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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen  
Publisher

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association board meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, with approximately 150 residents in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2015-16 operating budget and to adopt a resolution for roof replacement special assessments, amongst other things. Numerous questions on roof replacement costs and the process were addressed.

Robert Colen made a presentation on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. This is an alternative means of funding home improvements that promote energy savings and make the home more storm resistant. This program will be of interest to residents whose roof is scheduled for replacement. Fundamentally, the program advances funding which is then paid back by an owner through an additional assessment on their property taxes. The obligation runs with the home when it is sold. For more information on the PACE program, please visit [www.evest.com](http://www.evest.com).

The 2014 community-wide improvement work was reviewed. This included the substantial renovation of the Recreation Center, as well as landscape improvements along SW 99th Street and throughout the community. The installation of photovoltaic panels on the Recreation Center was also completed. Since the system was commissioned on June 20, 2014, it has saved \$14,000, and we anticipate about \$17,000 in savings per year. Additionally, the majority of interior lighting was changed over to energy efficient LED fixtures.

The renovation work will continue with the men's and women's locker room tile replacement work, as well as renovating the restrooms at the Hobby Building, and adding pavers to the pool deck area. Also, The Tortoise & The Hare golf course will be closed beginning the first week in May, while all 18 greens are being renovated.

Your board is committed to providing an expansive bundle of services available for residents. We strive to provide access to numerous fitness, recreation, entertainment, and educational programs good for both the body and soul. Your board strives to build and reinforce the sense of community, enhance the opportunity to make friends, and enjoy the peace of mind of living in a safe and clean community.

Circle Square Cultural Center

Wow! Rave On: A Buddy Holly Tribute as well as Three Dog Night and The Lettermen shows were a sellout! We are very excited and appreciative of your support for these shows. We will continue to bring top name performers to Circle Square Cultural Center, so be sure to get your tickets early! For more information about each show and ticket prices, go online to [www.CSCulturalCenter.com](http://www.CSCulturalCenter.com) or call (352) 854-3670.

The Town Square

Bands on The Town Square include Karen Hall, Glass Onion, Signature Songs, Fred Campbell and Retro Express. It's a great time of year to be outside, with daylight-saving time starting on Sunday, March 8, entertainment on The Town Square will be on stage from 7 to 10 p.m.

Winter Weather & Shrubbery

March can be a tricky month when it comes to the weather. We may have wonderfully warm days and cold nights. So it is worth a reminder to not remove plants affected by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Neither should they be pruned back until mid-April. There may be several more periods of cold and possible frost. Pruning at this point will spur plant growth that is vulnerable to the cold. Rather, wait until mid-April to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter; so be forewarned.

Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, when the ground temperature warms above 65 degrees. That said, watering requirements are significantly less during the cooler months.

Controlled Burning & Habitat Management

Controlled burning is a very important  
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Photo Courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

Patrick Sheehan winner of the 2014 Ocala Open.

March Madness in Ocala ...

By Greg Wise

No ... we aren't talking basketball. We are talking professional golf at Candler Hills Golf Club.

The Florida Professional Golf Tour returns to Candler Hills Golf Club on Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13.

Yes, I know what you are thinking ... Friday the 13th at Candler Hills! As superstitious as golfers are: only using certain tees, wearing a specific color shirt on a given day or never taking a ball out of play no matter how bad it looks if it doesn't make a bogey or worse.

Okay, that's one I haven't heard before. But we are talking about just one of the superstitions of the defending champion Patrick Sheehan of Orlando.

Sheehan turned pro in 1992. He played college golf at the University of Hartford. He said, "My biggest thrill in golf was playing seven seasons on the PGA Tour and making the cut in each major event in which I qualified."

"Patrick has already committed that he will return to Candler Hills for the ninth annual Ocala Open," stated Rick Hendershot, president, Florida Professional Golf Tour. Rick went on to state, "I am looking forward to another great championship here at Candler Hills, and I hope to dupli-

cate last year's record of 156 players for the three-day tournament. I know the players have been expressing a lot of interest in returning to play in Ocala."

Matt Hibbs, PGA, director of golf at Candler Hills said, "The Ocala Open is an event we look forward to every year. A lot of preparation and hard work from all departments of On Top of the World go into making this event a success. The biggest reason the Ocala Open continues to be successful is the support of local vendors and residents who partner with the Ocala Open to help raise money to support our two local charities: Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County."

"From a maintenance standpoint, this event is the highlight of our year. Months of preparation go into making this a success, not only for the tournament, but also for our members who enjoy the course leading up to and after the event. It really showcases our knowledge and expertise in golf course preparation," stated Andrew Jorgensen, CGCS, golf course superintendent at On Top of the World Communities.

Andy went on to say, "Our residents are ready to play the day after the Ocala Open is over, just to play under the conditions that these professional golfers play under

on a day-to-day basis. The greens are running fast and some of the pin placements make shot making the real challenge."

To keep an eye on who is committed to play in this year's event with a guaranteed first place prize of \$12,000 ... visit [www.OcalaOpen.com](http://www.OcalaOpen.com) and click on the "Player" tab.

Charity Pro-Am

"Again this year, the official charities that win big along with the playing of the Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 10 will be Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services," commented Lynette Vermillion, general manager of On Top of the World. "These charities are very strong supporters of the Ocala/Marion County residents and we are pleased to be a major support mechanism for these organizations giving \$295,000 since the inception of the Ocala Open," Lynette said.

At press time, there were still openings to play in the Pro-Am. For more information, contact the Candler Hills Golf Club at (352) 861-9712.

Know Before You Go!

Parking for residents' golf carts will be behind the Candler Hills Community Center. No spectator golf carts will be allowed on the course during the professional play days.

VIP viewing area will again be located adjacent to the 18th green. VIP tickets will be required to enter this exclusive seating area. Please purchase your tickets at the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Please - no cell phones on the golf course. Thanks for your cooperation.



Photo by Ray Cech

Multi-modal path south from SW 80th Street.

Multi-Modal Path Offers Convenience

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Land Development Manager Boe Stepp at On Top of the World explains the newly opened multi-modal path, "as a paved pathway that will now enable residents in our community to reach neighborhoods and commercial properties that before were accessible only by car."

The new path extends from SW 80th Street and runs along SW 80th Avenue, all the way to SW 90th Street. It also tucks

down into Indigo East, allowing for easy access into and out of that community. This is really the first phase of the path, as over the next few years it will be extended even farther into other commercial and residential communities.

The term "multi-modal" is meant to designate how the pathway may be used. You will notice that it was built wide enough so that joggers, walkers, bikers

and golf carts can all share the space without anyone having to nudge over.

The concept of the multi-modal path was envisioned several years ago when it was realized that traveling along county roads with a golf cart was considered unsafe, not to mention illegal. There had to be another way.

Boe Stepp and his team were given the challenge of finding that other way, and the result is what you see today: a well designed, wide, and accessible path giving residents a whole new, and safe way to enjoy our community. And there's more to come.

Whether you want to walk, jog, bike, or travel the multi-modal path by golf cart, give it a try.

## 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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### Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

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Here is my upcoming lecture schedule through Master the Possibilities:

- Tuesday, March 10: Ways to Avoid Probate Without a Trust;
- Tuesday, April 14 & Tuesday, April 21: Gunfighters of the American Wild West;
- Tuesday, May 5: When Do You Need a Lawyer and How to Talk to Him/Her?

Register at [www.masterthepossibilities.com](http://www.masterthepossibilities.com). All lectures will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 3 p.m.

Please note that I now have an office in Suite 11 at Circle Square Commons within Marion Title & Escrow Company.

**Q.** Some time ago, I saw an advertisement for a seminar that claimed that I should not own a deferred annuity upon my passing and that the speakers at the

seminar would tell me how to eliminate the problems caused by owning an annuity. Would you comment on this?

**A.** Yeah, well, look: if you pass on owning an annuity, then there will be income tax consequences for the persons named as beneficiaries and those consequences will be that all of the income (that would be everything over and above the original investment plus any additional investment) will be taxable to the beneficiary.

With regard to the specific advertisement you mentioned, I haven't seen it so I cannot comment on it; other than to say that it's a reasonable bet that the solution you will be offered will be to exchange your existing annuity for a new one that is in what is known as an immediate pay mode. Immediate pay mode means that within a month or two of when you buy the annuity, you will begin to receive both interest and principal payments from it.

So the income (that's the interest you will receive) from the annuity will not be taxed to your beneficiaries. It will be taxed to you. You will be told that the exchange is tax free and that is probably true, but in my humble opinion, misleading nevertheless. It might be tax free but I betcha it isn't

### GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



He smiles so you can wonder what he is up to.

cost free. There will be new commissions owed (which you will pay) and new surrender charges (which you will have to accept). It is also my opinion that it is rarely, if ever, a wise idea to exchange one annuity for another.

**Q.** Why do I need title insurance?

**A.** Oh, gee! I get this question a lot. (Fair disclosure: I am a title insurance agent for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, which is a very large title insurance underwriter. Also, I have a minority interest in a title insurance agency.)

I believe that everyone who purchases real property should have title insurance issued in their name(s). I've bought title insurance and I always get it or I won't purchase the property.

There can be various liens or encumbrances that pop up unexpectedly; there can be possible forgeries in the chain of title, there can be wild deeds filed of record that need to be cleared away. There can be mortgages of record that were not properly satisfied. There can be Internal Revenue liens or state or county liens. There can be other liens or encumbrances as well.

So it's my view that everyone should have title insurance and I don't care if the

seller is your best friend or someone of impeccable integrity. It's not necessarily your seller that is the problem. It could be a lien or encumbrance that was created before his/her/their ownership.

**Q.** Is a limited liability company (LLC) a sure way of protecting my assets from a lawsuit? I am not talking about Medicaid issues.

**A.** No one should be deceived about asset protection methods. There is no one sure way of protecting one's assets from litigation. The truth is that asset protection planning is a very complex area of the law and to suppose that one approach, such as a limited liability company will solve asset protection problems is an illusion.

I ought to know because I do a lot of asset protection planning for various clients of mine. It may be sufficient in one instance and insufficient in another instance even though on their faces they appear to be similar. It all depends on the particular facts and the specific way that the LLC is created, what is contained in its operating agreement, how title to a property was conveyed to it and who conveyed into it and why. Sometimes a "basket" of methods may help; other times, nothing will help.

What I can tell you is that a limited liability company is presently one approach that has found favor with a lot of attorneys and financial planners. However, don't expect those attorneys or financial planners to "guarantee" that an LLC will stand up against a creditor attack.

**Q.** My son and his wife live in (a Midwestern state). They are getting divorced and my son plans to have his girlfriend move in with them until their divorce is final. They only have a one-bedroom apartment. I think there's something wrong with this and wonder what your thoughts are.

**A.** Yes. Well. Um. Hmm. My thoughts range from "wow" to "oh my" with interesting thoughts in between.

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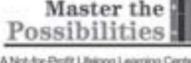
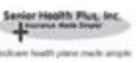
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**Faculty Making the Difference**

Master the Possibilities is just two months into its winter term and the student interest has been high with more than 6,000 students registering for January and February classes. The Education Center is so fortunate to have so many committed and credentialed faculty and volunteers contributing to the program's success. Here are just a few winter term highlights to date.

Holocaust survivor Gene Klein shared stories of resilience and survival to a mesmerized audience. If you missed his first presentation, he is returning on Friday, March 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The first of the season's visiting wildlife scholars, Dr. Steve Sanderson, described human and wildlife interactions throughout the world that requires careful management. Audubon scientists, flanked by a live Bald Eagle, described the importance of trained citizen scientists in protecting birds and habitat throughout Florida. Don't miss the next two wildlife photographers and conservationists - Reiner Munguia on the Galapagos Islands (Thursday, March 26) and Mac Stone on the Everglades: America's Wetland (Monday, April 6).

Some returning faculty on the schedule attracted so many students that we needed "room stretchers" and moved some classes to larger spaces. Dean Blinkhorn, editor

of The Good Life, packed Live Oak Hall with 175 students eager to learn more about day trips in the area. He returns on Thursday, March 26, with restaurant tips. Tom Rinkoski, a long-term teacher on caregiving, drew rave reviews with his new course - Long Distance Grand Parenting. One of Master the Possibilities' legendary speakers, E.L. Strickland, drew hundreds to hear more about Circle Square Ranch, a sustainable cattle ranch, right behind the Education Center.

Others returning in March include Dr. Marty Hoffert with a new course on Drones - Past, Present and Future (Thursday, March 12), Allie Gore facilitating several women's history courses, Cammy Dennis with The Big Balance Theory (Tuesday, March 10), and the ever popular and expanding computer, art and wellness programs. Dozens of new faculty have been added to expand course offerings on music, art history, relationship building, technology and the environment.

Master the Possibilities continues to tackle some of the most challenging and debatable topics of the time with programs in March and April by three acclaimed scholars - Barbara Mancini from Compassion and Choices tells her personal story (Saturday, March 7), Rabbi Mark Winer leads a conversation on interfaith dialogue (Wednesday, March 11), and Dr. Ryan Cragun speaks from his book, "What You Don't Know About Religion - But Should" (Saturday, April 18).

Thanks to the faculty who continue to share their time and talents.

Residents who have misplaced their catalogs, can stop by the office at 8415 SW 80th Street in Circle Square Commons or go online at [www.masterthepossibilities.com](http://www.masterthepossibilities.com). And, if you don't want to miss new offerings as they are added, sign-up for our Monday e-mail blasts.

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wild lands habitat management practice. A controlled burn reduces the chance of uncontrolled wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon in Florida to have fires started by lightning.

Fire in the upland habitat areas, such as the westerly side of the On Top of the World properties, is necessary to ensure healthy succession of native plant communities. Much of the local plant ecology evolved around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire in order to germinate. Invasive plant species are also reduced allowing for less competition with more established native plants. Ron Broman writes about controlled burning in his column this month, for the Longleaf Pine Trail at the Arbor Club.

In the coming months, we hope to have additional opportunities for controlled burning. Much is dependent on having the right moisture content in the soils, humidity levels, wind speed, and direction in order to secure a State permit. Nothing can be easily forecasted and planned in this regard. Steps are taken to make sure a burn stays under control. These include maintaining wide fire breaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy machinery to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. However, it is better to have a planned, controlled burn than a wildfire.

If we are successful in having the conditions that support a controlled burn, permits will be in hand, emergency services notified, and fire control management steps in place before a controlled burn is started. Typically, we try to begin early in

the morning when the dew is down and the winds are low. The goal is to send the smoke high and away from populated areas, and to have the burn area completed before late morning or afternoon breezes begin. Timing of a burn is mandated by actual weather conditions on the day of the possible event.

**Safety Tip**

For those of you who use dryer sheets, now is a good time to scrub your lint vent with a brush and hot soapy water. Believe it or not, some dryer sheets emit a waxy substance that adheres to the mesh lining of the lint vent. This can be verified by running hot water over your lint vent, if the water does not pass through the mesh, then it's a good idea to clean your lint vent.

**Conservation Tip**

Depending on the type irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 24 to 36 gallons per zone per run time, which can save 103 to 155 gallons per month per zone for once per week watering and 206 to 310 gallons per month for twice per week watering. Monthly water savings for seven zones may cost in a range of \$1.62 to \$7.27 for once-per-week watering and \$3.23 to \$14.54 for twice-per-week watering depending on the rate tier.

**Special Announcement**

We are always pleased when our employees take an active role in improving life in Marion County. We're pleased to report that Robert Colen was appointed by Governor Scott to chair the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County and the State of Florida's Early Learning Advisory Council.



**Italian American Club**  
By Carole Dymond

The Italian American Club reminded us that love is in the air with Valentine's Day decorations and goodies at their February meeting.

A new member was introduced, Frank

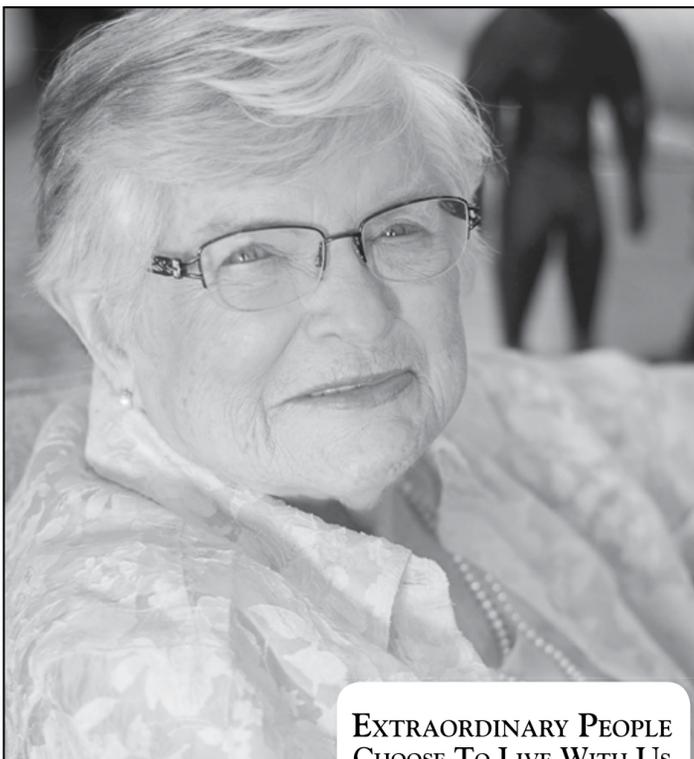
Tarentino, who is new to this area and glad to get away from shoveling snow. Welcome Frank.

We learned a lot about Italy and Italian traditions while having fun playing trivia and, in addition, some of us got lucky with our scratch-off ticket winnings.

Did you know? An Italian monk invented the pretzel that is shaped to mimic folding arms of praying children.

Next month, we will be playing the horseracing game. See you on Tuesday, March 3 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 2:30 p.m.

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**All Around Our World**  
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Don't forget to move your clocks forward by one hour — spring forward — on Sunday, March 8. A good rule of thumb is to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks since daylight-saving time provides a convenient reminder. Daylight-saving time also means that you may water your lawn twice per week. So, be sure to switch over your irrigation to water on the correct days and times. For those of us who love to celebrate, St. Patrick's Day gives us a reason to do so. Be sure to check out the buffet special at Candler Hills Restaurant on St. Patty's Day, Tuesday, March 17. Our first official day of spring is Friday, March 20, and I am looking forward to seeing spring flowers, longer daylight hours and beautiful weather.

**Community Clean-up Day**

Be on the lookout for more information on our third community clean-up day. We are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 12. If you would like to volunteer, please let Customer Service know of your interest.

**Cigarette Butts & Littering**

And, speaking of clean-up, several times a year we like to remind everyone that it's not okay to toss your cigarette butt out the window, flick it in the grass or landscaped beds as you are walking by or simply dispose of it on the ground. Not only does it litter the community but your butt has the potential to start a fire, which happened in February on SW 81st Loop. Fortunately, there wasn't much damage but this isn't the first time or even the second time that something like this has occurred in the community. So, we ask that you please properly dispose of your cigarette butts and if you can't, hold on to it

until you can.

We also ask that you please not litter per a request from a fellow resident who added, "we have a beautiful community here and we want everyone to take pride in it."

**Stop Signs**

A resident pointed out that 2015 will mark the centennial of the stop sign. The first stop sign in the U.S. was originally erected in Detroit in 1915. The resident included a funny caricature of a stop sign with several comments on what a stop sign means to some people: "Stop only if you have to, Don't stop — these signs are meant for regular people and you're special!, and my favorite - Stop unless you're late for bingo or the doctor."

Even though I addressed this in my column last month, it is always a good time to remind everyone to obey traffic rules as you are out driving, whether it is in your car, your golf cart or your bicycle. When you come up to a stop sign, please come to a full stop, which is defined as your wheels stop moving. Please make sure whether in your car, golf cart or bicycle that you are observing rules of the road of the Florida Handbook.

**Ocala Open**

The ninth annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course is just days away. The event is sure to be one of the largest charity golf events in Marion County in 2015 and will be held on March 11, 12 and 13 with a Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 10. You still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit two local charities — Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services.

Be sure to take advantage of the VIP ticket which not only gets you a prime seat and viewing spot under the tent at the 18th hole, but you also receive tickets for a free lunch, an appetizer and two beverages that day. This deal can't be beat. Tickets are available at Candler Hills Golf Shop for \$25 daily or \$65 for three days and VIP World Passport members will receive their member discount. World VIP members will receive their member discount,

and each charity will receive a portion of the ticket proceeds.

The professional tournament will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golfers from around the world. You will not want to miss this — come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

**Animal Waste**

I have been asked (once again) to write regarding animals. If you are walking your dog(s), we know that odors and smells entice your animal to want to mark the spot. As a courtesy, when using an expandable leash, please keep your dog(s) along the edge of the roadway and off of your neighbors' lawns. In order to avoid your dog(s) going potty in someone else's yard, you may want to dally a little longer in your own before starting your walk. All feces must be picked up whether it is in your yard, your neighbor's or the common property. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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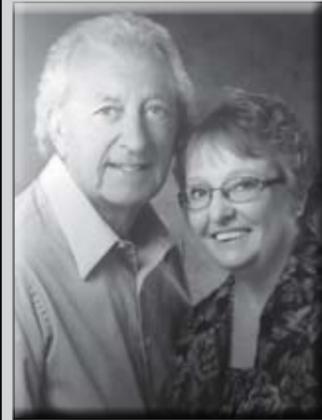
It's important to stay on the line and follow the prompts for emergency service after hours.

**Budget Meeting**

The board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association was held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Circle Square Cultural Center and was well attended. The board took action to approve the 2015-2016 budget as well as a resolution for the 2015-2016 roof replacements.

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**View From The Library**

By B.J. Leckbee

We have three shelves of books discussing wars that changed the world, so there apparently is a high level of interest on this subject among our residents. One stands out as being different from all the others. It is "The Civil War - Strange and Fascinating Facts" by Burke Davis, and the title describes it perfectly. Davis has divided it into 38 chapters, so it's easy to read in sections. Here are some of the "Did you know?" facts about that war.

A young woman from Massachusetts volunteered to serve as a nurse at a hospital in Georgetown. She became ill with typhoid pneumonia and was not expected to live. But Louisa May Alcott did live and later wrote a classic book titled "Little Women."

Dr. William Gorgas, considered by

many to be the man who conquered yellow fever and thus made completion of the Panama Canal possible, fled from his parent's house in Richmond, Va. in 1865 to his aunt's house, where he spent his first night on the rooftop beating at cinders with a wet rag to keep the shingles from catching fire.

Stonewall Jackson, cavalry leader and symbol of Southern resistance, had a sister who was devoted to the Union. She declared that she could take care of wounded Federal soldiers as fast as her brother could wound them.

The bugle call, "Taps," was written as a call for troops for Federal General Daniel Butterfield.

Five Union generals later became President of the United States: Rutherford B. Hayes, Ulysses S. Grant, Chester A. Arthur, James A. Garfield, and Benjamin Harrison.

During the height of the war, General Robert E. Lee had a pet hen, which laid an egg under his cot each day.

And now something no one in this community may never need to know - a mule never brays until he lifts his tail. And what does that have to do with warfare? Mules hauled wagons loaded with supplies, often at night. In order to keep them quiet and undetected, a strong cord was looped around each body in front of the hind legs to tie down the tail.



**Lions Club**

By Estelle Clark

Save the date ... Saturday, Oct. 31 for the third annual Recycle "Trashy" Fashion Show, which will be held in the Recreation Center. Please contact Lion Estelle Clark at 352-861-7358, if your club or organization is interested in participating in this fun event.

January and February have been very busy for the Lions; we participated in Lions International Worldwide Week of Service by collecting socks and stuffed animals for Munroe Regional Medical

Center's Pediatric Emergency Ward. We donated around 70 pairs of socks and 50 stuffed animals. We also were able to donate approximately 60 stuffed animals to the Marion County Sheriff Office's sub station on SR 200 for children in distress.

We would like to welcome our new member Lions: Luann LaPierre, Selig Adler and Pat Lombard. We are always looking for people who would like to give back to the community.

Just a reminder, we will be having a collection box for used eyeglasses, ink jet cartridges and cell phones in the office of the Arbor Club Ballroom.

For information on becoming a member of the Lions and supporting your community, contact Lion Estelle at (352) 861-7358. We serve.



**American Jewish Club**

By Carol Aronoff

It looks to be a long winter thanks to the groundhog on Monday, Feb. 2. All of us here are thankful for our merely refreshing winter season. To all points north

and west of us, I really feel for them. And I guess that we can expect additional company now as our loved ones look for some respite. They will be most welcome and just in time for a very unusual experience at the American Jewish Club.

Hold your horses everybody! At our Sunday, March 15 meeting we will be hosting a horse! A terrific lady has a miniature horse as a house pet. He actually lives in the house with her, being very well mannered and sociable. We will be able to see for ourselves and it should be quite interesting and certainly different. He will be at our meeting and his owner will tell us all about his history and how she obtained him as a pet.

Last month, Sandy Mandell caught up with us and told us about his experiences with his NCIS cases and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. It was all good, especially about CPR emergencies.

Sign up sheets were available for our outings: The TMMA Alpaca Farm, manatee boat ride and the LakeRidge Winery Seafood Festival. Dates will be announced at the meeting. Your response was quite good last month and I am so happy that more people have signed up. With a final count I will be able to give you definite dates.

Looking forward to seeing everybody in March at 2 p.m.

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**Opera**

By Bernie Kelly

In February, the Opera Appreciation Class studied "Falstaff" by Verdi. It was his last opera and premiered in Verdi's 80th year. Also notable is the fact that it is his only comedy, which matches Puccini who wrote "Gianni Schicchi" as part of "Il Trittico," his opus. In both cases, the operas are such a break from the composer's usual style that opera lovers tend to want "Aida" and "Madama Butterfly" so that opera managers who want to fill their houses give little consideration to these comedies.

Remember any opera lover is invited to come to our class to see what we are

about. We meet on Thursday, March 5, at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #3 in the Hobby Building.

For March, we are going to have a great example of grand opera in Donizetti's, "Lucia di Lammermoor," with the great Joan Sutherland singing the lead. It has been several years since our last Donizetti.

Gaetano Donizetti was born in 1797, the year that our second president, John Adams, began his term in office. Gaetano was one of six children with his brother, Giuseppe, who also chose to earn his living in music. He was a bandsman in Napoleon's army.

When Gaetano showed talent and interest in music, he was allowed to attend the local musical institute in Bergamo. He was fortunate to have teachers who had success in opera composition. After studying in Bergamo, he went to the Liceo Filarmonico in Bologna to com-

plete his studies under another composer famous in his day.

At the age of 21, Gaetano received his first commission, which led to "Enrico di Borgogna." This was not a great hit but good enough to merit other commissions, one of which led to the opera "Zoraide di Granata" for the Teatro Argentina in Rome in 1822. This was Donizetti's breakthrough, and from then on he would compose three or even four per year.

Anna Bolena made Donizetti a world figure in music since this work was staged in London, Paris, Madrid and Vienna. However, his next four operas created no stir until the comedy "L'Elizir d'Amore" in 1832. This work is in the standard repertory today because it is a comedy with depth of character and musical invention.

Donizetti composed over 70 operas with only 10 or so in the standard repertory. Four of these were composed in Paris,

one of which was "Don Pasquale," which we had in class about seven years ago.

Joan Sutherland did much to bring "Lucia di Lammermoor" from obscurity to the wide acceptance that it richly deserves. She began her attachment to the opera in 1861 and reprised it three times with old sets until 1982 when there was new staging. For all of her performances, she had Richard Bonyng in the pit.

Another factor that helped the performances be successful was the presence of Alfredo Kraus who sang Edgardo in 1959 in the performance, which made Sutherland a star. She sings in the staging we will see from The Met in 1982. Pablo Elvira and Paul Plishka fill the other main roles.

On Thursday, March 5, we will enjoy Sutherland and Kraus in "Lucia di Lammermoor" from The Met. All Opera fans are invited to Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building, at 1 p.m.



**Concert Chorus**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus continues to work very hard on its show tunes for the spring concert. We are so pleased that we have gained several new members. One of the show tunes we will be singing in our concert in April is "Give My Regards to Broadway." This song was written by George M. Cohan for his musical play "Little Johnny Jones" that debuted in 1904 in a Broadway theater. Cohan played the title character and sings this song as his friend is about

to sail to America. Unfortunately the play was a failure; however, George M. Cohan persevered and took the show on tour reworking it several times before it was well received the second time in New York.

Soon, this song "Give My Regards to Broadway" became one of the national anthems of the Broadway Theater. Cohan's Theater opened in 1911, on the corner of Broadway and 43rd Street. By the end of the next decade, the actor, singer, dancer, writer, director, manager, George M. Cohan truly owned Broadway. He created several more shows some of which were, "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," and "The Man Who Owned Broadway."

Our featured chorus member this month is Marietta M. Villanueva. Marietta originated from the Philippines. Her education consisted of two degrees one in pharmacy and one in education. She worked in a pharmacy in the Philippines and also was a senior medical technologist

at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center in New Jersey. She moved to On Top of the World in 2007.

Her singing career began in grade school singing with the church choir. She has sung in several choirs, including the St. Matthew Choir of Edison. One of her choirs sang for Pope John Paul in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. She has sung solos at weddings and other events. Her

husband and she often perform duets. Marietta's soprano voice is a real asset to the Concert Chorus.

The Concert Chorus rehearsals are in the Arbor Club Ballroom every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Joan Stenson at (352) 873-0304.



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**Marietta M. Villanueva**

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**Candler Connection**

By Janet Wiles

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

Mark your calendar for the next speakers series event on Tuesday, March 3, at 3 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. Phillip Hisey will provide his annual presentation on getting homes and yards ready for summer. Robert Colen will be providing new information of interest to residents.

On Tuesday, March 17, there will be a tour of the Marion County jail. Meet in the Candler Hills Community Center parking lot at 1:15 p.m. to caravan to the jail. The tour will run from 2 to 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in this event, please contact Bob Scherff at bob.scherff@otowhomes.com or at (352) 291-1505 to furnish your name, address, and phone number. Registration will be limited to 20 Candler Hills residents.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, March 31, in the Candler Hills Community Center. Those residents with

last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring appetizers or desserts; D-K, main entrees; L-S, side dishes, salads, or vegetables. Label your dish with its name and ingredients to assist people with dietary issues. Volunteers helping with set-up should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers. Please get a number for the table where you will be sitting. The cost of \$1 covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaffeinated coffee. If you wish to attend, please contact Bev McCarthy at (352) 854-9416 or bjtr6@yahoo.com to let her know how many will be attending, what dish you will be bringing, and if you can help with set-up. Once again, two \$25 gift cards will be given away in a drawing.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 18, for the "Tulips in Spring" dinner and dance at the Arbor Club. The menu will be similar to last year's with a beef, fish and chicken entree. Tickets, which will cover a catered dinner, cash bar, and entertainment by Ray and Kay, will be sold on March 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, and 27 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Candler Hills Community Center as well as during the potluck event on March 31. For additional details, please refer to "The Happenings" which is sent by e-mail each month; or contact John Bain at (352) 414-5434.

The Candler Connection web site, www.candlerconnection.org, contains a neighborhood directory. If you wish to be added to this, you may now contact one of two board members. You can reach Marilyn Lube at (352) 895-3954 or marilyn.lube@yahoo.com. You can reach Sami Odeh at (352) 229-0214 or sodeh65@gmail.com. If leaving a message with either person, please include your name, address, phone number, and email address. By submitting your e-mail address, you can receive "The Happenings" each month.

**Avalon Social Group**

By Marie Roppel

Our next potluck will be held on Monday, March 2. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our traditional dinner. Corned beef will be provided for those who have already purchased their tickets. This is still a potluck, so bring appetizers, other meat dishes, casseroles, fruit, salad, vegetables, bread or soup each to serve 10. You can also pick up a dish to share at a

local restaurant or grocery store. Bring the necessary serving utensil as well as your own non-alcoholic beverage.

Observe the evening by wearing green. Come and meet both familiar and new friends. Don't forget to fill out the survey that has been circulated so that future meetings will reflect the members' ideas.

If you are unable to make the March meeting, we will be assembling on April 6, May 4 and June 1. Following summer break, we will resume meetings on Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Questions can be answered by calling Ed at (352) 304-8206 or Kurt at (352) 237-5747.



**Community Emergency Response Team**

By Beth McKeen

The Club Fair was a great success! Thanks to all who stopped by our table for more information about CERT.

Our guest speaker for February was Senior Community Health Nurse Supervisor Amy Reilly, BSRN, Florida Department of Health in Marion County. The topic was "Infectious Diseases: Influenza and Pneumonia."

Vaccines are the best defense against flu and pneumonia and are available for both. It is also important to wash your hands frequently with soap and water (hand sanitizer is not as effective). Be sure to cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, not your hands, and avoid contact with others.

The effect of the flu vaccine wanes over time, so you should be vaccinated annually. The vaccine does not contain live virus, so it will not give you the flu. Pneumonia can be caused by bacteria and therefore be treated with antibiotics. The

pneumonia vaccine is important because bacteria have become resistant to antibiotics. Remember to take all of the antibiotic prescribed for you. Any person who is uninsured or underinsured can receive a pneumonia vaccination from the Department of Health.

The next new member CERT training will be scheduled soon. There are two ways to get an application. Contact Beverly Case, Bureau of Emergency Management, at (352) 369-8103 or visit http://marionso.com, Emergency Management Bureau and click on EM Volunteer Program Application. Fill out and mail in the application.

These classes fill up quickly, so be sure to get your application in as soon as possible. Participating in this service organization is a way to contribute to and give back to your community, so give it some thought and let us hear from you.

The next regular CERT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10.

CERT meets every second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Persons interested in learning more about CERT are welcome to attend these meetings or contact Beth at (352) 237-5079.

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**Republican Club**

By Fred Pulis

Marion County Sheriff Chris Blair will be the guest speaker at the next scheduled Republican Club meeting on Friday, March 13 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G, at 7 p.m. For more information about the Republican Club, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.

The February club meeting featured guest speaker George Tomy, Marion County superintendent of schools. He provided a current update of the status of schools. He addressed budget and school policy concerns and answered numerous questions concerning Florida's education related issues and his stance accordingly.



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**Keeping It Green**

By Phillip B. Hisey

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Proper cultural practices are the best method for maintaining healthy turf. Insects and disease are opportunistic and take advantage of stressed, weak or succulent turf. Cultural practices such as mowing height and frequency, fertilization, irrigation and pest management are all factors that will contribute to a healthy lawn.

Empire Zoysia is the grass that is installed on new homes and has been for several years. This grass has proven itself to be drought tolerant and insect tolerant but as with all grasses, it does have some

downsides with regard to disease. I've included a few tips on how to manage your Zoysia lawn.

Let's start with mowing height and frequency. The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture (UF/IFAS) recommends that Zoysia grass be mowed at heights between two to two-and-a-half inches. Many residents are mowing their grass much taller saying that the grass looks scalped if mowed any lower.

There are reasons for mowing the grass shorter than you prefer. One is thatch management. Improper cutting heights can result in increased thatch buildup. Many people refer to grass clippings as thatch; grass clippings are generally not a contributing factor to thatch but can aggravate the problem. Thatch ... "is a loose, intermingled organic layer of dead and living shoots, stems, and roots ..." not grass clippings.

So how does cutting height affect thatch buildup? Cutting your lawn at the

proper height to try and not remove more than one-third of the height is your best defense.

Fertilization of Zoysia grass has effects on disease, insects and thatch. Studies conducted show that Zoysia grass only needs 3 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to maintain a healthy stand of grass. This also is echoed by the Best Management Practices adopted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Overfertilizing creates a succulent plant that insects are attracted to. It also causes a surge of growth in the roots, stems, rhizomes and stolons in the plant, which is the main factor in thatch. Overfertilizing or fertilizing in the wrong time of year may also create a disease problem.

Brown patch is a fungal disease that Zoysia grass is very susceptible to. In the fall, and in some instances during the winter months in Florida, conditions are favorable for disease development. Fertilizer applications should not be made

during these months as the grass is not actively growing so nitrogen applications are leached through the soil. Brown patch attacks lush green grass which nitrogen promotes. Zoysia grass is generally brown during the winter months; this winter has been warmer than usual allowing the grass to remain green.

If you are seeking a green lawn during the winter months, talk to your maintenance provider about the use of pigments.

Irrigation application should be based on half to three-quarter inch at each application. To measure this, use a rain gauge or empty cat food or tuna can. Place these in your lawn on a normally scheduled irrigation day and measure once the system has completely run through the cycle. You can adjust your run times based off of the data collected. Remember, deep infrequent watering will promote a healthy root system.

For more information on Zoysia grass maintenance, please visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/lh011>.



**Food For Thought**

By Sandy Curtis

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We have many exciting events that take place during this time of the year. With the Ocala Open just days away, we'd also like to remind you of a few events we are offering in hospitality this month.

On Tuesday, March 17, from 4 to 7 p.m., come join us for a St. Patrick's Day buffet at Candler Hills Restaurant. Chef Chris and staff will be serving up some Irish cooking for only \$17.95 per person (plus tax and gratuity). The buffet consists of corned beef and cabbage (includes potatoes and carrots), porcupine meatballs (ground sausage and beef with rice in sweet tomato sauce), Irish lamb stew, Irish soda bread, green fruit gelatin, and Watergate salad. Make your reservations today at (352) 861-9720. It's the luck of the Irish.

Girls Night Out is expanding in num-

bers and growing in fun. This month, we will host a Clown-Around Night on Tuesday, March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. Be creative and design a costume that is striped, polka dots or just plain crazy. If you haven't been able to make it out for this night, I encourage you to do so. It's a great time for all. It's only \$15 for a night of relaxation, cocktails, appetizers and time with great friends.

Every Thursday night The Pub will offer Two for \$20, from 3 to 6 p.m. This has been a great success and we appreciate your support. Keep it coming and we will keep it going.

Candler Hills Restaurant is continuing Two for \$20 on Thursday nights as well. We start promptly at 4 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. I would highly recommend making reservations on this evening. Come out and enjoy a delightful meal for two with your drink included for one low price.

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Until next time, have a wonderful and joyous month.

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**OneBlood Bloodmobile**  
By Sara Sommer

The Bus Red Bus was here on Monday, Feb. 2. I want to thank all those donors who took the time to share their precious gift of blood. Those who chose to donate in the morning had to dodge a few raindrops,

but the afternoon donors stayed dry. Here are their names: Ronald Bozzonetti, Kay Chandler, Esther Cohen, Michael Deahl, John Hegarty, Zsuzsanna Jobbagy, Betty Justice, Lila King, Margaret and Reinhard Koller, Tom McHaffie, David Pint, Gary Schulte, William Siefert, Geoffrey Smith, Hal Stanley, Raymond Sylvain and Carol Whetzel.

The next visit of the Big Red Bus will be Monday, April 6. Please mark your calendar.



**LifeSouth Bloodmobile**  
By Sue & Dick Copeland

Hopefully the cool, windy weather we have been experiencing for a while now will soon calm, and beautiful Ocala weather will cheer us again! Another thing that can bring a little cheer to your life is donating a pint of your blood. The Life-South Bloodmobile will again be sitting in the front parking lot at the newly revised and beautiful Recreation Center on Monday, March 2, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

About an hour of your time in the Life-South Bloodmobile will give hope and cheer to at least three people who desperately need a pint of blood to help them heal or sometimes survive! Some may think donating a pint of blood is heroic. Others may think that helping save lives is

honorable. What do you think? Try us ... give blood! You may like it!

About an hour of your time, and blood donation aboard our bus with a great, extremely capable staff will make you a winner! And, you will walk away with a small gift, a beverage of your choice, a lovely bandage on your arm, and you'll be a donor, a winner, and the wearer of a large smile!

The following list include the names of those who visited the bus during our last LifeSouth Bloodmobile visit on Monday, Jan. 5: Joyce Burk, Susan Byrne, Richard Copeland, Susan Copeland, Bill Engels, Ray Governatori, Mario Grasso, Francis Helmut, Beverly Hill, Annette Hodges, Lynn Hoelzer, Carol Jezek, Buddy Johnson, Nancy Ludvik, Peter Malo, James Nottingham, Carol Recknor, Norman Recknor, Lois Reisinger, Michael Retter, Donna Spinelli, Elizabeth Russell, Gerald Schajatovic, Paul Wagnitz.



**Democratic Club**  
By Dan Lack

Our March meeting will not take place on the usual fourth Thursday but rather on Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be Jonathan Brainard, the education chair of the Suwannee-St. John (SSJ) chapter of the Sierra Club. His Powerpoint presentation, "The Seven Wonders of the SSJ Sierra Club," discusses the issues of concern to the Sierra Club such as habitat loss, fertilizer use and water conservation.

The Sierra Club was founded by John Muir, a 19th century naturalist who advocated for the establishment of Yosemite National Park. This should not be confused with "naturalist" although who knows what Mr. Muir was or wasn't wearing while he was alone in the woods. Florida's voters showed their support for the environment with their overwhelming 75% vote in fa-

vor of the Water and Land Conservation Amendment during the 2014 election. Jonathan will explain what else we can do to keep our precious clean water flowing.

The next club luncheon at Olive Garden will take place on Thursday, May 7. A sign up sheet will be available at our meeting for you to add your name. Our luncheons provide opportunities for us to get to know each other better while enjoying delicious food.

Let's continue to show our support for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village by bringing canned goods, coffee, sugar, toiletries and laundry detergent to our meetings. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club. For more information, contact Dan Lack at (352) 509-4942 or otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!



**Genealogical Society**  
By Peter Parisi

On Monday, Jan. 19, Margaret Smith, one of our members, facilitated an educational presentation on "Tricks for Using Family Search" the LDS (Mormon) genealogical website from the Fall 2012 Virtual Conference DVD by Family Tree University. Go to the website [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Click on Free Account, fill in the information and then Create an Account because this allows you to see the actual record images, not just a record index, and download these images to your computer.

Also, you can get access to some collections which are licensed and not owned by LDS and must be tracked. (Note: You do not need to be a member of the LDS church to have an account.) To save time in your search, click on Search. Then click on Records and scroll down to Research by Location and click on the geographic area, i.e. United States, from which you want records. Scroll to the state record or U.S. Census record you want. If a state record, check if the county in which your ancestor lived is in that collection, also what percentage of the records have been indexed. Then type in the name of the person for whom you are looking. Do a wide search at first and then narrow the search using the filters, such as parent's names, date of birth, etc. on the left side of the page.

There is also a Research Wiki section which has 68,000 articles, such as a Guide to Research for doing genealogical and family history research which will help you learn about the different types of records that have the information you seek. There are also dozens of research forums on the website which may help you in your research on your ancestors.

The annual Club Fair was held at the Recreation Center on Thursday, Jan. 29. Approximately 23 residents stopped by our table and expressed interest in further exploring their family roots. We hope that they will consider attending one of our upcoming meetings to see how we can help you in your search for your ancestors.

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, March 9, in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building. At the business meeting, we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. We also will hold an educational presentation at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center. The presentation, titled "Google Search ... and Beyond," is on using Google for your ancestral research and will be given by member, Julia Hendrick.

Our annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. One of the benefits of membership is that we have a large library of genealogical books and CDs, which are available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check us out on our website, <http://otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com>.



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Members Kathy Niebo, Jeanette Lookadoo & Cathy McKelvey at the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 29.



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**Community Patrol**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

At our January meeting, Lt. Joiner reminded us of the Extra Special Person (ESP) program that provides identification bracelets for people who need them in order to bring them back to a safe environment. The ESP program is free to the public and an application and bracelet can be obtained by contacting the Marion County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Unit at (352) 369-6745.

Volunteer Coordinator Kassi Reidt was present at the meeting to thank the members for all that they do. She mentioned that the annual volunteer appreciation dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at the Southeastern Pavilion. She also discussed the Citizens Academy class that was currently in progress through Master the Possibilities. The Sheriff's Citizens Academy and Partnership (CAP) is a free educational course about the operations of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

This 12-week course, which meets weekly, will highlight all units within the

Sheriff's Office, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the agency—personnel, equipment, policies, procedures and overall function. Students will have an opportunity to view specialty unit equipment, like the canine unit, hear from experts in the field of law enforcement, investigations, corrections and prosecution. There are field trips to the jail, the farm and other areas.

We continue to look for potential new members for the Community Patrol. Becoming a member of the Patrol is to become a member of a well-recognized, large group of the Marion County Sheriff's Office volunteers. It is also an opportunity to take an active role in serving and giving back to your home community.

The next meeting of the Community Patrol is Monday, March 23.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our community patrol should call Richard Enos at (352) 304-8477 or Gary Rodoff at (352) 291-7508. Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center at 3 p.m. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.



**It's the Law**

By Bob Woods

**Stop Signs**

A "rolling" stop is not a full stop at a stop sign. Generally, this action is called a California stop. Florida Statutes states in Chapter 316.006 the following:

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secting roadway before entering the intersection.

After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when the driver is moving across or within the intersection.

(b) At a four-way stop intersection, the driver of the first vehicle to stop at the intersection shall be the first to proceed. If two or more vehicles reach the four-way stop intersection at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

Remember, driving is not an individual right but a privilege. Golf carts and bicycles must also adhere to the same driving rules of the road as motor vehicles. For more information, please visit [www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/misc/FloridaLaw/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/misc/FloridaLaw/).

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**Veterans Club**

By Fred Pulis

The Veterans Club will conduct its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 19 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, at 2 p.m. The scheduled guest speaker is Bruce W. Davis the visual impairment service team coordinator for the Veterans Administration (VA). He will provide valuable information about the assistance the VA provides for the visual impaired and legally blind individuals.

Other veteran-related issues will be dis-

cussed as well as the current status of the proposed veterans nursing home in Ocala.

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

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 meeting usually lasts for about one hour. For any additional information, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.

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**Evelyn Sarns-Holiday, organizer for the 100 Grandparents, with the new principal of Romeo Elementary, Mrs. Catherine Balias.**

## Join Us ... As We Read to the Children

By Janet Fragapane

Thursday, March 12, will be our trip to read to the children at Romeo Elementary. Our bus will be parked near the back of True Value Hardware in the Winn Dixie parking lot. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. Please park near the back of the store toward the Goodwill truck. Leave the parking for shoppers. Thank you for your cooperation.

The new principal of Romeo Elementary is Mrs. Catherine Balias. She has been in the school system for 25 years. Mrs. Balias introduced herself to grandparents at the February visit. She is very excited to have us come and read to the children. There have been many changes at the school as of February, with new teachers and other teachers moving to different classes. In some cases, it means that the grandparents have found a new teacher in the classroom. But, the children have not changed! We adapt and just keep reading as long as there is a child to read to.

We had several new people come read with us last month. Welcome! We heard how well you enjoyed your day with the children. Now tell your friends to sign up and join us.

Call Evelyn Holiday at (352) 237-0304 if you would like to read to the children. There are 37 classes from kindergarten through fifth grade. We have 37 regular readers and 34 substitutes. Believe me, we could still use more grandparent readers! There are months when Evelyn is digging the bottom of the list looking for readers.

So, please think of giving reading to the children a try.

Case in point. Lynn Sherwood has been a reader for many years and loving every minute of it. Things have changed and Lynn will not be able to join us anymore. We wish you well Lynn and will miss you. Maybe you, who are reading this column, would like to read to Lynn's class? If so, call Evelyn to get on the list.

Dunnellon Food-4-Kids is always in need of supplies. Consider mailing a check to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, P.O. Box Dunnellon, Florida 34430. On the memo line write, "backpack program."

Joanne Leigh is still collecting single size food supplies for the children. Call her at (352) 237-7637 or drop off food items to her home at 10114 SW 92nd Street Road (Avalon). No glass containers, please.

Until the Recreation Center is completed with its renovation, please keep collecting Campbell soup labels, Box Tops for Education. Once we have a drop off location, we will inform you through this column. If you know of a grandparent, ask them to take the labels to the school for you. Nancy Grabowski, Evelyn Holiday, Marsha Vieu or myself will gladly take them to school for you. These items are so very important to the school. What we give them really adds up greatly.

The children thank you for all your help.

## The Forest is Waiting!

By Ron Broman

When two women, whose ideas you greatly respect, offer a suggestion, you listen.

Very soon it will be spring again. If you have visited the Longleaf Pine Trail

through the community's forested area recently, you've thankfully noticed the beautiful new sign that On Top of the World has placed in front of it. Then as you enter the trail, you sense the very few plants in

bloom. Only the evergreens have leaves. The pine needles and oak leaves litter the floor.

The forest is waiting! It is preparing for the annual resurgence of energy as it shows itself in a burst of magnificent color.

Now if you were here in March 2003, you'll remember how On Top of the World Communities, U.S. Forest Service, CERT, and Native Plant Group joined

together in a prescribed burn of several acres of the forest. When the flames subsided, with puffs of smoke still billowing from the blackened stumps, you might have wondered, "Will it ever be beautiful again?"

But it was only a few days and then the miracle happened. As if by magic, tiny green shoots seemed to appear out of the charred remains.

In very short order, the wiregrass, the foundation of our sandhill community began to flower. The palmetto put out bright green blades. The sky-blue lupine seemed to jump up and invite her pollinators. Wild buckwheat returned and deer tongue flourished.

All it took for the forest to regenerate was to have its nutrition returned by rapid oxidation. That is, fire!

That was 2003. It's now 2015 and the forest is waiting.

"Wouldn't it be a nice idea," they said, "If we wrote about the beautiful Longleaf Pine Trail again and how beautiful the forest floor looked after the burn in 2003?"

I couldn't say "no" to Margitta, the president of the Native Plant Group, and Betty, my wife. Now could I?

The Native Plant Group continues to meet at the Longleaf Pine Trail every second Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. to share stories, enjoy the fresh air and generally make sure the trail is safe and attractive for the many visitors.

Then at the same time of the mornings on the fourth Wednesday of each month we meet at the SW 94th Street and SW 89th Court Road traffic circle to control the unwanted flora.

We'd love for you to join us as we grow native.



Photo by Ron Broman

Longleaf Pine Trail.

## Time to Celebrate

By Janet Wahl

Lake House Bed and Breakfast in Inverness was the choice of hostess QM Mary Curry for our 10th anniversary celebration. Balloons, candles and candy treats decorated the table. A delicious lunch including dessert was served. An inspirational candle lighting ceremony to renew our Red Hat vows was held. Betty Tesmer reviewed our activities for the past year and then she had a summary of our first 10 years and some of the exciting events in which we participated.

Carol Cecala, Mary Bicknell and Janet Wahl did "Talk to the Hat." QM Mary presented each girl with a rose as she made individual comments about how special they are to the group.

Red Hat Day at Tampa Bay Downs was enjoyed by several in our group. A buffet lunch was very good and we had an enjoyable day at the races.

Hedy Schamal and Nancy Dreimiller hosted a recent luncheon at Polly's Pantry

in Wildwood. The food was very good and there are so many decorations to see in this restaurant. QM Mary made each of us a valentine with a candy heart on it.

Caroline Caprano was the prizewinner. A stop at Russell Stover culminated this outing.

Eight of us participated in the Hoofin' It for Hospice. We were thrilled as our group collected over \$550. Breakfast at Stone Creek Grille followed this event.

Valentine's Day cookies, candy and other treats will be taken to Project Hope this time.

Upcoming activities include Women of the World Luncheon & Fashion Show, the Florida Red Hat Gala and Red Hat Day.

"Each new beginning is a gift to celebrate." QM Mary Curry by Janet Wahl

Photo (right) by Mary Curry

**The Glitzy Gals' 10th anniversary.**



# CLUB MEETINGS

## Meeting Location Codes

<b>AC</b> Arbor Club	<b>CSCC</b> Circle Square Cultural Center	<b>HBCR</b> Hobby Building Card Room	<b>RCT</b> Recreation Center Tennis Courts
<b>ACF</b> Arbor Club Fitness	<b>FF</b> Flying Field	<b>HBWW</b> Hobby Building Woodworking Shop	<b>RCP</b> Recreation Center Outdoor Pool
<b>ACCT</b> Arbor Club Tennis Courts	<b>GC</b> Golf Course	<b>HSC</b> Horseshoe Courts	<b>RCPL</b> Recreation Center Parking Lot
<b>ACIP</b> Arbor Club Indoor Pool	<b>HB</b> Hobby Building Meeting Room #2	<b>ICC</b> Indigo East Community Center	<b>RQC</b> Racquetball Courts
<b>ACOP</b> Arbor Club Outdoor Pool	<b>HB2</b> Hobby Building Meeting Room #3	<b>MGC</b> Miniature Golf Course	<b>SBC</b> Shuffleboard Courts
<b>AMFW</b> AMF Galaxy West Lanes	<b>HB3</b> Hobby Building Meeting Room #3	<b>PAV</b> Pavilion	<b>SBF</b> Softball Field
<b>BC</b> Bocce Courts	<b>HBAS</b> Hobby Building Art Studio	<b>RC</b> Recreation Center	<b>WD</b> Winn-Dixie
<b>BO</b> Bank of the Ozarks	<b>HBRR</b> Hobby Building Billiards Room	<b>RCB</b> Recreation Center Ballroom	
<b>CC</b> Arbor Conference Center		<b>RCF</b> Recreation Center Fitness	
<b>CCC</b> Candler Hills Community Center			
<b>CCR</b> Candler Hills Card Room			

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### Weekly Monday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Mixed Tennis Doubles	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
9:00	Woodworking	HBWW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Ladies Billiards	HBRR
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
10:00	Tennis Doubles	RCT
	Ceramics (until 2 p.m.)	HBAS
	Ladies Billiards	HBRR
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Line Dance	ICC
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	HBCR
	Aqua Belles	ACIP
12:45	Line Dance (Beginner/Intermediate)	RCB
1:00	Dominoes	CC:G
1:30	Happy Hookers	HBAS
	Ceramics (until 2 p.m.)	HBAS
2:00	Rummicube	CC:E,F
2:45	Bowling League	AMFW
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Dancing Singles	AC
	Men's Poker	HB3
6:30	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Monday Night Bridge	HBCR
6:45	Ballet Club	ACF
7:00	Mexican Train Dominoes	CC:G

### First Monday

7:30	One Blood (Even # Months Only)	RCPL
9:00	R/C Flyers Club	CC:B,C
	LifeSouth Blood (Odd # Months Only)	RCPL
3:00	Bocce Meeting	CC:B,C
5:30	Avalon Social Club	AC
6:30	Karaoke Friends	CC:E,F
	Sunshine Singers	RCB

### Second Monday

10:00	Genealogical Society Business Meeting	HB3
2:00	Bowling League	AMFW
5:00	Metaphysical Club	CC:B
7:00	Original Karaoke Group	CCC
	Theatre Group	CC: E,F

### Third Monday

10:00	Genealogical Society Workshop	CC: B,C
6:30	Sunshine Singers	RCB

### 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	RCT

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	Water Walk	ACIP
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (May-Oct.)	GC
	18-Hole	GC
	Racquetball	RQC
	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	HBCR
	Woodworking	HBWW
	Horseshoe League	HSC
	Arts & Crafts (Jan-May & Sept-Dec)	HBAS
	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
	Knit Wits	HB3
9:30	Concert Chorus (Jan-Apr & Sept-Dec)	AC
	Yoga	ICC
10:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Horseshoe League	HSC
	Walleyball	RQC
11:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
Noon	Cyber Orientation	RCF
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	HBCR
	Crocheting & Knitting	ICC
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
1:00	Badminton	RQC
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
2:00	Crochet Club	ICC
3:00	Chess Club	HB2
5:00	ShutterBugs	CC:B,C
	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Poker	CC:G
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Sidekicks Western Dance	RCB
6:00	Pinochle	HB3
	Poker	CC:G
	Poker	CCR
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	HBCR
	Mah Jongg	HB2
	Circle Squares	AC
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	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)	RCB
1:00	Sunshine Quilters Business Mtg.	HBAS
2:30	Italian American Club	CC:E,F
6:00	Tues. Night Pinochle	HB3
6:30	JB Poker Club	CC:E,F
	Lions Club Meeting	CC:C
	Indigo East Girls Bunco	ICC

### Second Tuesday

9:00	Citizens Emergency Response Team	CC:E,F
10:00	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole (Oct.-April)	RCB
3:30	Alpha Investment	HBAS
6:30	Lions Club Meeting	CC:C

6:45	Game Night	ICC
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### Third Tuesday

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

### Fourth Tuesday

8:00	Citizens Emergency Response Team	ICC
10:00	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Oct.-March)	RCB
12:30	Scandinavian Club	CC:E,F
3:30	Alpha Investment	HBAS
6:30	Lions Club Meeting	CC:C

### Weekly Wednesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Ladies Tennis	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Men's Golf 18-Hole	GC
	Men's Softball	SBF
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
9:00	Woodworking	HBWW
	Line Dance	CC:E,F
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
10:00	Tai Chi	ACF
	Fun with Ceramics	HBAS
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Pool Closed for (until 11:30 a.m.)	Cleaning
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:15	Bridge	HBCR
12:30	Japanese Bunka	CC:B
	Aqua Belles	ACIP
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Practice Bridge	HB2
1:00	Samba	CCC
1:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
	Fun with Ceramics	HBAS
2:30	Scrabble Club	CC:H
5:30	Bingo	RCB
6:00	Men's Poker	HB3
	Samba	HBCR
6:30	Mah Jongg	CCC

### First Wednesday

8:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	CC:B
9:00	Model Railroaders	HB3
9:30	Travel Toppers	CC:A
1:00	General Francis Stamp Club	BO

### Second Wednesday

3:00	Pennsylvania Club	CC:E,F
6:00	Line Dancing	AC

### Third Wednesday

12:30	Bunco	CCC
1:00	General Francis Stamp Club	BO
6:30	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
	Bunco/icious Chicks	CC:A

### Weekly Thursday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Men's Tennis	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Racquetball	RQC
9:00	Art Group	HBAS
	Tai Chi	ACF
	Shallow Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Woodworking	HBWW
	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Candler Hills Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole	GC
	Candler Hills Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	GC
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
10:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Walleyball	RQC
12:00	Sewing Bees	HBAS
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	HBCR
1:00	Badminton	RQC
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Table Tennis	CC:D
3:00	Games, Games, Games	ICC
6:00	Western Stars Bowling	AMF
	Men's Poker	HB3

	Game Night	CC:G
	Poker Night	CC:B
6:15	Mah Jongg	CCR
6:30	Bridge	HBCR
	Mixed Poker	CC:H
7:00	Cards	ICC
	Card/Game Club	CC:G

### First Thursday

1:00	Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards	CC:C
	Opera Appreciation (Dec-May)	HB3
5:00	Southern Club	CC:E,F

### 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
6:30	CERT	ICC
6:45	Game Night	ICC

### Weekly Friday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Ladies Tennis	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
9:00	Woodworking	HBWW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
10:00	Racquetball	RQC
	Women's Bible Study (Oct-May)	CC:A
	Qi Gong	ICC
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:45	Tai Chi	ACF
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Aqua Belles	ACIP
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Canasta the Old Fashion Way	CR
1:30	Nickel/Nickel	HB3
5:00	Cribbage	HBAS
6:00	Poker	CC:H
	Euchre 4 Fun	CC:A

### First Friday

1:00	Women of the World	RCB
4:30	Neighbors of Windsor	CC:G,H

### Second Friday

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

### Fourth Friday

1:00	Mexican Train	CC:H
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### Weekly Saturday

8:00	Mixed Tennis	RCT
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
9:00	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Woodworking	HBWW
	Ballet	ACF
	Art Group	HBAS
9:30	Yoga	ICC
10:00	Mixed Tennis	RCT
	Yoga	ICC
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Friday Night Poker	CC:H

### Weekly Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	RQC
	Woodworking	HBWW
9:30	R/C Flyers Club	FF
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Hand & Foot	HBCR
5:00	Sidekicks Western Dance	AC
6:00	Pickleball	RCT
6:30	Mixed Poker	CC:H

### Third Sunday

2:00	American Jewish Club	CC:E,F,G
6:00	Everyone Wins Club	CC: B

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**Women of the World**

By Valerie Sanders

Women of the World celebrated February in many customary ways including wearing red for National Heart Month. Heart is the core of our program, the driving force that makes us so successful. Our members give from the heart to our monthly charity, Marion County seniors, Operation Shoebox, our refreshment table ... and the giving doesn't stop there! Contributions to the Food 4 Kids, labels for education, knitted hats and scarves as well as crocheted Afghans and lap robes are amongst the many ways our ladies contribute.

As we get ready to turn the page onto the March calendar, our women are preparing for the 38th annual luncheon and fashion show to benefit Hospice of Marion County. It will be held on Saturday, March 14; doors open at 10:45 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Volunteers have been chosen to model clothes from Belk. The decoration committee, headed by Judy Singer, is ready to transform the ballroom into a featured destination. The giving continues: time, talent, time, and more time!

Most importantly, Joan Connolly's basket committee is preparing for an onslaught of baskets to fill the room with goodies and gifts of all kinds. The baskets provide the majority of our donation to

Hospice (with the remainder coming from a portion of the admission ticket).

For those who are unfamiliar with the basket raffle, here's how it goes: women fill baskets with items sure to please, enclose the basket in a gift bag and attach a tag with its contents; baskets are spread out throughout the ballroom and affixed with a large baggie; we wander around placing raffle tickets in those baggies with dreams of winning that particular basket ... the bigger your wish for winning, the more tickets you place in that baggie!

Raffle ticket sellers are strategically placed within the ballroom to help you win your dream basket or baskets. It is the purchase of those raffle tickets that has raised our donation to Hospice every year. And, of course, our attendees give from the heart again and again.

As this column is being prepared, very few tickets remain for the fashion show. That thrills us! However, if you are without a ticket, it wouldn't hurt to check with President April Pollard to see if any remain.

Our April meeting will be held on the first Friday as usual in the Recreation Center Ballroom. One of the items on the agenda is to complete the slate of officers. We hope that some of you will make the decision to seek office to keep our club running smoothly. Women of the World is open to every woman in every neighborhood of our community. If you've never attended a meeting (or haven't been back for awhile), make a date with us! No one is a stranger at WOW, just a friend you've yet to meet!

Submitted by Nancy Grabowski



**LadyBirds**

By Caren Kowalsky

Our last LadyBird meeting took place on Friday, Feb. 13. Hedy Schamal provided goodies for the February meeting. Thank you Hedy.

Thanks to Kay Snapp, our monthly guest speakers were Dr. Allison White, pharmacist at Gainesville Veterans Administration, giving a presentation on osteoporosis. Also attending was Dr. Katherine Vogel-Anderson professor at University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

Our thanks to Anne Helinski, Aline LeBlanc, Millie Mobley, Mary Balchunas and Ruth Kuntar for all of their hard work putting together our annual Valentine's Day potluck on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Arbor Club Ballroom. As usual, our very talented LadyBirds outdid themselves with their wonderful and delicious dishes and desserts. Again, we were so lucky to have engaged the very talented Elaine Fitchpatrick to play her beautiful music for our party. And Bela Mandl, one of our R/C Flyers, kindly volunteered to take pictures for our scrapbook. Delicious food, beautiful music, fun, games, and good friends made for a lovely evening.

Our monthly LadyBird luncheon took place on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Olive Garden. Good food, and good company made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Once again, the R/C Flyers Fly-In

**Singles Club**

By Lorraine Serwan

Welcome to March! Daylight-saving time begins Sunday, March 8. It will be nice to have it stay lighter in the evening.

At our March meeting, we'll have a representative from a pawn shop who will tell us all about the way that a pawn shop functions and clue us in on the procedures if we need to ever make use of a pawn shop.

Elections for new officers will take place in April. We need three members to serve on the nominating committee. If you want to be on the committee, call Cel at (352) 840-3969 or sign up at the March meeting.

We're planning a trip to Homosassa to take the Alpaca Magic Tour. We'll meet in the Recreation Center parking lot, at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 19. Lunch plans are still pending and will be firmed by the

Thursday, March 12 meeting.

In coming months, we will tour the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings house and have dinner at the Yearling Restaurant. We will be ending the current year with a visit to EARS in Citra. Sign up at the meeting.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 12, at 2 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Come join us and bring a friend. We always welcome new members.

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**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

By Luke Mullen

This month saw the largest dinner in the club's history. Thirty-four diners attended five dinners at the homes of club members. Additionally, the club was able to participate in the rescheduled annual Club Fair held on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Hosting our first dinner were Joie and Joel Kurtz. Gitte and Paul Agarwal prepared appetizers that were toasted baguette with cream cheese and smoked salmon and mushroom caps stuffed with spinach, Parmesan cheese, garlic and butter. Bev and Lou Rooks then served a traditional salad tossed with croutons and Greek dressing.

Joie and Joel then served their entrée of beef pot roast with buttered mashed potatoes, sautéed fresh mushrooms, cauliflower, broccoli, carrot medley, gravy, ribbon Jell-O mold, and an assortment of bread. Ellie and Terry Connolly then served a baked lemon poppy seed Bundt cake with sliced strawberries.

Marsha and Steve Schmeer were our hosts for our third dinner. Hors-d'oeuvres

were prepared by Ann and Conrad Massa, which included breadcrumb stuffed mushrooms, rolled dried beef with cream cheese and hummus dip with carrot sticks. Sue and Bob Wilkes prepared a Valencian salad, composed of romaine, orange segments, red onions, and Kalamata olives in a fresh vinaigrette dressing.

Marsha and Steve then served the entrée, which was chicken and yellow rice à la Columbia Restaurant with peas, asparagus and plantains. For dessert Annette and Paul Hodges served a brown sugar/sweet potato cake.

Third dinner hosts were Kathy and Luke Mullen. Appetizers by Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar were baked bacon and Parmesan cheese, stuffed mushrooms and tomato and fresh mortadella cheese with balsamic vinaigrette. Kathy and Luke served a traditionally Greek salad with various breads. The entrée was chicken Marsala with shallots, mushrooms and Marsala wine topped with prosciutto ham and Provolone cheese served with au gratin potatoes. Carol and Bruce De Witt served iced chocolate-layered brownies in three icing flavors.

The hosts for our fourth dinner were Carolle and Tom Carlton. Rhea and Jim Russell prepared a cream cheese ball with honey and dried cranberries, rolled in chopped almonds and served with various



Photo by Jim Russell

**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club members participated in the annual Club Fair.**

crackers. Carolle and Tom then served the dinner which was lasagna prepared from a family recipe. This was accompanied by a Caesar salad. Rhea and Jim then served a light mix of pineapple, cheesecake pudding, cool whip and fresh strawberries. Also included in the dinner festivities were neighbors of the Carltons.

Nancy and John Van Gorden hosted dinner number five. Phyllis and Al Richards brought the appetizers of devilled

eggs and buffalo chicken dip served with crackers. Nancy and John then served a glazed roast loin of pork with stuffing, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, and a lime gelatin salad with fruit.

Chris and Mike Riopel then served dessert. It was good old-fashioned strawberry shortcake in honor of Florida's strawberry season.

Our club is currently looking for new couple members. If interested, call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information.



**World Traveler**

By Bill Shampine

I'm going to cheat a little bit today. My columns all are written about places outside of the United States. Although my subject for the day is about American Samoa, it is 6,601 miles from Ocala. I figured that was far enough away to be okay with my World Traveler readers.

The Samoan islands were populated about 3,000 years ago by Polynesians traveling around the Pacific Ocean in canoes (an amazing accomplishment)! It was not until 1722 when Jacob Roggeveen, a Dutchman, became the first European to see these islands. Contact by Europeans continued to be limited, however, until 1830 when English missionaries and traders began arriving on a regular basis.

From 1830 into the 20th century the French, British, German, and Americans all used the Pago Pago (pronounced pango pango) harbor for supplies. International rivalries were rampant during

this period, but finally were settled by the 1899 Tripartite Convention. The convention partitioned the Samoan Islands into two parts. The eastern island group became a territory of the United States, ultimately being called American Samoa, and the western islands were called German Samoa, or more commonly, Western Samoa.

American Samoa is one of only two possessions of the United States in the Southern Hemisphere. It is located in the South Pacific about 2,600 miles south of Hawaii, and, at 76.1 square miles, has a land mass slightly larger than that of Washington, D.C. The territory consists of five gorgeous volcanic islands and two coral atolls. The islands have very rugged, steep mountains, up to 3,170 feet in height, 90 percent of which are covered with untouched tropical rainforest. American Samoa often is considered a tropical paradise with an average temperature of 82 degrees, and ocean waters ranging between 82 to 86 degrees.

Samoans are U.S. nationals, not U.S. citizens; however many have become nationalized over the years. A bit over 55,000 people live in the territory, with 95 percent of them living on Tutuila, the

largest island. Pago Pago is the capital of American Samoa. The biggest industry in the territory is tuna canning and export, which does \$300 million worth of business annually.

American Samoa is a relatively undiscovered holiday paradise, particularly for someone interested in hiking tropical rainforests, swimming, snorkeling, diving, fishing, or simply lazing around on the beach. The National Park of American Samoa is one of the newest and most remote national parks in the U.S. It was established in 1993, includes 10,500 acres, and extends from mountaintops to the coast, including about 2,500 acres underwater. A unique feature of this park is their Home Stay Program, where you can room with a local family instead of staying in a hotel.

The other major tourist attraction is the National Maritime Sanctuary. It is one of 14 federally designated underwater areas protected by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. This sanctuary covers 13,581 square miles of near shore coral reef and offshore open ocean waters across the Samoan Archipelago. The variety of marine life found here is amazing.

One word of caution, American Samoa lies in the cyclone belt, so you really want

to consider carefully before visiting there during the time period between November and April (similar to coming to Florida from June to November).

Finally, I actually applied for a job in American Samoa in the 1970s, but was not chosen. I knew I was not the best qualified for that job, but thought it would be a wonderful place to work for a while.



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**Pola Islands, located just off the coast of Tutuila Island.**

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**Birders' Beat**

By Debbie Sherer

On Thursday, March 19, the Unique Birders will be hiking the Oxbow Trail on CR 39 in the Withlacoochee Forest. On the way we will stop at the Hálpata Tasanaki Preserve off SR 200, across from Spruce Creek Preserve Golf Club, hoping to see Florida scrub jays. «The preserve is named after Seminole leader Hálpata Tasanaki (Chief Alligator) who, along with Osceola, Jumper and approximately 1,000 warriors, took part in the largest battle of the Second Seminole Indian War in 1836.»

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) purchased

most of the land in 1994 and 1995 at a total cost of \$13.5 million.

The Oxbow Trail is on the northernmost tract of the Withlacoochee State Forest. Eagle Scouts have constructed trails and campsites along the Oxbow. The forest path is a good place to hear and see songbirds. The Oxbow Nature Trail follows the Withlacoochee River and winds out to a peninsula on the river. This spot is excellent for viewing shorebirds like the swallow-tailed kite.

The swallow-tailed kite is a beautiful bird of prey with a striking shape and pattern and extraordinarily graceful flight. This kite has an unusual flight pattern of gliding, rolling upside down and zooming high in the air with a minimal motion of its wings. They capture much of their food in the air swooping low over trees picking small insects, frogs, lizards and birds from twigs or leaves while in flight. Swallow-

tailed kites were at one time common over much of the southeast but now are found mostly in Florida and a few other spots in the Deep South.

Swallow-tailed kites build their nests near the top of the tallest trees available, more than 60 feet above the ground. Incubation of the eggs is shared by both male and female parents. Males bring food to the nest and females feed the young. The young may move in the nest tree at about five weeks and fly at five to six weeks.

The peninsula on the Oxbow Trail is a potential spot to see the swallow-tailed kite and observe their amazing aerial acrobatics. If you are interested in going on his trip with the Unique Birders, meet us Thursday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot in front of the Recreation Center. For further information, contact Margitta Claterbos (873-0731).



Photo by Sandra Marraffino

**Swallow-tailed kite.**



**SPCA**

By Maria Devine

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. We're starting to plan our second annual bunco fundraiser, so please join us if you want to help out. If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985.

Once again, we've noticed what appear to be housecats wandering our neighborhoods. Please realize the danger of letting your pets wander outdoors and keep them safely inside. You also run the risk of someone taking them to a shelter or animal control thinking they're a stray.

Here's a different picture of our boy Smokey, who's been waiting to be adopted. Smokey, who is about five years old, came into foster care after being attacked and injured by a wild animal. Through veterinary and foster care, Smokey's wounds have healed and he has become a very affectionate cat who loves to be petted. In foster care, Smokey met Ebony the kitten, and they became best friends who love to play and cuddle together. It would be wonderful if they could continue their relationship and be adopted together, but they can be adopted separately. Please call Arlene at (352) 875-9761 to meet Smokey and Ebony and give them a chance for a new start.

Last month, we mentioned that Sheltering Hands was in need of bed and bath linens. We want to thank everyone who called and made contributions. Of course, there is always an ongoing need for these items so we're asking for your continued help. As you start spring cleaning in the next month or two, please set aside linens such as sheets, pillowcases, towels and throw rugs. You can call Pat at (352) 236-6334 and she will pick them up.

In addition to these items, Sheltering Hands can also use paper towels, stamps, canned and dry cat food, new cat toys, bleach, dish and laundry soap, copy paper and trash bags (13 and 39 gallon). Anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated.

Sheltering Hands runs the trap, neuter, return program for the county that curtails the feral cat population. They also have cats for adoption. They have a new phone number for all inquiries at (352) 840-0663.

The SPCA is still in need of your support for dog and cat food donations. Pets on Wheels provides dog and cat food for people with pets who receive Meals on Wheels. We pack food for so many pets that this is an ongoing need for us. Kibble can be dropped off at customer service at Winn Dixie in Friendship Center. You can also call us and we'll arrange an alternate pick up or drop off. Please note that we don't accept any food or treats made in China, so please check before donating. Thank you all for your generosity.



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**Pennsylvania Club**

By Pat Utiss

Food, fun and games! That was the theme of the Pennsylvania Club's Wednesday, Jan. 14, meeting. Members showed up in their favorite team jerseys and colors in this tailgate-themed event.

Hometown favorite tailgate foods were all the rage as members sat down to enjoy the feast. Hats off to the members of our club and their delicious variety of dishes prepared.

President Ray Utiss thanked the members of the club for their generous donations to the Salvation Army Christmas toy drive. He shared a thank you he received from the Salvation Army thanking the club for those donations, which exceeded last year's donations.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed playing bingo for prizes ranging from candy to throw blankets. It was a lot of fun and we're sure to do it again.

Love was in the air at the Wednesday,

Feb. 11, Pennsylvania Club meeting. The Rowdy Boys Barbershop Quartet entertained members following a delicious potluck dinner. Members enjoyed the walk down memory lane as the group performed some of their favorite love songs.

The club welcomed two new members this month, Rose and Bill Hamel. Bill was originally from the Philadelphia area.

Three couples from the club were asked to participate in the "Not So Newlywed Game" and compete for prizes. Shirley and Larry Wilver, married 63 years, were our first place winners of a tower of chocolate treats. Our second place winners were Maureen and Pete Trgovic, married 42 years, and received a box of chocolate truffles, and in third place, Hazel and Elmer Radabaugh, married 53 years won a box of candy and a book entitled "As Good as It Got." Thanks to our couples for providing a lot of laughs at their expense! Special thanks to Sharon Tarolli and Nell Entinger who assisted Micki Malsch, game hostess.

The Wednesday, March 11, meeting will host the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. Corned beef and cabbage, parsley potatoes, Irish soda bread and bread pudding will be served. You don't have to be a member to join us for the St. Patrick's



Photo by Micki Malsch

**Rowdy Boys Barbershop Quartet entertained the Pennsylvania Club on Wednesday, Feb. 11.**

Day dinner. Guests are always welcome in search of good fun and people!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.50 per person. For tickets, call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. The deadline for ticket sales is Wednesday, March 4.

For those of you who could not make the February meeting, membership cards will be available at the March meeting. Club dues remain \$5 per member per year. Until we meet again ...

Submitted by Michelle Malsch



**Southern Club**

By Jane Krellner

The Thursday, Feb. 5 meeting was held at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. After the blessing of our food, cooks, and members, a wonderful Valentine's Day dinner was enjoyed. The following business meeting included the Pledge of Allegiance, and guests and visitors, including Jean Monroe representing the

paper, were recognized. An article will be printed soon regarding her visit with us, and future articles will feature other visits in the area. Lovely Valentine centerpieces made by Sharon were given as door prizes. Upcoming elections were discussed, including asking for volunteers and nominations for officers for the next year.

Our part in the Club Fair was successful in bringing new people to our club.

A speaker from the Ocala Police Department will talk to us about scams and scammers at the next meeting on Thursday, March 5, at 5 p.m. Come on out and join us for education and socialization. Don't forget your dish to share for 10 people, and your plate and utensils. See you!

**New England Club**

By Donnamarie Castellano

Please join us for our Thursday, March 19 New England Club social, which will be held at the Arbor Club Ballroom. Our donations for this month are non-perishable food items for Christ's Church of Marion County food bank. Please be sure all non-perishable donations have current expiration dates.

During the February social, we welcomed some new members who discovered our club during the annual Club Fair that was held on Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Recreation Center Ballroom. During that day, many newcomers stopped by our table to grab a homemade chocolate cookie or piece of candy and chat with us. It was such a pleasure to welcome all into the club.

Our donations during February were handmade or store bought lap blankets for our local assisted living facility. Thank you

to all our generous New England Club members.

Consider joining during our next social. We always have a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, speakers or entertainment, games and lots of refreshments and fun. Coffee and tea are provided and members bring their own cold water or soda. We also collect food each month in addition to our monthly charitable donation (ie. Humane Society, Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary, Kimberly Child Care Services, veterans and Christ's Church). We also proudly support the Wounded Warrior program. Again, we do ask that all non-perishable food donations have current expiration dates.

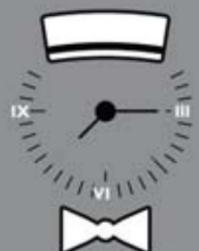
Newcomers interested in attending, our membership fee is \$10 per person per club season. The season runs from October 2014 until May 2015 on the third Thursday of each of those months. Checks must be made payable to our treasurer, Martha Riberdy. Membership is open to all residents. If you are a resident of Indigo East you must have a Gateway of Services pass in order to join. You do not have to be from New England ... we love to socialize with everyone! We just hope you have a love of New England.

For more information, please contact Donnamarie Castellano, president at donnamarie22452@yahoo.com or (207) 212-6529.

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**Active Living**  
By Theresa Fields

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It's hard to believe that spring is less than three weeks away, starting Friday, March 20. We have been very fortunate to experience a mild winter compared to the northern states. It is obvious why we are known as the Sunshine State and the envy of many of our neighbors to the north.

Don't forget daylight-saving time is fast approaching on Sunday, March 8. You will want to move your clocks ahead one hour. America will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17. Don't forget to wear your green!

**Room Request & Club Guest Notification Forms**

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2016 are due now. Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request to the Recreation Office.

Events or club meetings that have guest(s) in attendance must submit a Club Guest Notification form one week prior to your event. Guest(s) will be denied entry into the community without the proper

paperwork.

**Telephone Directories**

The 2015 On Top of the World telephone directories have arrived and are available for pickup at the Arbor Club office.

**Line Dance Classes**

Give yourself the gift of line dance on Monday afternoons! Each class is one hour long, and four levels of dance are offered at the newly remodeled Recreation Center. Please note that line dance tickets will be sold Tuesday through Friday at the Recreation Office.

- **INTRODUCTION TO LINE DANCE**, 1 p.m., Fitness Room: Learn to dance at your own pace and ability. Step patterns are thoroughly described, practiced and used in simple patterns.
- **IMPROVER PLUS** at 3 p.m.: Dance experience required. Current popular dances taught.
- **BEGINNER** at 4:15 p.m.: Basic line dance steps, combinations and easy dance patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed.
- **ABSOLUTE BEGINNER** at 5:30 p.m.: Formerly Introduction to Line Dance. Dancers have completed three months of dance. Additional step patterns are added weekly.

Classes are \$10 per month – four week classes – Pre-registration is required.

**Happy Hour**

Join us for our next themed Happy Hour on Friday, March 13, as we prepare for "Bike Night." Pull out the leather and use your imagination for a fun-filled night with all your biker friends. Please remember that a resident I.D. is required for entry into Happy Hour and guest fees apply. Please note that saving of tables is not permitted:

- March 6: Dunning Shaw (Recreation Center)
- March 13: Karen Hall (Bike Night theme/Arbor Club)
- March 20: Second Slice (Recreation Center)
- March 27: Maquerade (Arbor Club)

The Pub will be open for service, and snacks will not be permitted during Happy Hour at the Recreation Center.

**Victory Casino Cruise**

Join us for an afternoon of fun on Tuesday, March 10, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. They will also match \$20 in free play on your casino card once you have played \$20 on the gaming machine. Please note that a valid government-issued photo ID will be required to board.

Cost is \$38 per person, which includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, \$20 match in play and double points. Pre-registration is required.

**Relectrocycle**

Do you have electronic items sitting around that you would love to dispose of? We are making that possible by offering "Responsible Electronics Recycling" on Thursday, March 12, in the Recreation Center parking lot from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a free event with the exception of the following items incurring a \$5 fee per item: box cabinet, projection-type TVs and CRT monitors.

**Rags to Riches Sign Up**

Rags to Riches is scheduled for Friday, April 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Table sign up will commence on Monday, March 16, at the Recreation Office. Cost will be \$8 per table (two-table maximum per resident). Get your table (s) early as this event sells out quickly.

**Seminole Casino**

Our next casino trip is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person, which covers transportation. Our 2015 casino dates are available so stop by the Recreation Office to pick up your copy and to register.

**Get Acquainted Coffee**

Join us in welcoming some of our new residents into the community! We will have a Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 19, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be coffee, doughnuts and representatives from hospitality, fitness and more. Each representative will speak on the services and programs they have to offer. At the conclusion of this event, we will take you on a short walk to familiarize you with some of the facilities and amenities that are available to you as residents. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office.

**Hockey Game**

The Bear is back! The Orlando Solar Bears versus Gwinnett Gladiators on Monday, March 23. You will be seated in the club seats located on the club level and have access to club level concessions and amenities that are exclusive to the club level guests. The seats are very comfortable, roomy and have a fantastic view. Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes transportation and admission to the hockey game. Pre-registration is required.

**Holy Land Experience**

Join us for an amazing trip to the Holy Land Experience on Thursday, March 26. You will see four major dramas with a combination of indoor and outdoor presentations. You will have the opportunity to meet and greet the cast throughout the park. Dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes. There are plenty of cafes and restaurants on site for lunch on your own. Cost of the trip is \$61 per person, which includes transportation, entry into the Holy Land Experience and all four shows. Pre-registration is required.

**Singing River Cruise**

Join us for an educational tour on the Rainbow River, Friday, March 27. The captain will share his knowledge of Florida's ecology and history through story and song as we cruise the crystal clear spring-fed Rainbow River and the dark, swamp-fed Withlacoochee River. You will see amazing wildlife and gain knowledge of Florida's ecology and history. The tour is about an hour and forty minutes on the water. Once the tour is completed we will dock at the Blue Gator Restaurant for lunch overlooking the river. The cost of the trip is \$26 per person, which includes transportation and the river cruise. Lunch will be on your own. Pre-registration is required.

**Majestic Manatee Tours**

Join us on the Majestic Manatee tour on Tuesday, March 31. We welcome you aboard the newly refurbished glass bottom boat originally from Silver Springs. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees as well as its crystal clear springs. We will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of manatees. The glass bottom boat will also allow you to see the local fish species. You will see an abundant amount of waterfowl. After the tour, you will dock at the Ale House for lunch. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$51 per person, which includes transportation and tour. Lunch is not included.

**Upcoming Events in April**

- Friday, April 3: No Happy Hour
  - Tuesday, April 7: St. Johns River Cruise
  - Thursday, April 9: EnviroShred
  - Tuesday, April 14: Lightner Museum & Whetson Chocolate Tour
  - Friday, April 17: Rags to Riches
  - Friday, April 17: Horse Farm Tour
  - Saturday, April 18: Hands Across the Highway
  - Sunday, April 19: Rays vs Yankees Baseball Game
  - Thursday, April 23: Seminole Casino
  - Tuesday, April 28: Ringling Museum
  - Thursday, April 30: Spring Fling Luncheon & Line Dancing
- Have a safe spring!

**EVENTS\***

*\* Schedule and performers subject to change. For the latest information, please visit [www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com](http://www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com) or tune into Bright House 732.*

- Thursday, March 5**  
**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday, March 6**  
**Happy Hour with Dunning Shaw**  
Recreation Center Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.
- Karen Hall**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7**  
**Recorded Favorites**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- Three Dog Night**  
Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.
- Sold Out**
- Sunday, March 8**  
**Daylight-saving Time**  
"Spring" ahead one hour.
- Tuesday, March 10**  
**Ocala Open Charity Pro-Am**  
Candler Hills Golf Course  
9:30 a.m.  
To register, visit [ocalaopen.com](http://ocalaopen.com).
- Victory Casino Cruise**  
Port Canaveral, Fla.  
\$38 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.
- Wednesday, March 11**  
**Ocala Open Professional Golf Tournament**  
Candler Hills Golf Course  
Free for spectators.
- Thursday, March 12**  
**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Relectrocycle: Responsible Electronics Recycling**  
Recreation Center Parking Lot  
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Free (except for box cabinet, projection and CRT TVs/monitors, which will incur a \$5 fee per item)
- Ocala Open Professional Golf Tournament**  
Candler Hills Golf Course  
Free for spectators.
- Friday, March 13**  
**Ocala Open Professional Golf Tournament**  
Candler Hills Golf Course  
Free for spectators.
- "Bike Night" Happy Hour with Karen Hall**  
Arbor Club Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.
- Recorded Favorites**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14**  
**Automatic**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 17**  
**Seminole Hard Rock Casino**  
Tampa, Fla.  
\$20 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.
- Thursday, March 19**  
**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Get Acquainted Coffee**  
Recreation Center Ballroom  
9 to 11 a.m.
- Resident "Sneak Peek" Model Grand Opening Event**  
Sales Center  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday, March 20**  
**Happy Hour with Second Slice**  
Recreation Center Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.
- Country & More**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21**  
**Recorded Favorites**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- Monday, March 23**  
**Solar Bears Ice Hockey Game**  
Orlando, Fla.  
\$45 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.
- Thursday, March 26**  
**Home Delivery of the World News / April Issue**
- Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Holy Land Experience**  
Orlando, Fla.  
\$61 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.
- Friday, March 27**  
**Singing River Cruise**  
Dunnellon, Fla.  
\$26 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.
- Happy Hour with Masquerade**  
Arbor Club Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.
- Fred Campbell**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- The Lettermen**  
Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.  
**Sold Out**
- Saturday, March 28**  
**Retro Express**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31**  
**Majestic Manatee Tour**  
Crystal River, Fla.  
\$51 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.

On Top of the World BUS SCHEDULE		
Monday - Thursday		
MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
Williamsburg	91st Cir.E. - 91st Cir.W - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
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.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	8:58 a.m.
Americana Village	86th 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	86th 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.
<i>Indigo East Community Center Parking Lot Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>		
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Jasmine Square	9:45 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	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.
Gateway Plaza	10:45 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
<b>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</b>		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
Candler Hills Community Center	1:00 p.m.	Crescent Ridge Post Office
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:05 p.m.	Recreation Center
Williamsburg Post Office	1:08 p.m.	Americana Post Office
Avalon Post Office	1:13 p.m.	Friendship Post Office
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Publix Grocery	1:32 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Big Lots	1:37 p.m.	2:57 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	1:47 p.m.	2:47 p.m.
Wal-mart	1:49 p.m.	2:42 p.m.
<i>* All times are approximate</i>		
For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533.		



**Travel Toppers**

By Jo Swing

Travel Toppers has two new, exciting and different trips planned for June and September.

On Saturday June 6, we will visit the Alhambra Theatre to see a show and have lunch. The show will be "The Putnam County Spelling Bee," a musical comedy. Four members of the audience will be invited up on stage to take part in the spelling bee. Check your dictionaries before you go. The price is \$72 for bus, show, lunch, and tips for meal and driver. The coordinator is Linda Hein at (352) 861-

9880 and reservations are being taken now.

On Saturday, Sept. 26 is a special trip to the "Titanic Gala Dinner Event" in Orlando. You will be a participant in a gala dinner and recreation of the night of April 14, 1912. The cost is \$86 and includes coach, admission to the Titanic artifacts exhibit and galleries, dinner and the reenactment. Gratuities are included. Reservations are being taken now; please call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880.

Join us on a spring cruise to Bermuda on the MSC Divinia on April 9, 2016. We will have two full days in King's wharf. We will be sailing from Miami. Why fly, when you can leave from Florida? More information can be found on our website at [www.traveltopperstours.com](http://www.traveltopperstours.com).

We are currently taking reservations for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10. The

show is the popular Broadway musical, "A Chorus Line" at the Show Palace Dinner Theater. \$71 covers coach, show, buffet and tips for driver. For reservations, call Allan Rickards at (352) 390-3075. This one is always popular.

Reservations start Monday, March 9 for the Father's Day (Sunday, June 21) St. John's river cruise. For \$66 per person, you get a three-hour cruise on the Barbara Lee with meal prepared fresh on board and served at your table. Please call Pat Hood at (352) 237-8533. Be sure to make your

reservations early as this one sells out fast.

There are a few cabins left for the Dec. 5 through Dec. 10 Western Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas" Call Inge Gaitch now for further information and reservations.

Travel Toppers' next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, at 9:30 a.m., in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center. We welcome input from all residents. Until then, keep moving, keep doing, keep traveling.



**On The Road Again**

By Bob Woods

This is a final notice for two upcoming trips departing our community at the end of the month and the middle of April.

The cruise departing Saturday, March 28 still has a few cabins remaining at the

time of this writing. Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas is sailing from Tampa, Fla. for a seven-night voyage heading for four ports of call in the western Caribbean. The club is giving a one-hour free cocktail party and \$75 shipboard credit per cabin.

The trip leaving on Sunday, April 19 is a motor coach venture with a few seats remaining heading to the "Music City" (Nashville, Tenn.) for a six-night, seven-day extravaganza. We will visit many of the city's famous tourist destinations such as the Grand Ole Opry, backstage tour of the Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, and the list of locations to be visited continues. On the return from Nashville, John Ware has arranged a stop at Rock City on Lookout Mountain, Ga. This is a fabulous adventure especially for those liking country music.

The club is taking stand-bys for the Sunday, Oct. 4 trip visit to the "Crescent City" (New Orleans, La.). No deposit is required for stand-bys. If a vacancy arises, you will be called in order names received on the list. At present, this trip is sold out but there are always circumstance arising preventing some deposited travelers from participating.

The club also has a fantastic voyage heading to the tiny nation of Bermuda sailing on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas departing Saturday, Sept. 5. This is a five-day, six-night voyage spending two full days on the island. The club is providing a \$75 shipboard credit per cabin. The deposit for this cruise is fully refundable up to final payment but there is a small deposit required by the airlines that is not refundable.

For additional information on any of the club's trips, please call John Ware at (352) 873-3516 for motor coach trips and Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702 for cruises. Each club member will deliver a flyer to your home if requested or information and photographs of past and upcoming destinations can be obtained on the club's website at [www.bobwoodsontheroad-again.com](http://www.bobwoodsontheroad-again.com).



Photo by Bob Woods

**Elvis Presley's gold piano located in the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum in Nashville, Tenn.**

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*Rabbi Mark Winer speaks on bigotry and compassionate communities.*

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**DRONES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**  
MARCH 12 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
*Dr. Martin Hoffer reveals how drones are changing aviation.*

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**RECREATION**

## Residents Take on the Ocala Half Marathon!

By Cammy Dennis

On Sunday, Jan. 25, a group of resident athletes braved grueling 30-degree temperatures to tackle the Ocala Half Marathon. They had all trained very hard for this event, and on this early dark, cold morning made their way to the starting



Earl Hancock heads to the finish line of the Ocala Half Marathon in January. Earl placed first in his age group!

line to take on the 13.1-mile course.

Most walked but one of our residents, Earl Hancock, ran the entire distance and came in first place in his age group! Way to go Earl! The other participants were Sara Sommer, Janet Wiles and Karen Benson. I was so impressed with their accomplishment I couldn't resist finding out more about what it took to get there. Read on for some very inspiring stories.

What was your motivation for participating in the half marathon?

Earl: "Because I am blessed to be fit and able to do so! Also, I look forward to participating with my son and daughter on these adventures. Last year, my wife and I spent three months in Colorado with our daughter. My daughter and I scaled three mountains over 8,000-feet high. I plan to run the 2018 Half Marathon when I turn 80 years young."

Karen: "At first, my goal was just to be more physically active and lose weight. I lost 23 pounds in six months and have managed to keep it off although I would wish to lose 10 pounds more. I have always believed in physical activity being the best way to keep healthy. When I was still working, I walked two miles every morning before going to work. It was an excellent time to commune with nature while mulling over the problems facing you for the day. We enjoy walking and talking in our community. When it is hot in the summer, we walk the streets that are shaded. During the cooler weather, we venture into the open space."

Sara: "I have always believed in exercise. Walking is a great way to do it. It doesn't matter how fast or how far you go. It does help to have a walking partner, but I have done it by myself, too. By myself, it is my quiet time to be in the great outdoors."

Was this your first experience with a half marathon?

Earl: "No! I have been running 5K, 10K, half and full marathons for over 20 years. My full marathons have been in Louisiana, Texas, and Ohio. The coldest temperature was at the White Rock Marathon in Dallas, Texas on Dec. 10, 1995; it

was 22 degrees with ice in the cups at the first water stop at mile one. That is where I set my personal record of under four hours for the full marathon!"

Karen: "This was my second half marathon. Sara (my half marathon walking partner) and I began walking together about 18 months ago. As the weeks went by, we went from Saturday morning walks to and from Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli where we regularly meet with a group of friends (three miles in each direction), to walking five days a week averaging 22 to 25 miles a week. One week we walked 28 miles."

Sara: "This was not my first marathon. In fact, it was my seventh. I did the first one in Gainesville on a lark. I had no idea what it would be like. I thought, why not? I am glad I did. I have had some trials along the way, but I have kept at it. I have already signed up for number eight!"

What advice do you have for aspiring half marathon participants?

Earl: "The most important thing to do for any run, from a 5K to a full marathon, is train! If you aren't hindered with knee problems or related joint issues, just about anyone can run any of the race distances I mentioned. The key is training!"

Karen: "There are lots of challenging opportunities in Ocala for the slowest and fastest of walkers. Folks should choose wisely but be consistent in training for whatever level they choose. Any physical activity you do is better than no activity at all. Bodies were made for motion and as Jessica (Recreation Center group fitness supervisor) tells us, "Motion is lotion."

Sara: "For those wanting to train, I would say start slow. Work up to a longer time and then work on speed. For me, it is to do the best that I can. It would be extra to place, but getting that medal at the end is enough for me."

Very big congratulations to our On Top of the World team of half marathoners! Unfortunately, Janet Wiles was traveling during the time this interview was conducted and was therefore not able to share her thoughts.

## Stamp Club to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

By Joe Rosinski

You may notice a different author for the column this month. As of this month, I will be keeping you abreast of happenings at the General Francis Marion Stamp Club. Replacing my predecessor David Groves will be a challenge, and I hope to be able to pick up where he left off. David passed the baton to me.

David paid the Stamp Club a surprise visit at the Wednesday, Feb. 4 meeting. He was presented with a certificate thanking him for his efforts in serving as the columnist for the Stamp Club in the World News, his expertise, and volunteering spirit.

The club will be celebrating our 25th anniversary on Thursday, April 30. Tom Weixlmann, a Candler Hills resident, and his committee have designed a special souvenir cover with a picture of General Francis Marion, the swamp fox. The cover will be cancelled with special postmarks dated April 30, 2015. Only 100 covers are being made and will be available to club members for \$2 each.

During our regular monthly business meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4, club member John McClelland provided an excellent presentation on ship covers. Some covers

were mailed to particular ships; others were from port-to-port and showed which ship the mail was sent on. One in particular was sent from a landlocked country (Bolivia) via an inland lake (Lake Titicaca), then by rail to a port on the Pacific Ocean and on to Great Britain by ship.

Another cover was found stored in a secret compartment for mail when the ship was being dismantled for scrap, and delivery was delayed for 15 years. It's amazing what one can find on the Internet when doing research on a particular subject.

The Stamp Club table at the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 29 was manned by yours truly and Tom Weixlmann. We had a number of items on display and hopefully, we piqued the interest of some and perhaps kindled memories of their childhood. We made an effort to invite everyone to take advantage of our open door policy and stop by one of our meetings. It's amazing to see the variety of items/subjects that members collect or specialize in.

If you have any questions about the club or the hobby, don't hesitate to e-mail me at [jrcr8850@embarqmail.com](mailto:jrcr8850@embarqmail.com) or any club member. You can visit our web site at <http://ocalagfmstampclub.com> for e-mail



Photo by John Renyhart

### Club members honored David Groves and his service to the club in January.

addresses. Club dues are only \$6 per year.

Our regular meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks' second floor conference room. The bank is located on SW State Road 200 and the SW

99th Street Road entrance to On Top of the World. There is also an informal meeting at the Freedom Public Library from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.



## Hoofin' It for Hospice

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

This year's annual event took place under cool temperatures and sunny skies as the 15th annual Hoofin' It for Hospice took place with a group of residents taking off from the Recreation Center for their two-mile walk through our community's neighborhoods. The event had a very good turnout.

Karen Benson, our community's coordinator, stated "This year's event collected over \$2,000," and still counting. All the money collected goes directly to Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House.

The committee wishes to thank all those who donated their time, those who made generous donations, and those who walked. Thank you for your support!

Photo (left) by Bob Woods

### Walkers participated in the annual Hoofin' It for Hospice two-mile walk on Saturday, Feb. 7.

# Pool & Spa Rules

Pool rules are for your benefit and safety. Non-compliance of pool rules will result in loss of privileges. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Recreation Center Pool

Hours: 8 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Pool closes at dusk - hours of operation are 8:00 am to dusk.
- Facilities are for use by residents and guest(s) only.
- Guest(s) under 15 years of age may use the pool from noon to dusk, and must be accompanied by parent or resident.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guests under the age of 15.
- Diaper age children must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing of objects or littering.
- Food, drinks, glass containers, and pets must be kept outside of fenced pool area.
- Water bottles are allowed as long as they are plastic - no coolers allowed.
- No smoking in and around pool area including pool deck.
- Please exit pool during thunderstorms for your safety.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but please no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- 911 emergency phone located on the veranda.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load capacity is 100.
- Be safe, responsible, and considerate while using the pool.
- Pool will be closed on the last Wednesday of the month for cleaning.

## Arbor Club Pools

Indoor Pool Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.,

Sat. 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Outdoor Pool Hours: Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.,

Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Pool use is for residents and adult guests only.
- Guest(s) must purchase a pass - \$2.25/day or \$10.75/week per guest.
- Children under the age of 15 are not permitted in pools or on pool deck areas.
- Please refer to Arbor Club indoor pool schedule for complete listing of hourly activities.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool or spa.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing of objects or littering.
- Water bottles are allowed as long as they are plastic - no coolers allowed.
- No smoking in and around pool area including pool deck.
- 911 emergency phone located outside the ladies bathroom wall.
- Please exit pool during thunderstorms for your safety.
- Be safe, responsible, and considerate while using the pool.
- Noodles are allowed, but please no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Food, drinks, glass containers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Indoor pool bathing load is 75 and the outdoor pool bathing load is 37.
- The indoor pool will be closed for cleaning every Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.
- The outdoor pool and spa will be closed for cleaning the first Wednesday of the month.

## Candler Hills Pool • Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Please exit pools during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Pool is open to all residents and their guests.
- Guests under the age of 15 are permitted in the pool from noon to dusk only when accompanied by a resident or parent.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guests under 15.
- Children in diapers must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- Plastic water bottles are allowed...no coolers allowed.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load is 55 persons.
- The pool will be closed for cleaning the second Wednesday of the month.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing objects or littering.

## Candler Hills Spa • Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- Shower before entering.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in spa and on deck.
- Bathing load is 10 persons.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- The spa will be closed for cleaning the second Wednesday of the month.

## Indigo East Pool • Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Please exit pools during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Pool is open to all residents and their guests.
- Guests under the age of 15 are permitted in the pool from noon to dusk only when accompanied by a resident or parent.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guests under 15.
- Children in diapers must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- Plastic water bottles are allowed...no coolers allowed.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load is 55 persons.
- The pool will be closed for cleaning the third Wednesday of the month.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing objects or littering.

## Indigo East Spa • Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- Shower before entering.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in spa and on deck.
- Bathing load is 10 persons.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- The spa will be closed for cleaning the third Wednesday of the month.

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# CARDS & GAMES



## Bridge

### Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

#### Jan. 12

1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Kay Boland & Mary Walker; 3: Joan Lord & Eleanor Giardina; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

#### Jan 26

1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 2: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 3: Joyce Walchak & Kay Boland.

#### Feb. 2

1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 3: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

#### Feb. 9

1: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 2: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 3: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 4: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett.

### Tuesday Afternoon

By Agnes LaSala

#### Jan. 6

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

#### Jan. 13

1: Mazie Millward & Colleen Tibola; 2: Bob Buchan & Joyce Walchak; 3: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly.

#### Jan. 20

1: Don & Linda Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen.

#### Jan. 27

1: Carol Trexler & Shirley Stolly 2: Mazie Millward & Joanne Jones; 3: Cleona Redman & Joyce Walchak.

### Tuesday Night Dup

By Doris Keathley

#### Jan. 6

1: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; Tie at 2/3/4: Doris Keathley & Marjorie Benton and John & Marie Fiorillo and Bill & Ida Carlson.

#### Jan. 13

1: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; 2: Dan Lack & Vernon Siber; 3: Bill & Ida Carlson; 4: Katie White & Kathie Dushary.

#### Jan. 20

1: Katie White & Marjorie Benton; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; 4: John & Marie Fiorillo.

#### Jan. 27

1: Katie White & Marjorie Benton; 2: John & Marie Fiorillo.

### Wednesday Afternoon

By Pat Golgart

#### Jan. 7

1: Eleanor Giardina; 2: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Pat Golgart.

#### Jan. 14

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Eleanor Giardina; 3: Maureen Meade; Cons: Helen O'Brien.

#### Jan 21

1: Mary Culberson; 2: Maureen Meade; Cons: Delores Melberg.

#### Jan. 28

1: Rich Fluet; 2: Pat Golgart; Cons: Delores Melberg.

### Thursday Afternoon

By Marge Starrett

#### Jan. 8

1: Joyce Walchek; 2: Joanne Jones; 3: Pat Golgart; 4: Cleona Redmon; 5: Marge Starrett.

#### Jan. 15

1: Eleanor Giardina; 2: Kay Boland; 3: Marge Starrett; 4: Shirley Ebert.

#### Jan. 22

1: Marge Starrett; 2: Joanne Jones; 3: Sharon Davis.

#### Jan. 29

1: Mazie Millward; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Shirley Ebert; Tie at 4: Linda Sprague & Bernie Kelly.

## FREE BALANCE ASSESSMENTS

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## Thursday Night

By Gail Ambrose

#### Jan. 8

1: Ken Hall; 2: Ron McNeilly; 3: Tom Marta; 4: Marian Hotz; 5: Ed Horner.

#### Jan. 15

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Gail Ambrose; 4: Pat Polony.

#### Jan. 22

1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Marian Hotz; 3: Sara Anderson; 4: Ron McNeilly.

#### Jan. 29

1: Jack Martin; 2: Ida Rosendahl; 3: Gina Swenson; 4: Nancy Van Gorden; 5: Laura Snyder.



## Cribbage

## Friday Night

By Rose Marie Postin

#### Jan. 9

1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: Marjorie Saxon; 3: Herb Postin; Cons: Norma Yonke.

#### Jan. 16

1: Herb Postin; 2: Phyllis Wandrey; 3: Sheila Howell; Cons: Marjorie Saxon.

#### Jan. 23

1: Sheila Howell 2: Marjorie Saxon; 3: Phyllis Wandrey; Cons: RoseMarie Postin.

#### Jan. 30

1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: Marjorie Saxon.



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## Friday Night 4 Fun

By Chip Parsons

#### Jan. 16

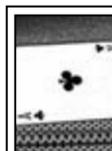
1: Richard Miles; 2: Phyllis Wall; Tie at 3: Nancy Kowsky & Francis Griswold.

#### Jan. 23

1: Maria Kienberger; 2: Arlene Luehre; 3: John Wall.

#### Jan. 30

1: Maria Kienberger; Tie at 2: Mary Bartel & Dale Douglas; 3: Edith Kolb.



## Pinochle

## Tuesday Night/Double

By Alberta Sarris

Arrive 5:45 p.m. to start play at 6 p.m.

#### Jan. 6

Table 1: Verna Harsh & Jean Gillette; 2: Norma Yonke & Ann Pelham; 3: Virgil Taylor & Joe Scrivo.

#### Jan. 13

Table 1: Sue Kelly & Bunny Swift; 2: Norma Yonke & Vi Horton; 3: Virgil Taylor & Joe Scrivo.

#### Jan. 20

Table 1: Bunny Swift, Sue Kelly & Sharon Coldiron; 2: Ilse Kersey & Vi Horton; 3: Joe Scrivo & Virgil Taylor.

#### Jan. 27

Table 1: Jean Gillette & Verna Harsh; 2: Ilse Kersey & Alberta Sarris; 3: Jerry & Jim Keller.

## Tuesday Night/Single

By Whitney Frye

Come and enjoy an exciting time playing a great card game. Call (352) 237-0388 for more information. See you on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Hobby Building.

#### Jan. 13

1: Marie; 2: Whitney Frye; 3: Edna Frye.

#### Jan. 20

1: Ilse; 2: Andy Mark; 3: Edith Kolb.

#### Jan. 27

1: Marie; 2: Al Novotny; 3: Andy Mark.

## GOING OUT OF TOWN?

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**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole**

By Judith Parisi

The league had its Valentine's Day spectacular – Par Tee Fore Love – on Thursday, Feb. 12. We were so pleased that the weather cooperated and we were able to tee off at 3 p.m. in shotgun style for a scramble tournament with a special twist.

Following a fun round, we gathered at the Candler Hills Restaurant to enjoy a scrumptious buffet dinner that included a salad bar, salmon, sirloin, roasted vegetables, rolls, and beverage and was topped off with delectable red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting. There was a drawing for the 50/50, announcement of the winner of the "Guess How Many," awarding of the prizes for golf, and prizes for working out the golf related word jumble.

The atmosphere was festive in the restaurant, which had been decorated with the Valentine's Day theme. At each place setting was a favor for each guest that in-

cluded a bookmark that was a copy of an original drawing by Renee Aden using Zentangle, a method of drawing that is intricate, elegant, and fanciful all in one. Renee did a wonderful job in creating two designs one primarily in black and the other in red. These are truly keepsakes.

Kudos to the committee for their work in organizing this event: Chair Renee Aden along with Marcie Hock, Debbie Malo, Linda Mandala, Carol Deahl, Ginny Redden, Vicki Olson and Judy Parisi. The committee was recognizable at the event with their heart antlers. Thank you to all. A special thank you to Denise Mullen our LPGA pro for the fun format and the Golf Shop staff for organizing the carts.

As we head into spring, we look forward to the Ocala Open, outside invitations, and our Club Championship in April.

Please take a look also at our website at [www.chlga9.shutterfly.com](http://www.chlga9.shutterfly.com) to see more information about our league and the fun events we enjoy.

**Fewest Putts Jan. 22**

12-Pat Gill, Donna Liphardt, Nancy Dreimiller and Susan Layne. 13-Susane Trembulak, Deborah Malo, Gail Am-



Photo by Judy Parisi

**Some of the participants enjoying dinner at Candler Hills Restaurant following the golf event.**

brose, and Miriam Gerlach. Closest to the Line #12-Nancy Dreimiller. Closest to the Pin #13-Judy Parisi.

**Par Tee Fore Love Scramble Feb. 12**

Tie at 3/5-Pamela and Mark Monk, Gail

Ambrose and Judy Parisi and Virginia and John Redden and Susane and Rich Trembulak. 4/5- Carol and Mike Deahl, Kathy and Woody Hall. Closest to the line (men)-Mike Deahl. Closest to the line (women)-Gail Ambrose.



**R/C Flyers**

By Elliott Wilkins

Welcome back to our series entitled "On Top of the World's Magnificent Men/Women and Their Flying Machines."

This month's focus is dedicated to our newly elected president for 2015, Gale Perry. At our recent turnover meeting and election, Gale was overwhelmingly elected.

In her short time, she has excelled in her leadership qualities and forthrightness in presenting her fellow board of directors and their reports to the membership. This can be a difficult task since we are comprised of highly intelligent and opinionated members from all walks of life ... we are so lucky to have her in our midst.

Gale was raised in southern Maryland near the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, and that is where she developed her love of flying, aircraft and aeronautics. She attended college in Salem, W.Va. and received a degree in equestrian breeding and a minor in special education with a technical degree in dog training.

She owned a dog training business for 35 years and specialized in training ser-

vice dogs for the handicapped and search and rescue missions. She is a very caring and astute observer of human nature and behavioral tendencies. As such, she is always available for questions or suggestions from our club members on any and all topics. If she doesn't have an answer, she will research it thoroughly to find out what it is.

Gale is married to Bob Perry who has held various board positions in the past and is presently our newly elected secretary for 2015. They met in 1999 and married in 2004. Bob was instrumental in renewing her interest in aviation and specifically radio control model aviation. He was her initial flying instructor and also taught her the complexities of building model aircraft.

They moved to On Top of the World in 2006 specifically for the R/C Flyers Club and the flying field. Bob and Gale are both well respected and held in high regard because of their dedication to the well being of the club and its future.

Congratulations and good luck Gale! This is why you are this month's "Magnificent Men/Women and Their Flying Machines" award winner.

**GOT TRASH?**

Please put all trash in compactor.



**Dancin' On the Top**

By Richard P. Vullo

The Dancin' On the Top committee held its annual "Sweetheart Dance" at the newly remodeled Recreation Center. Our members enjoyed sampling the spectacular sweets at intermission and danced to music by the Karen Hall Trio. Everyone

seems pleased with the lighting and sound renovations to the Recreation Center.

The next scheduled dance is the "Spring Fling" on Saturday, April 11. Dates for ticket sales will be sent to members by e-mail and will also be listed in this column in upcoming months. For additional information regarding ticket sales, please call Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293.

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**Golf**  
By Matt Hibbs

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Wow how time flies! Spring is almost here. Take advantage of the weather and play some golf before the Florida summer arrives. We all know the high temperatures and extreme humidity will make us dream of this time of year again.

The 2015 Ocala Open will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club on March 11 through March 13, with the Pro-Am held Tuesday, March 10. We are offering all of our golf members a discount to participate in the Pro-Am: \$800 for a three-person team while being paired with one of the pros. Included in the entry fee is a gift package from our Golf Shop worth \$200 and a barbecue lunch after the event.

The benefiting charities for this year's

event are Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Admission is free and VIP tickets are available for \$25 or three for \$65 in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. For more information regarding VIP tickets and the Ocala Open, visit [www.ocalaopen.com](http://www.ocalaopen.com).

Also being held in March is the inaugural On Top of the World Club Championship. This championship is for On Top of the World golf members only. This is a two-day event with round one being played Friday, March 20 on The Tortoise & The Hare followed by round two on Saturday, March 21 on the Links. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Please see the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more details.

The golf professional staff and Candler Hills Golf Club are pleased to announce the return of the Men's Member-Guest Golf Tournament. The Member-Guest is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 through Saturday, March 28. The entry fee for the 2015 Candler Hills Member-Guest will be \$400 per team. We are excited to

announce our event partner, FootJoy, will provide our tee packages. Stop by the Candler Hills Golf Shop for more details.

- Upcoming Events
- Ocala Open Pro-Am: Tuesday, March 10, Candler Hills Golf Club.
  - Ocala Open: Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13, Candler Hills Golf Club.
  - On Top of the World Club Championship: Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21.
  - Candler Hills Men's Member-Guest: Thursday, March 26 & Saturday, March 28.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** David Thomas, hole-in-one #13. Terry Sigler, hole-in-one #8. Tona Scheibal, hole-in-one #8. Larry Rackstraw, shot best round ever 77. Roger Whittle, shot 82 one stroke under his age. Norm Giannukos, eagle #7. Ted Foster, eagle #7.

**LINKS:** Joe Furfaro, eagle #4. Don

Lundgren, eagle #13. Kaz Kaske, shot his age 90.

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Rick D'Addio, eagle #5. Howard Sale, shot 83 eleven strokes under his age. Eileen Gustavus, eagle #2. Paul W. Wade, hole-in-one #11.

Congratulations to all!

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You have a five-foot putt to make birdie and win the match. Your palms are sweating, hands shaking and mind is wandering.

If you can relate to this scenario, then here are a few tips to help ease your nerves. First, create a pre-putt routine. This routine should be kept simple and quick, 30 seconds or less. Make sure to follow this routine for each putt during your round. During your stroke be sure to have nice rhythm. Nerves tend to get the best of players and create a quick stroke. This often causes the putt to fall off line. Stand over the putt with confidence, keep a good frame of mind and sink that putt.



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**Candler Hills Men's Golf**  
By Joe Alfano

Shakespeare had the "Ides of March," the NCAA has "March Madness" and even Laurel & Hardy had "March of the Wooden Soldiers." With that in mind, the wise old sage in me has determined that our association needs some type of a "March" theme. So I am going on a quest to find a "March" theme that we may call our very own. I can only hope my quest doesn't take as long as that other great quest. You know the one I'm talking

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about. Something called "The Crusades." March does signal the beginning of our fundraising efforts and Tony Misterly, Garry Gerlach, Dennis Norris and I so look forward to seeing our members on Tuesday mornings graciously and generously contributing to this year's scholarship fund. We will also be crowning a new Match Play Tournament champion so best of luck to those players still in the competition.

The association keeps expanding faster than some of our waistbands. This past month, we welcomed James Andrews and Dave Berryman to the flock and we hope you guys enjoy the experience. And an experience it should be. Expect wit and sarcasm in equal doses with a bit of harmless satire added to the pot. But you'll not find a more congenial bunch in which to enjoy this most wonderful of games. Anyone else interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at [tjalf@otowhomes.com](mailto:tjalf@otowhomes.com) for more information.

Famed golf writer Henry Longhurst once said, "They say practice makes perfect. Of course, it doesn't for the majority of golfers. It merely consolidates imperfection." Far from being imperfect this past month were Chad Robinson and Pat Clayton (73), Jay List and Tom Garrison (74), Larry Kettlewell (76), Dennis Norris (77), Jon Hill, Walt Pacuk and Dave Martin (78) and Ken Zweiback and Ron Fulton (79). Well done 'bashin' yer mashie niblick' gentlemen.

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

**Two-Man Scramble Jan. 13**

Simon Flight: 66-Ken Zweiback & Walt Pacuk; Tie at 69-Jay List & Joe Mandala, Chris Jett & Mark Monk, Tom Garrison & JC VanBloom and Pat Clayton & Bob Cowie.

Garfunkle Flight: 70-Ron Shoner & Tony Bruno; 71-Mike Deahl & John Workman; 73-Paul Rubly & Jim Harvey.

**Four-Man Three Best Individual Stableford Jan. 20**

123-Craig Riber, Tom Garrison, Roger Whittle & Bill Horton; Tie at 120-Dave Miller, Jay List, Phil Moherok & Bob Petit and Chad Robinson, Tom Racinowski, Tony Bruno & Dan O'Brien; Tie at 116-Ron Shoner, Charlie Dove, Dennis Norris & George Strob and Garry Gerlach, Art Taylor, Andy Bulloch & Gil Green.

**Four-Man Shamble Jan. 27**

250-Larry Kettlewell, Dave Miller, John Podkomorski & Dan O'Brien; 265-Pat Clayton, James Andrews, Roger McKay & Jerry Remy; 270-Dave Berryman, Joe Schuberth, George Strob & Bob Cowie.

**Four-Man Three Best Stableford Feb. 3**

92-Walt Pacuk, Bryant Giffin, Ken Zweiback & Jim Harvey; 91-Larry Kettlewell, Mike Deahl, JC VanBloom & Dan O'Brien; 86-Dave Berryman, Tom Racinowski, Dennis Norris & Don Huston; 84-Larry Joseph, Paul Rubly, Gene Francisco & Bob Cowie.



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**Men's Golf Association**

By Tom Cummings

This last month has shown me that golf truly is a game for all ages and abilities. Among the guys I play with on a regular basis there are two guys over 90 and on any given day they can still beat me. This, along with the news that another of our MGA members, Don Delp, shot his age had me wondering just how I really did rank among all golfers.

According to the National Golf Foundation, only five percent of golfers ever

break 80, 26 percent ever break 90, 55 percent break 100, 79 percent break 110 and 89 percent ever shoot below 120. The other 11 percent never break 120. What a relief, I am at least in the top half.

The number of golfers who ever shoot their age is very low; less than one percent. Here at On Top of the World, the numbers are slightly higher but that is still a great accomplishment. Congratulations to Don and all others who have managed to complete the task.

**Chicken Day Scramble Jan. 7**

63-Jon Hill, Terry Connolly, Dave Miller, Jim Entinger; Tie at 65-Wally Schiff, Vinny Jones, Steve Molnar, Joe Polizzotti; Jerry Segovis, Dan Carty, Pete Trgovic, Harold Barnaby.

**Individual Net Jan. 14**

Flight 1: Tie at 69-Jay Bouton, John Hudacik; Tie at 71-Al Wassmer, Mike Mailet, Mike Almon.

Flight 2: 66-Larry Rourke; 67-Tom Cummings; 68-Dave Hannasch; 69-Henry Sohl.

Flight 3: 65-Mike Driver; Tie at 66-Paul Wade, Jim Andrews; 69-Joe Bologna.

Flight 4: 64-Armando Pena; Tie at 65-Francis Caprez, Jim Harvey, David Miller, Dan Carty, Ed Klodzen.

Flight 5: 61-Robert Moravec; Tie at 65-Mike Flynn, Larry Chase; 66-Joe Polizzotti; Tie at 67-Kas Kaske, Joe Rappa.

**Team Blind Holes Jan. 21**

128-Steve Molmar, Len Ruble, Pete Trgovic, John Ricciadone; 131-Larry

Rourke, Jay Bouton, Don Delp, Tony Magri; 134-David Miller, Ron Cleveringa, John Hudacik, Joe Rappa; 135-Ralph Solvold, Harvey Howd, Tom Pasch, Tom Cummings.

**Individual Stableford Jan. 28**

Flight 1: 44-Pete Trgovic; 42-Jay Bouton; Tie at 40-David Miller (CH), Joe Bologna, Jim Weaver; 37-Ed Conaway.

Flight 2: Tie at 44-Larry Mannion, Jim Borro; 42-Robert Meyer; Tie at 40-Jerry Ashe, Mike Driver; 39-Steve Becker.

Flight 3: 48-David Miller; 47-Jim Harvey; 44-James Merrick; Tie at 43-Jack Hegarty, Kas Kaske; 41-Tary Bole.

Flight 4: 49-Robert Moravec; 43-Tom Cummings; 42-John Ricciadone; Tie at 41-Joe Polizzotti, Roland Schwab.



**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

By Diane Dzik

Cold seems to be the word that controls whether we have league play or not

this winter. Cancellations have been numerous and calling the weather at the precise time of tee-off, can be difficult. (Our league president can sympathize with mayors of big cities!) If you are not sure whether the golf game is cancelled or not, and you do not want to golf, please call the Golf Shop.

If you want to try to get a game in, come to the Golf Shop and they will determine

whether there is enough interest in the group to play a league game. If there aren't enough members for the league, and some still wish to play, teams will be set up, no monies will be collected, and the game will not count as league play.

The Cupid Open with the LGA-18 holers was wonderful. Although weather chilled our bones, a delightful luncheon awaited us topped off with cupcake delights. Little hand-crafted Valentine notepads were table favors along with chocolates. A 50/50, and donated door prizes from the crafter's group completed the afternoon. Thank you 18-hole ladies for the fun and effort you put into making this a "heart-felt" event.

It is that time of year for members to consider how they can help ensure the future of our league. As you well know, the same people continue to do the work required to keep the league going and that continues to be the case this year, however, we need to fill the position of treasurer which will become vacant if a responsible

member will not step forward. Please consider this important office.

Finally, our Green Event will take place on Tuesday, March 3. A complimentary luncheon, game prizes, and a raffle will follow a morning of golf. Our regular membership meeting will follow.

**Cupid Open Feb. 10**

70-Sandy Chase, Gail LaGrange, Louise Lineman, Myra Noel. 72-Kay Baker, Barbara Enos, Beverly Ovrebo; Carolyn Abramovich, Molly Lucieer, Deborah Martin, Angelita Pena. 74-Mike Beyer, Joan Cecchini, Lynne Dickson, Lorraine Rourke. 75-Kay Budd, Ethel Miller, Ellie Rapacz, Nancy Zielinski. 76-Virginia Bayless, Marianne Ford, Cathy Hathaway, Susan Rhodes; Linda Blewitt, Carolyn Cummings, Connie Sohl. 77-Janet Juhlin, Bonnie Leclerc, Marilyn Rose, Joan Rappa; Jean Flynn, Iro Lisinski, Maureen Trgovic.

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**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

By Joan Gustafson

The weather has been a major factor for our Candler Hills Ladies Golf league. Hopefully with spring on its way we will be back to a regular schedule and warmer weather.

The league has been busy with preparations for the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association hosting the Mid-State Golf League tournament on Thursday, March 19. We are encouraging all members to come out and play and help with this event. Our website has a sign up for different breakfast foods, and our league book has other committee sign ups. Please check both of these areas and become a part of this event. A luncheon will be provided after play along with play results.

At our general membership meeting held on Thursday, Jan. 15, our officers appointed a nominating committee for the 2015-2016 year. We are looking for new members to serve on the board. Please consider running for a position, it is a great

way to get involved and meet new people.

The league is reminding all members that the Solheim Cup dates are Thursday, April 9 with play at Candler Hills Golf Course, and Tuesday, April 14 at the Links. Get your partner to have some fun and play! The Club Championship will be played April 23, 25, and the championship round on April 30.

**Until next time, hit them straight! Criss Cross-Individual Jan. 15**

Flight 1: 27-Pam Carpenter. Flight 2: 27-Sue List, 29-Linda Bervinkle, Tie at 30-Carol Oman, Lynne Thesman.

Flight 3: 27-Sandy Noe, 28-Nancy Shoner, Tie at 29-Nancy Cofield, Sandy Chase.

Flight 4: 22-Deanne Green, 27-Ilyong Dicus, 29-Marge Cowie.

**Low Gross-Low Net Tournament Jan. 22**

Flight 1 Gross: 75-Deborah Martin. Flight 1 Net: 68-Tona Scheibal.

Flight 2 Gross: 88-Sue List. Flight 2 Net: 65-Nancy Shoner.

Flight 3 Gross: 95-Vicky Salyers. Flight 3 Net: 71-Irmgard Anger.

Flight 4 Gross: 96-Ilyong Dicus. Flight 4 Net: 69-Linda Buschur.

tie games, which have to still be played, when the teams face each other.

It's been an exciting season so far. Kudos to Dino, the Dr. Dunn catcher who came up with a double and cleared the bases, which helped his team win. This really had all teams cheering for him.



**Softball**

By Bill Leon

The beginning of the year brought about some big changes. The Cebert Wealth team finally broke out and started winning some games during the months of December and January pulling them out of the cellar. They were once eight games out of first place and are now within five games with quite a number of games still to play. The excitement is really building within the team, but it could just as easily turn around.

This news is not so good for the Clock Doc team that just can't seem to get over the hump and have now fallen into last place. The team started off with a lead but have lost too many one run games in the last inning.

Pavarotti's held first place for most of the season, but has faltered lately allowing the Dr. Dunn team to catch up. Both the Pavarotti's and Dr. Dunn teams are now locked in for first place.

Close behind is the Tax Panic team that have played good ball over the last couple of months and are now within one game of first place. The difference may be in the

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Photo by Susan Rhodes

**Judy Pasch, Mary Driver, Chris McIntire and Maggie Hudacik (luncheon committee) at the Ladies 18-Hole Cupid Open luncheon.**



**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

By Susan Rhodes

The turnout for the Cupid Open was excellent with 25 nine-holers and 37 18-holers participating in the golf! Despite the cold weather, all report having a good time. After golf, we gathered for lunch at the Recreation Center Ballroom. After Marilyn Rose led the blessing, we enjoyed Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. After lunch, a 50/50 raffle was held as well as an additional surprise raffle of items donated by the craft group. Rene Beck, one of our social members, noticed the luncheon committee setting up and approached them, offering to donate a craft item. Other crafters followed suit, and

a number of very nice items were raffled off. Many thanks to the Cupid Open luncheon committee (Judy Pasch, Chris McIntire, Maggie Hudacik, and Mary Driver) for all their efforts in making the luncheon a success!

We welcome Kay Baker, who just joined our league recently. Kay has been living in the Avalon community for one and half years. Before moving here, she lived "all over." She has been playing golf for 28 years.

Our next social event is the Member-Member luncheon and general meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 10 after golf in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Be sure to sign up and pay for the luncheon by the deadline. We encourage our social members to join us.

The league championship is scheduled for March 24, 26 and 31. If you haven't done so and want to play in this event, be sure to get your required ten league play

days in.

Our league is open to all female residents. If you are interested in joining us, stop by the Golf Shop to get an application and information sheet. We play Tuesdays at 9 a.m., rallying at 8:30 a.m. Annual dues are \$15.

**Low Gross Low Net Jan. 20 / Links**

Flight 1 Low Gross: 78-Deborah Martin. 87-Gretchen Normandin. 98-Joan Daddio.

Flight 1 Low Net: Tie at 70-Beverly Ovrebo, Lynne Dickson. 71-Nancy Zielinski.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 94-Christine McIntire. 95-Janet Juhlin. 9-Susan Maillet.

Flight 2 Low Net: 68-Margaret Hudacik. 71-Ruth Caraway. 73-Mary Driver.

Flight 3 Low Gross: 95-Susan Rhodes. Tie at 101-Connie Sohl, Kay Baker.

Flight 3 Low Net: Tie at 70: Maureen Trgovic, Geri Treppa. Tie at 77-Sandy

Chase, Renee Aden.

Flight 4: Low Gross: 101-Joan Cecchini. 106-Harriet Brower. 109-Angelita Pena.

Flight 4 Low Net: 72-Carolyn Cummings. 74-Marilyn Rose. 76-Marianne Ford.

**Cupid Open Scramble (9-Hole LGA Invite) Feb. 10 / Links**

70-Sandy Chase, Gail LaGrange, Myra Noel, Louise Lineman. Tie at 72-Beverly Ovrebo, Kay Baker, Barbara Enos; Deborah Martin, Molly Lucieer, Angelita Pena, Carolyn Abramovich. 74-Lynne Dickson, Lorraine Rourke, Joan Cecchini, Michael Beyer. 75-Nancy Zielinski, Kay Budd, Ellie Rapacz, Ethel Miller. Tie at 76-Susan Rhodes, Virginia Bayless, Marianne Ford, Cathleen Hathaway; Linda Blewitt, Connie Sohl, Carolyn Cummings. Tie at 77-Janet Juhlin, Bonnie Leclerc, Joan Rappa, Marilyn Rose; Iro Lisinski, Maureen Trgovic, Jean Flynn.



**Horseshoe Club**

By Jim Russell

Thursday, Jan. 29, provided an excellent opportunity to introduce horseshoe pitching to the many who attended the annual Club Fair held at the newly remodeled Recreation Center. We enjoyed talking with the many folks who showed an interest in joining us each Tuesday at 10 a.m. (winter hours). As a result, we had several new faces on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and look forward to others who would like to join us in some great fun!

The cumulative results since our last column are as follows:

**Jan. 6**

1: Carl Buchanan (6 wins/3 losses); 2: Henry Vieu (5 wins/3 losses); 3: Dan

Moore (5 wins/1 loss).

**Jan. 27**

1: Carl Buchanan (7.5 win/3.5 losses); 2: Ed Lalonde (6.5 wins/4.5 losses); 3: Henry Vieu (5 wins/3 losses).

**Feb. 3**

1: Carl Buchanan (10.5 wins/3.5 losses); 2: Ed Lalonde (7.5 wins/6.5 losses); 3: Ed Klodzen (7 wins/6 losses).

**Feb. 10**

1: Carl Buchanan (12.5 wins/4.5 losses); 2: Ed Lalonde (9 wins/6 losses); 3: Ed Klodzen (9 wins/7 losses).

Play resumed in the Tri-County Horseshoe League, with our traveling team hitting the road for three away matches in a row. Thursday, Jan. 15, saw the team edge out the hosts from Del-Webb #1 by a score of five wins to four wins. The following week, we traveled to Beverly Hills, where the home team edged us out by a five wins to four wins score. Then it was on to The Villages on Thursday, Jan. 29, where we dominated The Villages "Gold" team by a score of seven wins to their two wins. Rain forced a cancellation to our next match, a home game with the Del-Webb #3 team on Thursday, Feb. 5. Our Thursday, Feb. 12, match scheduled with The Villages "Blue" team also had to be cancelled. Our opponents requested the game be rescheduled to a later date because several of their team members were unavailable to play.

With the arrival of March, we look forward to warmer temperatures and lots of new faces every Tuesday at 10 a.m. See you at the horseshoe complex next week!

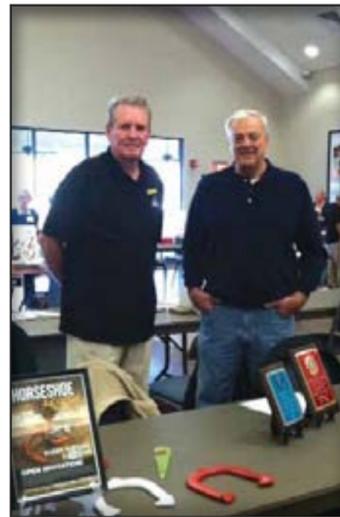


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**Jim Russell and Ed Bodnar greet prospective players at the Club Fair.**

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**Everyone Wins Club**

By Sandi Kemp

Well, it all started with the long red underwear ...

At our December meeting, we exchanged gifts, and of course, it had to be fun, right? You know we like to have fun and laugh on game night! So anyway, Charlie's gift was fire engine red long underwear! Someone suggested that he wear it to the next meeting and then somebody else said, "Why don't we all wear pajamas to the next meeting?"

A few of us good sports did show up in our PJs - Charlie said the suit didn't fit, but since he is such a good sport, he wore different PJs and even brought along Pooh Bear!

We had three new people join us - our group is growing! Please join us for the next meeting on Sunday, March 15, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Wear something green, if you can. We play games, win prizes, laugh, and enjoy a great potluck! Please call Sandi at (352) 237-9073 or Betty at (352) 873-0133 for details!



Everyone Wins Club dressed in PJs at their last meeting.



**Model Railroaders**

By Jim Lynam

The following information related to the history of Ocala's railroads was adapted from Kent Sperring's article, which was published in the Ocala Star-Banner on Jan. 24, 2010.

When did the railroad come to Ocala? In spite of the great railroad construction of the 1880s, the Ocala area did not see the boom in rail access. Across Florida, numerous small companies were eventually chartered to construct and operate railroad lines of rather limited distance, some as short as 20 miles, or in the case of the original Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad, only six or seven miles. Few, if any, of the short lines paid off. The

first SS&O (Silver Spring & Ocala), which expected to become profitable hauling freight and passengers between Ocala and the steamboat depot at Silver Springs, collapsed quickly, as much from faulty equipment as the lack of freight.

Later, an additional railroad line, called the Silver Springs, Ocala and Gulf Railroad (which never did serve Silver Springs), was built to extend down to Homosassa. But investors sold out to a new railroad system that had been devised by Henry Plant. In the 1890s, his line would become the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Plant would have a great influence in Ocala when his railroad line moved south from Gainesville to Ocala. That line traced its beginnings back to 1879, when a new company called the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad, was chartered. It would go through changes and finally emerge as the Florida Southern before joining the Plant line.

Henry Plant observed Ocala's mag-

nificent Ocala House Hotel, which was located on the east side of the downtown square, and added it to his collection of hotels along his railroad routes.

Plant negotiated with Ocala's city council to run his railroad right down the middle of Osceola Avenue through the downtown area. First, it was called the Florida Southern, and eventually became the Atlantic Coast Line.

Florida Southern would build its passenger station on Osceola, between Ocklawaha (now Silver Springs Boulevard) and Broadway, behind the Ocala House Hotel. The passenger station would remain there until Union Station was constructed during World War I at the north end of Osceola.

The Silver Springs, Ocala, and Gulf Railroad ran its first train between Ocala and Dunnellon in May 1888 and reached Homosassa by the end of the year. In February 1897, the first train of the Ocala, Silver Springs and Western Railroad ran on

tracks between Ocala and Silver Springs. One engine pulling one passenger car made the 20-minute run. The two major lines that emerged from all the independent railroads were the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line, which many years later were to be consolidated into what is known today as CSX.

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 Recreation Center fitness center. The club members work on the layout on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and are usually in the room running trains on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Our monthly meeting for March will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

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**Bingo**

By Denise Johnson

Bingo is in full swing! We are having large turnouts each week and we love seeing all the new faces. The games have been showing a generous payout. Recently, we have had many games with multiple winners but the jackpot is still climbing. If you are one of the recent winners, congratulations!

Just a reminder, the cards are sold from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Door prizes are drawn from 5:40 to 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. For those of you who come up early for bingo, please be courteous, and if another event or club is having a meeting, let them clean up and leave the Recreation Center Ballroom before you enter.

Come on out and give us a try. I promise you will have a fun evening and might even turn a profit. See you Wednesday.

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**Back at The Ranch**  
By David Gibas

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**Members Awarded Belts in Karate**

Art Stalbow, karate instructor at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, recently awarded several students new belts signifying their advancement in the karate ranks. Celebrating this wonderful accomplishment were Melita McGrath, Jim Shaffer (receiving their white belt, one stripe) and Rosemary Borgia, Wayne Hall, Sarah Logue and Brenda Rivera (receiving their yellow belt).

The Ranch is very fortunate to have a skilled and experienced instructor leading the karate program. A recent conversation with Art provided greater insight into what it takes to succeed in this martial arts form. Here's a look into what it takes to gain success in karate and then inspire and teach others to do the same.

Ranch: When did you start practicing martial arts?

Art: "In the early 1970s."

Ranch: What kept you practicing all these years?

Art: "It's doable! I love sports but I'm not a good athlete. Martial arts allowed me to learn how to progress because you start with the basics. When someone "tries out" for something they either make it or they don't. Martial arts allows everyone to "make it" because everyone starts

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 - 7:00 AM	Lap Swimming	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

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- When sharing lanes, swimmers of matched speed should share lane.

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from zero. It doesn't matter where you are age wise, even with certain physical limitations you can still learn and perform martial arts."

Ranch: When did you transition from student to teacher?

Art: "At the time, when I was coming up the ranks it was required that I do a year of instructing in order to obtain my black belt. I enjoyed it so much I continued teaching."

Ranch: What advice would you give someone interested in trying karate?

Art: "Give it a try and be patient with yourself. Everyone gets it eventually!"

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**Monday Bowling League**  
By Bob Lingis

After 22 weeks of bowling, Team #11-3 Guys and a Doll are still first place with Team #19-The Invalids in second place and Team #20-The King Pins in third place.

Season-to-date achievements:

**Men**

**High Average**

186.88-Bob Vitale, 183.83-Dennis Turpiseed, 183.59-Jim Shepherd.

**Game High Scratch**

266-Keith Buckhold, 253-Dennis Turpiseed, 241-Szymon Kuskowski.

**High Series Scratch**

669-Bob Vitale, 628-Jim Shepherd, 608-Art Buecher.

**High Game Handicap**

299-Mike Asquino, 289-Bill Specht, 270-Elliott Wilkins.

**High Series Handicap**

717-Murice Dubois, 708-Herb Danczyk, 703-Rod Shepherd.

**Women**

**High Average**

158.58-Hedy Schamal, 157.80-Carol Oman, 149.12-Helen Bailey.

High Game Scratch Female  
214-Carol Oman, 214-Lynn Shepherd, 204-Helen Bailey.

**High Series Scratch**

537-Hedy Schamal, 500-Barbara Reynolds, 494-Georgie Maguire.

**High Game Handicap**

269-Susan Fogg, Marianne Ingwersen, 261-Caroline Caprano.

**High Series Handicap**

688-Susan Mourar, 685-Barbara Buecher, 676-AJ Smallwood.

We have had a great season so far; we only have eight more weeks to bowl. Our last Monday night bowling for position will be on Monday, April 13, which will be followed up on Monday, April 20, with our annual awards banquet. It looks like we are going to have a great turnout and a lot of fun.

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**Larry's  
Fit Tips**  
By Larry Robinson  
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**If the Shoe Fits ...**

If the shoe fits ... your workouts will likely be safer and more effective. In addition to your shoes fitting properly, you want to ensure that your selection provides good support and is suited to the activity you are doing.

Your athletic shoes are probably the most important part of your workout gear. Because your shoes assist with base of support, stability and balance, it doesn't make sense to purchase inexpensive gym shoes that might be lacking in quality.

Your primary activity should determine the type of shoe you need. If you take aerobics, for example, you need a shoe that's going to support low or high impact workouts along with a lot of lateral movement. Look for an aerobic shoe with good cushioning, shock absorption and stability.

If you do strength training in addition to cardio, and occasionally participate in activities like tennis, racquetball, or pickleball, you would probably benefit from a good cross trainer. Cross trainers tend to be more durable and put a higher emphasis on stability over cushioning. Don't make your shoes multi-task: walking shoes are stiffer and heavier, running shoes are more flexible and lightweight. If you do both get a pair for each one.

Have you ever taken the insole out of a new pair of shoes? It's a nicely covered piece of synthetic material that typically offers no support or cushioning. Insoles that you purchase to put in your athletic shoes can extend the life of your shoe and may provide extra support if you have high arches or stand on your feet a lot.

There are many types of insoles, but most fall into two categories: soft for cushioning and stiff for support (non-prescribed orthotics). Just be careful when buying store bought support insoles or orthotics. Your feet are unique; everyone has a different size or shape.

Know your feet! Feet come in a variety of shapes and sizes. You should also be aware of how your feet strike the ground as you move. Over pronation means your feet roll inward. Under pronation means your feet roll outward or supinate.

It's a myth that foot size does not change in adults; typically foot size gets bigger as we grow older. Have your feet measured twice a year and bear in mind that sizes vary between shoe brands. Go by what fits well, not what size the shoe is. Another consideration is that feet tend to swell over the course of the day. They also expand while you walk, so shoes should fit your feet when they are at their largest.

The best way to extend the life of your shoes is to rotate through several pairs. The thing that wears shoes down the quickest is when you continue to wear them while they are still wet from perspiration. Try to remove your athletic shoes (and allow them to dry) right after your workouts, if possible. Wearing old shoes, inappropriate shoes or shoes that do not

<b>FITNESS SCHEDULE</b>					
The Recreation Center <span style="float: right;">Effective: March 2015</span>					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00-8:50	Zumba Mix Madelyne	Strength & Stretch Barb Anne	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	Strength & Stretch Barb Anne	Dance Party Jessica
9:00-9:50	Tai Chi Art	A.B.C. Jessica	Stretch For The Stars Jessica	A.B.C. Cammy	Chair Qigong Ola
10:00-10:45	Balance Body WELCOME! Dara	(9:55) Chair Yoga Ashley	Balance Body Jessica	(9:55) Chair Yoga Ashley	Balance Body Mary
10:30-11:15	ZUMBA Kitti		ZUMBA Kitti		ZUMBA Dara
10:45-11:30	S.O.S. Larry	Balance Body Mary	S.O.S. Larry	Fallproof Function Mary, Cammy & Larry	S.O.S. Larry
11:45-12:30	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Light Aerobics DVD Class Cammy	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Light Aerobics DVD Class Jessica	Get Fit While You Sit Dara
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientations**		Balance Assessments**	
Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are FREE. Reservation required.					
Arbor Club Ballroom/Studio					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:45	Deep Water Aerobics* Dara	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry
9:15-10:15	Yoga* Barb Anne		Hatha Yoga* Barb Anne		Meditative Yoga* (Fitness Studio) Stuart
11:45-12:45	Adult Karate* Art			(11:00) Tai Chi For Joint Health* Art	
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fit properly will likely make your workout less effective and increase the risk of injury. Seek out professional assistance with your selection. Most sporting goods stores have knowledgeable staff to ensure

that you purchase an athletic shoe that is just right for you!

**FIT TIP #1:** Make sure your athletic shoes fit properly.

**FIT TIP #2:** Choose a shoe that is

matched to the activity you are doing.

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## Tennis

By Jorge Privat

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March? Wow, where is the time going so hastily? Never the less, this should be a terrific month to get down to the courts because the weather is about perfect for tennis.

I am also glad to tell you that several newer residents will be joining our tennis community, if they haven't done so already. We always welcome new members and wish them an enjoyable time on the courts.

The tennis committee is working on our tournament, along with a social gathering to celebrate the opportunity to meet as a whole.

In past years, I have been very pleased by the participation in my free clinics. Again, this spring, during the month of April, we will be scheduling those every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Arbor Club facility, and everybody is welcome.

On another note, as the USTA publishes the schedule for league play, I will be posting the notices so we can organize a team to represent On Top of the World in this format. It would be fun to cheer our team as they compete at home and away, and get to meet players of other communities and visit their facilities as well.

### Backhand Drive

1. Pick your target.
2. Start your backswing early and exaggerate that shoulder pivot. Use the left hand (non-dominant hand) on the handle to help guide

the head back, and then after you drop the racquet below ball level, use the left hand to start the racquet into the forward swing. This left hand is very necessary to give your stroke an early start.

3. Keep the right shoulder forward and lower than the left shoulder. This helps prevent the tendency to fall backward.
4. Pivot the left shoulder around so that your back is at about 45-degree angle with the net. Practically, "turn your back" on the net. Let the back of your right shoulder "face" the ball.
5. Lean into the stroke, that is, toward the net.
6. Keep the right knee bent all the way through the stroke. There is a great tendency to straighten that knee and pull the racquet across the body as the stroke is completed. This is a panic stroke usually caused by a late start, making contact with the ball too close to the torso, which actually makes you fall back.
7. Cock the racquet at an angle with the forearm on the backswing.
8. Lock your wrist.
9. As you swing, gradually straighten the elbow. The arm should be practically straight a few feet before you contact the ball.
10. Keep the stroke relatively level with the ground but rising gradually through a contact point and follow-through, just as in the forehand drive. If the ball is high, keep your backswing higher, with knees only slightly flexed.
11. Contact the ball ahead of your torso.
12. Keep your eyes locked on the contact point.

13. Keep the racquet head above wrist.
14. Keep the whole racquet rising as you come through on the stroke. Meet the ball brushing up and let the strings pull up the back of the ball as you follow-through.
15. Keep your elbow locked and wrist locked all the way (do not break your wrist and flip the racquet head over as you finish the follow-through).
16. The angle made by the racquet handle and the forearm should be the same at the end of the follow-through as it was at the beginning of the stroke.
17. Finish the follow-through with the hand high and the handle of the racquet head parallel with the net as long as possible (this ensures again that during the time the ball is nestled in the strings, the racquet head is moving toward the aiming point and not swinging out to one side).

18. In the backhand, the stroking shoulder is in the front part of your body. This is why, it is so important to get that front shoulder way back at the start of the stroke and then bring it forward during the stroke. If you start with the shoulder forward, it has no place to move during the stroke except sideways, which destroys control.

If you feel you don't have enough strength with one hand, use a two-handed grip. Grab the handle snug above your right hand with the left hand, and remember that now it's the left hand, which will do most of the work. This will help you steady the racquet and put more power into your shots. When you use two hands on the "backhand," you practically have no backhand. Instead, you have two forehands; one with the right arm and now, one with the left. Learn to relax your arms and swing through with a complete follow-through.

See you on the courts!



## Billiards

By Richard Impresa

Most of us have heard how baseball was founded on the British game of cricket and football was derived from soccer and/or rugby but where did the idea of billiards and pool come from? In doing some research on the subject, I found various claims of origin and have pieced together the most logical history I could find.

Most people believe that the original game was a 14th century variation of croquet, a game called "ground billiards" played on lawns in Europe. The word "billiards" is a derivative of two French words "billiard" (which means mace or club), and "bille" (which means ball). The object of the game was to knock the ball through a series of hoops around a set course. When space and/or weather wouldn't permit outdoor play, the game was altered for indoor play.

The first indoor version was a game called "port and king" and was played on a cloth-covered table with a hoop (port) on one end and an upright stick (king) on the other end. Pockets were added to serve as "hazards" which were to be avoided. The object was to push the balls across the table from the king, through the port with

a club (now called a cue) while avoiding the pockets.

In the early 19th century, the game morphed into a two-player competition with the players competing for a monetary prize called the "pool."

The word cue derived from the French word "queue" or "tail" with players using the smaller end of the stick to stroke the shots instead of the mallet end. This eventually led to the tapered cue stick we use today.

Some notable figures in history have been associated with billiards including King Louis XI of France who had a table installed in his court for his amusement and Mary Queen of Scots who was allowed to have a billiard table installed in her prison cell while she awaited execution.

Whether you want to aspire to play like a pro, just have some fun or any point in between is strictly up to you. You will get out of the game as much as you put into it. At the risk of being redundant, the secret to success is practice, practice, practice. You can also learn a lot through observation, so get on the Internet and watch the pros or come down to our own poolroom and watch the local sharks. While you're there, don't forget to join our club and help support the On Top of the World billiard experience.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, April 6 at 4 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. See the bulletin boards in the poolroom for details. Until next month, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.

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**Line Dancing**

By George Conklin

We've been dancing on Saturdays on The Town Square at Circle Square Commons at 2 p.m. This new time has given us more time to dance in the sun. When the weather turns for the better we will be back to the regular time.

We are also dancing at the Friday night Happy Hour at the Arbor Club and Recreation Center Ballrooms, and our second Wednesday of the month line dance in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

Our second Wednesday of the month dance has been such a success. We have over 75 dancers on the floor with new-

comers, beginner, improver and intermediate all dancing at once. We have run out of room at the Arbor Club and are going to have to move to a bigger location. Starting in April, we will move to Thursdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 6 to 8 p.m.

In addition to the dance opportunities listed above, we also have classes and the opportunity to socialize on Mondays with Nancy Carmack, Marilyn McNeal and Janice Meade.

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) at (352) 804-1546; Nancy Carmack (intermediate) at (352) 533-8870; or Janice Meade (level two) at (352) 861-9345.



**Ballet Club**

By Eugenie Martin

There always seem to be wonderful events here. The Ballet Club was happy to participate in the Club Fair in January. To me, it was the best Club Fair I have seen. Many groups and clubs participated, with outstanding displays and friendly members. Furthermore, it seemed to me that more residents attended than ever before. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange information and meet new people. Our thanks go to Theresa Fields and her staff for this event!

Our ballet classes continue four times a week in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor swimming pool. The classes are held on Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Mondays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 10:15 a.m. We offer classes at varied times to fit participants' busy schedules. My co-teacher, Julie, and I provide classes structured to give dancers a good workout without being too difficult for less experienced people. In addition, we dance to beautiful music, which is very uplifting.

Newcomers, including those we met at the Club Fair, are always welcome. We do ask that you call in advance, however, so that we will be prepared for you. If you do not have ballet clothes, just wear exercise clothes in which you can move freely and socks on your feet. You can always get ballet shoes, tights, a leotard and skirt (if you wish) later. Please bring a bottle of water, also.

For information about our club, please feel free to call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



**Dancing Singles**

By Stephanie Rohde

We meet on selected Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. March dates are the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Call me at (352) 873-2100 during weekday business hours if you have questions. Come on folks; get out of the house, meet people you haven't met yet, and move your body!

Membership is free to residents (and Indigo East residents with a "Gateway of Services" pass) who are single, or who are married to, or living with a non-dancing spouse or partner.

This is not about partner dancing, hence the name - Dancing Singles. This also is not a place to learn various dances; it is simply about moving your body to quality music (which is not offensive in volume or words). You don't have to know how to dance at all; walking is fine too. You can "dance" (move your body) sitting in a stationary or moveable chair as well. This is about exercising your brain and body and "dancing" in a room with others who are doing the same—moving their body helping to create and maintain health.

Again, get out of the house, mingle, and move your body with us.

Here are the remaining 2015 dates:

April 13, 20, 27; May 11, 18, 25; June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Sept. 21 and 28; Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 16, 23, 30; and Dec. 14, 21, 28.



**Square Dancing**

By Walter Lamp

On Monday, Feb. 9, we drove down to Leesburg, Fla. to visit our friends at the Royal Squares Club, so we could retrieve our banner. We danced to the calling of Ron Libby, who is also our caller.

March is shaping up to be a busy banner month. On Sunday, March 8, we will be visiting the Cloverleaf Leprechauns in Brooksville, Fla. to retrieve our banner. On Tuesday, March 17, our neighbors, the Ocala Twirlers, will be visiting us to take their banner. On Sunday, March 29, we will be visiting the Orange Blossom Squares in The Villages to pick up our banner.

On Saturday, March 7, in the newly renovated Recreation Center Ballroom, we will be celebrating wearing of the green. Our guest caller is Jack Lewis from Boynton Beach, Fla. The dance will run from 7 to 9:45 p.m.

Down in Lakeland, Fla., from Thursday, Feb. 5 to Saturday, Feb. 7, the ninth an-

nual Winterfest Dance was held. We had almost the same great national callers, as last year. They were Tony Oxendine, along with Jerry Story, John Saunders and Jack Pladdys, who highlighted the evening. For the cuers, we had Don and Linda Hichman, along with Jimmy and Carol Griffin. The dances included mainstream, plus dance by definition, advanced and round dancing. As with any new callers, their style is different and that's what makes it so much fun.

Once again, we had folks from out of state and country. The dance included 24 states, including 13 from the cold north that joined us in the sunshine state. And dancers from three other nations joined us: Canada, Sweden and England. International square dancing also includes Germany, Japan and other nations. But they always call in English. We also met some members from our club down there.

My wife and I completed five of the seven sessions. It's always fun meeting new couples from Florida, around America and around the world. And, of course, meeting those whom we danced with last year. This was our fifth Winterfest Dance that we attended. So, now we just wait for next year's dance. Can't wait.



**Sidekicks Western Dance Club**

By Tony & Carla Magri

Over 50 members assembled for our Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Deckerd out in our most festive holiday wear, we enjoyed tea and cupcakes and beat the cold weather by dancing, dancing, and dancing. We accommodate all of our dance levels by splitting the dance floor into groups. In this club, everyone does every dance they choose to.

Our beginners continue learning and have mastered an unprecedented 15 dances, and our regular dance year isn't over

yet. Part of the fun of our dances is the diversity of rhythms: waltz, rumba, polka, cha cha, swing, merengue, 2 step, mambo, tango, etc. It's what makes dancing good exercise for both body and mind.

Our table at the Club Fair generated a lot of interest and we welcome all prospective new members to start with us at the beginning of our new dance year in the fall. That's when we start from square one for our newcomers.

Visit us at our website at <http://pattern dancers.wix.com/side-kicks> and on YouTube.com. Just put ro67ger in the search box.

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**Shuffleboard**

By Grace Rohde

A shuffleboard match was held with Marion Landing on Thursday, Jan. 15, at our shuffleboard courts. There were eight players from each of the teams. Those participating in the event from On Top of the World were: John Basch, Gary Fye, Helen Monsees, Danny Newby, Phil Weiner, Lou Fisher, Jim Smith, and Rick Vogel. The match was organized by Peter Van Arsdale and Lina Vallejo from Marion Landing.

Not only do shuffleboard players enjoy the competition of our Ten Pin Tournaments, but they are now looking with anticipation to the Jack Huard Tournament which will take place on Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m. Rain date is Saturday, March 21. You will already see many of the shufflers joining other teams or playing on their own to practice for the big event. At the same time, you will see newcomers to shuffleboard with quizzical looks on their faces wondering, who is Jack Huard and why do we have this tournament?

For the benefit of our newcomers, I am going to tell you about Jack Huard, one of the pioneers of our Shuffleboard Club, who stood out among all of the others. Organization of the club took place in May of 1986 and by September the shuffleboard team became a reality in On Top

of the World.

Jack's greatest interest was to instruct others how to play shuffleboard. He volunteered his time to give instructions every Tuesday from 9 a.m. until noon to those who wanted to learn. He also wrote instructions on how to play that were included in a number of shuffleboard columns. It wasn't long before Jack became affectionately known as "Mr. Shuffleboard." He was well liked and respected by the players.

A magnolia tree, along with a plaque that you see at the entrance to the shuffleboard courts, was dedicated and tribute paid in memory of him at a formal ceremony on Nov. 2, 1991. To continue the memory of Jack, a shuffleboard tournament has been played nearly every year in March since 1992 in his honor. There is a plaque in the outside-enclosed case near the sidewalk at the shuffleboard courts, which designates all of the winners and runners-up. Sometime when you walk past there, take a look at it.

Each year, players enjoy competing to see who will be the new winner and runner-up and get their names engraved on the plaque. This explains why you are now seeing so many players practicing to improve their shuffleboard skills and trying out new strategies so that they may be one of the winners in the Jack Huard Tournament.

Peter Van Arsdale, tournament director, encourages all of the players who want to compete to sign up. This year he



Photo by Peter Van Arsdale

**Phil Weiner, On Top of the World shuffleboard player, in a match with Lois Norris, Marion Landing.**

is trying to accommodate everyone who wants to play. Do not hesitate. This is your chance. You just may be the one to have your name engraved on the plaque and at the same time to win one of the monetary prizes.

The January winners in league play were as follows:

**Men**

Monday a.m.: Jim Baker and Charlie

Lentz

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher.  
Thursday a.m.: Peter Van Arsdale and Phil Weiner.

**Women**

Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz.  
Tuesday p.m.: Maxine Malone.  
Thursday a.m.: Jane Lipps.

**30 Club - Women**

Thursday a.m.: 34-Helen Monsees.



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<p><b>APRIL 10</b></p>  <p><b>Peter Yarrow</b> (Formerly with Peter, Paul &amp; Mary) An evening of music and word. Greatest Hits: "Leaving On a Jet Plane," "Puff the Magic Dragon," "Blowing in the Wind" Resident: \$17-21 Non-Resident: \$22-26</p>	<p><b>APRIL 12</b></p>  <p><b>Opera Tampa</b> Resident: \$4 Non-Resident: \$5 (General Admission) Doors open at 2 pm Show starts at 3 pm</p>	<p><b>APRIL 18</b></p>  <p><b>Hands Across the Highway Art Expo</b> 9 am - 1 pm <b>FREE EVENT</b></p>	<p><b>APRIL 25</b></p>  <p><b>Extreme Vegas</b> Vegas style variety acts. Resident: \$21-23 Non-Resident: \$24-26</p>
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**A Taste of Music**

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

If you haven't been to one of the soirees now being held at Master the Possibilities on the third Thursday of every month, you've missed some toe-tapping, hand-

clapping times. But wait, there's more! The Taste of Music series will continue on Thursday, March 19, at 1:30 p.m., when you can attend a free class guided by

the very popular Gainesville chanteuse, Elaine Mahon. Ms. Mahon encourages community groups to gather together in song, thereby creatively growing the songwriter within each of us by sharing melodies, ideas and lyrics.

If you have an original song to share, or a song idea you'd like to develop, please bring it. If you enjoy singing, playing an

instrument (bring that too), whistling, or just want to share lyrical ideas, don't miss Elaine Mahon's dynamic presentation.

Following this one-hour music workshop, Ms. Mahon will do what she does best – entertain us with song from 3:30 to 5:30. Her voice has been described as effortlessly reaching highs and lows while intricately weaving through melodies and all the while accompanying herself on guitar.

Elaine Mahon's debut at Master the Possibilities is the third in a series of "coffee house" musicales that take place at the Education Center. No registration is needed for the coffee house.

This past January, John Hankinson Jr. and Dr. T. R. DeRoche presented a class on "The Father of the Blues." The duo then entertained with a couple hours of strummin' the blues. In February, none other than Frank "Sunshadow" Curtis entertained the crowd with haunting Native American sounds and, with Penobscot and Chippewa blood in his veins, the music was true and honest.

Margaret Spontak, director of education for Master the Possibilities, envisioned the musical series for reasons with which we can all identify. "Music is good therapy for the soul," she said. "You don't have to be a musician to feel good when listening to your favorite melodies. It just makes you feel a bit uplifted, doesn't it?"

Don't miss these new and exciting musical events. Taste of Music Coffee House is held on the third Thursday of the month in the lobby at Master the Possibilities, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Experience music of all types from blues to Florida songwriting to classical.

And, if you're not already receiving e-mail notices from Master the Possibilities, please go to [www.masterthepossibilities.com](http://www.masterthepossibilities.com) and sign up to stay current with all the offerings.



Photo by Margaret Spontak

**John Hankinson, Jr. and Dr. T. R. DeRoche presented a class on "The Father of the Blues" in January.**

**A Smash Hit!**

By Bill Shampine

Awesome! The New Pretenders have completed their three performances at the Recreation Center Ballroom, and they were a smash hit. We had an unprecedented level of attendance this year, with 33 percent more than our average attendance over the past six years and 15 percent above our previous record (in 2014). Saturday night was essentially a sellout with 427 tickets sold. This year, we entertained 1,154 people!

Thank you, On Top of the World residents. We sincerely appreciate your support, and hope you feel you got your money's worth. Speaking of the money, you should know that we cover our expenses and then donate the rest to local charities or needy causes supported by The New Pretender members.

Although we have finished our shows at On Top of the World, our season is not yet over. We will perform four more times in March: Spruce Creek North, Ocala Palms Golf & Country Club, Southern New York Club at Oak Run, and for the Knights of Columbus at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church. The latter is the only show that is open to the public, and is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. All four of these shows have been reduced in size. We only perform the entire two-hour show here, for you, our On Top of the World fans.

The New Pretenders never stop working for you. Even though we are not finished with the 2015 season, I appointed a music committee for the 2016 season a month ago. They already have started the song selection process, and hope to be finished with that in April. It is a lot of

work for us, but we dearly love watching you laugh, swing and sway in time to the music, and have a good time at our performances. That is what makes it worth our time commitment and hard labor. Bless you all.

We have never done this before, but I would like to offer you, our audience, an opportunity to impact the show. If you have suggestions for potential songs that we might consider for next year's show, please send me an e-mail with your thoughts. I will be happy to pass them along to the committee for their consideration. I (Bill Shampine) can be reached at [fabls62@cfl.rr.com](mailto:fabls62@cfl.rr.com). I will not promise that we will use your suggestion, but I can

promise that we will consider them. We may not use your suggestion because we don't have the personnel to do it well, we may have done it in an earlier show, or we may simply feel it is not right for us. We do repeat a song now and then, when it is particularly good, but not too often. Anyway, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Thank you, again. We look forward to seeing you at next year's performance!



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

**Joie Kurtz, backed up by George Brush, Edie Dieckman, and Bob Wroblewski sing "Jose Cuervo" at the 2015 performance by The New Pretenders.**



**Entertainment Group Presents The Voice of Tom Jones**

The 2014-15 show series concludes with Jeff Gordon as "The Voice of Tom Jones" on Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

This impersonator is off the charts! Sit back and close your eyes as you envision Tom Jones on stage singing hits like "Delilah," "She's No Lady," "Sex Bomb" and much more.

Opening the show is Glen Anthony, the last of the clean comedians. Direct from Atlantic City, you will love his impersonations of Howard Cosell, Willie Nelson, Henry Kissinger, Kenny Rogers and more.

Ticket prices are \$10 general and \$12 reserved. Tickets may be purchased every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

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

Entertainment Group's annual donation to local charities will take place at this show. Thanks to the support of our sponsors and residents we will exceed \$35,000 in donations since its inception!



**Theatre Group**

By Steve McDonald

I have assumed responsibility for writing our group's monthly column for the World News. We appreciate and give many thanks to Anne Merrick, our current president and columnist, for her excellent contributions. I will endeavor to provide informative columns as to our activities and hope to be able to promote the growth of our membership. We meet on Mondays at 2 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center to prepare our entertainment agenda for our monthly meetings, which occur on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Club Conference Center.

We invite all residents to come at 7:30 p.m. to share in our refreshments and entertainment. We will present new entertainment at our next monthly general membership meeting on Monday, March 9. Our Monday, Feb. 9, entertainment was enjoyed by all, including several guests, after our general business meeting and consisted of the following performances:

- Glo and Bree: Scene from "A Bad Year for Tomatoes."
- Jim: "What time is it?" a monologue taken from Ken Nordine.
- Marilyn: Singing "Our Group" to the tune of "Ring Them Bells."
- Skip: "My Advice to Future Retirees in Southeast Florida"
- Steve: As Porky Pig singing "Blue Anniversary" to the tune of "Blue Christmas."
- Conrad: "A Senior Applies for a Job" a Conrad original.
- Anne: Improv "Questions Only,"



Photo by Ed Valentine

**Theatre members and several new guests who attended our Monday, Feb. 9, general meeting.**

a game for two people who talk about a subject in questions only. (The subjects were supplied by Anne and the audience.)

Non-member residents are welcome to bring refreshments but you may just drop in if you want. We are seeking aspiring actors/entertainers, singers, stagehands, prop handlers, and anyone who feels they may be able to contribute. Please come and check us out. We are excited to note that we had several fellow residents sign up as having interest in joining during the recent Club Fair.

The storyboard committee is continuing to work on and will soon be commencing rehearsals for a new comedy for November, which will be presented as a

radio show with a live audience, which is you. Please call Steve at (812) 344-1936

or Marilyn at (352) 390-3889 for more information.



**Happy Hookers**

By Marge Curran

Top 'o the mornin' and happy St. Patrick's Day from the Happy Hookers!

Time sure flies when your hands are busy and the needles are flying! January closed with the Club Fair and there was much interest in the Happy Hookers' table. Thanks to Betty Bontempo for coordinating the set-up of the table for the event. Many people stopped to ask questions, admire the handiwork on display and of course to ask about the real history behind the Happy Hookers moniker. For anyone interested, the original group was formed by ladies who were into rug hooking.

Hopefully, some of the visitors to the table will join us on a regular basis. The group meets year round, every Monday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. There are no dues or

agenda.

If you have yarn, handcrafting tools or pattern books that you no longer have use for and that are just taking up space, donations are always greatly appreciated. Please call me, Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 to arrange for things to be picked up.

February always goes by quickly but the Happy Hookers took time on Monday, Feb. 2 to enjoy lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill. This outing occurs every other month, on the first Monday of the month and allows everyone to enjoy good food and each other's company rather than on a handiwork project.

The members of Happy Hookers possess a wide variety of talents and skills from knitting and crocheting to needlepoint, plastic canvas stitching, card stamping and cross stitching. They are always willing to lend a helping hand, share an idea for something new or provide an impromptu lesson for anyone who might be "stuck" on a particular project.

Please contact Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328 if you have any questions about the group in general.

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**Sewing Bees**

By Linda Lohr

Coming from Connecticut, "winter" in Florida is just wonderful! A few days cool enough to wear jeans and a light jacket and then ... back to warmer weather with clear blue skies and lots of sunshine!

The Bees have been busy. First we participated in the Club Fair at the Recreation Center. This was such a well-attended event. We met lots of new people, gained a new member, and sold some quilts and wonder wallets. We thank anyone who stopped by our table. It was great to meet you!

Our Christmas luncheon had been scheduled for January, but was actually held on Feb. 5 at Stone Creek Grille. We had a great menu to choose from and the

staff was very accommodating. Those who wished brought gifts to exchange and we all had a fantastic time.

And we are back to work again, creating our comfort quilt kits for the children.

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 Studio from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

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 at (352) 854-7205 or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Some of the Sewing Bees at our recent luncheon.



**Original Karaoke Group**

By George Quaranta

Tuesday, Feb. 10 was "The World's Got Talent" auditions at Circle Square Cultural Center. Some of our karaoke regulars tried out for the show this year. We've already had our very own Bob Batton come in first place in 2013, and Richie O'Brien second

place in 2014. So make sure you buy your tickets for this year's show on Saturday, May 2. We're hoping our karaoke friends get the chance to represent On Top of the World again, with their amazing talent.

Come one, come all to karaoke! We meet at the Candler Hills Community Center, on the second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, call George at (352) 873-9667.

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**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

By Barbara Lingis

This month, we will highlight crafters Jacky Nolte and Audrey Melillo.

Jacky has resided here since December 2004 and has been a club member since September 2008. She is known for her baby blankets with matching hats that are knitted with a heart pattern. Jacky is a self-taught knitter and has been doing this craft for over 30 years. Her work is flawless and she is a perfectionist in all she creates.

Jacky has hand-sewn, lined and insulated bottle holders. These holders are made with a variety of material patterns and colors and have long straps to wear cross-body or on the shoulder. Each holder has a zippered pocket for personal items.

Another signature item Jacky creates is knitted hats made from eyelash yarn. The pattern for these hats is Jacky's creation and took years to develop. She also matches ribbon yarn to attach to the bottom of the hat to ensure a custom fit.

A unique item Jacky makes is a tooth fairy pillow for small children, which is hung on a doorknob. These pillows come in colors for boys and girls and have a small pocket on the pillow in which to place the child's tooth.

Jacky creates hand-sewn potholders that are insulated and come in round and square designs. She also creates sunglass holders in various sizes.

One of the most decorative items on

Jacky's table are boot bling bracelets to wear on boots. These are beaded bracelets with extenders that can also be worn as a necklace.

Our next crafter is Audrey Melillo. Audrey has lived here for 11 years and has been a crafter with our club for six years.

She creates knitted throws in a variety of colors and designs. Audrey has been knitting since the age of 11 and her work is meticulous. She is known for her cloth shopping bag that she developed. This bag folds up into a small five-inch by nine-inch purse. When you open it up, it becomes a large 17-1/2-inch by 14-inch zippered shopping bag.

On Audrey's table are all-cotton decorative, heavy-duty, kitchen towels with knitted tops for hanging on the handles of kitchen cabinets. For cabinets with knobs instead of handles, she has adaptors.

Audrey knits dishcloths out of durable cotton yarn. She sells these individually or in packs of three. A signature item Audrey is known for is her beautifully designed cloth purses. These are lined, have bottom supports, pockets inside and out and are all patterns and colors. Each bag is different and the strap runs from the bottom of the purse to the top for extra support.

Audrey also creates small cross-body cloth bags with adjustable straps in quilted patterns. These bags are small and perfect for those times when you need a small purse.

We invite you to come and see all the handcrafted items on display in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918.

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**Schedule of Events**  
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 Wednesday, March 11 - First Round  
 Thursday, March 12 - Second Round  
 Friday, March 13 - Final Round

**Food** Candler Hills Restaurant, Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and Mr. B's Ice Cream Shop will be open.

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**Candler Hills Golf Club**

**GOLF CLINIC**

*Saturday, March 7th, 2015*  
 9:00 am  
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Photo by ShutterBug John Ware

**Masters category first place: St. Augustine street reflections.**



Photo by ShutterBug Gary Uhley

**Masters category second place: Chihuly glass.**



Photo by ShutterBug Gordon Daniels

**Masters category third place: Team effort.**



**ShutterBugs Photography**

By Marilyn Cronin

For our field trip in February, 21 members went to lunch at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant outside of Citra. We then had a personal two-and-a-half-hour guided tour of the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS). The weather cooperated and we enjoyed the animals. The animals were mostly dangerous species so they were in strong cages that can make it difficult to get pictures. Everyone had a good time and learned a lot about the animals.

We've been watching videos from Joel Santee and other photographers from National Geographic. We've been learning new tactics and refreshing old ones.

Our show-and-tell meeting (third meeting of the month) gives us the opportunity to show our photos to other photographers and receive a soft critique or bravo. This is a great way to learn techniques to improve your photography.

**PHOTO TIPS:** Adapted from an article by Francesco Gola. He does not believe that in photography there are absolute rules of composition, but it is undeniable that certain compositions work better than others

Before trying to break rules, try to follow them first. Start with the "rule of thirds:" divide your image into nine equal parts by two equally spaced horizontal lines and two equally spaced vertical lines. Then place important compositional elements along these lines or their intersections. The result will be that your photo becomes more balanced. In a seascape shot, for example, try to put a Lighthouse on one of the vertical lines and the horizon on one of the horizontal ones.

If you follow the "rule of thirds," you'll never again put the horizon in the middle of your image, and that's a great thing unless you have a perfect symmetrical reflection.

Decide next if the leading actor of your seascape is the sky or the sea, and place the horizon line accordingly. For example if the leading actor is the sea, the image portion under the horizon line will be two-thirds of the whole image.

There is nothing more annoying than seeing a crooked horizon. Use the built-in level of your camera, or for a few cents buy an external hot shoe level (the yellow one with an air bubble inside). Why? Because every time you fix the horizon in post-production you will lose a portion of the image. Finally, remember that if you publish an image with a crooked horizon, the horizon will be the leading actor of your image.

We will continue with more rules of composition next month.

The ShutterBugs meet every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. The first Tuesday of the month is a field trip. The second Tuesday is an instructional video or speaker. The third week is show and tell of different subjects with a soft critique. The fourth Tuesday is another video.

Members are happy to help you understand your camera (always bring your manual). Annual fee is \$12. For more information, contact Gary Uhley at guhley@cfl.rr.com.



**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

By Linda Lohr

Presenters for February were Edie Howard and Jett Messer. Edie is fantastic at creating beautiful decorative boxes made from cardstock and matching paper. The boxes are embellished with items for any theme imaginable! They may originally hold a small gift of chocolates and are then used as a decoration. They are always stunning, and fun to make.

Jett presented a cute card with a bucket of pinwheels. This would make a very cute birthday card or get well card. It is a lot of fun to make. Anyone young at heart would love this card!

We thank both Edie and Jett for their preparation and instruction. It is always

great to learn more ideas for uses of the cardstock and paper.

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 plays 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 (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



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**Beautiful boxes created by Edie Howard.**

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**Art Group**

By Anne Merrick

My mother had a collection of Depression glass that I volunteered to have evaluated for her estate so that my sister, the executrix, could add the collection to the estate. While researching and examining each piece, I ran across a set of hand-painted dessert bowls and the matching serving bowl in an antique shop. Each

bowl depicted different fruit: strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, grapes, etc. I was blown away by the artwork and the idea of decorating plain white china.

I spent a year or two trying to find someone to teach me how to paint on china, but it wasn't until I saw a small blurb in our local paper advertising a biannual New York State china painters show that I discovered that there were actually people active in the art form. I announced to my husband that we were taking a road trip to Corning, N.Y. that weekend. He bravely agreed to spend the afternoon at an amateur art show, and off we went.

As soon as we arrived at the show, I

cornered the first person I saw, and she introduced me to a whole group of painters who lived within a half hour of my home! In that group was a teacher who had room in her class. I started painting with her the next week and continue to this day more than 10 years later.

I have done decorative painting with acrylics on wood, and oil and acrylic on canvas. Each interested me for a time, oil painting the longest, but I absolutely fell in love with china painting. It seems to be a cross between oil and watercolor. We mix the dry pigments with different oils. Some oils keep the paint wet for a long time and some cause it to dry within a short time. The paints go on the glazed porcelain surface like regular oil paints glaze onto a prepared wet canvas, but the china paints are transparent and have to be handled more like watercolors.

To me, the most interesting feature of china paints is that the white porcelain surface is utilized as you would the paper surface in watercolor, but you can wipe back to the white with a brush or a wipe-

out tool, change outlines, or easily "erase" and start over at any time before you fire the piece in a kiln. Once fired, your artwork is a permanent part of the porcelain surface. The firing process softens the transparent glaze of the porcelain so that the paints, which contain finely ground glass with metallic oxide pigments, meld with the porcelain. I use multiple firings to layer colors much as you would do with watercolors.

There are a lot of "special effects" you can get with china paints: texturizing, enameling, and gilding are just a few. I would be happy to demonstrate china painting to anyone who is interested. I'd probably demonstrate to people who aren't interested, also!

This group meets every Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Art Studio at the Hobby Building to paint, draw and talk about our projects. It is a great escape from other things we should be doing and don't want to do. Feel free to join us.

Submitted by Pat McNulty



Photo by Linda McGowan

**Marilyn George, Toni LaGaftuta, and Wannetta Clouse (instructor) at the Club Fair's Ceramics Club table.**



**Ceramics**

By Marilyn George

If this sounds interesting to you or if you just want to do something fun and relaxing, please come and check us out. If you'd like more information, please do not hesitate to call Marilyn George at (352) 237-8228.



Photo by Anne Merrick

**Pat McNulty with a scene painted on porcelain.**

The Club Fair was very successful for the Ceramics Club as many attendees had indicated interest in joining us on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building.

In January, we welcomed the following new members to the club: Doris Johnson, Linda McGowan, Elaine Morrison and Judy Pelkey.

Many of our members have been delving in the use of the dry brush method in ceramics painting. Dry brushing is a method whereby opaque paints are applied to a ceramic bisque piece using a round brush in size eight or 10 for large areas and a size four or six for smaller areas. Load your brush with paint then wipe the brush back and forth on a piece of paper towel or some other material that will remove the excess paint. Lightly brush across the detail of the piece without allowing paint to get into the crevices. Repeat as necessary to achieve the depth of color you desire; allowing the paint to dry between coats. You can also dry brush smooth areas with the paint that is left on your brush.

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**Karaoke Friends**  
By Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

We began the New Year continuing our theme nights. We had prop night. The singer selected a song and brought something to act out or demonstrate the meaning of the song. Rudy started us off patriotically. We all saluted the flag. Tony had a statue for one and the book "Les Miserable" for the other. Steve was our "pig" and Donnie was our ... well rather not say! Richie and Charlie both were watching clocks. Patty was either blowing her hair or dressing "strange" or getting hooked. Shirley was flying and Tom had a beautiful picture of his wife. Sindy had her coat of many colors. This theme brings much creativity and laughter.

At our next meeting, we decided to do theme songs from a movie, television show or Broadway. Rudy commented on

the great selections of songs we had that night. We remembered some old TV shows like Dukes of Hazard, Brady Bunch, Secret Agent Man, Gilligan's Island, and The Bob Hope Show. There were songs sung from a variety of movies as well as Broadway songs.

We want to highlight two other singers this month. Donnie Winfrey is from West Virginia and grew up singing country. While working in Washington, D.C., he played with country bands. He began karaoke when he moved to On Top of the World in 2006. His wife, Rose, is his biggest supporter.

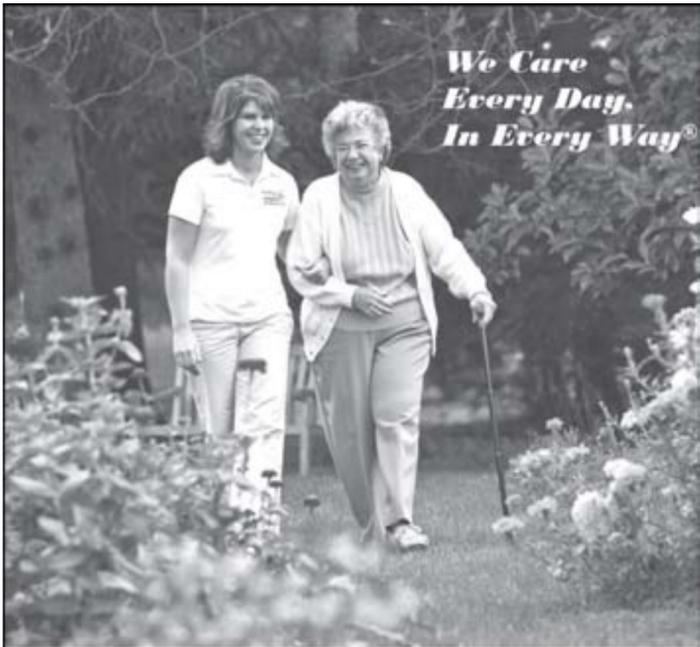
Steve McDonald grew up in Alabama. He remembers in third grade singing the Little Jimmy Dickens song "Take an Old Cold Tater." He and his wife, Bree, moved to On Top of the World in 2013. They have been singing karaoke since 1990.

We welcome new members and observers. We meet on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 6 to 9 p.m. Come join us this month on March 2 or 16. We'll be looking for you.



Photo by Charlie Petrosky

Steve McDonald



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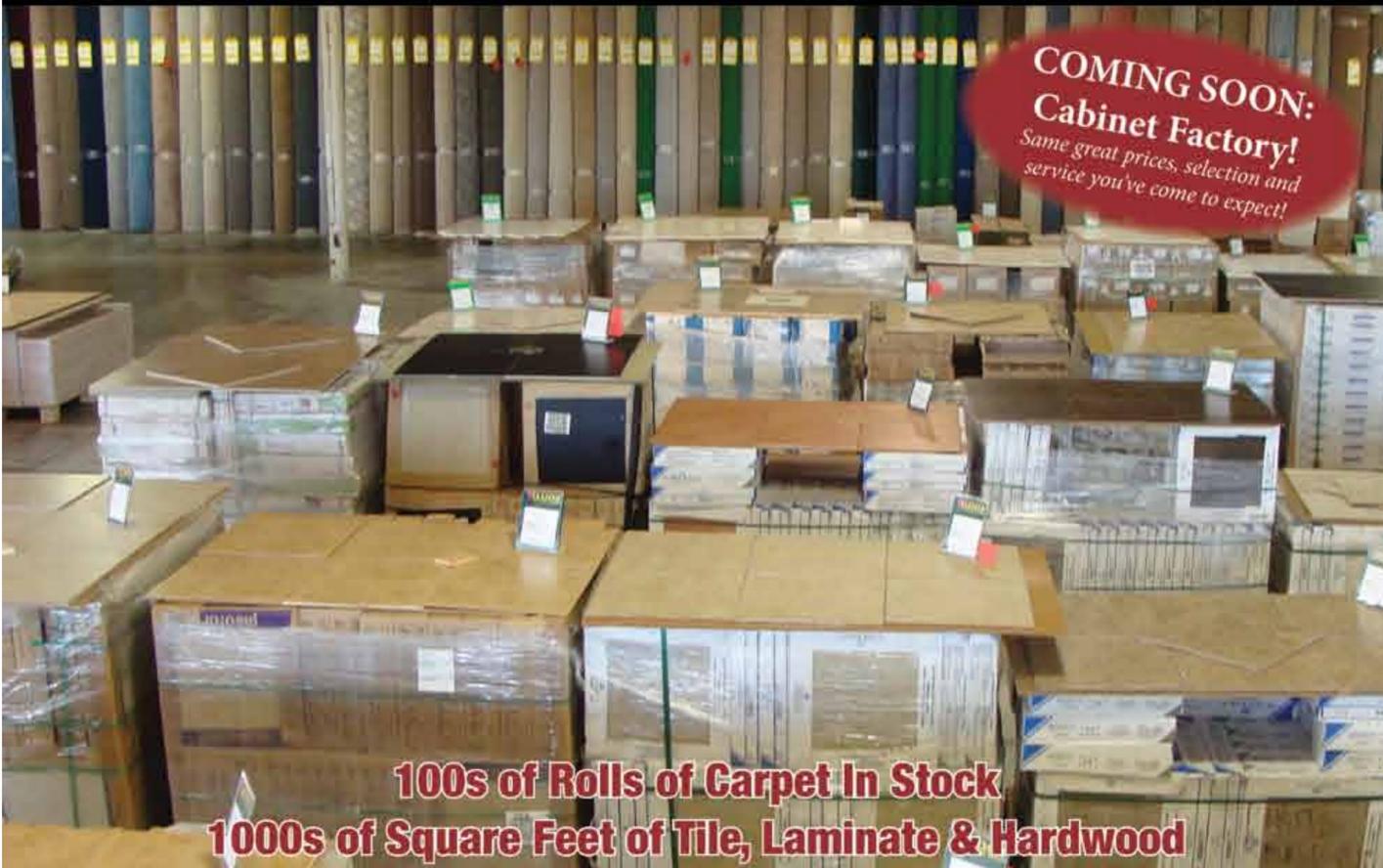
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