. We look forward to introducing a new menu and specials in the upcoming year.

Our holiday hours for hospitality are as follows:

- Candler Hills Restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. We will reopen for normal business hours on Thursday, Dec. 26. We will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed New Year's Day.
- The Pub will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

We encourage you to visit us at the Farmer's Market, on the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. for a food demonstration on The Town Square. Each month, our chef is creating new and exciting ideas to bring your way. We would love to have you stop by for a sample.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. is our Chef's Table for VIP Dining Program members. Chef Bud has a great evening planned that you don't want to miss. It's sure to be a wonderful time spent together. Details of the event will follow by posters at the Candler Hills Restaurant and e-mail blast. If you have not added your name to our e-mail mailing, be sure to do

so at hospitality@otowfl.net so you do not miss out on any upcoming events.

Girls Night Out has been a great success. Each month, we continue to grow in numbers. Where else can you go for \$15 and receive unlimited appetizers and two drinks from the bar? Ladies, only at Candler Hills Restaurant will you find this fun filled event; so do yourself a favor and make plans to attend on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.

When using Friendship Catering, we take all the hard work out of the event for you. Let us set up your next party, anniversary dinner or gathering with friends and family. Please remember, that, due to health code regulations, you are not permitted to remove any food from the premises of a catered event. This is for your safety and well being.

In closing, I would like to make mention that my first year here has been a fulfilling one. I look forward to what 2014 has to offer. Our team is working to make Candler Hills Restaurant, The Pub and Friendship Catering the greatest hospitality has to offer. Have a wonderful holiday season from our family to yours.

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Women of the World

By Pat Betts

Greetings to everyone. I hope you had a great holiday and enjoyed your family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for and when I look around at a WOW meeting, I am humbled. You're all amazing and I'm so proud to be a member of this organization. Give yourself a hug; you all deserve it.

Last month, our speaker, Brad King was unable to make the meeting.

You were all so generous with your donations to domestic violence and abused women; they needed to make two trips! Thank you so much for your support.

Operation Shoebox made national TV on Veterans Day. The Central Florida charity packed their one-millionth package! Cheers to Marsha Vieu who chairs the WOW Operation Shoebox initiative and all the volunteers. We can all be proud of this achievement. Your monthly donations help support them. They send the troops hard candy, toiletries, powdered drinks, small pop-top canned goods and much more. There is a list in the yearly pamphlet. Operation Shoebox is an ongoing charity.

The next meeting is Friday, Dec. 6. There will be food and refreshments catered by Publix. This is my favorite part of the holidays! Food!

But ladies, I think they may be on to me. At our officers meeting this past month, Carol laid down the law! She insists that I can't bring my cooler, insulated warmers, not even a box of Ziploc bags. Just because my pocket book could possibly hold a medium size dog ... and a chubby cat is no reason to frisk me! It's just not fair.

The organization, Vets Helping Vets,

is our focus. They need men and women's athletic/crew socks, underwear, toiletries and snacks. There is a more comprehensive donation list in our yearly flyer.

Time is flying by so it's not too early to start thinking about the Fashion Show and Luncheon that's held in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Saturday March 8, 2014. This year, it will be catered by Sonny's. They will be serving barbecued chicken, pulled pork, coleslaw and dessert. Beverages will be served during the meal only. Please bring your own beverage if you're a drinker like me (no not that kind of drinker!)

Your feedback last year was very helpful and we intend to streamline areas of the show that were too long and ticket selling for baskets will be faster. Members can buy tickets for the show at the January meeting. If you're buying tickets for a group of people, please put the money in an envelope with the names of each person written on the outside of the envelope.

In closing, I'd like to extend my warmest wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season. Stay safe and watch the eggnog. No drinking and driving and that means golf carts too; at least, that's what the officer told me last year ... well, that's a whole different story!

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Country Fair

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Hundreds of residents and neighbors attended the Country Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2 on The Town Square. The cooler weather was welcomed as the sun peaked through the clouds highlighting the dancers stepping to the beat of the Smooth Country band.

A "cake walk" was held to benefit Hospice of Marion County. A total of 10 large decorated cakes were donated by local businesses and for \$5 a ticket you had a chance to win one of these beautiful cakes. To the beat of the music, 15 participants walked around numbered chairs until the music stopped. A numbered ticket was drawn and

the winning number on the chair in front of that walker was awarded the cake. Over \$300 was donated to Hospice of Marion County.

There was plenty of food for those spectators wanting food items. Little Joey's supplied pizza and other Italian delights, a kettle corn vendor sold the sweet/salty popcorn along with fresh fried potato chips, Mr. B's provided burgers and hot dogs, while a seafood vendor furnished delights from the sea.

A popular new item at this event was cotton candy!

Other than the cake walk and dancing, face painting and a couple of carnival favorites such as the strongman hammer and gyro ride were also popular. A pair of still walkers entertained the crowd intermingling with the attendees and participating in many dances.

If you missed this year's Country Fair, stop by next year as this is scheduled to be an annual event.



Photo by Bob Woods

Cake Walk at the Country Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2.

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

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mons and The Town Square. Enjoy a delightful evening of dancing on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 9 p.m. (weather permitting). On Saturday, Dec. 14, Bridgenet Wireless, will host a dog show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your dog and have a great time competing for the best trained, tallest, biggest, smallest or funniest dog. Lots of vendors and dog friendly organizations will be celebrating man's best friend. Don't miss the fun!

Community Update

I want to recognize Andy Jorgensen, Certified Golf Course Superintendent, for his work on testing the viability of liquid overseeding. The USGA's Florida Region lead agronomist, Todd Lowe, has monitored his program. The results were published Nov. 1, 2013, in the USPGA Journal, Green Section Record Vol. 51 (22). I encourage going to the On Top of the World website to read the article: www.otowinfo.com and click on the Candler Hills tab.

The Water Management District and Marion County have reduced watering to one day per week at the change of Daylight Saving Time. Over the cooler months, this should be no cause for concern with lawns dormant (brown!). After March, when lawns again warm from dormancy, some hand watering may be advised.

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

Controlled Burning

As we slip into the winter season, property owners begin to look for weather windows that allow for the burning of native plant habitats. On Top of the World employees have been unable to burn any of the upland habitat and wildlife preserve areas in prior years due to the high draught index and little or no rainfall in critical months causing red flag advisories which were in

effect. An additional limiting factor is having sufficient personnel to conduct a managed, controlled burn. We hope this year is different.

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

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

Closing Thoughts

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

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



One Blood Bloodmobile

By Sara Sommer

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat..." Please take a moment to replenish the blood supply for Marion County. Florida OneBlood is the sole supplier for

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	Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24)	Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25)	New Year's Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 31)	New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1)
Candler Hills Restaurant	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED
The Pub	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Candler Hills Golf	6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
OTOW Golf	6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Home Sales	Closing time based on traffic	CLOSED	Closing time based on traffic	CLOSED
The Ranch	5:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. NO CLASSES Spa/Salon 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED	5:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. NO CLASSES Spa/Salon 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	CLOSED
Master the Possibilities	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Circle Square Cultural Center	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Customer Service	8 a.m. - Noon	CLOSED	8 a.m. - Noon	CLOSED
Health & Recreation	OFFICE 8 a.m. - Noon Fitness 7 a.m. - Noon All Classes Cancelled	CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED Gym 7 a.m. - Noon All Classes Cancelled	CLOSED
Arbor Club	7 a.m. - Noon	CLOSED	7 a.m. - Noon	CLOSED
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Candler Connection

By Janet Wiles

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to attend and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.

The annual holiday golf cart parade will be on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. The organizers of the parade are hoping to get more participation from the residents of Candler Hills than they have had in the past. Decorated carts, vintage autos,

and other vehicles will line up at 1 p.m., intermixed with emergency vehicles from the fire services and law enforcement. For more information about the parade, please call Jim Chandler at 237-3139.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Candler Connection Social Club, a nominating committee has been appointed to compile a slate of nominees wishing to serve on the board of directors. There are three positions on the board up for election for a two-year term. Current Candler Hills residents interested in serving as a director are invited to contact one of the following members of the nominating committee: John Bain at 414-5434 or jdbain@otowhomes.com; Sharon Scinlari at 304-8962 or fscinl@otowhomes.com; Janet Wiles at 804-248-4008 or jcwtraveler@yahoo.com.

Residents interested in running for election must contact a member of the nomi-

nating committee by the Sunday, Dec. 15, deadline. Elections will take place at the annual meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. Membership on the board does not take a lot of time or commitment; however, it is an excellent way to serve our great community.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at 3 p.m., the Marion County Library System will be making a presentation to us in the Candler Hills Community Center. They will be presenting the many wonderful services and resources that they have available to us as Marion County residents. Some of the areas that they will cover are digital resources including e-books, downloadable music, digital magazines, investment research, Novelist Plus, and Next Reads. The library has many programs scheduled for next year, which will be discussed at this presen-

tation. Karen Jensen will discuss volunteering at the library and the Marion County Citizen's Academy. This is a presentation you do not want to miss.

Because of the busy holiday season, the next potluck dinner will not be held until Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014. Details for this event will be in the next column of the World News.

The Candler Connection web site, www.candlerconnection.org, contains a neighborhood directory. If you wish to be added to this directory, to receive e-mail notices, or to make corrections to the current listing, please contact Marilyn Lube at 895-3954 or marilyn@yahoocom. If leaving a message, please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

We wish one and all a safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Indigo East

By Jean DiPiero

On Saturday, Oct. 26, a beautiful fall day, a Halloween luncheon was held at the Indigo East Community Center.

Some of our more daring residents dressed up in costumes while others didn't, but either way, everyone enjoyed the luncheon. The tables were decorated with orange tablecloths with beautiful chrysanthemum centerpieces in wicker baskets.

The menu consisted of sloppy joes, pasta salad, chips, and broccoli cheese casserole with homemade pie for dessert from the Women of the World bake sale as well as

homemade baked apples.

Everyone who was there won a prize. There was a 50/50 raffle won by Marta DiSosto. There was a contest to guess how much candy was in a pumpkin jar. The winner was Joan Burke. The winner of the best costume went to Sarah Logue, dressed as the Queen of Sheba and her dog Red Baron dressed up as a lion. Second prize went to Sandy Martin and third prize to Nancy Ludvik.

There were several vendors selling their wares. Nancy Ludvik and Helen Solan sold their handmade jewelry including earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Lee Ann Oliver sold her custom-made purses, travel purses, e-reader covers and small change purses of various fabrics. Vivian Cayia sold Mary

Kay cosmetics.

The luncheon wouldn't have been such a huge success if it were not for the hard-working volunteers who put it together. The committee consisted of Mary Kay Fitzgerald, Carol Seidman, Marie and Tony Pino, Susan Molecki, Betty Chadwell, Terry Solan, Barbara Martyn, and Shirley Hamilton.

On Friday, Nov. 8, Indigo East had their first arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you were looking for Christmas, birthday, anniversary gifts or a gift for yourself ... you came to the right place.

There were 14 vendors that displayed their artistic talent: Marie Deshommies displayed many different quilted and crochet blankets; Vivian Cayia had a Mary Kay cosmetics booth; Diane Dzik displayed her beautiful woven "seed bead" bracelets and necklaces; Carol Seidman showed pottery (bowls and cups); Betty Picard was selling beaded serving utensils, wine glasses, decorative bottles, bracelets/earrings; Nancy Ludvik had Mah Jongg jewelry, Christmas jewelry, pendant necklaces of all colors,

shapes and sizes; and Judy Quirk sold rock pendants.

Lee Ann Oliver sold her custom purses and change purses of various fabrics; Grace Raymond shared her husband's woodwork talent consisting of quilted towel holders, drop heart shelves, ribbon racks, wooden wreaths and heart plaques; Suzette Paquin had unique pottery items of different shapes, colors and sizes; Helen Solan displayed Swarovski crystals, earrings, bracelets and sun catchers; Daisy Rowell showed her hand painted pictures of mountains, flowers and photographs (she won 12 blue ribbons for her work); Jerry, a wood artisan, and Nancy Dickerson displayed their hand-made pocket cars, wine stoppers sleighs along with key chains, trivets and much more; Carole Drost Lopez displayed her acrylic/pastel/watercolor/oil talents, hand-painted Santa Claus Rocks, paintings, and artistic bags.

Thanks to all the vendors and people who showed up. It was a great turnout for our first show. Coordinator for the event was Nancy Ludvik. She said, "Due to the tremendous turnout, we will be planning two arts and crafts fairs in 2014."

Democratic Club



By Dan Lack

We give ourselves a vacation in December when the holidays are upon us so there is no meeting this month.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers at our November meeting for our 2014 board and it looks remarkably similar to the 2013 board. The election will take place during our first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. Also in January, we will have our second club luncheon, this time at Beef 'O' Brady's at SR 200 and SW 93 Court Road. This is another opportunity for our club members to socialize and to get to know each other while enjoying great food.

All good organizations have a mission statement and a vision statement and the board of directors recently approved the wording. Our mission statement: To provide monthly opportunities for Democrats

and Independents living in On Top of the World to socialize and discuss important issues and interact with interesting speakers. Our vision statement: To encourage and empower those who agree with the progressive view of government.

2014 promises to be an exciting year with important elections for Congress, the State Legislature and Governor. We invite all On Top of the World Democrats and Independents to attend our meetings and to be knowledgeable about the important issues that will be discussed by the candidates. Please remember that only registered Democrats are voting members of the club.

Your board of directors wishes a happy and healthy holiday season to everyone! And in the holiday spirit of giving, please continue to bring items for the residents of the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (but not in December!) at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center.

For more information call Dan Lack at 509-4942 or otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!

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Trick or Treating

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The idea came to me on Halloween night ... to venture out and have some fun like I did when I was a kid. I used to dress up in all kinds of costumes and go door to door on neighborhood streets trick or treating carrying a brown paper bag to hold the pounds and pounds of candy collected.

This year, I decided I would venture out carrying a brown paper grocery bag and dressed up as an old man. I didn't have to add any different type of clothing; I would go just as me.

Grabbing a small flashlight, I departed my residence and headed down the street. I noticed most of the houses I passed that their front porch lights were off. I stopped at one house, rang the bell and when the occupant answered the door I was holding out my bag and I said, "trick or treat."

This guy, whom I knew, said, "Come in and have a drink." Now this person knows I don't drink. I thankfully declined. We chatted for a few minutes and he told me that I was the first trick or treator to ring his bell on Halloween. After a brief conversation, I thanked him for his offer and departed.

I noticed there weren't many trick or treaters out and about. I saw one lady walking her dog and as I approached I said to her, "trick or treat." She just scurried off.

I approached another lady walking her dog. This time, the dog was on someone's front lawn and I said, "trick or treat." She looked at me funny as she was containing the dog's waste in a plastic bag and she offered it to me. This was not the treat I was expecting.

I had walked this particular route many times in the past but tonight, since it was Halloween; I was hoping to reap a large harvest of candy or other sweet items. I decided to cut my route short so I would not have to carry a heavy bag of goodies.

I expected to come across many goblins, ghosts, pirates and other scary humans in my travels but all I saw were a few folks walking their dogs. I should have realized that since On Top of the World is a 55-plus community, there would be no kids walking the streets after dark dressed in Halloween garb. Needless to say, I returned home empty-handed.

Entering the house, my wife jokingly said, "Where is all your candy?" I didn't have to reply as she could tell the night was a failure with the expression on my face. I went to the cupboard and took out several pieces of individual candies and was told

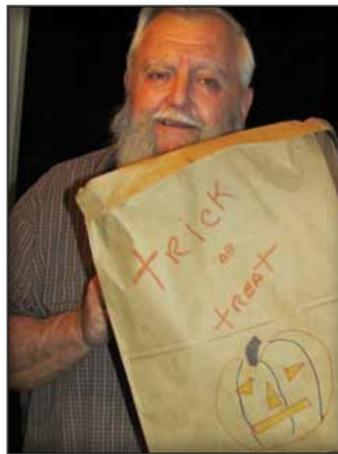


Photo by Bev Woods

Bob Woods ready to trick or treat.

only to take two. Boy, did that bring back memories as when I was a youngster trick or treating this was the same reply when I got home, only then it was with a large amount of sweet booty.

Taking a couple of Motrin, I sat down on the couch resting my aching feet. This experience was not the Halloween I remember, but then again, I am not a kid I once was ... although sometimes I want to think and act like one.

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The New Pretenders

By Bill Shampine

Rehearsals for our 2014 show, "Love, Laughter, and Song," have begun! As usual, our first rehearsal was a bit chaotic, but it actually went pretty well. We certainly shared love and laughter, even though the song part still needs some work! We actually had a little trouble getting some of the instruments in tune after not being played for quite a while, but we finally managed.

Stan Goldstein, our band manager was a big help with that. Similarly, some of the singers had not sung for over a year, so their voices were a bit rusty. Of course, that is why we practice so hard and so long so we can do a good job for you at our show in February.

Many folks do not realize the amount of advance time and effort required to put on a show like ours. Even while rehearsing for the upcoming show next February, we already have begun work on the show for February 2015. Specifically, we recently submitted our requests for the dates we need for our rehearsal rooms and the Health & Recreation Ballroom for the show. We also have begun to compile lists of potential songs to include in the 2015 show. The music committee will begin their work on identifying songs for 2015 shortly after we finish our show next February, and should be finished in early May.

For my monthly reminder, don't forget, our next series of shows at On Top of the World will be held on Feb. 7, 8, and 9, 2014. Tickets will go on sale in early January. Put it on your calendar now! We'll keep the lights on for you!



Concert Chorus

By Patricia Woodbury

You do not want to miss the Concert Chorus Christmas concert "Songs of Celebration" on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. This is a free concert. We will, however, be taking a free-will collection from anyone who wishes to make a small donation to help us cover our cost of purchasing music.

What is the holiday season without music and carols? Music was an early feature of the Christmas season and its celebrations. The earliest chants, litanies and hymns were Latin works intended for use during the church liturgy, rather than popular songs. The 13th century saw the rise of the carol written in the vernacular, under the influence of Francis of Assisi.

In the middle ages, the English combined circle dances with singing and called them carols. Later, the word carol came to mean a song in which a religious topic is treated in a style that is familiar or festive. From Italy, it passed to France and Germany and later to England. Music in itself soon became one of the greatest tributes to Christmas, and Christmas music includes some of the noblest compositions of the great musicians.

Singing carols in church was instituted on Christmas Eve 1880 in Truro Cathedral, Cornwall, England and is now seen in churches all over the world. Despite this long history, almost all surviving Christmas carols date from the 19th century onwards.

In the United States and elsewhere, the playing of Christmas music would generally begin after the Thanksgiving holiday, at which point Christmas decorations in stores and streets would also appear. Christmas music best serenades these shopping months, injecting the Christmas spirit and putting shoppers into the proper mood for buying gifts.

More recently, popular Christmas songs are typically not overly religious. The largest portion of these songs in some way describes how western countries tend to celebrate the holiday. Celebratory or sentimental and nostalgic in tone, they harken back to simpler times with memorable holiday practices.

The chorus member featured this month is Judith Mullin. Judy was born in Portland, Oregon. She went to college and earned a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Boston University. She became a registered nurse (RN) and worked in Boston in the field of nursing until she retired in 2004. Judy moved to On Top of the World in 2005 from Burlington, Mass., and continues to travel back there during the summer. Her prior singing experience included school chorus and church choirs. She has a lovely alto voice, and the Concert Chorus is very happy that she has chosen to sing with us.



Photo by Bill Shampine

Judith Mullin



On The Road Again

By Bob Woods

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous happy New Year.

As of this writing, I have two trips scheduled for 2014. The first trip is a motor coach trip to Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 for a weeklong country music experience. This trip is sold out but I am taking names for the stand-by list. A lot can happen between now and September, so please call me and I will place your name the stand-by list.

My second excursion is a cruise on Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas sailing from Port Canaveral to the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 with a port call at Labadee, Haiti. This is a nine-night/10-day cruise and with a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom and a one-hour shared free cocktail party.

I have three seats remaining on the coach departing our community for this cruise but there is another coach also scheduled outside On Top of the World. Call me if interested.

Lets take a view of this cruise's first port of call—Aruba. Aruba is situated in the southern Caribbean Sea, 17 miles north of the Venezuelan coast. Along with Bonaire and Curacao, these three islands are re-

ferred to as the ABC Islands and are part of the Leeward Antilles. These three islands, along with St. Maarten, all Dutch, are all independent countries forming the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The capital of Aruba is Oranjestad.

Aruba has a dry climate and the landscape of the island is strewn with cactus. Royal Caribbean offers six shore excursions from sightseeing to swimming on white sandy beaches to a four-wheel drive Jeep trek.

The last time we visited Aruba on a cruise ship, Bev and I ventured on an excursion entitled, "Spectacular Island Tour." This was a three and a half hour adventure exploring many parts of this 69 square-mile island.

After a tour through the capital city, Oranjestad, the air-conditioned coach stopped at the island's famous Aloe Factory where aloe is grown and processed. At the factory many aloe products are for sale. We also saw the island's gold mill ruins and along the selected route many Watapana (divi-divi) trees.

The coach went to the rugged windward side of the island visiting the "Baby Bridge." The wind and sea has sculpted the bridge.

The coach also stopped at the island's Ayo Rock Formations where you can virtually see just about the entire island. There are a few pictures on my website at www.bobwoodsontheroadagain.com showing Aruba and Curacao.

In next month's issue of the World News I will discuss Bonaire.

Any questions or desired information, please feel free to call me at 854-0702.

See you on the road again.



Travel Toppers

By Jo Swing

The month of celebrations and festivities is here and people are taking advantage of Travel Toppers' offerings. Both of our December trips are sold out; to be put on the wait lists for the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 14, which costs \$106, call Linda Hein at 861-9880 and for the Show Palace Christmas Show, "White Christmas" which costs \$75, call Pat Hood at 237-8533.

Travel Toppers is currently taking reservations for the Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 trip to Jacksonville, Fla. to tour the Federal Reserve Bank and Sally Industries, an audio-animatronics company. This trip costs \$40, which covers bus, tours, lunch at the Federal Reserve Bank and tip. Call Jo Swing at 237-4564 for reservations.

There is room on the Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 trip to see the Seniors at Leisure presentation of "Ethel Merman's Broadway" at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Fla. Rita McKenzie recreates her award-winning off-Broadway portrayal of the great Ethel Merman. Enjoy the songs she made famous, such as "I Got Rhythm," "There's No Business Like Show Business," and "Everything's Coming Up Roses." When making your reservation, please tell the coordinator your choice of boxed lunch: egg, tuna, or chicken salad sandwich or a garden salad. The cost of this outing is \$46. Call Linda Hein at 861-9880 for reservations.

Reservations start Monday, Dec. 9 for the Sunday, March 2, 2014 Adults at Leisure presentation of Mitzi Gaynor "In Person" at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Fla. This show is a one-woman tour-de-force of sidesplitting stories, moving reminiscences, and a parade of songs from Mitzi's

films, TV shows and nightclub act. Call Pat Hood at 237-8533 for reservations. When calling for reservations please indicate your choice of boxed lunch: egg, tuna, or chicken salad sandwich, or garden salad. Lunch includes potato salad, cookie, coffee or tea. The cost for this program is \$62, which covers bus, show, boxed lunch and tips.

Travel Toppers has a 10-day Southern Caribbean cruise going Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 to Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 on Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas. Sailing from Port Canaveral, you will visit the ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. Also included is a stop at Labadee, Haiti. Prices start at \$825.79 (inside cabin) and are per person double occupancy and include all port charges and government fees. Trip insurance is recommended (additional charge). There will be a bus from On Top of the World to Port Canaveral for an additional charge. For reservations and/or more information, call Inge Gaitch at 237-7428.

The Tuesday, Nov. 12, shopping trip to the Premium Outlets Mall in Orlando was a great success. We had a full busload of happy shoppers.

The next Travel Toppers meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 4 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center, at 9:30 a.m. Y'all come and see what we are about and add your input.

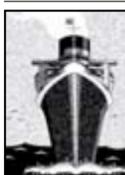
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Sail Away Cruise Club

By Fred O'Blenis

Welcome aboard! Time flies when you're having fun! That saying is especially true for those clients who were on the Oasis of the Seas with us. A short week to get ready for Thanksgiving and the month was over. It is now December.

Although everybody had a wonderful time on the Oasis, we are now working on the March and November 2014 cruises. The St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2014 cruise will be four nights on the Enchantment of the Seas going to Coco Cay and Nassau. Our travel club thinks this cruise will be a lot of fun for St. Patrick's Day and to see if the ocean will turn green.

The Nov. 15, 2014 will be a nine night cruise on the Explorer of the Seas. The best news, we think, is the fact that it is nine nights for about the price of seven nights! This cruise to the ABC islands should be outstanding. This time, the ship will spend

all day in each of the three ports: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao and, of course, Royal Caribbean's private island called Labadee.

I could fill this column with all kinds of interesting things about the ABC islands, and I will in the columns to come. For those who have computers, you can find more information online at www.aruba.com, www.bonaire.com and www.curacao.com. To place a hold on a stateroom for just \$250 per person, call Fred at 237-6367.

Even better, the port is much closer this time. The Enchantment and the Explorer are sailing out of Port Canaveral, Fla.

These two cruises are selling at a very fast pace. If you would like to come with us, please do not wait. There is no obligation to get a price on a stateroom and all deposits are fully refundable until final payment. Call Fred today at 237-6367.

We always try to make it the best travel experience ever. We have optional bus transportation to the port of departure and back home. Our travel consultant does all of the online check-in, shore excursions, show and specialty dining reservations. Please feel free to call for any information on any of our cruises at 237-6367.

The Sail Away Cruise Club wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

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Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr

Our Rags to Riches was a huge success! Our winner of the beautiful bi-plane quilt was Rita Mandl of the LadyBirds! We are sure that Rita and Bela will enjoy the quilt for many years!

Our group is busy making 50 stockings that will be filled with toys and goodies for children of Marion County. We are also making beautiful Christmas quilts and warm flannel quilts. It does get chilly here in beautiful Marion County and we want

the children to be warm and cozy.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art Room, 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. New members are very welcome.

If you no longer sew but have cotton fabric, fiberfill or batting cluttering up your closets, please consider donating the materials to the Sewing Bees. We will put it to good use!

Please contact LeeAnn 854-7205 or Rita Miller 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.

Have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

By Linda Lohr

We wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year! Blessings to you and your families.

November's presenter was Ida Swanson who provided kits to make a mini photo al-

bum. We thank Ida for all her prep work and her generosity. Everyone enjoyed the project immensely.

Anyone can be a presenter – and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship, and socializing and helping each other play a big part of the club!

Our group is open to all crafters, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month.

The group usually meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, unless the demonstrator requests other arrangements. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, please call at Kathy at 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



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World Traveler

By Bill Shampine

The Republic of the Philippines became a household name when Haiyan, thought to be the largest typhoon in recorded history, recently hit it. I thought it might be nice for us to learn something about this Southeast Asian island country located in the western Pacific Ocean.

The Philippines, as it is popularly called, is an archipelago consisting of 98 million people spread out on 7,107 islands that collectively would form a landmass a little bit larger than Arizona. Located close to the equator and on what is known as the Pacific Ring of Fire, a zone of frequent volcanism makes the Philippines prone to earthquakes and typhoons. However, the location also provides the benefits of abundant natural resources and an extraordinary level of ecological biodiversity.

Because the Philippines lies along many historic trade routes, many ethnicities and cultures have established colonies there over the millennia, going as far back as 67,000 years. Europeans first showed up in 1521 when Ferdinand Magellan arrived and claimed the islands for Spain. Colonization did not begin, however, until a Spanish explorer from Mexico arrived in 1565 and formed the first European settlements in Cebu. Spanish rule then persisted for a bit over 300 years.

When the Spanish-American War began in Cuba in 1898, the Philippines declared independence from Spain, and formed the First Philippine Republic. As the war ended, Spain sold the islands to the United States for \$20 million as part of the 1898 Treaty of Paris. In 1935, the Philippines was granted Commonwealth status by the United States, but the plans for inde-

pendence were thwarted by World War II.

The Philippines finally did attain their independence in 1946 after the war ended. Since that time, they have had a democratic government, but it has struggled with a number of serious challenges, including very high national debt, political corruption, coup attempts, and military conflict with Islamic separatists.

The Philippines has a lot to offer tourists. It has big cities, such as "Greater" Manila with its 21 million people and small villages, rugged mountains and sandy beaches, and rainforest and relatively dry areas. Rainfall throughout the islands varies from about 200 inches in some mountain regions to about 39 inches in some sheltered valleys. Interestingly, in July 1911 a typhoon dropped 46.0 inches of rain in 24 hours in Baguio City!

All of this water in the mountains leads to luscious, green forests, abundant wildlife, and many rivers and waterfalls. The Philippines is home to a huge and diverse range of birds, plants, animals, and sea creatures. Of the 1100 land vertebrate species, for example, there are over 100 mammal and 170 bird species that are unique to the Philippines. In addition, almost 25% of the 13,500 plant species on the islands are found nowhere else in the world. The vistas throughout the islands are amazing. The forests, waterfalls, lakes, and rugged mountains are a delight to behold. It is fascinating to look at a mountainside covered with the terraces needed to successfully farm the land.

Diversity also extends itself to languages. There are 171 individual languages in the Philippines, although Filipino (a standardized version of Tagalog) and English are the official languages. Most of the other languages spoken in the region are localized to various provinces and small villages. Although some of the problems you read about in the news report on fighting with Islamic separatists, the country actually is more than 90% Christian, with 80.9% being Roman Catholic.



American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

Happy Chanukah and Thanksgiving to you all.

As I am writing this, we are looking forward to the first ever, once in a lifetime, once in the world celebration of Chanukah and Thanksgiving on the same date!

But when you read this, we will have celebrated with our wonderful Two Jays combination holiday meal and all the trimmings, even the gelt. Many thanks to Irene Rudick and her team for coordinating all of this.

Since there was no lunch bunch in November we expect to have one at Ayuttaya Thai Cuisine on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Our next membership meeting is Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. We will have the pleasure of hearing from Pat Gabriel about the latest news from our SR 200 Corridor. We will also have some news of travel plans in the making for the New Year.

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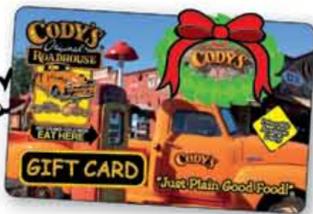
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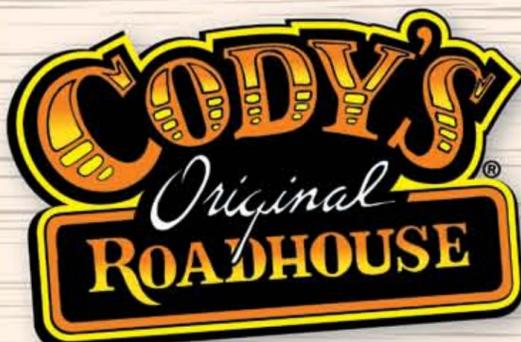
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Pennsylvania Club

By Pat Utiss

The meetings that feature "horse racing" as our entertainment are always the biggest successes. The November meeting outdid every other one, so far. More people attended, and more people participated. That makes it a huge success.

As usual, many people helped to make it that success. John and Eileen Kreps laid out the racecourse and Don Oakes called out the numbers. Once again, we had the essential help of the tellers, Shirley Wilver, Carol Emrick, Janet Wahl, Micki Malsh,

Joan Cummings and Eileen Kreps. Also, special thanks to our statistician, Judy Dunn, and Larry Wilver, the special helper. Kudos to all who helped as jockeys and also, those who helped clean up.

Now, it is time to talk about our Christmas party. A few things will be different, the date is Wednesday, Dec. 4, and the time is 5 p.m. We will be meeting at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H, these are the rooms right next to our usual rooms. Ham and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to share and your table service. For those who wish to participate, we will have a \$10 gift exchange. Once again, we will be collecting toys for Salvation Army. If possible, please bring the toys to our house instead of the meeting.

I will close with best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year from everyone at the Pennsylvania Club.



Red Hat Society

THE GLITZY GAL: We enjoyed lunch at the Stone Creek Grille with good food, service and fellowship. Our hostesses were Caroline and Linda who provided us with candy treats. Ellen was the winner of a prize with the specially marked treat bag.

QM Mary and Vice Queen Carol traveled to Bradenton, Fla. for the West Coast Queen's Council fall luncheon. This group brings queens and vice queens together for lunch, topics of interest, concerns and ideas

that are beneficial to everyone's group.

Halloween happenings at Seven Rivers Country Club in Crystal River, Fla. was a fun event. Four of us were dressed as rain-sins and two were witches. Lunch, games and visiting were enjoyed by all.

The mission of the Red Hat Society is about having fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness. In addition to these, Project Hope has been our way of helping others all year. Each month, we have collected items to help the mothers and children living there. Carol and Betty are planning a Christmas Party for the children with activities, food and drinks. Each child will receive a gift and gift card thanks to the generosity of our girls.

Shopping at the Premium Outlets in Orlando will be another outing for those going on the Travel Toppers bus.

Submitted by Janet Wahl

Singles Club

By Lorraine Serwan

Happy holidays everyone!

Our annual holiday luncheon will be at Red Lobster on Monday, Dec. 16, at noon. You will be able to order from the menu. As usual, we will have our gift exchange. Gifts should cost about \$10 and be something you might like to receive. Please, no recycled gifts.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, we will be joining with other residents to journey by bus to Stephen Foster State Park in White

Springs for the Festival of Lights. Cost is \$27 prepaid and reservations must be made through the Health & Recreation activities office.

Looking ahead to January, we will be car-pooling to the Ocala Civic Theatre to see a production of "I Do I Do I Do." Call Nancy at 854-9185 for reservations. Tickets are limited.

Let's get ready for a fun filled 2014. Remember our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Please join us; we always welcome new members.



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Republican Club

By Fred Pulis

The November meeting featured guest speaker was United States Congressman

Ted Yoho. As a newly elected third district representative, he spoke on several subjects including the budget, government shut down, and immigration. A short question and answer period followed his presentation.

Other elected officials attending the Jerry Cauda holiday social dinner included State Committeeman for Marion County Kurt Kelly; Marion County Sheriff Chris Blair; Marion County Chairman of the

County Commissioners Kathy Bryant; Marion County Commissioner for District 4 Carl Zalak; Marion County Commissioner District 1 David Moore; Marion County School Board Member Ron Crawford; and Republican Executive Committee (REC) for Marion County Chairman Randy Osborne.

Others in attendance before the overflow crowd of 100 attendees was President of the Palm Cay Republican Club Jim Petus and President of Silver Springs Shores Republican Club Don Goodman.

Special recognition of all military veterans was conducted. Also, canned food

contributions were provided for use at Interfaith Emergency Services to help the needy.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 13 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G. This special meeting is a social get together that will provide an opportunity to meet fellow republican members.

All regular meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of each month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G. The meetings start at 7 p.m. and usually last about an hour. For additional information, contact Fred Pulis at 854-9976.



Photo by Judith Parisi

On Monday, Nov. 11, Helen Grollmusz was presented a plaque by Peter Parisi, the current president, which states she is now a life member.



Genealogical Society

By Peter Parisi

Genealogy is all about history, our roots, the experiences of our ancestors and more. In our Genealogical Society, we have been fortunate to have our own historian, Helen Grollmusz, a lovely woman who has kept the history of our group alive. She has memorialized the past in a book that talks about the beginning of our group, the past presidents, the columns that have been written and the presentations that have been made, complemented with photographs.

Helen was honored for her contributions to the group on Monday, Nov. 11, at the monthly business meeting. She was presented a plaque by Peter Parisi, the current president, which states she is now a life member. She was also presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the group.

Helen with her husband, Rudy, moved to On Top of the World in December 1995. She has been an active member of the Genealogical Society, the New York and New Jersey Club, the Computer Club, and Women of the World. Helen served as president of the Genealogical Society from 2000 through 2006 and also wrote the club's column for the World News from August 2002 through 2006.

Helen has been a wonderful supporter of the society and we hope in her new capacity as life member, she will join us at future meetings.

In conjunction with Master the Possibilities, Ron Chard and Dick Belz of the Genealogical Society presented a seminar on Nov. 7 and 8 for beginners on the Fam-

ily Tree Maker program and a seminar on Nov. 14 and 15 for intermediate level genealogists on the Family Tree Maker program. They were well received by all.

The society will be holding election of officers for 2014 at the business meeting on Monday, Dec. 9.

The Genealogical Society holds a business meeting at 10 a.m. the second Monday of every month in the Craft Building. This meeting is for all members and people who may be interested in joining our society. At the business meeting, we discuss upcoming genealogy programs, new books added to the society's extensive genealogical library and methods of researching your family's roots and more. All of the books and CDs in our extensive collection are available to members to be signed out and used at home for their research.

We also have an educational presentation at 10 a.m. the third Monday of the month in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center.

We hope to see you at one of our meetings. Remember, our annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, so come to one of our meetings and see what we are all about.



Photo by Fred Pulis

Attendees at the Republican Club meeting on Nov. 8 to hear United States Congressman Ted Yoho speak.

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Avalon Social Group

By Lorraine Rourke

If you weren't there in November, you missed a great time at our picnic. Due to the wind, we had to move it back to the Arbor Club. We had a great turnout, fun eating hot dogs, sausages and a variety of food that folks brought. Avalon continues to amaze me with our resident turnout and the dishes. We had several new neighbors that folks met.

On Monday, Dec 9 (note date change to second Monday due to the Thanksgiving), we will hold our Christmas potluck in the Arbor Club Ballroom. This is another "don't miss" event for residents. If you didn't get a ham ticket or don't like ham, everyone brings a dish, so there is always a variety, health conscious and otherwise to choose from. Bring meat, appetizer, salad, vegetable, pasta, casserole, fruit dish, or dessert, a serving utensil, and your own drink (non-alcoholic). Let's brighten it up by dressing in holiday colors. Setup is at 5:15 p.m. and start time 5:30 p.m. with the food line starting at 5:45 p.m.

Remember to bring your ticket for the ham to this event and mix up the table sittings so you can meet some of our new residents. We always have some special raffle items as well.

Potluck dates for 2014 are Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 8. Contact Lorraine at 390-2120 with questions.

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Back at The Ranch

By David Gibas

The Ranch is Expanding and So are the Programs!

We are very excited about the new fitness opportunities that will accompany The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa's expansion. The expansion will include two new group fitness rooms: a functional training room and a mind-body studio. Here's a glimpse at some of the new workouts and wellness programs that will be featured.

The functional training room will be well equipped with kettle bells, free weights, speed ropes, a heavy rope and BOSU balance trainers; all of which will provide new challenges for resistance and interval training. This room will expand options for personal training, athletic conditioning, small group training and new classes.

An exciting feature of the functional training room will be the addition of suspension training. Suspension training is a simple dumbbell-free workout that uses straps attached to an overhead point, which incorporates your own body weight as the resistance. With suspension training, every exercise becomes a total body challenge! It blasts the core and other stabilizing muscles of the body, in addition to the prime moves of the exercise.

Our new mind-body studio will provide the perfect environment for an enriched wellness experience. Mind-body classes have become increasingly popular and important in the wake of our busy, hectic lifestyles. This new studio welcomes all to engage in programming that unites body and mind, releasing stress and restoring energy. We will be expanding the scope of our Tai Chi and Yoga classes, as well as adding new classes such as Yoga Nidra (meditative Yoga) and Pilates.

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THE RANCH FITNESS SCHEDULE

The Ranch (Effective Dec. 1)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00-8:55 a.m.	Power Cycling Jessica	Tabata Training Jessica	Yoga Sculpt Barb Anne	Tabata Training Carolyn	Power Cycling Carolyn	(8:30 a.m.) Power Cycling Instructor Rotation
9:00-9:55 a.m.	20-20-20 Jessica	ZUMBA Nichole	Power Cycling Carolyn	Cardio Combat & Core Kitti	20-20-20 Carolyn	(9:30 a.m.) Power Pump Instructor Rotation
10:00-10:55 a.m.	ZUMBA Dara	Chisel Muscle Mix Kitti	Power Pump Carolyn	Chisel Muscle Mix Kitti	Cardio Dance Jessica	(10:30 a.m.-Noon) Yoga Flow
10:30-11:25 a.m.	Water Works Jessica	H2O Fit Barb		H2O Fit Barb	H2O Fit Kelly	H2O Fit Instructor Rotation
11:00-11:55 a.m.		Restorative Yoga Jennifer	(11:30 a.m.) Hydro-Pilates Barb	Restorative Yoga Jennifer		
6:00-6:55 p.m.	Power Cycling Rene	Tabata Training Carolyn	Power Pump Rene	ZUMBA Heaven		
	H2O Fit Linda		H2O Fit Linda		H2O Fit Linda	
7:00-7:55 p.m.	ZUMBA Heaven	Yoga Fit Grace	ZUMBA Nichole	Tai Chi Art		

Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



View From The Library

By B.J. Leckbee

Do you know someone who is no longer able to read the type size used for most of the books in the library? If so, please pass the word that we have large print books and audio books available.

Large print books are located on shelf unit #61, on the east wall of the library between popular fiction and oversized books. Many are fiction by best-selling authors, including Pearl Buck, Mary Higgins Clark,

Jude Deveraux, Sue Grafton, Stephen King, Dean Koontz, Mario Puzo, Rex Stout, Nicholas Sparks and Sydney Sheldon. That's quite a variety of subject matter to choose from, but that's not all.

There are biographies, including Alan Alda's "How to Have Your Dog Stuffed," Martha Beck's "Leaving the (Latter Day) Saints;" George Dawson's view of life as a centenarian and grandson of slaves, who witnessed many changes during his life and learned to read at the daunting age of 98; "The Secret Life of the Duchess of Windsor;" Katherine Hepburn's "Me;" "Martha Washington, An American Life;" and Gypsy Rose Lee's biography titled "American Rose," which could be subtitled "Mama Made Me Do It."

Several dozen large print paperback harlequin and non-fiction books are locat-

ed on the bottom shelf, which is difficult to reach, but worth a look.

The letters LP on the cards in the card catalog and in the listings of fiction and mystery books stand for "large print." This is a handy tool to use if you want to know if we have a particular book in our inventory.

The audio books are primarily in cassette or VHS format, and they offer many hours of listening enjoyment. Authors include Danielle Steel, Lewis Grizzard, Michael Crichton, Dan Brown, Catherine Coulter and Tom Clancy. A few non-fiction tapes are available as well. They're located directly across from the large print books. Take one or two home for a while, brew a cup of tea or coffee, and sit back and listen. Don't forget to return them for others to enjoy.

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Girlfriends Club

By Debi Oberster

If you are single, female of any age, love to eat and gab (no gossip), then please join the The Girlfriends club.

I am a new resident and I love to cook, especially hors d'oeuvres (finger foods), desserts or anything.

There are no dues or rules and you can join anytime. It will be very casual fun evenings, maybe some outings, games, cards, or just gab.

The first Girlfriends night with hors d'oeuvres will be at my house on Friday, Dec. 13. Please call me at 470-2618 to RSVP or for more information.

Come on let's be "girlfriends."

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Tickets may be purchased every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 2 through Dec. 11, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.
General: \$8 per resident • Reserved: \$10 per resident



Fitness Happenings

By Cammy Dennis

Racquetball All Stars

On Saturday, Nov. 2 four residents competed in the 2013 Ormond Beach Senior Games and won big! Members of the Racquetball Club participated in the tournament, which was held at the Port Orange YMCA.

First time competitors, John Boardway and Nicholas Lagattuta were partners in the doubles division and took home silver medals. Thomas Nuemann and Elton Autwell also competed in the doubles division and took home the gold! Way to go team!

Sports competition is usually associated with young people. Not only is competitive athletics perceived as a youthful endeavor; the majority of information for older adults regarding exercise suggests staying "active" not necessarily "athletic."

Physical activity recommendations for older adults are typically walking, dancing and fitness classes; however, the rising trend of master competitors challenges traditional thinking. It's important to remember that our physical activity choices should be governed by what we enjoy and are capable of, not how old we are.

Our very own residents, John Boardway and Nicholas Lagattuta, proved that racquetball players in the age range of 75-79 years young are viable athletic competitors.

The 2009 Masters Games, which took place in Sydney, Australia, revealed some interesting perceptions from the master competitors. Among the 44 competitors interviewed (23 women and 21 men, 56-90 years of age) these were the common themes that emerged from their perspective as an athlete:

1. "I like a challenge" the human spirit loves an opportunity to prove itself. When you set a goal for yourself there is a specific desired outcome.
2. "I can still do it!" there is great satisfaction in knowing that you can accomplish something you set your mind (and body) to do.
3. "I discovered at this age I could win things!" this proves that there is opportunity for people beginning a sport later in life.
4. "I'm motivated to work harder" setting a goal and then training for a competition will create structure and commitment in regards to physical activity.
5. "I enjoy the travel and companionship" these attributes are vital to supporting overall wellness, which carries a greater importance than physical fitness alone.

To all of the competitors here at On Top of the World ... we are very proud of you!



John Boardway and Nick Lagattuta win silver medals.

FITNESS SCHEDULES

Health & Recreation (Effective Dec. 1)					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 Aerobics Rm	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video
8:00-8:50	Cardio Mix	Strength & Stretch	Wednesday Warrior	Strength & Stretch	Dance Party
Aerobics Room	Dara	Barb Anne	Jessica	Barb Anne	Jessica
9:00-9:50	Tai Chi	Chair Yoga	Stretch for the Stars	Chair Yoga	Chair Chi
Aerobics Room	Art	Barb Ann	*Last Wednesday of the month bring a mat	Jennifer	Art
10:00-10:45	Balanced Body	*KB KB Kick boxing	Balanced Body	*KB KB Kick boxing	Balanced Body
Aerobics Room	Marie	Han	Jessica	Han	Marie
10:45-11:30	S.O.S. Serious on Strength	Balanced Body	S.O.S. Serious on Strength	Balanced Body	S.O.S. Serious on Strength
Aerobics Room	Larry	Jessica	Larry	Cammy	Larry
10:45-11:30	ZUMBA Kiti		ZUMBA Kiti		ZUMBA Dara
H&R Ballroom	Get Fit While You Sit		Get Fit While You Sit		Get Fit While You Sit
Aerobics Room	Kiti		Kiti		Marie
1:00-2:00		Fitness Center Orientation**		Balance Assessments**	

Health & Recreation Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arbor Club (Effective Dec. 1)					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:45	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*
Arbor Club Indoor Pool	Larry	Barb	Larry	Barb	Dara
9:30-10:30	Yoga*		Basic Hatha Yoga*		Meditative Yoga*
Ballroom/Fitness Room	Barb Anne		Grace		Stuart
11:00-11:45	Light Cardio Mix		Light Aerobics		
Ballroom	Becky		Jessica		

Arbor Club Hours: Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ARBOR CLUB INDOOR POOL SCHEDULE

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Indoor pool closed for cleaning every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Outdoor pool closed for cleaning first Wednesday of every month

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 - 7:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Open
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Shallow Water Fitness Class*	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Shallow Water Fitness Class*	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Open
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Open	Open	Closed for Cleaning	Open	Open	Open
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open

* Fitness Pass required to attend class

Rules for Lap Swimming:

1. Swimmers should swim on the line.
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3. When sharing lanes, swimmers of matched speed should share lane.

Health and Recreation Pool

Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to dusk. Closed for cleaning the last Wednesday of every month. Children permitted Monday through Friday, noon until dusk, all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays.



Southern Club

By Ida Willink

One thing Southern Club members have in common is that they like to eat

and really enjoy a good meal. A very good chicken dinner was served at the November meeting and preparations are underway for a nice turkey and ham Christmas dinner at the Health & Recreation Building on Thursday, Dec. 5.

The time for snacks and socializing will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Members and guests will be asked to contribute \$2 each to cover the cost of the meat and are also asked to bring a dish to pass. The program will be a sing-along of Christmas carols. Y'all come!

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Ballet Club

By Eugenie Martin

Holiday time is here again. It seems only last week that I was sending out "thank you" notes for 2012 presents, and trying to lose those extra pounds I gained from last year's celebrations.

A great way to avoid getting out of shape over the holidays is getting into shape before they start. Now is the time for doing the exercise that suits your abilities and interests. Ballet does that for me and for the other members of the Ballet Club. Although many of us also do other exercises, ballet is what we prefer. It helps us stay in shape and lifts our spirits at the same time.

All of our classes are free, and we hold four each week at varied times of day. We conduct two classes during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

On Mondays, we have a class from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. All of our classes are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio next to the indoor pool.

If you would like to join us, try the class that is most convenient for you. No previous experience is necessary, nor is ballet clothing. You may start with exercise clothing and socks, plus a bottle of water, of course. If you want to start class, please call in advance so that we will be expecting you. For any information on our club or classes, please call me at 854-8589. Happy dancing!



Sidekicks Western Dance Club

By Tony & Carla Magri

The Sidekicks would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Our club has been very busy. Our new couples are fitting right in, learning dances and joining in the fun. Several members traveled to a dance across town and two brand new couples came along as well. Some folks have formed practice groups and get together to dance.

The Sidekicks were invited to perform outside the community at a charity fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 25. Seven of our more experienced couples attended the event and were extremely well received. We performed several dances and taught a line dance to the other attendees. Everyone had a great time.

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, we had our first social of the dance year. Our members all enjoyed ice cream and then proceeded to dance off the calories. We filled the floor of the Health & Recreation Ballroom with 28 couples dancing to fun and scary Halloween music. A special thanks to Jean and Jack Hester and their entertainment committee for great decorations, serving and cleanup. Thanks also to Nell and Jim Entinger for ice cream transport and storage.

We're now turning our attention to our Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and, of course, our annual New Year's Eve party.

Visit us at <http://patterndancers.wix.com/side-kicks> or on YouTube at ro67ger. Happy trails ...



Line Dancing

By George Conklin

The evening weather has been great. More and more of our newcomer line dancers are coming out to The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights to dance.

You may wonder ... how do you remember all the dances and how do you know what dance to do if they are not playing the same song as we have in class? No one can remember all of the line dances ... there are thousands of them and some songs have several dances choreographed to them.

When we were young, we knew the words to all the popular songs, now we can sing along if someone else is leading us. It's the same with line dance, we rely on each other to remember how the dance starts and then easily dance along.

Nearly everyone remembers at least one dance. When the music starts someone will say this dance goes with that music and

away we go; if it does not work out, what the heck, it is only a dance. The larger a group of dancers the more dances we can remember.

What do we hear? How do we pick a dance if it is not the song we play in class or the one recommended by the choreographer? First, we dance to music because it has rhythm, a beat, the guy with the drum or bass, the thump, thump, thump. The drummer sets the tempo to keep the band together; it is the same for dancers. We step when the drum goes thump.

We listen to the speed and the emphasis of the beat. Is it a slow waltz (123, 123), a march beat (1234, 1234), a cha-cha (123&4) or a rumba or something else? We then pick a dance we know that follows that same pattern and speed.

This all may sound daunting but it is not. Stepping in a set pattern to the beat of the music in a line with your friends is fun. Come Dance with us.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal (newcomer, beginner and improver plus) at 804-1546; Nancy Carmack (intermediate) at 533-8870; Janice Meade (level two) at 861-9345; or Bob Ferguson (level two) at 873-4478.



Ballroom Dance Club

By Richard P. Vullo

The holidays are here at On Top of the World. The time for parties, lots of food and drink ... and dancing. The Dancin' on the Top committee of the Ballroom Dance Club held its second dance of the season on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Health & Recreation Ballroom. It was the annual "Harvest Dance" with music provided by Karen Hall. Over 200 residents attended.

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, we will hold our popular New Year's Eve celebration with Automatic. Our remaining schedule includes our special Valentine's Day Dance on Feb. 15 with Karen Hall and our Spring Dance on April 19 with Automatic.

For more information about attending our dances, please call Gene Melnick at 304-8293.

We're going into our fourth month of ballroom dance lessons with Trish Sands

at the Ocala Health Senior Health & Wellness Center, next to the Customer Service. For December, the dance style will be Merengue. For more information, please call Dick Vullo at 854-6772 or Trish Sands at 216-1657.

There are many local venues that provide dancing opportunities throughout the year. For more information about dance lessons and dance venues, please check the website for USA Dance at www.usadanceocala.com.

If you're interested in committing to a monthly ballroom dance event, consider the Ocala Dance Club. It is a not-for-profit social ballroom dance club for couples who enjoy a classy atmosphere in a private club setting. Organized in 1951, it is the oldest social ballroom dance club in Florida. For more information visit www.ocaladanceclub.com or email ocaladanceclub@gmail.com.

This month on Friday, Dec. 20, Happy Hour will be held at the Health & Recreation Ballroom instead of the Arbor Club Ballroom. This will give everyone the opportunity to dance and socialize with their friends in a much larger facility, with a better sound system for listening and dancing. Let's continue supporting these dances.



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Larry's Fit Tips

By Larry Robinson

Holiday Helpings and Portion Distortion

This time of year can be overwhelming if you're trying to eat healthy and manage your weight. Overeating is the biggest problem people have during this time of the year. With the holidays upon us, it is best to have a plan for managing the abundance of food (portion control!); you might be surprised at how much success you can have with a little organization and determination.

You have probably noticed that food portions in restaurants have grown in size and in some cases provide enough food for two people. Take this short portion distortion quiz (provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) to test your

knowledge of today's portions as compared to the portions available 20 years ago (answers below).

A bagel 20 years ago was three inches in diameter and had 140 calories. How many calories do you think are in today's bagel?

- a. 150 calories
- b. 250 calories
- c. 350 calories

A cheeseburger 20 years ago had 333 calories. How many calories do you think are in today's cheeseburger?

- a. 590 calories
- b. 620 calories
- c. 700 calories

2.4 ounces of French fries of 20 years ago had 210 calories. How many calories do you think are in today's portion?

- a. 590 calories
- b. 610 calories
- c. 650 calories

A portion of spaghetti and meatballs 20 years ago had 500 calories. How many calories do you think are in today's portion of spaghetti and meatballs?

- a. 600 calories
- b. 800 calories
- c. 1,025 calories

Two slices of pepperoni pizza 20 years ago had 500 calories. How many calories do you think are in today's large pizza slices?

- a. 850 calories
- b. 1,000 calories
- c. 1,200 calories

A chicken Caesar salad had 390 calories 20 years ago. How many calories do you think are in today's chicken Caesar salad?

- a. 520 calories
- b. 650 calories
- c. 790 calories

Answers

C. 350 calories for a six-inch bagel. If you rake leaves for 50 minutes, you'll burn the extra 210 calories.

A. 590 calories, you'll need to lift weights for one hour and 30 minutes, to burn the extra 257 calories.

B. 610 calories for a 6.9-ounce portion of French fries. If you walk leisurely for one hour and 10 minutes you will burn the extra 400 calories.

C. 1,025 calories for a portion consisting of two cups of pasta with sauce and three large meatballs. If you houseclean for two hours and 35 minutes, you will burn ap-

proximately 525 calories.

A. 850 calories for two large slices of pizza. If you play golf (while walking and carrying your clubs) for one hour, you will burn the extra 350 calories

C. 790 calories for a three-cup portion. If you walk the dog for one hour and 20 minutes, you will burn the extra 400 calories.

How did you do on the portion distortion quiz? I hope this provided you with some insight on portions sizes and the impact this may have on your waistline. Next time you prepare a meal or eat out, think twice about the amount of food you are about to eat.

FIT TIP #1: Ask for a to-go box when the server delivers your food and put half the meal in the box to take home and have it for lunch the next day.

FIT TIP #2: Slow down when you are eating, this will help you to know when your stomach is satisfied and prevent you from overeating until you are full or stuffed.

FIT TIP #3: Find support! Friends and family who understand and share your commitment will help when you are tempted by holiday treats.



Square Dancing

By Walter Lamp

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, we had our monthly themed dance, Halloween. Not many costumes, but there were many black and orange shirts and blouses. And, of course, our caller chipped in by having us dance to some of the Halloween favorites.

We had our semi-annual club meeting on Thursday, Oct. 31. President Bob Lockwood led the discussion on changes to the bylaws, our weekly dances and any other business that came up.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Country Fair on The Town Square in front of many of our own residents, our club gave a square dancing demonstration to those assembled. Using recordings from some of our national callers, we formed two squares and danced about six tips. We had nine couples altogether, as one would give another couple a rest. We were glad to show our neighbors the fun and physical benefits of our dancing.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, we visited our square dancers down at Orange Blossom Squares in The Villages. We had three full squares, retrieved our banner and danced to the calling of Mr. Ron Libby again.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, we had our annual hoedown, at Happy Acres Farm. It was a cool, windy night, but the setting was so much fun for square dancing. We had some barbecued hot dogs and such, plus some

finger foods. We held our dancing in the barn between the horse stalls. Now, that's different. We had a total of four squares, with plenty of room in the barn to dance.

We had to cancel our planned Thanksgiving dinner before our dance on Nov. 26. But the festive mood was still everywhere and the snacks kept us filled up, along with the dancing.

We have two great Christmas dances coming up in December. The first one is in the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Saturday, Dec. 12. It's called the Holiday Ball, with guest caller, Mr. Ron Libby, who resides here in Central Florida. Ron has called for us before and is enjoyed by one and all. Loretta Hanhurst is our cuer for the evening.

Then, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, our monthly theme dance is maybe my favorite one. It's called the Holiday Cookie dance. Now you know why it's one of my favorites. The women of the club bake lots of and different kinds of enjoyable cookies for all of us to taste in between the dancing and socializing. We invite the public down to watch the dancing and have some Christmas cookies with us.

All of us from Circle Squares wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy holiday.



Monday Bowling League

By Jerry Roney

Another month has passed and the top team has again changed a number of times. The Pushovers, Invalids and Pin Poppers have each held the top spot with the Pin Poppers, in third place the first four weeks, taking the top spot in the most recent week.

High single games scores among the men included Jim Shepherd with a fabulous 254 and also a 203; Dennis Turnipseed with a 236 and 225; Bill Hull with a 232, 209 and 207; Bob Vitale with a 225, 223,

211 and 205; Keith Buckhold with a 229 and 216; Peter Ingwersen with a 206; and Dennis Hoff with a 200.

High single games among the ladies included a 204 by Linda McIntyre and a 191 by Barbara Buecher and Pat Gorczok.

High series games include a 647 and a 604 by Jim Shepherd; 604 by Bill Hull; and 603 by Keith Buckhold. Among the women, Linda McIntyre bowled a 570; Darlene Clark a 504; and Lynn Shepherd a 503.

We are looking for another bowler to fill a recently vacated spot. Please call our Secretary/Treasurer George Difrancesco at 342-1667 if you would like to join our fun league. We can also use bowlers who would like to sub from time to time.

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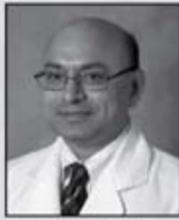
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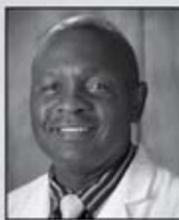
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Light Up the Season

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Are you looking to get into the holiday spirit? Taking a trip to see Christmas lights is such a wonderful way to do it. There are so many places to go like Disney, Gaylord Palms Resort, Stetson Mansion, etc.

However, did you know that many of our state parks (<http://www.floridastateparks.org/thingstodo/events.cfm>) offer spectacular Christmas lights and/or events?

Festival of Lights

Dec. 6-Jan. 3 (closed Christmas Day)
Dusk to 9 p.m.
\$3 per person

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive, White Springs, FL 32096 (approx. 2 hours away). (386) 397-4478.

Celebration of Lights

Dec. 19-26 (closed Christmas Day)
5:30 to 9 p.m.
Suggested donation is \$3 for adults;
\$1 for children.

Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa, Florida 34446 (approx. 1.25 hours away). (352) 628-5343.

Santa Over the Rainbow

Dec. 13-15, Dec. 20-22, Dec. 26-27
6 to 8 p.m.
\$1 per person

Rainbow Springs State Park, 19158 SW 81st Place Road, Dunnellon, Fla. 34432 (approx. 30 minutes away). (352) 465-8555.

Locally, there are also many free Christ-

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mas light displays and events. Here are just a few:

Holiday Lights

Through Jan. 5, 2014

Downtown Square in Ocala, Fla.

Tusawilla Traditions

Dec. 6
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tusawilla Park in Ocala, Fla.
www.ocalafl.org/recpark/

Golf Cart Parade

Dec. 11
2 to 3 p.m.

On Top of the World. See parade map on page 21.

Holiday Fest

Dec. 11
6 p.m.

Health & Recreation Ballroom at On Top of the World.

Ocala/Marion County Christmas Parade

Dec. 14
5:30 p.m.

East Silver Springs Boulevard (between SE 25th Ave and NE 8th Ave), Ocala, Fla.
www.ocalamarionchristmasparade.com

If you haven't had your fill yet ... the Ocala Star Banner (www.ocala.com) prints a holiday light guide every December. Be on the look out!

Ho, ho, ho and merry Christmas to all!



Art Group

By Anne Merrick

Jerry and her husband, Johnny, moved here in 2004 from Tennessee because they wanted to retire to Florida. On a visit to On Top of the World, they liked what they saw and moved here because of the golf courses and the many activities offered.

They've both played golf a long time but just recently Jerry decided to spend more time on some other interests which includes her love of art. She studied art many years ago in Nashville, Tenn. at Watkins Institute of Art and since then has only painted a few things. She just recently joined the Art Group that meets every Thursday and Saturday because she thought it would be a wonderful way to meet new people who have the same interests.

She is married for the second time and has two boys and two girls plus three grandchildren. She was a copywriter for an advertising company in her working years.

Jerry has done a lot of traveling with her husband, throughout the Eastern United States, on a Harley Davidson motorcycle, even honeymooning on a 1500-mile trip to New Orleans.



Photo by Anne Merrick

Jerry Gill in the Art Room.

We are happy to have her join our group and invite any of you to pick up your brushes, pencils and supplies and join us. If you are new to painting and drawing or need a refresher, don't forget about Master the Possibilities. Our own Carole Drost gives instruction on several different modalities and is a fountain of information.

Call Anne if you need to know more about our group at 732-0706.



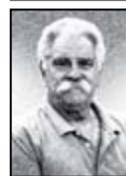
Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

Things are quieting down now and this is only the warning to sign up now for the spring tournament. It will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014, and remember only 60 seats are available. Don't get left out. There are 20 spaces gone already.

We finished the fall class and everyone had a lot of fun. I am always so pleased to see good people playing and having fun. That is really what it is all about at this point of our lives. Have a wonderful holiday season and keep playing. New cards will be here before you know it. Jokers to you until I see you again.

REMINDER
Dogs must be on a leash
at all times.



Bingo

By Mort Meretsky

Super bingo was another success. We had close to 300 people in attendance. Mickey had her usual terrific bake sale and made \$425. The money from her sale goes to the March of Dimes.

Thanks to Blaise Bonaventure for two gift certificates for Mr. B's Big Scoop and one for Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli; and to Gem Galleria Jewelers for donating a beautiful pair of earrings. We also had a generous gift certificate, thanks to Sandy Curtis of hospitality that can be used at either The Pub or Candler Hills Restaurant. Thanks again for their donations.

Bingo takes a well-deserved vacation during December. We will be back on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014. Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy happy New Year.

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Recreation News

By Theresa Fields

December is such a festive month: twinkling lights, colorful decorations and little red elves running the streets. Many of us will be expecting guests and planning for that special dinner. We want to help ease some of the stress by lining up several activities and entertainment during this special time of the year. Below you will find special announcements, activities and trips for the month.

Holiday Food Drive

Our annual Holiday Food Drive will run from Friday, Nov. 29, through Monday, Dec. 16. Donation boxes are located throughout the community (see page 1). Please help those in need by donating non-perishable food items.

Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Fest

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, we will have our 14th annual Golf Cart Parade throughout the community. The cart line-up starts at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center parking lot and the parade starts at 2 p.m. This will amuse the young at heart, and you might even get a glimpse of Santa.

At 6 p.m., join us for a Holiday Fest in the Health & Recreation Ballroom with complimentary entertainment and refresh-

ments. Also at this time, the 12 days of Christmas will be performed "Southern-style." For more information on this event, please contact Kay Chandler at 237-3139.

Seminole Hard Rock Casino

Our next casino trip is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12. Don't be left behind, join us for a fun-filled day. Once you arrive at the casino, you will receive a play pass booklet that includes an entry ticket for the \$1,000 free play drawing, per day, for bus guests only. You need not be present to win. Free play will be added on the guest's Player's Club card and is good for the month. You will find coupons for logo merchandise and meals. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and covers transportation. We now have our 2014 casino dates available! Stop by the Health & Recreation office to pick up your copy. Register for all trips at the Health & Recreation office.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. Celebrate the holidays with friends and family while enjoying the smooth jazz played by the Paul de Ritter Duo. A cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. For more information contact the Health & Recreation Office. This event is free!

Line Dancing

If you are looking for a great way to meet friends and get a great work out, look no more! Line dance classes are back and in full swing at the Health & Recreation Ballroom every Monday. We are offering three

different line dance levels. Marilyn McNeal will be your dance instructor.

Each class is \$10 per month, per class. Please note that you may change to another level to suit your ability during your first month.

Class times and descriptions:

- **IMPROVER/EASY INTERMEDIATE LEVEL:** 3 to 4 p.m. Dance experience required for this class. Current popular dances taught at this level, with quick rhythms and some turns.
- **BEGINNER LEVEL:** 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Dancers need knowledge of basic line dance steps. Combinations and easy patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms, are taught in this class.
- **INTRODUCTION TO LINE DANCE:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Have fun learning how to line dance at your own pace and ability! Steps are thoroughly described, practiced and used in simple patterns.

Happy Hour

Come out for a fun filled evening of live entertainment during Happy Hour. Visit with neighbors and friends and dance the night away. Last month, we enjoyed "Jazz Night" New Orleans style, and we had a full house. Join us this month for the "Holiday Party" on Friday, Dec. 20! Come dressed in your favorite holiday colors, as Santa and his elves are sure to pay a visit.

Our entertainment line-up for the month of December is as follows:

- Dec. 6: Tomaura
- Dec. 13: Retro Express
- Dec. 20: One Flite Up (Holiday Party)
- Dec. 27: Solid Gold

Don't forget that Happy Hour will be held at the Health & Recreation Ballroom on the third Friday of each month, with The Pub being open as well. Snacks will not be permitted during this Happy Hour. If you have a birthday celebration, please contact the Health & Recreation office to make arrangements to bring a cake. Remember, resident ID is required for entry into Happy Hour, and guest fees apply.

New Year's Eve Extravaganza

We still have a few seats left for our New Year's Eve Extravaganza at the Arbor Club Ballroom on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. where you will enjoy appetizers, dinner, entertainment, dancing and more! Music will be provided by Second Slice. Ticket cost includes appetizers, dinner buffet, party favors, champagne toast in a souvenir flute and a continental breakfast. Proper dress is required.

Seating is limited to eight per table. Tickets are \$50 per person for residents and \$60 per person for non-residents, accompanied by a resident. Tickets (max of eight per person) may be purchased at the Health & Recreation office. Resident IDs will be required at purchase!

The menu for the New Year's Eve will include:

Appetizers

Chicken Satay, Fresh Fruit or Vegetable Display

Salad

Mixed Greens with Candied Walnuts, Gorgonzola Cheese and White Wine Poached Asparagus Spears with Honey Walnut Vinaigrette

Entrée

Chef Carved Prime Rib of Beef & Butter Nut Crusted Tilapia with Baby Shrimp Rice Pilaf, Garlic Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes or Fresh Vegetable Sauté

The meal also includes warm rolls, dessert, coffee and iced tea. A champagne toast will take place at midnight. A continental breakfast, at 11:30 p.m., with pastries and cookies with coffee service.

Community Bus

Due to the holidays, the community bus

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will not be running on the following days: Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Please note that the community bus will run the regular schedule on Friday, Dec. 27, to help accommodate for the short weeks. Please contact the Health & Recreation office, if you have any questions.

Holiday Hours

Holiday hours for the Health & Recreation Building and Arbor Club are as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 24

- Health & Recreation office: 8 a.m. to noon.
- Health & Recreation Fitness Center: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled).
- Arbor Club: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled).

Wednesday, Dec. 25

- All facilities closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- Health & Recreation office: closed.
- Health & Recreation Fitness Center: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled).
- Arbor Club: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled).

Wednesday, Jan. 1

- All facilities closed.

Facilities Information

It is that time of year to submit your 2015 room request. The bookings will be entered in January 2014 for the upcoming year. Don't delay, as space is limited! Please remember, if you book a facility for an event or club meetings, you must have a minimum of 10 in attendance; fewer than 10 members will result in cancellation of the facility contract. If your club or event on any given day will not be utilizing the facility, please contact the Health & Recreation office a week prior to that date to cancel the booking.

Please note facilities are for On Top of the World residents only! Guest fees apply to non-residents and for Indigo East residents not holding a Gateway of Service Pass, attending club meetings or events. For more information, contact the Health & Recreation office.

Upcoming January Events

- Friday, Jan. 3: Singing River Cruise
- Tuesday, Jan. 14: Seminole Hard Rock Casino
- Friday, Jan. 17: Horse Farm Tour (HITS)
- Saturday, Jan. 18: Health & Wellness Expo
- Sunday, Jan. 19: Hippodrome Theatre (Good People)
- Friday, Jan. 24: Jungle-themed Happy Hour
- Sunday, Jan. 26: Solar Bear vs Everblades Ice Hockey Game
- Tuesday, Jan 28: Starlite Yacht cruise and lunch
- Friday, Jan. 31: Horse Farm Tour (HITS)

Contact the Health & Recreation office to find out more information on these upcoming events.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday and New Year!

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES*

* Schedule and performers subject to change. For the latest information, please visit www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com or see channels 22, 98 or 732.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Circle Square Ranch Master Association Meeting
Live Oak Hall
9 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Farmer's Market
The Town Square
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cooking demo at 10 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 6

Indigo East Association Meeting
Circle Square Cultural Center
9 a.m.

Candler Hills Association Meeting
Circle Square Cultural Center
2 p.m.

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

Recorded Favorites
The Town Square
5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Rudy Turner
The Town Square
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Holiday Golf Cart Parade
2 p.m.

Holiday Fest
Health & Recreation Ballroom
6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Farmer's Market
The Town Square
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 13

Happy Hour with Retro Express
Arbor Club
4 to 8 p.m.

Recorded Favorites
The Town Square
5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Ray & Kay
The Town Square
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16

Master the Possibilities Winter/Spring Class Registration Begins
Education Center

Wednesday, Dec. 18

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Meeting
Circle Square Cultural Center
9 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

Farmer's Market
The Town Square
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Social Hour
Arbor Club Ballroom
4 to 6 p.m.
For more information, call 854-8707 x7533 or 7530.

Friday, Dec. 20

"Holiday" Happy Hour with One Flite Up
Health & Recreation Ballroom
4 to 8 p.m.

Recorded Favorites
The Town Square
5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Dunning Shaw
The Town Square
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26

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Farmer's Market
The Town Square
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 27

Happy Hour with Solid Gold
Arbor Club
4 to 8 p.m.

Recorded Favorites
The Town Square
5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Recorded Favorites
The Town Square
5 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Party with Second Slice
Arbor Club Ballroom
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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Providence	90th St. - 96th Ter. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd.	8:45 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:49 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	8:53 a.m.
Health & Rec Center	At Bus Stop Sign	8:58 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:02 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:06 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:10 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:14 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:20 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:25 a.m.
Exit Community.....		9:30 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center Parking Lot Call one day in advance for pick-up		
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Jasmine Square.....	9:45 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Tallulah's/Kohls.....	9:55 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's.....	10:05 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lowe's.....	10:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Paddock Mall.....	10:15 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Wal-Mart/Stein Mart.....	10:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
Target.....	10:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks.....	10:40 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:45 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
Candler Hills Community Center.....	1:45 p.m.	Crescent Ridge Post Office.....1:58 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office.....	1:51 p.m.	Health & Rec Building.....2:00 p.m.
Williamsburg Post Office.....	1:53 p.m.	Americana Post Office.....2:03 p.m.
Avalon Post Office.....	1:55 p.m.	Friendship Post Office.....2:05 p.m.
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Beall's & Dollar Tree.....	2:15 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
Wal-mart.....	2:17 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Big Lots.....	2:22 p.m.	3:55 p.m.
Publix Grocery.....	2:27 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
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Annual Photography Exhibit and Reception

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

There was a large turnout at the ninth annual ShutterBugs Photography Exhibit at the Arbor Club on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in a reception hosted by Activities Director Theresa Fields. The annual exhibit displays photographs taken by club members during the past year in a contest held by the ShutterBugs Photography Club.

This year, over 90 photographs were entered into six categories and judged by three professional photographers. The exhibit and reception was open to all residents of our community.

Taking first place was:

Novice category: Ingrid Parody;
Intermediate category: Larry Goldberg;
Advanced category: Margaret Edmiston;
Masters category: Norbert Sachs;
Modified category: Norbert Sachs;
Black & White category: Bill Osis.

All during the reception, small and large groups of spectators along with members of the club, viewed and discussed the photographs hanging on the wall in each of the six categories.

The ShutterBugs Photography Club

meets the first four Tuesdays of each month at the Arbor Conference Center. If you would like to learn more about the club or the possibilities of joining the club, please stop by on a Tuesday and observe what transpires at their meetings.

The club continually strives to improve its members picture taking capabilities by holding classes on such subjects as to what camera to buy, how to take good pictures, composition, special effects, how to correct your photos utilizing your computer, and the subjects continue including having guest speakers.

If you receive a new camera for Christmas, joining the ShutterBugs Photography Club would be an excellent idea to find out all the inner workings of that camera. The club is open to all no matter how professional the photographer thinks he or she is but there is always room for improvement and who knows how many tips in photography one could receive from a meeting.

Happy picture taking and perhaps the next click of your camera's shutter will be a prize-winning photograph.

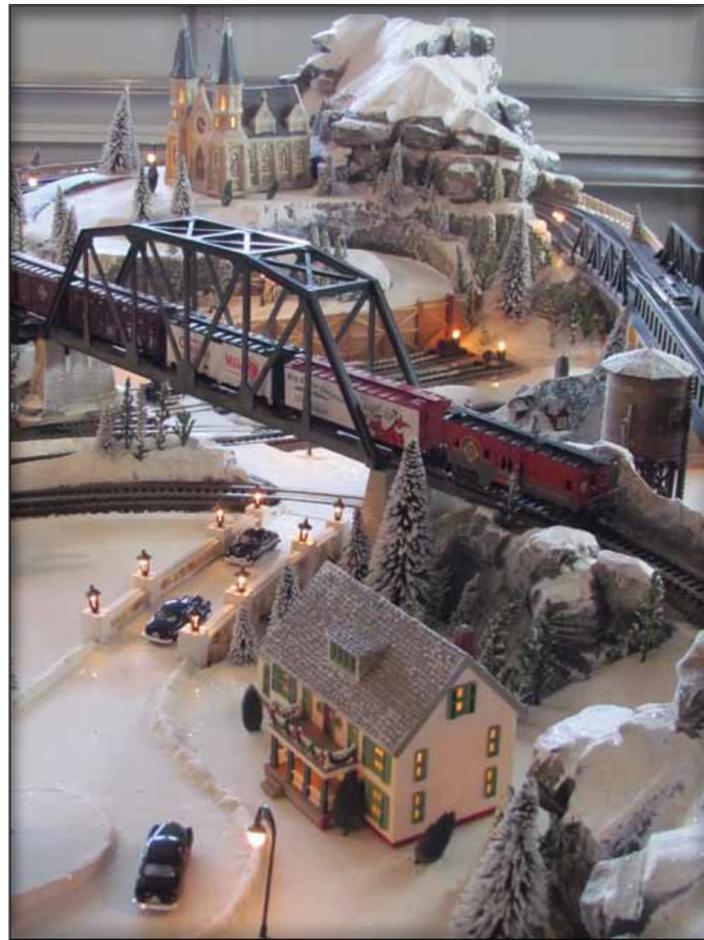


Photo by Bob Woods

Model Railroaders winter scene train layout.

All Aboard

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

All aboard for the fourth annual On Top of the World Model Railroaders Club's open house. This free event is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the club's railroad room in the Health & Recreation Building.

Walt Disney once stated, when he was constructing his theme parks, that his parks were for children "ages eight to 80." Every young boy at one point wanted a model train set. Today, we have many senior kids living within our community. Attending this open house will surely bring back fond memories. Folks, if you have grandchildren visiting over the Christmas holidays, why not bring them over to the open house where some of the kids will be able to op-

erate some of the model HO gauge trains?

The club's plans at time of writing is to have a splendid winter scene railroad layout with two working trains set up in the downstairs entrance to the Health & Recreation Building and this exhibit, which was a big spectator event at the recent Club Fair, will only be displayed at the Friday open house. The club's main layout will be accessible for viewing both days.

Check out the railroad club's column in this issue of the World News for dates and times to view their layout anytime and feel free to ask any questions. All residents and their guests are welcome to attend the open house.

See you all at the open house, and the club wishes all a merry Christmas.



Photo by Bob Woods

Residents enjoying the photography exhibit.

Parade and Holiday Fest

By Jim Chandler

In the last issue of the World News, I described the details of our annual holiday Golf Cart Parade, to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. We asked you to join in the parade by decorating your golf cart or vintage auto to celebrate the holiday season.

The parade route will be the same as last year (see map). Decorate your golf cart and join in the parade. The more the merrier!

Remember that the annual Holiday Fest will also be on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Beginning at 6 p.m., cookies, donated by our generous residents, will be served, along with hot chocolate and coffee - all free of charge. We urge the bakers in our community to bring homemade cookies to the Health & Recreation Ballroom between 3 and 5 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Health & Recreation Building.

Bob Wroblewski will again be our Master of Ceremonies. The special entertainment for this year will include the Concert Chorus and a return of the delightful children's dance group, The Balcony Dance Studio, under the direction of Miss Meagan. We will also have a Hanukkah presentation by Norma Seidman, and Peggy Campbell will lead us in the traditional sing-a-long.

Of course, all of this entertainment will be followed by our traditional and hilarious Twelve Days of Christmas - Southern style. And, we understand that Santa Claus will pay us a visit again the year.

For information about the parade, call Jim Chandler at 237-3139. For information about the Holiday Fest, call Kay Chandler at the same number.

14th Annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 • 2 pm - 3 pm

START: Arbor Conference Center

Map labels include: Dog Park, Golf Pro Shop, Pickleball, Mini Golf, Health and Recreation Center, Customer Services, Admin. Bldg., On Top of the World News, 910W Driving Range, R.C. Flying Field, Arbor Club, Tennis, 3rd Ave, SW 90th St, SW 91st St, SW 92nd St, SW 93rd St, SW 94th St, SW 95th St, SW 96th St, SW 97th St, SW 98th St, SW 99th St, SW 100th St, SW 89th Ln Rd, SW 99th Crd Rd, SW 100th Ave, SW 90th Ln, SW 91st Ln, SW 92nd Ln, SW 93rd Ln, SW 94th Ln, SW 95th Ln, SW 96th Ln, SW 97th Ln, SW 98th Ln, SW 99th Ln, SW 100th Ln, SW 89th Ct, SW 90th Ct, SW 91st Ct, SW 92nd Ct, SW 93rd Ct, SW 94th Ct, SW 95th Ct, SW 96th Ct, SW 97th Ct, SW 98th Ct, SW 99th Ct, SW 100th Ct, SW 89th Pl, SW 90th Pl, SW 91st Pl, SW 92nd Pl, SW 93rd Pl, SW 94th Pl, SW 95th Pl, SW 96th Pl, SW 97th Pl, SW 98th Pl, SW 99th Pl, SW 100th Pl, SW 89th Dr, SW 90th Dr, SW 91st Dr, SW 92nd Dr, SW 93rd Dr, SW 94th Dr, SW 95th Dr, SW 96th Dr, SW 97th Dr, SW 98th Dr, SW 99th Dr, SW 100th Dr, SW 89th Trl, SW 90th Trl, SW 91st Trl, SW 92nd Trl, SW 93rd Trl, SW 94th Trl, SW 95th Trl, SW 96th Trl, SW 97th Trl, SW 98th Trl, SW 99th Trl, SW 100th Trl.

On Top of the World Communities

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Golf

By Matt Hibbs

The holiday season is upon us and the golf staff would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

With only a few weeks left to finish your holiday shopping, I would like to announce our holiday sales for both Candler Hills Golf Club and On Top of the World Golf Club. The Candler Hills holiday sale will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 6 p.m. On Top of the World Golf Club will host their event Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. Please stop by to shop for great deals while enjoying a beverage.

I would also like to encourage everyone to register for our annual Beat the Pro holiday event. The event will be a 9 a.m. shotgun at Candler Hills Golf Club on Monday, Dec. 16. Call either Golf Shop for details. Please try and take it easy on us this year.

Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy Jorgensen and his staff to provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses.

The golf staff would like to remind everyone to register or renew your golf membership for 2014. If you're renewing your membership or considering joining for 2014, please contact Trudy Foster at 861-2765 with any questions. We encourage everyone to register early in December because the membership office will become very busy the closer we get to 2014. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are also offering a special promotion

... if you join the VIP Dining Program by Tuesday, Dec. 31. You will receive an additional 5% off all purchases at either of our fine establishments for the month of January. Contact Trudy Foster at 861-2765 with any questions.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Steve Thesman, eagle on #7. Ron Fulton, eagle on #7.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, Dec. 3: Candler Hills Golf Shop holiday sale, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4: On Top of the World Golf Shop holiday sale, from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 16: Beat the Pro holiday golf event at Candler Hills, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24: Both Golf Clubs close at 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25: Both Golf Clubs closed all day.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31: Both Golf Clubs close at 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1: Both Golf Clubs close at 2 p.m.

Golf Tip of the Month

You hit your second shot in a greenside bunker, you need to get up and down to save par and win the match. You step up to the shot, dig your feet in and take a swing. Next you look up to see the ball sailing clear across the green. Does this sound familiar?

This is a common mistake that all golfers make. Most are defeated before they even set foot in the bunker. Bunker shots should be easier than any other shot in golf. The reason being is you're not actually trying to hit the ball.

When hitting a greenside bunker shot you should open your stance and club. Swing a little harder than a typical shot from the same distance and try and hit an inch behind the ball. Never decelerate your swing. This will allow your club to dig into the sand forcing the ball to pop out nice and soft. Next time step in that bunker with confidence, trust the shot and win the match.



Photo by Mary Pat Giffin

Kate Beaty and Gail Banavige participated in the member/member two-day golf tournament, which drew 104 players. They took first place in the Bradley flight. Congratulations!



Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

By Mary Pat Giffin

It's all around you – the holiday spirit. You and neighbors are decorating your homes for the season – both inside and out; getting together with family and friends to share food and wine; watching Christmas classics like "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Bells of Saint Mary;" listening to Christmas music; and so much more. What a wonderful time of year.

Our league is sharing that holiday spirit with one another at Bella Cucina (Oak Run) on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner and cocktails. It's rare we see one another without sun hats, sunglasses and golf clothes. So, pull out that little black dress for the occasion.

The final round of the President's Cup is being played this week so look for the results on the website. Although many of us didn't make the final cut, playing match play allowed us to really screw up a hole and still have a chance.

The 50/50 raffle returned last month. On the second Thursday of the month, you

can buy tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. So, be sure to bring some extra cash on league day. Half the proceeds go to First Tee of Ocala. We will continue the raffle through May 2014.

What a great turnout for the first annual Member/Member golf tournament. The two-day event, which was held at the Links and Candler Hills, drew 104 golfers to the field.

Enjoy the festivities this month because you'll want to shed those holiday pounds come January.

Criers Individual Game Oct. 24

Flight 1: 63–Tona Scheibal. 64–Judie Anderson. Flight 2: Tied at 65–Betty Dong and Deanne Green.

Flight 3: 68–Carol Venslavsky. 73–Carol Robinson.

Team Best Ball Oct. 31

66–Judie Anderson and Lori Anderson. Tied at 68–Deborah Martin, Kathy Smyth and Kathy O'Leary; and Judy McGrath, Lise Jordaan and Donna Sauer.

Individual Stableford Nov. 7

Flight 1: 43–Peggy Boros. 39–Iro Lisinsky. Flight 2: 40–Nancy Shoner. 39–Patty Ware. 36–Deanne Green. Flight 3: 44–Linda Buschur. 37–Gail Schultz. 30–Heddy Racinowski.

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Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

Seeing as I'm working myself into a festive mood, what with the holidays fast approaching, may I be one of the first to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. Here's hoping everyone gets most everything on that wish list they sent to the rotund guy with the white beard, funny red suit and black boots who is tirelessly working his butt off somewhere way up north.

Our annual November member's meeting was a rousing success both from an informational standpoint and judging by the satiated looks on our member's faces after consuming the epicurean delights provided by the association. At that same meeting, as we bid a fond adieu to outgoing Treasurer Marc Schaffer, we welcomed back to the board Garry Gerlach. In addition to Garry, the membership, in its' infinite wisdom (infinite wisdom?) has allowed yours truly the privilege of serving one more term. Once the new board is seated, all pertinent information for the coming 2014 season will be forthcoming via email and our website CHMGA.com. Dues will remain at a trifling \$30 and are now due and payable dur-

ing the month of December.

Speaking of December, members should be honing their games for the upcoming Intra-Club Ryder Cup scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10. In addition to the individual match play competition, your association will be providing all participants a scrumptious palette-pleasing luncheon accompanied by complimentary wine, grog and pop. Captains Norris and Nimerala at this very moment are working on their respective teams practice schedules and grueling two-a-day training sessions.

Golfing legend Lee Trevino once said, "Arnold Palmer has the best grip ever. They should take his hands and bronze them. His grip is even better than Harry Vardon's, and he invented it." Having a firm grip on their own golf games this past month were Walt Pacuk and Charley Dove (73), Tom Garrison (76), Craig Riber (77), Pat Clayton, Larry Smallwood, Bill Latta and Keith Nesbit (78) and Mike Deahl, Larry Rackstraw and Roger Whittle (79). Well done "wackin' yer Dunlops" mates!

We welcome newest member Bill Latta to the assemblage in the hope that you will enjoy the experience. I'm not one to mince

words, so I suggest you bring along a sense of comicality and a wee bit of fondness for endless banter to go along with a true appreciation for this great game. Anyone interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at tjalf8371@yahoo.com for more information.

As always, may I continue to wish everyone a life full of "nothing but fairways and greens my friends, simply fairways and greens."

Four-Man Three Best Balls
Oct. 15

185-Tom Garrison, Roger Whittle, Nick Nimerala & Jerry Cofield; 189-Keith Nesbit, Glenn Sauer, Jim McGrath & Bob Cowie; 195-Ron Fulton, Ron Shoner, Tom Martinetto & Joe Mandala; 197-Al Wassmer, Steve Rice, JC Van Bloom & Stan Jarmel.

Four-Man Two Best Stableford
Oct. 22

99-Charlie Dove, Ken Zweiback, Tim Beaty & John Workman; 96-Mike Deahl, Dave Miller, Joe Mandala & Bob Cowie; 94-Craig Riber, Tom Racinowski, Randy Ford & Don Huston.

CHMGA/MGA Four-Man Scramble
Oct. 29
Ichabod Crane Flight: 64-Garry Gerlach, Ralph

Solvold, John Gill & Mike Flynn and Bill Anger, Jack Gustafson, Fred Moody & Hector Lopez and Joe Alfano, Rich Freeman, Randy Ford & Keith Buckhold.

Headless Horseman Flight: 65-Charlie Dove, Roger Whittle, Dale Budd & Jon Raupach; 66-Ron Fulton, Bill Latta, John Bradley & Don Huston and John Redden, Joe Hawkins, Wally Schilf & Jack Hegarty and Larry Smallwood, John Menzies, Bill Walker & Roy White and Craig Riber, John Podkomorski, George Strob & John Workman

Four-Man Modified Scramble
Nov. 5

279-Tom Garrison, Nick Nimerala, Mike Romm & Bill Horton; 284-Bruce Venslavsky, Jim McGrath, Bob Cowie & Bill Anger; 285-Bruce Shanfelt, Marc Schaffer, Joe Mandala & Leo McCormick; 292-Bryant Giffin, John Redden, John Workman & Bob Cooke and Chris Jett, John Podkomorski, Roger McKay & Ed Pozsony.

Four-Man Second & Third Best Ball
Nov. 12

141-Bill Anger, Dave Miller, Gil Green & Don Huston and Larry Smallwood, Tom Racinowski, Mike Romm & Joe Jingco and Mike Deahl, Chuck Lafferty, Ed Vioria & Bob Cowie.



Men's Golf Association

By Bill McGarry

Well here it is the end of November and I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

Charlie Dove won the CAL Apperson Veterans Cup Tournament, after a good battle with Steve Becker, which went right up to the 18th hole.

Chicken Day will be Wednesday, Dec. 4. During lunch, we will present Charlie Dove with his trophy for his recent victory. Also the Hospice of Marion County donation check will be presented. This check will represent money collected on Chicken Day golfing events.

Dues need to be paid by the end of the month of December. Dues will remain at \$10 for the year.

Finally, we will be distributing our 2014 handbook. I want to thank George Blan-

kenship for the work he did putting the book together and ensuring it got to the printer.

The board would also like to thank Charlie Casale and Joe Dent for their time and service on the board.

Please have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Straight Scramble
Oct. 2 / Links

61-Ross MacDonald, Charles Casale, Art Dushary, and Michael Krzeminski. 65-Richard Norris, Wally Schilf, Rocky Groomes, and Fred Moody. Tied at 66-John Langville, Art Buecher, Joe Dent, William McGarry; Rudy Normandin, Norm Lallier, Edward Conaway, John Ricciardone; Charlie Dove, Paul East, Tom Marta, Wolf Stoldt; Bob Cronin, John Bauer, Peter Peterson, William Miller; Vincent Jones, Ed Klodzen, Arlo Jensen, Joe Rappa; Jim Weaver, Guy Russell, Stanley Caldwell, Jack Martin; and Tom McHaffie, Ron Cleveringa, John Bradley.

Individual Net
Oct. 9 / Links

Flight 1: 62-Jim Weaver. Tied at 68-Charlie Dove and Vincent Jones. 69-Joe Hawkins. 71-George Blankenship.

Flight 2: 62-James Merrick. 63-Mike Driver. 65-John Hudacik. 67-Tary Bole. 68-Ron Cleveringa. Flight 3: 65-Edward Conaway. 68-Steve Becker. 69-Rocky Groomes. 70-Tom Marta. 71-Art Buecher.

Flight 4: 64-Ross MacDonald. Tied at 66-Bill Walker and Tony Magri. 67-Henry Sohl. 69-Douglas Coleman.

Flight 5: Tied at 66-John Ricciardone and Ronald Wilson. Tied at 68-Richard Enos, William McGarry, and Wolf Stoldt.

Cal Apperson Veterans Cup
Oct. 18 / Links

Flight 1: 88-Jim Weaver. 84-Vincent Jones. Tied at 82-Charlie Dove and Rudy Normandin.

Flight 2: 85-Francis Caprez. 82-Steve Becker. 79-Michael Krzeminski. 77-James Merrick. Flight 3: 83-Tony Magri. 81-Henry Sohl. 75-Art Buecher. 74-Mike Driver.

Flight 4: 88-William Engels. 87-Kas Kaske. 83-Ross MacDonald. 80-Fred Moody.

Round 1
Oct. 12 / Links

Jim Weaver, Charlie Dove, Fred Moody, Ross MacDonald, James Merrick, Steve Becker, Mike Driver, and Henry Sohl.

Round 2
Oct. 23 / Links

Charlie Dove, Steve Becker, Henry Sohl, and Ross MacDonald.

Round 3
Oct. 25 / Links

Charlie Dove and Steve Becker.

Round 4
Oct. 26 / Links

Charlie Dove.

Team Quota Points
Oct. 23 / Links

23-Frank Smith, Gene Sohler, Art Frescura, and William Engels. 22-John Hudacik, John Gill, Dale Budd, and Douglas Coleman. 17-John Langville, Jerry Chase, Clifford Jones, and Scott Fraser. 16-Joe Hawkins, Leonard Ruble, Peter Peterson, and David Miller. 15-Rudy Normandin, Carl Zeiler, Rocky Groomes, and Wolf Stoldt.

Individual Stableford
Oct. 30 / Links

Flight 1: 47-Joe Hawkins. 42-Jim Weaver. Tied at 41-Charlie Dove, Joe Quaranta, and Jon Hill. Flight 2: Tied at 43-Don Noel and Tim O'Neil. 42-Larry Lucieer. 41-Michael Krzeminski. Tied at 40-David CH Miller and John Gill.

Flight 3: 44-Jim Borro. 43-Clifford Jones. 40-Steve Becker. Tied at 39-Carl Zeiler, Gene Sohler, and Kenneth Cotte.

Flight 4: 45 Hira Roy. Tied at 42-Art Buecher, Art Frescura, and Tony Magri. Tied at 41-Henry Sohl, Phil Johnson, and Rocky Groomes.

Flight 5: 48-David Miller. 47-Ronald Wilson. 45 Kas Kaske. 44-Mike Flynn. Tied at 43-Barry Barringer and Bill Walker.

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Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole

By Judith Parisi

The CHLGA-9 held its Fall Invitational – The Loudest Colors of Fall – on Thursday, Oct. 24. Ginny Redden and her committee hosted a fantastic event. It could not have been better – from the coordination of golf by the Candler Hills staff, to the well organized registration and ticket sales,

table decorations, gift bags, snack bags, elegant raffle items, a delicious dinner from Sonny's, beautifully decorated cake, and of course, a fun group of ladies participating.

We had a nice turn out from the ladies leagues of Spruce Creek South, Oak Run, Stone Crest, On Top of the World, Eagle Ridge, Royal Oaks and of course our own Candler Hills ladies. 64 ladies played in the tournament. In keeping with the theme, the ladies were decked out in vibrant colors and eye catching patterns.

The format was a modified scramble with a shotgun start, with two flights – one on the front nine, the other on the back nine.

Flight 3: 54–Agnes Tetti, 56–Connie Deignan.
Flight 4: 51–Cathy Hathaway, 61–Jean Flynn.
Modified Scramble with LGA-18
Sept. 17

71–Sandy Chase, Mary Lyon, Joan Rappa (9).
72–Bev Ovrebo, Eileen Gustavus (9), Barbara Buecher, Dea Johnson. 76–Rosemarie O'Neil, M. Kay Budd (9), Fran Griswold. 77–Linda Blewitt, Carol Johnson, Caroline East (9), Ethel Miller. 77–Harriet Hawkins, Joan Cecchini, Kathy Dushary (9), Velma Rose. 77–Mary Driver, Margaret Hudacik, Sheila Ashe (9), Marilyn Rose.

Scramble
Oct. 1

40–Kathleen Dushary, M. Kay Budd, Mary Hart, Jean Flynn. 41–Linda Dumeer, Jane Wilson, Adele Stelljes, Judith Kane. 42–Marlene Floeckher, Grace Bock, Ethel Miller, Louise Lineman.

Low Gross
Oct. 8

Flight 1: 47–Linda Dumeer, 54–Grace Bock, 54–Kathleen Dushary.
Flight 2: 53–Marlene Floeckher, 56–Carol Bell, 56–M. Kay Budd.
Flight 3: 57–Betty Tully, 60– Adele Stelljes, 63–Marie Marquis.
Flight 4: 57–Jean Flynn, 59–Ethel Miller, 62–Mary Hart.
Chip Ins: Carol Bell, Ethel Miller.

Skins
Oct. 15

5–Skins: Louise Lineman.
4–Skins: Carol Bell, Marlene Floeckher, Joan Rappa.
3–Skins: Kathleen Dushary, Jean Flynn, Eileen Gustavus, Linda Heenan, Carol Moravec.

Low Net
Oct. 22

Flight 1: 31–Linda Dumeer, 34–Caroline East, 35–Eileen Gustavus.
Flight 2: 27– Marlene Floeckher, 33–Kathleen Dushary 36–Carol Bell, M. Kay Budd.
Flight 3: 31–Agnes Tetti, 36–Ethel Miller, 38–Adele Stelljes.
Flight 4: 24–Virginia Bayless, 33–Louise Lineman, 36–Jean Flynn.

Shamble
Oct. 29

124–Eileen Gustavus, Agnes Tetti, Ethel Miller, Virginia Bayless. 150–Serine Rossi, Kathleen Dushary, Jean Flynn, blind draw. 158–Caroline East, Pauline Beloin, Cathleen Hathaway, blind draw.

Ladies 9-Hole Golf



By Lorraine Rourke

The November business meeting had an excellent turnout. The "Tapas, Toast, Tuesday" was enjoyed by many of the ladies. This month's entrée was a delicious baked potato with all the toppings. The tapas will be available during the meeting so that it is a working meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 3. The entrée will be posted by the sign-up sheet the week before. Be sure to sign up and pay at the Golf Shop by the deadline on Sunday.

Any questions on rules should be addressed to Linda Dumeer; she will be the point of contact so we can be sure to get one correct answer. She will also go over a rule at our meeting prior to heading out to golf. She reviewed one at the meeting that educated a few of us, so stay tuned and listen closely.

Please note that the GHN system has been changed. We are using a new system (GolfNet) with the computer located in the Golf Shop; members should not be using the old one. If you have recently entered a score in the old one, then you will need to go back and enter it into the new system. Check in the Golf Shop for your user ID and password for getting on remotely if you use a computer at home.

Our holiday banquet will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Bella Cucina in Oak Run at 4:30 p.m.; check the bulletin board for sign up, price, and meal. You need to pay at the time of sign up – put a check addressed to the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole League in the box.

Keep in mind, if the weather causes play to be cancelled, an e-mail will go out at 7:30 a.m. If you do not have e-mail, call the Golf Shop to determine if play is cancelled.

Low Gross
Sept. 10

Flight 1: 45–Eileen Gustavus, 50–Linda Dumeer.
Flight 2: 51–Pauline Beloin, 53–Caroline East.



Photo by Judy Parisi

Dottie Baird celebrated our theme of "The Loudest Colors of Fall."

9 Dimes
Oct. 31

We played and competed within our foursomes; therefore, there were no overall winners for this date.

Low Gross/Low Net
Nov. 7

Low Gross: 50–Diane O'Brien; 51–Fran Greenfield; 53–Laurel Rohrer.
Low Net: 33–Olive Curtin; 35–Mary Giannukos, Gail Ambrose, Marguerite Piotrowski; 38–Pat Gill, Judy Parisi.

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Arbor Club Tennis

By Jorge Privat

Again, I must mention that the Woodie Tournament was just terrific and I commend all the participants for their willingness to try and see how tennis used to be played before racquet and string technology changed the way tennis is played today. The winners of the Woodie Tournament were Jim Lynam and Bryan Cerrutti. Hats off to them.

On another vein, I must say I was disappointed in the way "Rafa" Nadal played in the finals of the year-end tournament held in London, losing to Novak Djokovic 6-3 - 6-4. Yes, Nadal is still numero uno, but Djokovic can say he beat Nadal the last three times they played. So, who is the best? I don't know.

With the women, however, there's no doubt in anyone's mind that at the present time, nobody can beat Serena Williams.

It will be interesting to see what 2014 brings. We will be looking forward to the Australian Open, which is the first major of the year to be played in mid-January.

High Sugar Diet Linked to Cholesterol

The following was adapted from WebMD Health News. The average American eats the equivalent of about 21 teaspoons of added sugar a day - about 2-1/2 to 3 times more than new "heart disease prevention guidelines" say they should.

Excess sugar is known to contribute to obesity, diabetes, and other conditions linked to heart disease, and now new research links it to unhealthy cholesterol and triglyceride levels. People in the study who ate the most added sugar had the lowest HDL, or good cholesterol, and the highest blood triglyceride levels. People who ate

the least sugar had the highest HDL and the lowest triglyceride levels.

ADDED SUGAR, EMPTY CALORIES: Added sugar is defined as any caloric sweetener used in processed or prepared foods. Beyond increasing calories, added sugars have no nutritional value.

In guidelines released late last summer, the American Heart Association recommended limiting added sugar in the diet to no more than 100 calories a day for most women and 150 calories for most men. That's about six teaspoons of sugar a day for women and nine teaspoons for men.

To put this in perspective, the average 12-ounce can of regular soda has between 8 and 10 teaspoons of sugar. A breakfast cereal with 16 grams of sugar per serving has about four teaspoons.

In the newly published study, daily consumption of added sugars averaged about 360 calories a day, or 16% of total daily calories. That is an increase of about six percent in just over three decades tells researcher Miriam Vos to WebMD, "But not surprising, given the proliferation of processed foods with large amounts of added sugars."

Vos and colleagues analyzed data on 6,113 adults from 1999 to 2006. Sugar consumption appears to be directly related to HDL and triglyceride levels. The more sugar the participants ate, the lower their HDL and higher their triglycerides.

SUGAR HIDING IN DRINKS, PROCESSED FOODS: Nutrition professor Rachel K. Johnson, PhD, of the University of Vermont says only a small minority of Americans meet the goal of eating no more than 100 to 150 calories a day of added sugars. Reading labels can help, but because labels don't distinguish between added sugars and those that occur naturally in foods like fruits, vegetables, and dairy products, they can be misleading. "When a label has the word 'syrup' or words that end in 'ose' like sucrose, fructose and dextrose, these are added sugars." We know that beverages are the number one source of added sugars in the diet. Most fruit drinks and sports drinks



Photo by Brenda Miller

Nancy Clarkson and Jorge Privat present the winners of the tournament, Jim Lynam and Bryan Cerrutti, their prizes.

are full of added sugar. Eating fewer processed foods is also key.

Therefore, the old mantra to shop the perimeter of the grocery store is as true to-

day as it ever was. A diet based of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low fat dairy, and lean meats will be low in added sugars, she adds.



R/C Flyers

By Elliott Wilkins

The RC Flyers is a radio control model airplane club consisting presently of 128 of the most skilled and experienced builders and flyers of RC model airplanes in the country. We are a nationally recognized club sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

We build and fly electric, glow and gas model airplanes. Our flying field is located at the end of SW 94th Street, beyond the entrance road to the Arbor Club. I am sure most of you reading this column have either attended one of our fly-ins or have seen or heard our planes flying overhead. We have two shows a year here at On Top of the World and we also have special shows at the field at various times during the year, such as our fly-in benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project, in which we raised over \$4,000. Thanks to many of you who attend-

ed and were so generous in your donations. We are not just a club devoted to those of us who have aviation and aeronautics in their background, although that would help, but rather a club in which anyone can join and in which we believe will be an asset in a persons active and healthy lifestyle as well as the friendships you will enjoy as a member of the RC Flyers.

Come on down and join us at one of our monthly meetings and see for yourselves. Our club meetings are held on the first Monday of every month in the Arbor Conference Center, at 9 a.m.

All residents are welcome! Don't worry about age or ability to learn to fly. We also have some of the best instructor pilots in the country who will guide you through every step until you are ready to solo.

If you can't make the meetings, come down to the field and see for yourself the wonderful world of RC model airplane flight in action. Talk to the club members there and witness the congeniality and camaraderie. If you have any questions, just ask.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings or at the field. There are flyers at the field almost everyday, weather permitting, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Billiards

By Richard Impresa

Rack the Balls with Boughs of Holly

Twas the night before Christmas and the poolroom was dark
The players were waiting for Santa, his sleigh to park
Then the door flew open and who should appear
But old Nick himself with all his pool gear
He wore black boots and a velvet suit so red
Pool goodies galore were piled high in his sled
His cap was topped with a bright white cue ball
He stepped up and challenged everyone in the hall
"I'll play eight-ball or nine, one pocket or straight
And I'll spot you all three balls right out of the gate"
As he slammed his money down hard on the rail
He dared all the house players not to go frail
The hall fell silent, the shooters all still
He laughed as the suckers lined up for the kill
His cue had eight points with gold rings galore
A true work of art, not sold in any store
He screwed it together with one quick turn
And bellowed, "Let's see who's ready to learn?"
Ray quickly jumped up to the front of the line
And was dispatched by Santa in world record time
Next was Gene, then came George, Fred, and Dick

Visually Impaired

By Lee Wagner

When I first started to write these columns in 1996, there was really not very much progress to report. Many serious eye studies had actually not yet come to any conclusions. The studies did not start much before the 1970s on a large scale, and it takes years to complete the work.
At this point, we have some great research news to report! It comes to us in the form of a subretinal implant called the Alpha IMS. Retina Implant AG of Reutlingen developed it in Germany. It is also known as an artificial or bionic eye. It has been granted marketing approval since it meets European safety and reliability standards.
It is a tiny microchip placed in a central point in the retina. It helps a person to see enough for everyday tasks. The person can control the device by means of a power supply connected to a coil placed behind the ear. Just imagine what that will be like for someone who has lost their sight completely. There are plans to launch clinical trials in the United States.
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at The Pub, at 3 p.m. for our annual Christmas luncheon! So come and enjoy some good food, meet some nice people to talk to and start the season with some fun. Anyone with questions, please call Lee at 237-4843.

None came even close to besting Saint Nick
Up stepped Tommy and gave it his best
But, like all the others before him, he too failed the test
Just as he was ready to take all the money and go
A voice yelled out, "not so quick, fatso"
"Put up all your money and that custom cue
And sure as it's Christmas I'll mop the floor with you"
Saint Nick replied, "Son take my advice, don't even bother
Cuz' I'll make you wish your mother never met your father"
Mike came forward and quickly racked the balls
The game was on, deck the halls
They banked and they jumped, they masse-ed and they kicked
But in the end, it was the old saint himself who got licked
That bearded stranger still roams our pool hall
He just looks kind of average, neither too short or tall
He defeated Saint Nick despite all the odds
For on that Christmas Eve, he owned the pool gods
So if you come to the pool hall looking for a game
Bring all your skills and call out his name
Don't call out for Jimmy, Joe, Bob, Al or Mitch
Just so you know it, he answers to Rich
As Nick dashed to the sleigh with his reindeer of eight
He said, "Got to go now, it's getting real late"
As the crowd gathered round he shot to the sky
He looked back and yelled, "Merry Christmas, keep stroking, and keep your tip dry"



Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Marilyn Rose

Wow! We couldn't ask for better weather. The change is most welcome. Hope you are enjoying it.
Many things have happened this month, and more will be coming now that the holidays are arriving like a freight train. We have welcomed a few new ladies and I will try to have them in the column by next month.
Modified Scramble with 9-Hole LGA Sept. 17 / Tortoise & Hare
71-Sandy Chase, Mary Lyon, Joan 9 Rappa. 72-Bev Ovrebo, Eileen 9 Gustavus, Barbara Buecher, Dea Johnson. 76-Rosemarie O'Neil, M Kay 9 Budd, Fran Griswold. Tie at 77-Linda Blewitt, Carol Johnson, Caroline East, Ethel 9 Miller; Harriet Hawkins, Joan Cecchini, Kathleen 9 Dushary, Velma Rose, Mary Driver, Maggie Hudacik, Sheila 9 Ashe, Marilyn Rose.
Low Gross/Low Net Oct. 15 / Links
Flight 1 Gross: 84-Beverly Ovrebo; 85-Mia Kolar.
Flight 1 Net: 67-Peggy Borro; Tie at 71-Gretchen Normandin, Iro Lisinski, Mary Muller.
Flight 2 Gross: 89-Sandy Chase; 96-Susan Watters.
Flight 2 Net: 74-Connie Sohl; 76-Ruth Caraway.
Flight 3 Gross: 99-Maggie Hudacik; 100-Pat MacMurray.
Flight 3 Net: Tie at 71-Jo Ann Roney, Carol John-

son.
Flight 4 Gross: 102-Lou Borders, 118-Yoshiko Young.
Flight 4 Net: 71-Shirley Smagner; 79-Dea Johnson.
Nassau Front/Back/Total Net Oct. 22 / Links
Flight 1: 33-32-65-Peggy Borro; 37-32-69-Harriet Hawkins; 37-34-71-Gretchen Normandin.
Flight 2: 34-32-66-Sandy Chase; Tie at 33-38-71-Chris McIntire; 35-36-71-Susan Watters.
Flight 3: 35-32-67-Carol Johnson; 41-34-75-Fumie Vetch; 33-42-75-Lori Anderson.
Flight 4: 33-33-66-Mary Jane McAtee; 36-36-72-Lou Borders; 36-41-77-Joan Cecchini
Flight 5: 37-36-73-Dea Johnson; 39-41-80-Shirley Smagner; 46-40-86-Marilyn Rose.
Colored Ball Gross Oct. 29 / The Links
125-Joan D'Addio, Bonnie Leclerc, Maggie Hudacik, Shirley Smagner. 131-Bev Ovrebo, Lorie Anderson, Connie Sohl, Dea Johnson. 134-Nancy Zielinski, Ruth Caraway, Fumie Veatch, Vel Rose. 135-Val Smith, Sandy Chase, Pat MacMurray, Yoshiko Young.
Even Holes Net Nov. 5 / Tortoise & Hare
Flight 1: 29-Bev Ovrebo; 36-Deb Martin; 36-Joan D'Addio; Linda Blewitt.
Flight 2: Tie at 35-Iro Lisinski, Sandy Chase; 39-Rosemarie O'Neil, 40-Susan Watters.
Flight 3: 35-Maggie Hudacik, 36-Mary Jane McAtee; 38-Judy Pasch; 40-Connie Sohl.
Flight 4: 36-Lou Borders; 39-Shirley Smagner; Tie at 40-Dea Johnson, Ellie Rapacz.
Hope you enjoyed the food and company on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The committee is working hard to give you a change and a good time. See you on the course.

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Shuffleboard

By Grace Rohde

Kathy Kostishion is a newcomer to shuffleboard, having first joined the Tuesday p.m. team during the 2012-2013 season. Kathy had never played shuffleboard until she moved to On Top of the World, and it was Ginny Smith, secretary of the Shuffleboard Club, who introduced Kathy to shuffleboard. Kathy and Ginny are not strangers to each other, as they had known one another when they were younger and had gone to school together in Jim Thorpe, Penn.

Kathy mentioned that she enjoys playing shuffleboard to socialize and also to enjoy competition with other players. In this short period of time that she has played on the team, Kathy has already been a top player and also made the 25 Club.

Joe Veres recently gave me an article, from the Tampa Bay Times, to share with the shuffleboard players. The paper states,

"This year marks the 100th anniversary of shuffleboard in Florida, the 90th anniversary in St. Petersburg, and about the 500th anniversary of shuffleboard on our planet."

In addition, the article tells us about Sam Allen, also called "the king of shuffleboard." For those of you who are not familiar with him, let me tell you about him. Each time you play shuffleboard at On Top of the World or other shuffleboard courts, you are most likely using the equipment made by the Allen R. Shuffleboard store of which Sam is the owner.

His father, Richard, founded the store, the largest of its kind in the world, in 1941. Richard Allen was more interested in it as a business than playing the game, however, he lacked people skills. It was not until Sam took over the business in 1967, that it began to thrive.

Today, Sam Allen, 84, has passed the store to his son, Jimmy. The article says this of Jimmy, "Jimmy loves shuffleboard, too; unlike Papa, he even plays a passable game." On Oct. 20, Sam Allen was inducted into the International Hall of Fame, "not

because of his prowess on the court but for his contributions to the sport."

Some of you have shown interest in purchasing your own cue stick. You can do this by going directly to the Allen R. Shuffleboard store located in Seminole, Fla. (near St. Petersburg) or you can purchase it online at the Allen R. Shuffleboard website.

Even though many think of shuffleboard for the older generation, in the article from Joe and also the article in the Ocala Star Banner which John Mataya gave me to share, the trend is changing - the younger generations are now showing up on the courts. Both papers say that in St. Petersburg on Friday nights, it is becoming common to see the shuffleboard courts now packed with teens and families.

There will be a Christmas Ten Pin Tournament (in house) on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. In the event of rain, the tournament will be on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to play and have not signed up yet, contact your captain or Peter Van Arsdale.

The winners in regular weekly play for

October were as follows:

Men

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz.
Tuesday p.m.: Jim Smith.
Wednesday p.m.: Jim Russell.
Thursday a.m.: Joe Hawkins.
Friday a.m.: Jim Youngman.

Women

Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz.
Tuesday p.m.: Tie between Kathy Kostishion and Margot Thomas.
Thursday a.m.: Sally Herrick.
Friday a.m.: Tie between Nancy Kowsky and Shirley Lindsay.

25 Club Men

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher, Paul Wiseman.
Thursday a.m.: Peter Van Arsdale.

25 Club Women

Tuesday p.m.: Edith Kolb, Kathy Kostishion, and Margot Thomas.
Thursday a.m.: Sally Herrick, Carol Lopez, Helen Monsees, and Ernestine Pryor.
Friday a.m.: Gina Bulloch, Nancy Kowsky, Mary Kuntz, Shirley Lindsay, and Marilyn Youngman.

POETRY

BY ON TOP OF THE WORLD RESIDENTS

The Santa Claus Life

By Annette Sharpe

Who's that round and jolly fellow,
With whiskers long and white,
Who comes to visit children on a cold
December night?
He laughs with a hearty ho, ho, ho,
And wears a big wide grin,
As he knows bills from each pack he fills,
won't do him in,
For, when it's time to pay, old Santa will be
far away.
Don't laugh at his belly,
This problem's hard to fight.
He has to eat a lot of junk on, delivery
night,
Cookies, chocolates, (root) beer,
And carrots for his reindeer.
He wears heavy boots, and his suit's fiery
red,
But, he'd prefer loafers and blue jeans
instead.
His wardrobe's limited, that's true,
But an out-of-uniform Santa would never
do.
He only works once a year for the chil-
dren's sake,
And, some think his life is a piece of cake,
But, his back is a mess from all the stress
Of a sack on it all the time,
So, one might agree, after all the glee,
Santa's life is not so sublime.
At his age, some say, with a warning
voice,
In and out of a sleigh on rooftops is not a
good choice.
And, a smoking chimney is an ominous
sight.
He's expected to brave it for each child's
delight.
We all get a thrill on Christmas Eve night,
When that vision of Santa Claus comes
into sight.
It could be the main event of the year,
A visit from Santa and eight tiny reindeer.

Model Railroaders

By Jim Lynam

All are invited! The Model Railroaders Club will be hosting a holiday open house on Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day in the train room.

The club also plans to have Gary Mowry's fantastic Christmas layout that was featured at the Club Fair in September on display as well. The members will have multiple trains running continuously on both the special layout as well as the main layout in the train room. There will be passenger trains, freight trains, work trains, and yard trains running simultaneously throughout the city and countryside.

For those of you who remember "the good old days" of railroading, you will be amazed at the variety of steam engines that will be pulling the consists. There will also be diesel locomotives representing the



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more modern era running the main line and performing yard-switching duties.

The room will be filled with the sounds of railroading from the squealing of hot brakes on the turns, the bell of the engine working the yard, to the haunting and "throaty" sound of the steam whistle warning the automobiles at the crossings. The room will change from daylight operation to twilight time when the lights from all of the buildings, city streets, engines and passenger cars emerge and twinkle in your eyes to add to the enjoyment.

The club encourages you to bring your

friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren to the holiday open house on the Friday and Saturday after Christmas! Happy holidays to everyone!

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located in a room with entry from the Health & Recreation fitness center. The club members work on the layout on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Our monthly meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in Meeting Room #3 (Poker Room) of the Craft Building.



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Photo by ShutterBug Gordon Daniels



ShutterBugs Photography

By Gary Uhley

What? You missed it? Aww, for shame! The ShutterBugs have just closed their annual Photography Exhibit. Again this year they had 90 entries across six categories vying for ribbons. All photos were on display in the Arbor Club Ballroom, for the enjoyment of residents and guests alike.

Winners included:

Novice

1: Ingrid Parady; 2: Su-Mei Lee; 3: Christy-Anne Stanley. Honorable mentions awarded to Su-Mei Lee, ChristyAnne Stanley, and Ingrid Parady.

Intermediate

1: Larry Goldberg; 2: Delores Buchan; 3: Carla Traudt. Honorable mentions awarded to Bill Osis, John Bauer, and Larry Johnson.

Advanced

1: Margaret Edmiston; 2: Robert Durst; 3: Margaret Edmison. Honorable mentions awarded to Marilyn Cronin, with two collected by Gordon Daniels.

Master

1: Norbert Sachs; 2: Janine Nettleton; 3: Norbert Sachs. Honorable mentions awarded to Daisy Rowell, John Ware, and Rick Nelson.

Modified

1: Norbert Sachs; 2: Mike Roppel; 3: Margaret Edmiston. Honorable mentions awarded Margaret Edmiston, Bill Osis, and John Ware.

Special Category: Black & White

1: Bill Osis; 2: Daisy Rowell; 3: John Ware. Honorable mentions awarded to Marilyn Cronin, Norbert Sachs, and Gordon Daniels.

Congratulations to all the winners! Great job, photographers! Now, the fun begins anew as all first, second, and third place winners move upwards into a higher category. By doing this, it enables those left to compete on a more level playing field. So sharpen those photo skills, and hone that eye for next year's winners.

Our photo tip for this month is adapted from Carole Kropscot, APSA, from the Just for Beginners series in the PSA Journal. Improve your photography with the Photographic Society of America at <http://www.psa-photo.org>.

Basic Icon Shooting Modes

Cameras use a variety of shooting modes to set the exposure. Shooting modes are indicated by icons or letters on a mode dial, either on top or on the back of the camera. The modes are explained in the instruction manuals.

The usual icons are for portraits, landscapes, action (moving subjects), dark scenes, and close-ups. All photographers use icon-shooting modes for convenience. For beginners without extensive knowledge about exposure, these icons are very helpful.

The icon of a lady's head is for taking portraits of people and animals. The camera sets a wide aperture for a sharply focused subject and a slightly blurred background.

The icon of a mountain is for landscapes. The aperture is somewhat closed down to create a wider depth of field, resulting in a sharp foreground and background.

The icon of a runner is for taking action shots of any moving subject so that the moving subject will be as sharp as possible. Although popular for sports, this mode works well for active children and pets. The camera sets a high shutter speed and aperture depending on the available light.

The icon of a person with a star is for flash pictures of people at night, or in other low light. The shutter speed is reduced so that the background has time to be recorded as it is with a regular flash exposure.

The icon of a flower is for close-ups of any subject. This mode allows the camera to be placed much closer to the subject. In all other modes, the closest focusing distance is much farther away. The shutter speed is chosen to coordinate with a wide-open aperture (an f/stop with a small number).

Check our website at www.otowspc.com for meeting times. Usually, we meet three Tuesdays a month at 3 p.m. in Suites B and C at the Arbor Conference Center.

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LadyBirds

By Caren Kowalsky

Thanks to Hedy Schamal and her volunteers, our fall/Halloween potluck was a great success. Lovely decorations, delicious food prepared by our very talented cooks, and entertainment provided by Elaine Fitzpatrick made for a very enjoyable evening.

Opal Stroud's Wednesday, Oct. 23 St. Johns River tour and luncheon was a lot of fun, and a huge success.

Nancy Dreimuller, was in charge of the Wednesday, Nov. 13 luncheon at the Marion Technical Institute with the high school culinary art students preparing and serving the food.

Our Friday, Nov. 8, guest speakers were from the Take Stock In Children program. This organization matches mentors with high school students with good grades seeking college scholarships.

On Friday, Dec. 13, Naomi Berman will host our yearly holiday cookie and toy exchange. Can't wait to taste those always-delicious baked goods of our talented LadyBird bakers.

Our December holiday luncheon is in the works, with details to follow shortly.

Opal Stroud has kindly offered to contact Sheriff Chris Blair from Marion County Sheriff's Office to see if he would be available to speak at our Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 meeting, and possibly his wife could be our February speaker.

Annette Krueger and Rita Mandl have kindly booked the New England Shire Centre horse farm tour for Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014.

Wow - lots of interesting activities coming up! If your spouse or significant other is a R/C Flyer, come check us out. We're always happy to welcome potential new members.

Please attend one of our meetings (the second Friday of each month, at 9 a.m.) at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Bring your beverage of choice - we provide the goodies.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



Native Plant Group

By Ron Broman

Change. The Native Plant Group is no stranger to change. Since its inception with six folks meeting on a back porch with the garden of weedin' as its vista, there have been multiple changes. They might be thought of as an evolution of emphasis. Wow: what a concept!

Our mission, however, remains:

1. To become familiar with several plants native to North/Central Florida;
2. To recognize them in their native habitat;
3. To introduce native plants into our yards where conditions are appropriate.

The recent Club Fair was an opportunity to share photos of plants that we have

here in our sandhill community. We even offered a few of the plants, as examples, for the taking.

Many of you have enjoyed the Native Plant Garden and the mile-long Longleaf Pine Trail near the Arbor Conference Center. Our group has been allowed to develop and maintain it for you, and we encourage strolling its meandering path. If so inclined, you may join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., as we continue to keep it safe and tidy.

We also continue to maintain the SW 94th Street traffic circle as an example of how natives planted in a small space can enhance the meaning of our lives. We meet there on the fourth Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Joining with the Unique Birders Club in monthly excursions, we combine bird sightings with plant studies and then enjoy lunch together. All are welcome.

Happily, Marion County again has a chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. The Marion Big Scrub chapter meets on the last Monday of each month at Belleview Public Library. A number from our group are members of this actively growing chap-

ter. Come join us.

Finally, but not really so finally, we are often involved in special projects. Recently, several from our group joined up with members of the Rare Plant Conservation Program to do a microhabitat study of an endangered plant found in Marion County, the clasping warea, *warea amplexifolia*.

The purpose of the study is to help determine, based on the existing locations of populations, the best possible locations for population introductions in the future.

We spent most of the day measuring, within grids, such attributes of density of individual plants, soil types and moisture, canopy types and their percentages, etc. We felt quite fulfilled knowing that we were accomplishing some of our goals, as we joined others in helping Mother Nature to accomplish hers.

So, you see, it may seem that the Native Plant Group is on a hiatus, but it really ain't so. Our regular meetings have evolved as we press on to meet our goals for a healthy plant.

It is indeed great to grow native!



Photo by Ron Broman

Clasping warea is found in Marion County, but it is endangered.



Birders' Beat

By Anne Merrick

What a fabulous day for a pontoon boat ride. Fourteen of the Unique Birders and the Native Plant Group took a trip out of Yankeetown, Fla., with Captain Vince and First Mate Ginny, looking for birds and plants along the way.

With the sun shining and a breeze blowing, we passed many birds sitting on top of the depth markers along the channel. After a while, we beached on this little island out in the Gulf of Mexico. The line of birds on the spit, as shown in the photo, was quite amusing. As the tide was coming in and the ground was getting covered, they had to stand to stay where they were. Eventually they flew off.

The many islands at the end of the un-

finished barge canal are made up from the dredged material out of the canal. It's been a long time since this happened and many shrubs, trees and native plants have grown on them.

We found some prickly pears with masses of ripe fruit and tasted a few. They tasted great. Some of us got prickles in our skin and had to pull them out. They hurt. Wear gloves when you pick them and scrape those prickles off. The other unusual and pretty plant was a beach pea growing all over the ground.

Twenty-three species of birds were seen: osprey, sanderling, bald eagle, belted kingfisher, least sandpiper, herring gull and more.

After we docked, we drove to The Shrimp Landing and ate some good food before driving home. Thank you to those who drove.

The next outing isn't until January since the Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be taking place in December. If you have any questions about this, call Margitta at 873-0731 and she will tell you who to contact.



Veterans Club

By Fred Pulis

The Veterans Club represents every branch of the military and meets quarterly on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. The next club meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 19. The hour-long meeting will cover various veteran-related issues

and concerns.

Special guest speaker will be Liza Bonner. She will explain the details concerning the Hospice of Marion County We Honor Veterans program. A question and answer period will be provided to attendees.

The club is open to all armed service veterans and their guests. People who are concerned about veteran affairs are also encouraged to attend. In upcoming meetings, topics concerning veteran issues will be discussed and various opinions and ideas are encouraged.

For any additional information, please contact Fred Pulis at 854-9976.



Theatre Group

By Anne Merrick

When you read this, the play will be over. We will have celebrated a successful production during which we have had a lot of fun with a great cast and crew. We reward ourselves with a fun cast party afterwards and a year-end party for everyone.

If you didn't see the show, you missed a goody. For those who came, we thank you very much.

Putting this all together is quite an experience. For me, learning the lines is what leaves me a nervous wreck but these folks have worked at it, little by little every day, transforming themselves into someone else. It is a joy to see how the characters de-

velop as time goes by and suddenly one day there they are.

We have a great crew for doing all the other things too. Set design and building, set decoration, props, program design and printing, costume and makeup, sound effects, publicity and ticket selling. It all comes together with the sound and light crew and of course, the audience.

We are always looking to recruit. Not all aspects of this group require such dedication as needed from the actors and director in a big production. The spring show will be a bit different with musical numbers and skits. More on that at a later date.

In the meantime, have a happy celebration at the end of the month and be ready to start a New Year in 2014.

Our next meeting is on Monday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. You don't need an invitation, just show up and introduce yourself. For more information, call Anne at 732-0706.



Photo by Anne Merrick

Brown pelicans and cormorants as the tide comes in.



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BRIDGE

Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Oct. 14

1: Marjorie Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 3: Sara Anderson & Ida Rosendahl.

Oct. 21

1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett; 3: Ida Rosendahl & Sara Anderson.

Oct. 28

1: Ida Rosendahl & Doris Keathley; 2: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak; 3: Joan Lord & Eleanor Giardina.

Nov. 4

1: Shirley Stolly & Marion Hotz; 2: Eleanor Giardina & Joan Lord; 3: Ed Mathena & Fran Griswold.

Monday Night

By Kathie & Art Dushary

Most of our players are mature beginners to intermediate level players. You do not need to sign up ahead of time or have a partner. Just come to the Card Room by 6:20 p.m. as we start at 6:30 p.m. We usually have six to eight tables.

Oct. 7

1: Mickey Martin (4630); 2: Tom Marta; 3: Joan Sigafos; 4: Kathie Dushary; 5: Bob Durst.

Oct. 14

1: Vern Siber (4780); 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Eleanor Giardina; 4: Shirley Stolly; 5: Mildred Lane.

Oct. 21

1: Bob Durst (4000); 2: Eleanor Giardina; 3: Joan Sigafos; 4: Vern Siber; 5: Shirley Stolly.

Oct. 28

1: Marion Hotz (4260); 2: Mary Culberson; 3: Vern Siber; 4: Jeff Ware; 5: Ginny Barrett.

Tuesday Afternoon

By Agnes LaSala

Oct. 1

1: Mazie Millward & Millie Ferrell; 2: Florence & Norbert Heckler; 3: Dot Calbeck & Sara Anderson.

Oct. 8

1: Agnes LaSala & Carl Woodbury; 2: Florence & Norbert Heckler; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Oct. 22

1: Bob Buchan & Joyce Walchak; 2: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly; 3: Agnes La Sala & Carol Woodbury.

Oct. 29

1: Joyce Walchak & Bob Buchan; 2: Millie Ferrell & Mazie Millward; 3: Agnes LaSala & Carl Woodbury.

Tuesday Night Dup

By Doris Keathley

Oct. 1

1: Bill Carlson & Ida Carlson; 2: Ernie Lord & Joan Lord; 3: John Fiorillo & Marie Fiorillo; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

Oct. 8

1: John Fiorillo & Marie Fiorillo; 2: Ernie Lord & Joan Lord; 3: Rose O'Rourke & Rita Smyth.

Oct. 15

1: Bill Carlson & Ida Carlson; 2: Ernie Lord & Joan Lord; 3: Ida Rosendahl & Doris Keathley; 4: Rose O'Rourke & Rita Smyth.

Oct. 22

1: Ernie Lord & Joan Lord; 2: Carol Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 3: Rose O'Rourke & Rita Smyth.

Oct. 29

1: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord; 2/3 (tie): Ron Fulton & Jan Fulton and John Fiorillo & Marie Fiorillo.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Pat Goltart

Oct. 16

1: Betty Morris; 2: Mary Culberson; 3: Jean Reis; Cons: Pat Goltart.

Oct. 23

1: Esther Lang; 2: Mary Culberson; 3: Diane Robinson; 4: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Delores Melberg.

Oct. 30

1: Esther Lang; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Diane Robinson; Cons: Jean Reis.

Nov. 6

1: Dot Calbeck; 2: Delores Melberg; Cons: Fran Griswold.

Nov. 13

1: Serine Rossi; 2: Diane Robinson; 3: Dot Calbeck; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Bonnie Heinlein.

Thursday Night

By Gail Ambrose

Oct. 3

1: Sara Anderson; 2: Mickey Martin; 3: Dick Griswold; 4: Ida Rosendahl; 5: Jack Martin.

Oct. 10

1: Janet Becker; 2: Phyllis Bressler; 3: Eleanor Giardina; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Vern Siber.

Oct. 17

1: Keith Briggs; 2: Dick Griswold; 3: Ida Rosendahl; 4: John Van Gordon; 5: Howard Sale.

Oct. 24

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Tom Marta; 3: Joan Sigafos; 4: Shirley Stolly; 5: Bob Durst.

Oct. 31

1: Cindy Brown; 2: Eleanor Giardina; 3: Dick Griswold; 4: Ida Rosendahl; 5: Howard Sale.

CRIBBAGE

Friday Night

By Rose Marie Postin

Oct. 4

1: Herb Postin; 2: Phyllis Wandrey; 3: Norma Yonke; Cons: Poppy Kalen/RoseMarie Postin.

Oct. 18

1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: Phyllis Wandrey; 3: Bob Layne; Cons: Margie Saxon.

Oct. 25

1: Bob Layne; 2: Norma Yonke; Cons: Poppy Kalen.

EUCHRE

Friday Night

By Joe Askenase

Oct. 11

Six Handed Game

1: Lou Fisher; 2: Maria France; 3: Annette Taylor; 4: Shirley Coe; 5: Viola Horton.

Oct. 18

Four Handed Game

1: Virgil Taylor; 2: Viola Horton; 3: Annette Taylor.

Five Handed Game

1: Shirley Coe; 2: Bridget Hughes; 3: (tie) Lynn Hoelzer & Jeff Hoelzer; 4: Maria France.

Oct. 25

Four Handed Game

1: (Tie) Lynn Hoelzer & Virgil Taylor; 2: Maria France; 3: Annette Taylor; 4: Jeff Hoelzer; 5: Shirley Coe.

Nov. 1

Three Handed Game

1: Ray Decker; 2: Horton; 3: Virgil Taylor.

Nov. 8

Four Handed Game

1: Jeff Hoelzer; 2: Maria France; 3: Ray Decker; 4: Bridget Hughes; 5: Annette Taylor.

Friday Night 4 Fun

By Irene Pisani & Nancy Kosky

Oct. 18

1: John Wall (out of 24); 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Gitte Agarwal; 4: Joan Sigafos; 5 (tie): Betty Legg & Phyllis Wall.

Oct. 25

1: John Wall (out of 24); 2: John Bash; 3: Shirley Stolly; 4: Joan Sigafos; 5: Carol Johnson.

Nov. 1

1: Walter Hickenlooper (out of 20); 2: Phyllis Wall; 3: Shirley Stolly; 4: Cleona Redman; 5 (tie): Richard Iles, Bev Chaillet & Bill Eberle.

Nov. 8

1: Paul Agarwal (out of 27); 2: Barbara Engleman; 3: Phyllis Gorman; 4: Jean Syve; 5: Richard Gillette.

PINOCHLE

Tuesday Night/Double

By Alberta Sarris

Arrive at 5:45 p.m. start play at 6 p.m. in the Poker Room.

Oct. 1

Tables 1: Sue Kelly; 2: Joe Scervo & Virgil Taylor.

Oct. 8

Tables 1: Verna Harsh; 2: Vi Horton & Lee Topf; 3: Joe Scervo & Virgil Taylor.

Oct. 15

Tables 1: Alberta Sarris; 2: Lee Topf & Norma Yonke; 3: Joe Scervo & Virgil Taylor.

Oct. 22

Tables 1: Ilse Kersey; Alberta Sarris & Lee Topf; 2: Jerry Dean & Jim Keller.

Oct. 29

Table 1: Sue Kelly & Vincent Santoro; 2: Ilse Kersey & Norma Yonke; 3: Joe Scervo & Virgil Taylor.

Tuesday Night/Single

By Whitney Frye

Come one, come all! Everyone is welcome to come and play pinochle at 6 p.m. in the Card Room. Skill and experience does not matter. Play for the enjoyment and socializing. Call 237-0388 for information.

Oct. 1

1: Andy Mark; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

Oct. 8

1: Gayle Argano; 2: Kathy Pinto; 3: Gitte Agarwal.

Oct. 15

1: Rickey Buchman; 2: Kathleen Pinto; 3: Gayle Argano.

Oct. 22

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Betty Legg; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

Oct. 29

1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Audrey Bartolotta.

Thursday Night

By Mildred Ferrell

Please join us each Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Craft Building. It is a great way to make new friends who enjoy a friendly competitive game of pinochle. Hope to see you there.

Oct. 3

1: Gayle Argano; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Edith Kolb.

Oct. 10

1: Al Novotny; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

Oct. 17

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Audrey Bartolotta; 3: Al Novotny.

Oct. 24

1: Whitney C. Frye; 2: Gayle Argano; 3: Edna Frye.

Oct. 31

1: Al Novotny; 2: Gayle Argano; 3: Whitney Frye.

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Favorite Recipes Dinner Club cookout members and potential new members ready to begin the evening festivities for the October dinner held at the pavilion.



Karaoke Friends

By Vivian Brown

Happy Thanksgiving!
Our last get-together was a truly fun-filled evening. We welcomed some new people: Jan, Steve, Bree, Don and Anna. By the end of the evening, they were singing just like the rest of us. We hope to see them regularly.

Our stars of the month are Kathy, Charlie, Vince Vivian, Tom, Karen, Shirley, Jerry, Norma, Bob, Sindy, Rich, Donnie, Catharine and Art.

Our audience included Rose and Rita. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. A song on your lips puts happiness in your heart. Until next time, God bless and keep on singing.



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

The month of October is when the Favorite Recipes Dinner Club resumes our normal schedule of multiple dinners held at various club members' homes. This year's kick off dinner saw an entirely new approach for a fun and entertaining evening.

Through the efforts of Rhea and Jim Russell, the club was able to sponsor a club cookout meet and greet to introduce our club to residents who expressed an interest at the Club Fair held in September. Rhea and Jim organized the event done to the detail of even providing written invitations to those interested.

As a result, we had a total of 24 regular club members host and meet 10 potential new members at the event. Eight of them decided to join the club after our cookout while the other two had just moved in but

expressed interest after they become settled into the community.

The club provided a complimentary meal for our guests. Rhea and Jim's plan was for club members attending the dinner to contribute various items to the event.

The items consisted of hot dogs, paper products, baked beans, chips, dips, fruit, beverages, cookies, brownies, potato salad, coleslaw, onions, charcoal, hamburgers, buns and condiments. As a result, there was plenty of food for all attendees and all had a great time.

As part of the normal information provided to potential new members, I usually make an appointment, at their convenience to go over our club guidelines. These guidelines outline the basics of how the club operates. They describe what you can expect from the club, and what the guidelines are for all members, be they either as a host or as a guest at a dinner.

These guidelines are not hard and fast rules, but more of an effort to make sure everyone has the same sense of what is appropriate for this type of club. After we review these guidelines and discuss questions or concerns about how the club operates, you

would then let me know if you think the club is right for you. I would then assign you a two-digit number. With the number, I take your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc.

Additionally, I would also ask you to decide your ideal, maximum, and minimum number of people you would like to have at your home, including yourself for any dinner you might host. This is up to each individual couple participant.

When you join, I send an e-mail to all club members indicating that you have joined, add your name to the roster along with your house guest accommodation list that identifies your preferences for the amount of guests you would like to have at your home when hosting.

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

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Original Karaoke Group

By George Quaranta

We're kicking off the season with some good old holiday music ... what a great way to begin. Love, joy, health, happiness, and prosperity to all.

Rudy, Norma, Bob, Sindy, Richie, and myself, entertained the folks, at the bingo appreciation dinner. Great job guys! It was a beautiful dinner and Lolly did a great job organizing the whole affair.

Our next big event will be at the Oasis Restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 21. If anyone is interested, there will be good food, good music, and, of course good friends. We'll be singing holiday songs, and we'd love for all of On Top of the World, to join the party. Let's make it a party to remember.

You don't even have to sing just come join the fun. Everyone loves to listen, or you can sing along. You can come and meet our group before then, at 7 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday, at the Candler Hills Community Center.

Hope to see you there. For more information call George at 873-9667.

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CLUB MEETINGS

Weekly Monday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Mixed Tennis Doubles	HRCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Men's Softball	SBF
	RC Flyers Club	FF
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Ceramics (until 2 p.m.)	Art
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	HRCT
10:00	Tennis Doubles	HRCT
	Ladies Billiards	PLR
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Line Dance	ICC
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	CR
	Aqua Belles	ACIP
12:45	Line Dance	
	(Beginner/Intermediate)	HRB
1:00	Dominoes	CC:H
2:00	Happy Hookers	Art
	Rummicube	CC:E,F
2:45	Monday Bowling League	AMFW
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
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	Mah Jongg	ICC

First Monday

7:30	One Blood (Even # Months Only)	PL
9:00	LifeSouth Blood (Odd # Months Only)	PL
	RC Flyers Club	CC:B,C
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B,C
4:00	Billiards	Art
5:30	Avalon Social Club	AC
6:30	Karaoke Friends	CC:E,F
	Sunshine Singers	HRB

Second Monday

10:00	Genealogical Society Business Meeting	MR3
2:00	Bowling League	AMFW
5:00	Metaphysical Club	CC:B
7:00	Original Karaoke Group	CCC

Third Monday

10:00	Genealogical Society Workshop	CC: B&C
1:30	D'Clowns	CC:B,C
6:30	Sunshine Singers	HRB

Fourth Monday

3:00	Community Patrol	CC:B,C
7:00	Original Karaoke Group	CCC

Weekly Tuesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Men's Tennis	HRCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Arts & Crafts	HRB
	RC Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	HRCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (May-Oct.)	GC
8:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole Racquetball	RCT
	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Nov.-April)	GC
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Tai Chi	ACF
	Shallow Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Woodworking	WW
	Horseshoe League	HRCT
	Arts & Crafts	HRB
	Sunshine Quilters	Art
	Knit Wits	MR2
9:30	Concert Chorus	AC
	Yoga	ICC
10:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Horseshoe League	HRCT
	Walleyball	HRCT
11:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
Noon	Men's Poker	MR3
	Cyber Orientation	HRF

Meeting Location Codes

AC	Arbor Club	HRB	Health & Recreation Ballroom
ACF	Arbor Club Fitness		Health & Recreation Tennis Courts
ACCT	Arbor Tennis Courts	HRCT	Health & Recreation Fitness Center
ACIP	Arbor Indoor Pool		Health & Recreation Pool
ACOP	Arbor Outdoor Pool	HRF	Indigo East Community Center
Art	Art Studio		Miniature Golf Course
AMFW	AMF Galaxy West Lanes	HRP	Meeting Room 2
BCT	Bocce Courts	ICC	Meeting Room 3
BO	Bank of the Ozarks		Pavilion
CC	Arbor Conference Center	MGC	Health & Recreation Parking Lot
CCC	Candler Hills Community Center	MR2	Poolroom
	Community Center	MR3	Raquetball Courts
CCR	Candler Hills Card Room	PAV	Softball Field
CLC	Computer Learning Center	PL	Winn-Dixie
CSCC	Circle Square Cultural Center	PLR	Wood Shop
	Card Room	RCT	
CR	Flying Field	SBF	
FF	Golf Course	WD	
GC	Health & Recreation Building	WW	
HR			

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12:30	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Bridge	CR
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
1:00	Badminton	RCT
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	HRCT
	Crochet Club	ICC
3:00	ShutterBugs	CC:B,C
	Chess Club	MR2
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Poker	CC:G
5:45	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Sidekicks Western Dance	HRB
6:00	Pinochle	MR3
	Poker	CCR
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	CR
	Mah Jongg	MR2
	Circle Squares	AC
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H

First Tuesday

8:00	Men's Golf Assoc.	CC:A
10:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	CC:H
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Oct.-March)	HRB
1:00	Sunshine Quilters Business Mtg.	Art
2:30	Italian American Club	CC:E,F
6:30	JB Poker Club	CC:E,F
	Indigo East Girls Bunco	ICC

Second Tuesday

8:00	Citizens Emergency Response Team	CC:E,F,G
10:00	Sunshine Quilters	Art
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole (Oct.-April)	HRB
1:30	Visually Impaired Support Group	CC:H
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
6:45	Game Night	ICC
7:00	Lions Club	CCC

Third Tuesday

10:00	Sunshine Quilters	Art
5:00	Caribbean Club	ICC

Fourth Tuesday

8:00	Citizens Emergency Response Team	ICC
10:00	Sunshine Quilters	Art
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Oct.-March)	HRB
12:30	Scandinavian Club	CC:E,F
3:30	Alpha Investment	Art
	Lions Club	CCC

Weekly Wednesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Ladies Tennis	HRCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Pickleball	HRCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Men's Golf 18-Hole	GC
	Men's Softball	SBF
	RC Flyers Club	FF
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
9:30	Fun with Ceramics	Art
10:00	Tai Chi	ACF

10:30	Open Pool Time	ACIP
	Pool Closed for Cleaning (until 11:30 a.m.)	ACIP
Noon	Ladies Poker	MR3
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Bridge	CR
12:15	Japanese Bunka	CC:B
12:30	Aqua Belles	ACIP
1:00	Mah Jongg	ICC
1:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	HRCT
2:30	Scrabble Club	CC:H
5:30	Bingo	HRB
6:00	Men's Poker	MR3
6:30	Circle Squares	CC:E,F

First Wednesday

8:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	CC:B
9:00	Model Railroaders	MR3
9:30	Travel Toppers	CC:A
1:00	General Francis Stamp Club	BO

Second Wednesday

3:00	Pennsylvania Club	CC:E,F
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Third Wednesday

12:30	Bunco	CCC
1:00	General Francis Stamp Club	BO
6:40	Bunco Club	CC:G

Fourth Wednesday

6:30	Tall Travelers RV Group (No mtgs Dec, June-Sept)	CC:B,C
7:00	Mystery Book Club	CCR

Weekly Thursday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Men's Tennis	HRCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	RC Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	HRCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Racquetball	RCT
9:00	Art Group	Art
	Tai Chi	ACF
	Shallow Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Woodworking	WW
	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Candler Hills Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole	CG
	Candler Hills Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	GC
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	HRCT
10:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Walleyball	HRCT
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Sewing Bees	Art
	Bridge	CR
1:00	Badminton	RCT
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Table Tennis	CC:D
	DBD Square Dancing	CC: E&F
	Games, Games, Games	ICC
3:00	Western Stars Bowling	AMFW
5:30	Card Game	CC:B
6:00	Men's Poker	MR3
	Pinochle	ART
	Poker Night	CCC
6:15	Mah Jongg	CCR
6:30	Bridge	CR

7:00	Cards	ICC
	Mixed Poker	CC:H
	Circle Squares	CC:E,F
	Card/Game Club	CC:G

First Thursday

1:00	Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards	CC:C
	Opera Appreciation	MR3
5:00	Southern Club	HRB

Second Thursday

2:00	Singles Club	CC:B,C
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Third Thursday

1:00	Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards	CC:C
	New England Club (Oct-May)	AC

Fourth Thursday

6:00	Democratic Club	CC:E,F
6:45	Game Night	ICC

Weekly Friday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Ladies Tennis	HRCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	RC Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	HRCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
9:00	Woodworking	WW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	HRCT
10:00	Racquetball	RCT
	Women's Bible Study (Oct-May)	CC:A
	Tai Chi	ICC
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Aqua Belles	ACIP
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
5:00	Cribbage	Art
6:00	Nickel/Nickel	MR3
	Euchre 4 Fun	CC:A
6:45	Euchre	MR2

First Friday

10:00	Embroidery Chicks	CC:B,C
1:00	Women of the World	HRB

Second Friday

8:30	RC Ladybirds	CC:B,C
1:00	Mexican Train	CC:H
7:00	Republican Club	CC:E,F,G

Fourth Friday

10:00	Embroidery Chicks	CC:B,C
1:00	Mexican Train	CC:H

Weekly Saturday

8:00	Mixed Tennis	HRCT
	RC Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	HRCT
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	HRCT
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Woodworking	WW
	Art Group	Art
9:30	Yoga	ICC
10:00	Mixed Tennis	HRCT
	Yoga	ICC
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D

Weekly Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	RCT
	Woodworking	WW
9:30	RC Flyers Club	FF
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Hand & Foot Canasta	CR
	Table Tennis	CC:D
5:00	Sidekicks Western Dance	AC
6:00	Pickleball	HRCT
7:00	Mixed Poker	CC:H

Third Sunday

2:00	American Jewish Club	CC:E,F,G
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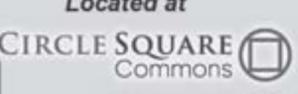
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100 Grandparents

By Janet Fragapane

I wish to clear up something. Our column title is 100 Grandparents. Where we wish that was the true number, it is closer to 30 regulars and a list of maybe 30 substitutes.

Anyone reading our title would think the children are well covered each month. That is not always the case. Barbara Greenwood does a wonderful job working the phone and rounding up readers making sure no child is without a grandparent for that month's visit. So if you ever thought of joining us, please know the children need you. Call Barbara at 861-2539.

We are coming into the holiday season. The schools will be closed more often. With that in mind, remember in some cases the food through the Food-4-Kids Backpack Program becomes all the more important, as it may well be the only food the children will have while home. When school is in session, the lunchtime meal sometimes is all the food there is for them.

Think I am making this up? Not in America? Not here in my town? Think again. You might say, "I can't afford to help."



Citizens Emergency Response Team

By Patricia A. Woodbury

This year with the hiring of the full-time CERT coordinator of the Division of Emergency Management of the Sheriff's Office, Brian Gibson, more information is getting to the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in the county.

Did you know that we have 32 teams throughout the county with 460 reporting members? There are more members but unfortunately only 17 teams have been reporting. This will improve in the near future. Of those reporting, 760 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of October.

CERT accounts for approximately 25% of the Sheriff's Office volunteers and is the largest volunteer program in the Sheriff's Office.

Our November CERT meeting was

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Campbell Soup labels, Box Tops for Education and pull-tabs are always needed. Place them in the assigned drawer at the Health & Recreation lobby under the stairs.

Thank you for all of your support!

The next visit to Romeo Elementary will be Thursday, Dec. 12. The bus will pick us up at 8:30 a.m. in front of the old Porter's building in the Winn Dixie shopping center.

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more of a business meeting in terms of bringing the members up-to-date on some of the new policies that Brian Gibson has written. This gave us an opportunity to have the members ask questions and offer comments regarding our service and to consider ideas for programming for 2014.

The members welcomed our new CERT member, Sharon Taplett Lundgren who lives in Candler Hills and recently completed the fall new member-training program.

The next new CERT member-training program is scheduled for February or March. Interested persons should contact Brian Gibson at 369-8120 soon to let him know of your interest, before the class is filled, and to get an application form. The last class had 69 participants and 67 completed the course.

The next meeting of CERT is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014.

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 Pat at 854-8718.



Stamp Club

By David Groves

The General Francis Marion Stamp Club's first meeting in November attracted the most members that we have seen in several years - all of them warmly welcomed!

Club President Niemira started the meeting with an appeal for members to offer to serve as members of our club's board of directors. Having served for several years, current board members are retiring. Club elections will be held this first week of December.

Our club's treasurer, Joe Rosinski, gave a really interesting talk about auxiliary postal markings.

Auxiliary postal markings? Never heard of them? Well, lots of members hadn't either, so Joe explained, "Things such as postage due, received in bad condition, as well as any other markings that are not part of a normal cancellation. There are thousands of them and some collectors even consider the sprayed on cancellations that the post office currently uses as auxiliary markings."

"My favorite of the ones I have collected, is OC/P letter bomb inspected, which I found on mail addressed to American Embassy Damascus Syria via the State Department Mail Room during the 1970s. The OC/P stands for "Office of Communications/Pouch Room." The continuation of letter bomb inspected is very rare."

"Another interesting marking that I have is simply a rectangular box with the words airplane mail."

Joe credited another club member, John McClelland, with sparking his interest in auxiliary postal markings - of which there are thousands of different ones.

This situation probably inspired his comment, "Collecting auxiliary markings can be quite addictive, trying to find mark-

ings you haven't seen before."

Club members also discussed a variety of other club matters and 42 members signed up for our annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 11. This is a larger than usual turnout!

Perhaps that's a sign of healthy growth of our club in 2013. Meanwhile, merry Christmas, happy holidays and a happy New Year!

If you are interested in any aspect of stamp collecting or postal history, our club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. and at noon the third Wednesday in the second floor conference room of the Bank of the Ozarks on SW State Road 200 and the SW 90th Street entrance to On Top of the World.

Visitors are always welcome! And our annual membership dues are only \$6.

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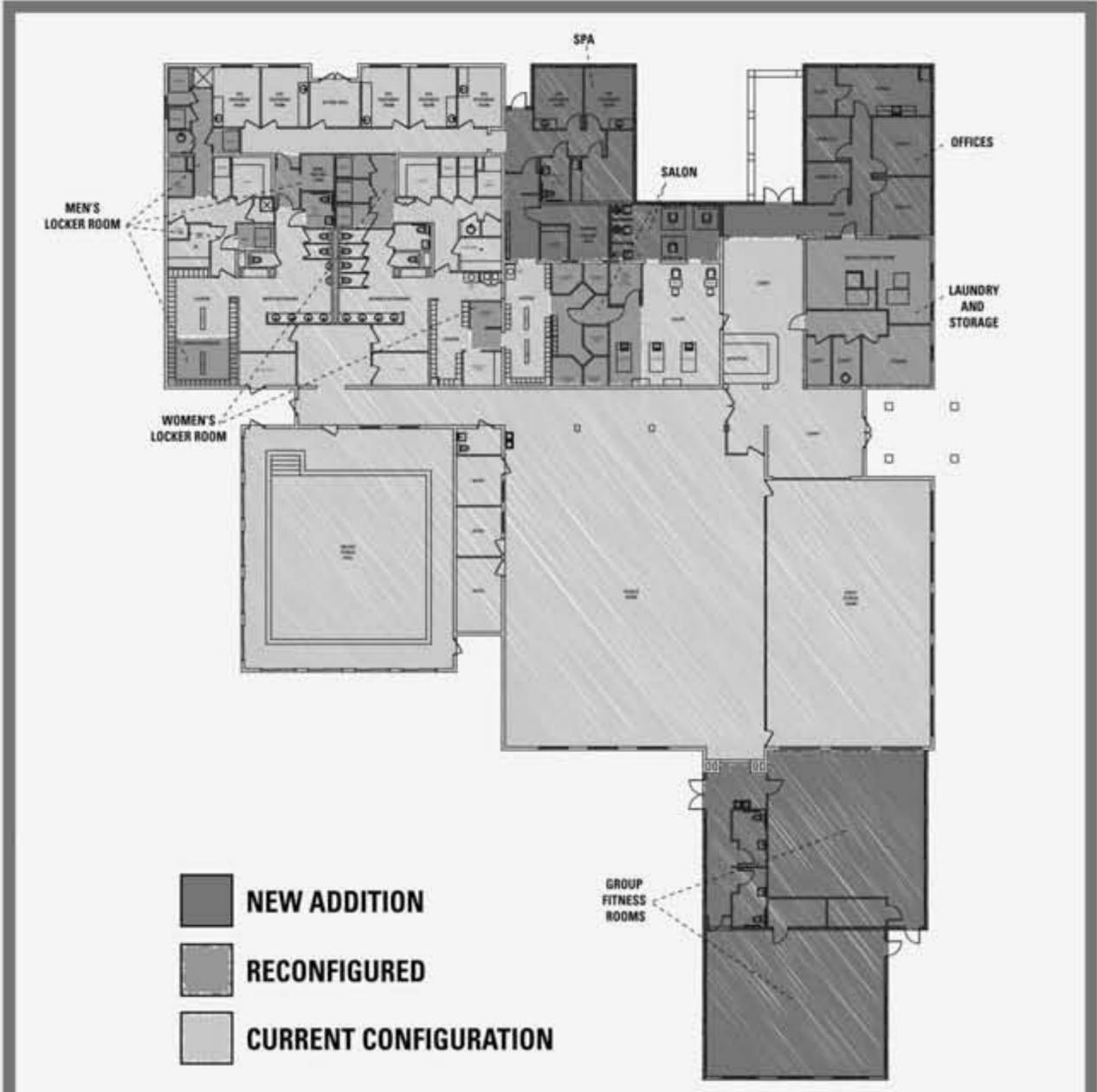


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- Women's Locker Room: More changing rooms, showers and expanded locker room.
- Men's Locker Room: Expanded locker room and more showers.
- Salon: Expanded space, additional hair and pedicure stations.
- Spa: Addition of 2 treatment rooms.
- Laundry Room: Expanded laundry room with addition of laundry equipment.

We appreciate your patience during this time and welcome your comments.

Dave Gibas
Facility Director





Ocala Clown Express

By Carol & Guy White

Happy holidays! The brisk weather found us clowning around for Lake Weir High School's marching band at Market of Marion to help them go to Georgia. One of our rewards was hearing good and loud marching music all morning while we made balloon animals, painted faces, and tattooed the children.

Romeo Rodeo Roundup at Romeo Elementary found us riding at full speed. We were in our galloping mode to keep up with Romeo's Halloween festival and all the scary costumes of the kids.

Next day, we joined in the scary fun at Fillies of Ocala at Ocala Breeders' Sales. The Halloween candy, booths, and a horror house thrilled all of us.

We painted many faces at Ocala Days at Silver Springs State Park for three days. The teachers and volunteers were standing in line just like the kids for fun and paint. School buses brought the children in from all over Marion County. What joy to see all the children's smiles.

Our regular gig continues at Munroe Regional Medical Center teaching safety through puppets, magic, scooters (yes, we can still ride 'em), skits, and fun songs.

The spotlight is on one of our newest clowns, Happy Cappy (Grace Cappeillo). Happy hails from New York City and she brings her accent with her. Already Happy can make balloon animals, well, at least a dog for now. She can tattoo and paint faces too.

At Munroe Regional Medical Center, she helps teach "Clowns Go To School," dances and sings. Ask her to regale you with her rendition of Tony Chestnut.

Happy can always use new caps. If you have any, let her know.

Check out our wreath at the Health & Recreation Building. It's a trainload of fun. Submitted by Charlotte Erickson



Community Patrol

By Lennie Rodoff

The Community Patrol met on Monday, Oct. 28. Judge Cochran was the featured speaker. Judge is a public information officer for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He gave us some of his background and explained what his job entails.

One item he went over was that if someone was calling 911 to report a crime in progress, they could text 911 before call-

ing. That way, information could be given to the 911 operators without endangering themselves during the crime. After his presentation, Judge took a group photo to be included in the Sheriff's yearbook.

Announcements were made regarding the annual holiday luncheon being given on Monday, Dec. 9 at the Candler Hills Community Center. This is a members only event, and members were reminded to wear their uniform shirts. CERT teams will also be invited to attend. Any patrol member interested in attending the luncheon should have let Jim Miller know before Nov. 24.

Anyone interested in more information regarding the Community Patrol should call Rich Enos at 304-8477 or contact him at Richard.Enos@yahoo.com.



SPCA

By Maria Devine

In lieu of our regular December meeting, we will have our Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 19, at Royal Oaks Country Club in Oak Run. We'll let everyone know the exact time as we get closer.

The SPCA will be wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble at Market Street at Heath Brook on four days this year, so there will be plenty of time for our friends and neighbors to come out and support us. We will be there from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, Saturday, Dec. 21 and Monday, Dec. 23. We will also be there on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Three very young kittens need your help. Good Samaritans recently rescued them near Pine Run. Our cat foster, Arlene, took two of the kittens in, and when the person who rescued the orange kitten realized he was part of the abandoned litter,

gave him over to Arlene, too. When that kitten entered the house and saw his brothers, he ran over to them and gave them a hug. Now they're all together in a safe and caring place.

These kittens are not feral - they're friendly and used to people and not skinny, which means they were nursed by their mamma cat till they were discarded. Unfortunately, no one knows what happened to their mother. When rescued, the kittens weighed just a pound and a half each.

By the time you read this, the kittens will be about nine weeks old. They've all been named: the orange one is Sunshine, the gray and white is Snuggles, and the blond one is Simba. Also by now they have all been wormed, vaccinated, and neutered. All are boys.

Right now they're all looking at you with their big kitten eyes to ask if you would like to give one or more of them a home. So far they've survived against terrible odds with help from some wonderful people. Now each is asking for one more miracle by having a wonderful person(s) adopt them. If you want this to have a really happy ending, please pick up the phone and give Arlene a call at 875-9761 to meet them to see which one is right for you.



Opera

By Bernie Kelly

Puccini began his opera composing with "Le Villi," which was staged in several venues with indifferent success. His second opera was "Edgar," which was finally performed at La Scala but with a lukewarm response. After at least two revisions, it met with success in 1892 in Puccini's hometown, Lucca.

In 1893, "Manon Lescaut" was staged in Turin just a week before Verdi's last opera, "Falstaff," opened. Both operas were great successes and George Bernard Shaw wrote that Puccini was the heir to Verdi. It was remarkable that "Manon Lescaut" ever made the stage, since Puccini went through three librettists before Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa came together to finish the opera.

In fact, they stayed with Puccini for "La Bohème," "Madama Butterfly" and "Tosca," which are the crown jewels of Puccini's repertory.

Even though Massenet had already composed his Manon, which was a great success in 1884, Puccini felt that he could take the same plot and give it an Italian flavor. He did this very successfully; so that there are the two Manons in the opera repertory today.

The performance of "Manon Lescaut," that we will see and discuss in class, is from the Met's 2008 season. Karita Mattila, who is not quite as young as her character, sings Manon Lescaut; but she leaves nothing to be desired with her singing. Marcello Giordani sings Des Grieux, who is her lover. The two secondary roles are sung by Dwayne Croft as Manon's brother, and Dale Travis plays the rich old man, who wants to take Manon away from Des Grieux.

James Levine conducts the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, chorus and ballet in a memorable performance of the opera that made Puccini a rich man and the idol of the music world in Italy and soon in much of the world.

Remember the opening date for the Opera Appreciation class is Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #3 in the Craft Building. We look forward to seeing all of our regulars; but new opera lovers are always welcome. Why not give our class a try?

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