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OUR WORLD

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

Summer is Winding Down

September seemed to get here very fast. Yes, it's still warm, but later this month the mornings will begin to be cooler. From the property management perspective, thoughts turn to catching up the last of any rain-delayed work in the community and getting lawns and landscaping ready for what little winter we enjoy around here.

Catching the News

The recent series of articles in the Ocala Star Banner captured the spirit and vibrancy of the On Top of the World family of communities. Since the article appeared, we have fielded several questions from Indigo East residents primarily asking about the future status of the community. Indigo East was originally designed to appeal to the value-minded buyer seeking a quality home in a community with low-recurring monthly costs. That market position remains valid for many active adults in the market. To address that evolving trend, during the last two months, the design team at On Top of the World has been working on a new series of trending home designs that are both affordable and appealing to the value-minded segment of this active adult market. Home sizes will range from approximately 1,400 to 2,100 square feet of air-conditioned space. Stay tuned for a product rollout and re-launch in late 2016.

Meet the Neighbors

The customer service department recently reported two inquiries about armadillos, and what to do about them. Armadillos emigrated here from Texas and Louisiana. Being a non-native species, nothing much can, or will, eat them. I've always suspected that their primary mission in life is to become road kill (They jump three to four feet straight up when startled, often as not, they collide with the car.), although any self-respecting zoologist may dispute that. They are really more of a nuisance digging up lawns and golf courses in the pursuit of grubs, their primary food.

They do burrow into the ground, sometimes under a foundation. They pose no threat to undermining a foundation, but yes, it is yet another small annoyance. The burrow is distinguished from a gopher tortoise in that it is small and very nearly round, whereas the tortoise burrow is flat on the bottom and rounded on the top.

One resident asked if it is true that armadillos can transmit leprosy to humans. Although extremely rare, it is correct that some species do carry the bacteria. Laura Clark reported on Smithsonian.com the following: "Up to 95 percent of the population is genetically unsusceptible to contracting (leprosy). And these days, it is highly treatable and not nearly as contagious as once believed. As for armadillos - the risk of transmission to humans is low. Only the nine-banded armadillo is known to carry the disease. And, most people in the U.S. who come down with the chronic bacterial disease get it from other people while traveling outside the country. Experts say the easiest way to avoid contagion is to simply avoid unnecessary contact with the critters. And, of course, they advise not to go hunting, skinning or eating them (which is a rule the armadillos would probably appreciate, too)." Read more at smithsonianmag.com/smart-news.

The management company does not directly take steps to control this invasive species. Rather by controlling the grub population, the food source is limited and the armadillos will inevitably seek better dining conditions elsewhere. Controlling grubs is a "side effect" of the normal pest control measures used for controlling other lawn-consuming insects, such as the mole cricket, hunter's billbug, chinch bug, and army worm caterpillar. Long story short, sightings are few, and armadillos pose no material threat.

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The annual Club Fair will take place on Thursday, Sept. 17 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Join a Club!

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The eighth annual Club Fair will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a great event to attend to get yourself acquainted with all the clubs at On Top of the World. This especially holds true to all the new residents who have recently chosen to live here. There is a club for everyone!

The Recreation Center office under the direction of Activities Director Theresa Fields is sponsoring this annual event. The S.P.C.A. will again be supplying coffee and doughnuts at a minimal price.

For the long-time residents there will be two new clubs represented this year and they are the Encore Club, which is a theater group having their first performance in January, and the Radio Control (R/C) Car Club. The R/C Flyers will also be on hand as well as the Model Railroaders. Both R/C clubs have facilities at the flying field. The travel clubs will be present promoting motor coach trips, both day and extended, cruises and overseas trips.

Theresa stated there will be approximately 60 tables in the Ballroom so there will be a good cross-section of the clubs

offered in the community. Other clubs that may be of interest are the Computer Club and ShutterBugs photography club. Service clubs are also available such as the Lions Club or CERT. Perhaps the ladies would be interested in a number of sewing or quilting clubs. Women of the World sponsors all types of events helping charitable organizations.

There are also all kinds of sports clubs from bocce, softball, horseshoes, pickleball, tennis and the list goes on and on. There will be countless other clubs attending the fair including veteran and political clubs.

There is bound to be at least one club at the fair that will entice you to become a member. We hope to see you at the Club Fair.

Travel the Continents without Leaving Home

By Margaret Spontak

Master the Possibilities' fall learning theme includes 100s of classes that will take you across the continents of the world without leaving home. September begins with a focus on Asia, then we move to Africa and Europe during October, and end with South and North America the later part of November and December. See the new Master the Possibilities fall catalog tucked in this edition of the World News for details.

Don't miss the fall term kick-off on Friday, Aug. 28, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. You will hear insider tips on the over 450 courses in the catalog, meet many of the Master the Possibilities faculty and sample activities from a variety of courses. The open house ends at the new Studio 10 on The Town Square where you can listen to our new guitar instructor, sample coffee,

tea and cookies from around the globe, and see the summer's "Discover Florida Like a Native" photo exhibit before it closes in August.

September is packed with exciting international-themed classes. On Tuesday, Sept. 8, President of the Ocala Economic Partnership Kevin Sheilley leads off the Global Business Series talking about "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally." Then On Top of the World residents Larry Paz and Jerry Snyder facilitate a six-part series on global business from continent to continent, ending with a visit to Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC) in Ocala on Wednesday, Dec. 2, to discuss "Research in America: Making a Difference at IHMC."

On the eve before Sept. 11, a panel of experts, including a representative from

the International Campaign for Compassionate Communities, discuss "Building Compassionate and Just Communities."

The Thursday, Sept. 10, dialogue will end with a reception and the unveiling of a special family art exhibit - "One World, Many Cultures" in Studio 10.

The Global Science Series begins on Thursday, Sept. 10, with "Bird Migrations - The Hemispheric Flyways" featuring Audubon scientist Marianne Korosy. This is followed by Author Cynthia Barnett on "Rain - A Natural and Cultural Tour" (Thursday, Oct. 1), former Gulf Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Director John Hankinson talking about the Gulf of Mexico Crisis five years later (Thursday, Dec. 10), and Dr. Marty Hoffert expounding on the "Earth's Biosphere: How Species are Changing and Disappearing" (Thursday, Nov. 12).

Those who relish art history will enjoy both the Global Collections of the Appleton Museum of Art Series and Theatre History around the Globe presented by the Ocala Civic Theatre. The two series begin in September with "Asian Influence on Art and Culture" (Thursday, Sept. 10) and the history of Noh and Kabuki Theatre (Friday, Sept. 18).

If you like to dance, register for one of three international dance courses during term. The series starts with the dance stylings of Asia taught by University of South Florida graduate dance student and instructor Fernando Chon Qui (Saturday, Sept. 26). Other dance styles will include African and South American classes.

World cultural classes and a new Armchair Traveler series feature lectures on dozens of countries. September begins with Japan, India, Turkey, Hungary and Russia. You can even experience a kimono experience (Thursday, Sept. 24) and a Japanese tea ceremony (Thursday, Sept. 17). This is just the beginning of these engaging cross-continental talks and demonstrations.



The Master the Possibilities fall catalog is included in all home delivered issues of the World News this month.

Master the Possibilities Open House

Friday, Aug. 28
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



When it comes to wedlock, many lose the key.



Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

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SCAM ALERT: I don't know about anyone else, but I have reached a stage where I will simply not open any e-mail I get from an advertising source. I don't care if it comes from what appears to be a reputable firm or not. The only exception is if I have already signed up with that company to receive its e-mails.

As for attachments: not a chance! From time to time, I get e-mails that are encrypted, which means I have to use a code to open them. If however, the encrypted e-mail comes to me from someone I don't recognize, I will not try to

un-encrypt it. Please resist opening any attachments and please resist responding to the folks who say you are the recipient of a gazillion bucks.

Q. My husband and I are Canadian citizens who are snowbirds and own a unit in On Top of the World. We file IRS form 8840. One of us is still working while the other stays here in the winter season. My spouse comes here for a couple of weeks in one month and an additional six weeks later on. Can you explain how to calculate the number of days so that there are no repercussions?

A. I'll try to explain it. However, please understand that it's difficult to touch on all the issues in a column such as this. I'll do the best I can here. As it happens, I don't think the form is all that complicated, once you get into it.

Form 8840 is titled: Closer Connection Exception Statement for Aliens. The concept is that if you have a closer connection to a foreign country than you do

to the United States, you may be entitled to avoid U.S. income taxation. Form 8840 is therefore designed for snowbirds who spend the winter in the U.S. but because of a closer connection to another country, they may be able to avoid paying U.S. income tax. In essence, you acknowledge that you are not going to be filing an IRS income tax return because you have a Closer Connection with another country. Canada is an example.

It's my opinion that foreign folks who "winter" here should always file Form 8840 with the IRS, because you are saying that although you spend winters here you are here for pleasure and not for business. If you are here for more than 183 days in any one calendar year, you are not eligible to file this form. Thus, you might possibly be obligated to file a U.S. income tax return on income earned in the U.S. or earned in or on U.S. investments.

The calculation to which you refer is simple: Are you here for 183 days or less? That tells you whether you can file Form 8840. As for the way you and your husband handle this - with you staying here longer than he does, I don't have a good answer and my research doesn't help. I think you need to calculate the number of days you both are here and if that exceeds 183, then you should not file the form. Of course, it is possible that you could file two separate forms, one for you and one for him; but I'm not a CPA and do not know if there is any wisdom in doing that. See the next question in this column.

Q. We are Canadian citizens. Do we need durable powers of attorney in Florida if we already have them that were done in Canada?

A. You might and whether you do de-

pends on whether you have funds in a U.S. bank or in some financial institution in the U.S.; and you might need to have someone such as a spouse or child or relative, access those funds if you are not in the U.S.; or if you are not otherwise able to do so. (Sorry for the long rambling sentence.) It seems that U.S. banks and financial institutions take the view that a foreign drafted power of attorney, even if it's a durable power of attorney is not acceptable for the purpose of accessing funds in a U.S. bank.

What I suggest you do is to take your Canadian power of attorney to your U.S. bank or to your U.S. financial institution and see if it is acceptable. If not, then you should see your attorney to have a durable power of attorney drafted here.

You will want to make absolutely sure that the attorney drafting the U.S. power clearly provides that your U.S. power of attorney does not revoke the one you have in Canada and that it is only valid for U.S. transaction. You probably should have a U.S. attorney draw it up for you.

Q. I know you give lectures on various legal matters in Ocala. Are you ever going to do that here in Clearwater? I'm told you are a good speaker that keeps everyone laughing.

A. Yes. I am in the process of working up a Clearwater lecture schedule as I write this. I don't know if I keep anyone laughing other than myself as I try not to take myself very seriously - my work always. Myself: maybe not so much.

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Candler Connection
By Janet Wiles

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to come and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.

The third annual fall picnic will be on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 18, at the pavilion. Tickets, priced at just \$6 per person, will be sold on Sept. 21, 23, 25, 28, and 30 as well as Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Candler Hills Community Center. To plan the catering and keep the ticket cost low, you will need to order from the menu when purchasing tickets. Choices include hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken sandwiches. All of the usual trimmings, sides, and a dessert will be provided. This event is open to all residents.

The Candler speaker series will resume in the fall. On Tuesday, Oct. 6, there will be two speakers. Dennis Hisey and Phillip Hisey will discuss preparing lawns for winter and maintenance inside the home. On Thursday, Oct. 22, Joe Pine with Metro Crime Prevention of Florida will present an animated safety workshop. All presentations will be held at 3 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center.

Mark your calendar for a variety of future events. The next potluck will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. Following the potluck will be an old time game night. This will be a free event with neighbors having fun while playing favorite board games. Persons who are not participating in the potluck event should arrive at 7 p.m.

There will be a tour of West Port High School on Friday, Nov. 13, at 9:30 a.m. The next dinner dance will be held in celebration of Valentine's Day on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Details for these events will be published in future Candler Connection columns.

In accordance with the Candler Connection Social Club by-laws, the board of directors is looking for three resident volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to seek candidates to fill the three upcoming board vacancies, which will be filled at the annual meeting in January 2016. This will not take a lot of time, and the board will appreciate your volunteering. Those who wish to serve should contact Bob Scherff at (352) 291-1505 or bob.scherff@otowhomes.com.

The Candler Connection website, 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 marilynube@yahoo.com. You can reach Sami Odeh at (352) 229-0214 or sodeh65@gmail.com. If leaving a message, please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. By submitting your e-mail, you can receive "The Happenings" each month and notifications of changes made after the submission of this column.

GOT TRASH?

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Community Patrol
By Patricia A. Woodbury

Our July meeting consisted of a session of announcements and members' questions with answers from President Gary Rodoff and Lieutenant Dennis Joiner, Southwest District commander, regarding patrolling and community issues.

Marion County Facts: Did you know that Marion County has approximately 335,125 residents and that is 65,000 more residents today than in 2000. More than 269,000 or roughly 80 percent live in unincorporated Marion County and receive law enforcement services from the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

Marion County consists of approximately 1,665 square miles and is the 5th largest county in terms of square mileage out of the 67 counties in Florida behind only Collier, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Polk Counties.

Avalon Social Group

By Marie Roppel

Summer is coming to an end and our friends and neighbors will gather on Monday, Sept. 7. There will be the traditional potluck. This will give the opportunity to try that new recipe that you discovered on travels or one you shared with a friend, neighbor or family member. This meeting will be in the Arbor Club as usual. There will be a speaker. That information is unavailable as of this writing.

Following the September meeting we

There are 12 MCSO district offices in Marion County that provide decentralized services to the county rather than from a centralized location, thus making the deputies more accessible to the citizens. However, the calls for service have increased 32 percent since 2000 but the number of deputies to meet this increased demand has not changed.

Over 1,500 volunteers give their time and energy to be the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Office by providing an annual average of 128,000 hours of service and 500,000 miles of patrolling the county's neighborhoods, businesses, rivers and lakes. These volunteers help to discourage crime in our area as well as provide a tax savings for the taxpayers of Marion County.

The next meeting of the Community Patrol is Monday, Sept. 28.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our community patrol should call 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.

will gather on Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. The October meeting will be a cookout. By moving up the date, we will not have to deal with the time change. There are some interesting speakers planned for the fall, so mark the dates. For questions, call Ed at (352) 304-8206 or Kurt at (352) 237-5747.

LEAK AUDIT

If you suspect a water leak, contact Customer Service at (352) 236-6869 to schedule a leak audit for \$15.

Indigo East
By Jean DiPiero

All residents are invited to play bunco at the Indigo East Community Center on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. Please bring a drink of your choice, if you wish, along with a snack to share. It can be cookies, chips, candy, etc. There is a fee of \$3.

At the end of the game there will be prize money for the most wins, losses, buncos, etc. Even if you don't know how to play there will be someone there who can show you. Come join in the fun and meet new people.

Shirley Hamilton is the coordinator for bunco. If you have any questions please contact her at kable.shirley@yahoo.com.

Upcoming ladies luncheons will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 and the Christmas luncheon Saturday, Dec. 5. Oktoberfest will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Please keep these dates marked on your calendar because you surely don't want to miss them.

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Seating is limited to eight per table. Tickets are \$55 per person for residents and \$65 per person for non-residents/ accompanied by a resident.

Tickets (max of 8 per person) may be purchased at the Recreation Center Office starting Monday, August 10, 2015, and will continue every M-F, 8 am to 4 pm. Resident I.D.'s will be required at purchase!



Keeping It Green
By Phillip B. Hisey

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Ants in the landscape are often seen as a nuisance pest. They are known for attacking you, your pets, and crawling through your home trying to locate a food source. They are also known as beneficial insects as they devour other dead insects. Understanding an ant infestation and how to treat them will determine the most effective method for treatment.

Lawn and ornamental pest control companies treat for insects in the lawn and landscape, including fire ants, by the application of baits and contact pesticides. Some interior pests are also found on the outside of the home and may be targeted by applications of insecticides on landscape material. For pests that invade interior spaces but are also found outdoors such as sugar ants, cockroaches and earwigs, homeowners should contact pest control companies that carry licensing for general household pest control or GHP licensing as these pests sometimes nest in

interior spaces requiring insecticide application by licensed professionals.

Fire ants are pests that are seen all throughout the United States, but the red imported fire ant was introduced in the 1930s and is seen throughout the southern United States from North Carolina to Florida and over to California. Control of the red imported fire ant is difficult to control due to mating habits and understanding the colony structure. The red imported fire ant colonies can contain multiple queen colonies or be a single queen colony.

Chemical control of the red imported fire ant may be accomplished in several ways. Contact pesticide application is where the insect is targeted with a pesticide or it tracks through a pesticide application. This treatment method is effective for spot controlling but loses effectiveness over time due to volatilization, rain and irrigation or general dilution. Individual mound treatments are another method and provide temporary control but the colony can re-establish leaving the homeowner or applicator treating numerous times with little to no effect. Lastly are bait applications. There are many bait products on the market from commercial products to residential products you can get from Lowe's or Home Depot. These tend to be the most effective but may take the longest to eradicate the colony. There

are many baiting products on the market that control, in various ways, reductive sterilization to insect growth regulation; but they all work and provide control until the next colony moves in.

Baits should not be applied directly to the mound but in the periphery so that the worker ants may bring the bait back to the colony. Baits applied to the mounds are removed by worker ants and are most times not introduced into the colony.

Regardless, ants are structured in their feeding habits and the worker ants protect the queen or queens by first eating foraged food items. If the worker ants die too quickly the pesticide is never delivered to the queen. If there are abundant food sources, the queen will be fed the more desirable food source available, which may cause the pesticide bait source to lose efficacy. Treatment of ant colonies takes time, effort and money.

Data provided by UF/IFAS states that in the United States alone, pest control companies and homeowner treatments for the red imported fire ants reach estimates of up to \$40 million annually while state and federal treatments reach \$250 million annually.

Many residents have asked to identify the ants in their driveways. Most times these are pavement or sugar ants. They thrive in a variety of soils from sand to loam but they prefer to make their nest in

areas that have minimal to no vegetation. Driveways and other hardscapes such as sidewalks and patios provide the perfect habitat for these types of ants.

Treatment for the pavement or sugar ants may be done using crack and crevice treatment applications or contact pesticide applications, but these applications do not provide long-term control and are typically ineffective in significantly reducing ant populations.

The reason being is because these methods do not provide a means of getting to the queen to stop production of more ants. These methods are usually quick, knockdown treatments.

Bait stations are typically the best method for getting pesticides introduced into the nesting areas killing the worker ants but also killing the queen. These treatments should be performed by a pest control company that is licensed for General Household Pest (GHP) control and not by a lawn and ornamental pest control applicator that handles lawn and landscape pests.

With all of the rain received in July and August, residents can expect to see an increase in red imported fire ant colonies popping up in the community and in their lawns. They can also expect to see insects invading interior spaces looking for higher ground. Good luck and make sure you read pesticide labels before making any applications. "The label is the law."



Food For Thought
By Sandy Curtis

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Candler Hills Restaurant is currently closed for renovations. As with any construction project, it is difficult to say how long the renovations will take. We are moving the project along as quickly as possible. Exact dates will be published after we are further along with the renovation. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information and for sneak peeks as the construction progresses. Thanks for your patience. We look forward to seeing you at our grand reopening!

The Pub hours have been extended for your dining enjoyment. We are currently open seven days a week. Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and ev-

ery other Friday we are open until 7 p.m. (Sept. 11 and 25). Stop in and dine with us or enjoy a refreshing beverage from the bar.

Labor Day means two things to many people: a day off and the end of summer. Why is it called Labor Day? Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894. The Pub will be closed on Monday, Sept 7 in observance of Labor Day and will reopen for business on the following day.

Dates to remember for The Pub:

- Friday fish fry on Sept. 11 and 25, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Platter includes fried fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and your choice of cheese grits or French fries for \$12.
- Every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. stop in for a buy one get one half off an entrée meal. This is for dine-in only.

Now is the time to start thinking about the upcoming holidays and special events you want to share with family and friends. Friendship Catering is gearing up to help you celebrate the season! Call us for your catering needs at (352) 861-9188 and let

us take the work and stress out of your holiday festivities. Whether you're looking for a full service buffet, sit down meal, hors d'oeuvres and appetizers, à la carte, or simply are in need of bar services, we are ready to meet your needs. We look forward to helping you make your holiday celebrations the best they can be!

Tuesday, Sept. 29, is National Coffee Day. Where would we get our energy in the mornings without it? I'm thankful for

mine. Stop in and have a cup for just \$1 at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. We have also expanded our beverage selection to frappes, iced coffees and coffee smoothies. Try a variety of flavors from mocha, caramel latte and café latte. Look for your \$.50 coupon in this issue of the World News.

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Veterans Club
By Fred Pulis

The Veterans Club will have former Police Chief of Ocala Morrey Deen as the featured speaker at our Thursday, Sept. 17, scheduled meeting. He will be describing the history and attraction of Fort King. This National Historic Landmark has been refurbished and opened to visitors.

The Veterans Club is open to all armed

services veterans and their guests. People who are concerned about veterans' affairs are encouraged to attend. Also, the meeting will provide an update on recent legislation concerning current veterans. In upcoming meetings various 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, at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. The usual meeting lasts for about one hour.

For any additional information, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

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The Town Square

As summer fades away, and fall will soon be in the air, enjoy being outdoors on The Town Square every Friday and Saturday night (weather permitting). There are some excellent bands on the line-up. As a "heads up," Oktoberfest will be on The Town Square on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. This year, you may expect great bands and numerous food vendors! For a full line-up of events and programs, go to circlesquarecommons.com/entertainment.

Circle Square Cultural Center

On Friday, Sept. 25, Martin Preston presents a Tribute to Liberace. He has an amazing likeness to Liberace and performs his music to a tee. With numerous costume changes and an authentic replica of Liberace's piano, Liberace music lovers will not be disappointed.

The slower pace in the summer involved some not-so-slow dance parties in Circle Square Cultural Center. The input by those in attendance was that they really enjoyed the level of bands that we invited to participate. "The house" was definitely rockin'!

For tickets to any event at Circle Square Cultural Center, please feel free to call the ticket office at (352) 854-3670 or online at CSCulturalCenter.com.

This has been a great year, and thank you for your support and attendance. Without your participation, it wouldn't be possible for us to continue to bring top talent to Circle Square Cultural Center.

The line-up for the first half of 2016 is

now available! Look for the full page ad on page 10 in this issue of the World News!

Returning Home from an Extended Trip?

Remember, if you turned down the temperature on your gas or electric water heater before your extended trip, make sure you turn the temperature selection to the highest temperature for two hours, before you use the hot water. Turn it back to your normal operating temperature and flush out the tank (using the drain cock or through your pipes).

Certain non-tubercular mycobacterium may have been growing in the lower temperature (warm) water in a dormant water heater. When you first turn on the hot water flow, you may notice a rotten egg odor and the water will be an "off" color. The solution for this problem is very simple: Turn up the heat above 130F for approximately one hour. Make sure you turn the temperature back down before you start using the water.

Hurricane Season

September is the time we turn our attention to the tropical Atlantic and keep one eye on the weather map. Generally, the management company is able to persevere in its grounds maintenance responsibilities, despite the month of July and August posing challenges with rain. It seems that every time the mowing crews got caught up, a long cycle of showers pushed them further behind. Granted, we need the rain to replenish the groundwater, but it does come with a price.

As we move deeper into storm season,

focus may be shifting to storm preparations. This means acting fast on sometimes fewer than 24 hours notice to secure buildings and equipment from possible wind and rain damage, as well as making sure everyone is clear on their post-storm responsibilities for recovery and cleanup.

Residents are encouraged to be alert and also ready to clean up personal items outside the house that may become missiles in high winds. What can't be put in the garage or secured in a closed room needs to be tied down.

I will also remind residents that any addition to the exterior of the home requires prior Association approval. One of the largest factors we consider is the wind rating on the addition. Many awning products have no wind rating. Naturally, these will not be approved. There are quality products that do have a wind rating and have been approved by the Association. Check with customer service for details. Finally, don't forget to update your insurance to ensure any additions to the original structure are included in your policy.

Water Conservation

With all the rain in July and August, it seems odd to be thinking about water conservation. Here's the sad fact: more water is withdrawn than can be sustainably replenished, year over year. Yes, we have these cyclical wet years. We can't count on that continuing. Only a very small percentage of rainfall actually filters back into the aquifer. Withdrawal and depletion occur much faster than replenishment.

To underscore this point, there has been a steady flow of articles in the Ocala Star Banner as well as other publications dealing with either water quality initiatives or conservation initiatives. Interestingly enough, there is an important nexus between the two topics.

In the On Top of the World Communities, including Candler Hills and Indigo East, over 70 percent of all water usage goes out as irrigation. Generally, the interior water use favors conservation because new homes in On Top of the World were constructed with low-flow shower heads, faucets, and commodes. However, the efficiency of these fixtures is defeated by allowing water to run for an excessively long time.

A simple case in point is allowing the water to run while brushing your teeth or when washing vegetables (two minutes equal approximately one and a half gal-

lons). I know this never seems like much, but it all adds up surprisingly fast. Slow drips from a faucet can add up to an additional 20 gallons per day in wasted water.

Toilet leaks can waste as much as 200 gallons per day. The most efficient shower heads use two and a half gallons per minute. Showers should be kept to five minutes or fewer. Older heads use approximately eight gallons per minute. Changing out the older model heads makes good sense.

Additional common sense ways to lower water consumption are: use the dishwasher when fully loaded, adjust the load selector on your washing machine to match the size load, when washing your car, use a spray nozzle on your hose instead of allowing the hose to run. A garden hose can waste 600 gallons per hour.

The biggest use of water is in the landscape. Conservation can begin with an audit of your irrigation system by a licensed irrigation contractor. This involves aiming the irrigation heads correctly, checking for leaks, and correctly setting the irrigation clocks for optimal run time and frequency setting. According to a program begun in Orange County, adjusting irrigation can save up to 22 percent (Source: Florida Water Resources Journal, August 2007). Saved water equals saved dollars for the homeowner. Having a licensed professional check and adjust your irrigation system once a year is a very good investment that may very well reduce your overall water bill.

Owners may wish to consider reducing the irrigation frequency of outlying areas in larger yards. Watering those outlying zones once every 10 days will save a significant amount of water. Judging by water use patterns, the CDD is aware that many residents have not adjusted their irrigation timers to the irrigation frequency as required by SWFWMD. This is the immediate and most basic place to start water conservation.

Customer Service offers a leak detection service for a nominal \$15. They not only look for leaks but check the irrigation controller for proper setting and ensure your irrigation is providing proper coverage per zone. Some of the findings from previous leak detections include: multiple daily start times on an irrigation time resulting in tens of thousands of excess water usage in a month, hose bibs left running, toilets leaking water, and broken irrigation lines.

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All Around Our World
By Lynette Vermillion

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It is hard to believe that we are officially heading into fall on Monday, Sept. 22. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and is looking forward to all the fun things that fall brings ... football, festivals and cooler weather. Please have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day as we celebrate our last summer holiday.

Customer Service

Customer Service will be closed on Labor Day, which falls on Monday, Sept. 7. We will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday. Please note that the Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Sept. 16 this month.

Customer Service may be reached by phone: (352) 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons. Customer Service may be reached by phone Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Golf Cart Permit and Resident ID cards

If you have not already received your 2016-2017 golf cart decal, permitting will begin in October. Resident IDs will also be updated at this time. During the month of October, permitting and ID updates

will be organized by the first letter of the resident's last name. A calendar has been published below and will also be in the October edition as well so that residents may determine which day to attend. Permitting and ID updates will continue in November and December for those who are unable to attend on their designated day in October. All carts must be permitted with the 2016-2017 decal by year-end. Please watch for more information in next month's edition.

OTOWinfo.com Website

If you haven't been on otowinfo.com in a while or you are new to the community and have never been on it, you might want to take a look as it has a new look. There's a lot of great information on the site, such as an events calendar, activity information, community information, Association Rules and Regulations, maintenance tips and videos, and much, much more.

On Top of the World Central Re-Roofing Schedule

The following is a list of roof replacements that are scheduled within the next 90 days: Buildings 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1923, 1924, and 1925. Due to unforeseen weather conditions, we are unable to provide exact dates of replacements. Schedules are also based upon several other factors as well: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority.

Candler Hills Restaurant

Candler Hills Restaurant renovation is underway. We have received several questions as to when the restaurant will reopen. As with any construction project, it

is difficult to say how long the renovations will take. We are moving the project along as quickly as possible. Exact dates will be published after we are further along with the renovation. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information and for sneak peeks as the construction progresses. We appreciate your patience as we work to bring you a beautifully updated facility. We look forward to seeing you at our grand reopening!

Water Conservation Expo

The Bay Laurel Center CDD (BLCCDD) is hosting a free water expo at Circle Square Cultural Center on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; so be sure to hold the date. There will be food and refreshments, door prizes, and much more.

Guest speakers from Southwest Florida Water Management District, Aqua Pure, and BLCCDD District staff will be discussing water efficient irrigation for landscape design and behaviors, decline of flows to the springs, quality of the district's water pertaining to water softeners and many more topics. Various vendors will be on hand for you to interact with and learn more about helpful ways to conserve water.

Be on the lookout for more information via the community TV channel, www.blccdd.com and posters throughout the community. Water conservation is important for all of us to learn more about. Whether you pay for your water use directly to the BLCCDD or through your Community Service Fee, it is important to not be wasteful.

In the Event of a Storm

Although we have had lots of rainfall this season, we haven't had much storm activity in our area. We still have until Monday, Nov. 30, until hurricane season is officially over. I wanted to take a moment to remind you that, should a storm event occur, we will provide updated information for residents on the (352) 236-OTOW (6869) phone number. Once the message is provided, you will be able to press one for Customer Service, two for Bay Laurel Center CDD, three for World Home Improvements, four for realtors and five to repeat the message as usual.

Suggestion

We recently received a suggestion from a resident that speed bumps should be added along SW 90th Street. Since SW 90th Street is a through street, speed bumps are not recommended. Emergency vehicles have to pass over them in through streets at significant jolts to the vehicle and discomfort and potential injury to the occupants. The speed bump only acts as a point of control at the installed location and does not impact extended sections of the street unless many are installed. Speed bumps are not a cure-all for residential street traffic and should only be recommended after a careful traffic engineer study where sound engineering judgment is applied and justifies their use. Some speed bump installations have been unsuccessful and have been removed due to residential complaints, negative impacts on emergency vehicles, increased noise levels from vehicles hitting the bump and accelerating/decelerating, etc.

Football 101: For Women Only

By Pat Wellington

We didn't grow up playing football but we can still enjoy the game by educating ourselves about its nuances and fine points. As a former chess player, I see football as very much like the strategic game of chess. In a relaxed atmosphere we will discuss various offenses, defenses, penalties,

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The permitting and ID process is organized by the first letter of the resident's last name. Refer to the calendar below to determine which day to attend. Permitting will continue in November and December for those who are unable to attend on their designated day in October. All carts must be permitted with a 2016-2017 decal by year end.

Cart rules will be provided to each cart owner when the cart is permitted and a decal is applied to the cart.

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For more information on golf cart permitting and Resident ID update, please visit: Customer Service in Friendship Commons (9850 SW 84th Court | Suite 200) or call 352-236-OTOW (6869)



It's the Law

By Bob Woods

In the July and August issues of the World News, I covered the lengthy Florida Statutes concerning Traffic Control under Chapter 316 highlighting section 130, which pertains to pedestrian's traffic regulations. This is the final installment of this section.

(13) Pedestrians shall leave, whenever practicable upon the right half of the crosswalks.

(14) No pedestrians shall cross roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices, and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

(15) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrians or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle and give warning when necessary and exercise proper precautions upon observing a child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person.

(16) No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon a bridge or approach thereto beyond the bridge signal, gate, or barrier after a bridge signal indication has been given. No pedestrian shall pass through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

(17) No pedestrian shall jump or dive from a publicly owned bridge. Nothing in this provision requires the state or any political subdivision of the state to post signs notifying the public of this provision. The failure to post a sign may not be construed by any court to create liability on the part of the state or any of its political subdivisions for injuries sustained as a result of jumping or diving from a bridge in violation of this subsection.

(18) No pedestrian shall walk upon a limited access facility or a ramp connecting a limited access facility to any other street or highway; however, this subsection does not apply to maintenance personnel or any governmental subdivision.

(19) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as either a pedestrian violation or, if the infraction resulted from the operation of a vehicle, as a moving violation.



Back at The Ranch

By David Gibas

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Think Strong Not Skinny

For so many of us there is a struggle to get out of a "stuck" place with regard to improving how we look and feel. If you desire a change in your body, perhaps you should start with a change in your thinking. Why not think about being strong instead of "skinny?"

Focusing on strength shifts your perspective from that of appearance to achievement. The cold, hard truth is that weight loss is hard. It's 100 percent achievable but it will take some time and effort. Therefore, why not focus on something that will yield quicker results?

You can get strong quickly with a solid commitment to regular physical exercise, especially if you emphasize resistance training. Gaining muscle and strength will support your desired weight loss goal because it burns calories, speeds up your metabolism, and boosts your confidence.

Here are four reasons to think strong not skinny:

1. Empowerment – When your physical strength increases so does your self-esteem, which will likely boost your self-efficacy. This greatly improves the likelihood of success and attaining your goals.
2. Energy – When you improve your muscle health and strength, you are capable of doing more for longer periods of time. You can accomplish more, become more involved and engage in life. Energy gets you off the sidelines and into the game!
3. Burn – Burn more calories that is. Not only do you burn calories during your workouts, but the muscle you add to your body will boost your metabolism, so that you burn more calories even at rest!
4. Longevity – Strong, active people live longer than those who are sedentary. Not only do they live longer, but the quality of their lives is also enhanced. People who put an emphasis on strong over skinny maintain capable bodies and minds!

For added support in achieving weight loss, why not join our upcoming "Get Fit Weight Loss Challenge?" This six-week weight loss program begins on Saturday, Oct. 3, meets weekly and is led by a certified personal trainer. Each week alternates between support group meetings and "weight loss workouts" that focus on personal success. In addition to the incentive of achieving your weight loss goal, the program participant who loses the greatest percentage of body weight wins \$100! This program is for Ranch fitness members only. To sign up or for more information, please stop by the front desk.

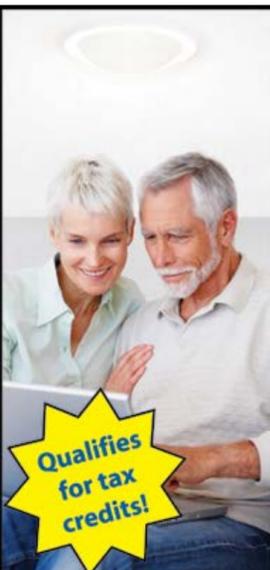
Men's Bible Study

By Bob Waas

Beginning Monday, Sept. 14, join us for a 12-week bible study of Ephesians, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Art Studio in the Hobby Building. The book costs \$9.95.

This is an inter-denominational study. Everyone is welcome – those who have little or no bible knowledge or those who have advanced knowledge. For more information, contact Ed Brewer at (352) 291-1395 or consbrew@deccacable.com; or Bob Waas at (352) 547-4275 or bob.waas@gmail.com.

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**Community
Emergency
Response Team**

By Beth McKeen

At our August meeting, CERT members reviewed the process of light search and rescue. As in all CERT operations, the primary concern is rescuer safety. Safe practices include using protective equipment, working as a team, and being alert

for hazards. All activities must be planned carefully and practiced in advance.

During light search and rescue, disaster information is collected and responses are prioritized based on rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number according to the team's capabilities and training. The search operation involves employing systematic and thorough search techniques to locate potential victims. Rescue involves triaging or stabilizing victims in a safe environment.

The On Top of the World CERT members will practice these techniques during

a drill planned for this fall.

There is currently a CERT training class in progress, but it is not too early to sign up for the next class beginning in October. Contact Beverly Case, Division of Emergency Management, at (352) 369-8103 or visit marionso.com, Emergency Management Bureau, and click on EM Volunteer Program Application. Fill out and mail in the application.

For more information, please stop by our booth at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Rec-

reation Center Ballroom. We are always happy to welcome new members to our team, so please consider participation in this service organization and giving back to your community.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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



**Republican
Club**

By Fred Pulis

Evelio Silvera, candidate for Marion County Commission District 3, will be the featured guest speaker at the Friday, Sept. 11 meeting of the Republican Club. The current legislative assistant to Florida Congressman Charlie Stone will be seeking the position of current incumbent Stan McClain.

The club's August meeting featured two speakers for different Marion County Commission positions. Richard Hancock

running for District 5 against incumbent Earl Arnett provided personal background and a combination of experience and vocal dissatisfaction with the current Board of County Commissioners.

Also, former Deputy Sheriff Thomas Wilder spoke about his background and why he would make a good county commissioner. He is running for the District 1 position currently occupied by David Moore. He, too, described the faults of the current incumbents and vowed to do a much better job.

The next meeting of the Republican Club will be held at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G, starting at 7 p.m. For more information about the Republican Club, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.



**Democratic
Club**

By Dan Lack

Libraries are vital to an educated and enlightened citizenry. It was no accident that invading armies burned libraries such as the Library at Alexandria and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. On Top of the World Democratic Club Director Florence Pritchard will enlighten us about our local treasure, the Freedom Library, at our next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24. Please note that this is not the last Thursday of the month.

Florence is the President of the Friends of the Freedom Public Library and she will explain what the library system has to offer to all Marion County citizens, using our Freedom Library as an example. Florence will review the services that will be

affected by the proposed budget and she will also explain why privatization is not the best solution.

Our next club luncheon will take place in the private room of Olive Garden on Friday, Oct. 9, at noon. We expect the snowbirds to be back in Ocala by then so they can take part in the great food and camaraderie that we enjoy at these luncheons. There will be a sign-up sheet at our meeting.

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, so please bring toiletries, detergent, canned food and dry food to our meeting. 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!



Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

There is just a little over a month left before the fall tournament on Saturday, Oct. 3. If you are not already signed up, please call me now at (352) 873-7507. There is still some room but don't delay.

The final Mah Jongg classes for 2015 will be Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5. Call Master the Possibilities to reserve a spot so you can learn this popular game.

There is some confusion about the quint hand 1123/11111/11111. Always read what is in parenthesis. It says any and means that the hand can be played with any three consecutive. Then match the pair with five of that number

in other two suits. An example would be 6788/88888/88888. The pair can be the first, middle or last number. I hope this clears up that hand. Always read, slowly, what it tells in the parenthesis.

Hope to see you at the tournament. Cheers to you.



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Volunteer to Read to the Children

By Janet Fragapane

What is that sound? It's the school bell ringing for the new year. Are you ready to join us? 100 Grandparents has a new day to read to the children of Romeo Elementary.



100 Grandparents take a school bus every month to read to the children at Romeo Elementary.

ementary. From now on it will be the second Tuesday of the month: Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, 2016, March 8, 2016, and May 10, 2016.

We do not meet the month of April as the children are testing that month. We are not sure if the Altrusa Read In will be take place on Tuesday, Sept. 8 or not, but we will be there regardless.

The bus will be parked near the back of

True Value Store. Please be sure to park back there also. The bus will be there at 8:30 a.m. For those who drive themselves, be at the school at 9 a.m.

Please bring money to help cover the cost of the bus. Also be sure to bring your driver's license or photo ID; this is needed by the school for their records each year.

If you ever thought of reading to the children, please get in touch with Evelyn Sarns Holiday at (352) 237-0304. We are always in need of permanent or substitute readers. You can always start as a substitute if you'd like. Or jump in and be a regular. Either way, the children need you. You will find it is the best way to spend a morning. Nothing is asked of you, but to read to the children. You are never asked to bring anything, or do anything else, just read. The books are supplied by the school.

There is no longer a place in the office of the Recreation Center to put the pull-tabs, Box Tops for Education, or Campbell Soup labels. Please keep saving them and give them to any person you know who reads to the children. Or call Evelyn, or myself at (352) 861-1575. We will come to you.

We are looking into a different way to get food to the children in the schools. Last year's amount of food items collected was down a great deal while the need for food went way up. Checks can still be sent to: The Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430. On the memo line please write for backpack program.

A Unique Native 'Salad'

By Ron Broman

Assuming the picture is clear, please enjoy a unique native "salad" – a monarch butterfly caterpillar feeding on pink swamp milkweed above a mat of river sage.

When first noticed, the caterpillar was chomping scarlet milkweed, the species that seems to be causing trouble for monarchs. I gently transferred her to the pink swamp species, *Asclepias incarnata*, and watched her for a spell. She didn't move.

The next day she was munching the pink *Asclepias* like it was her favorite ice cream.

That's when I realized that this was a three-for-one shot: an in-trouble butterfly, on a potentially saving native food source, in a bed of unusual native ground cover.

River sage, southern river sage or sometimes tropical sage, *Salvia misella*, is an evergreen ground cover found only in peninsular Florida. Creeping across the understory, rooting periodically, it will form large entwined stems with one to two inch leaves. One-eighth to one-fourth inch blue flowers appear on six to 10-inch stalks in the spring.

What makes this especially interesting, to me at least, is its preference for shady locations that are not subject to continuous drought. It mixes well with other ground plantings that can stand above it.

So far, in the short time the "salad" has been "tossed" here in the Garden of Weedin, the "ingredients" sage, monarchs and *Asclepias*, have made a "delicious" native blend. (We hope the resident rabbits don't "ratify.")

Our more than ample summer precipitation has confirmed our belief that grass growth will return, and with a vengeance.

Our North Central Florida native plant species are also flourishing. It's heartwarming to see, that with a relatively small bit of effort, how many yards in our community have incorporated natives. Well done!

Our Native Plant Group continues to serve monthly at the Longleaf Pine Trail, SW 94th Street Circle, and Belleview Library maintenance. Please join us when you can. Call me at (352) 861-4560 for information (or just to chat).



Photo by Ron Broman

Monarch larva on pink swamp milkweed and river sage.

Where Does Opal Come From?

By Bill Shampine

Who among us has not marveled at the beauty of opal, a gemstone that captures a piece of a rainbow in every stone? Have you ever wondered where that opal comes



Photo by Lodo27

The entrance to one of the many underground homes in Coober Pedy, Australia.

from and what it takes to gather it? Well, you are about to find out.

Most of the world's gem-quality opals come from the town of Coober Pedy, located on a harsh and unforgiving land in northern Australia. The town was founded in 1915, when three prospectors and the 14-year old son of one of them stopped in the area to look for water. They had been unsuccessfully looking for gold in the region. The boy, Willie Hutchison, found some opal pieces lying on the surface, and everyone was impressed. Eight days later, the first opal claim was filed.

The area initially was called the Stuart Range Opal Field. In 1920, however, it was re-named Coober Pedy, an Anglicized version of the Aboriginal term *kupa-piti*, which means "white man's hole."

To discourage large-scale mining, claims initially were restricted to an area of 165 square feet (about 12 feet by 14 feet). It also was a difficult place to live because of the extreme environment. Water and supplies had to be carted great distances and under trying conditions. In the early 1900s, each resident was allowed only 24 gallons of water per week. Today, water is piped in from a source about 15 miles away and treated in Coober Pedy. Water is a very precious commodity and costs the residents \$5 for 264 gallons. For comparison, at On Top of the World I pay about \$0.34 for that amount of water (for the first 7,500 gallons).

It also is very hot and dry in the summer, when temperatures routinely exceed 100 degrees and may get as hot as 116 degrees. The climate is so harsh that the only tree in the area is one made of scrap iron welded together to look like a tree.

By 1999, it was estimated that there were 250,000 mineshaft entrances in the area, where miners have been searching for the elusive gem opal. Mining is done by digging a three to four foot diameter vertical shaft down to the opal-bearing formation. This shaft may be as much as 80 feet deep. Then the shaft turns horizontal and runs for as much as your claim allows. Originally, these shafts were all dug by hand, but, today, machines are used.

As early as 1917 the miners recognized the value of living underground in what they called "dugouts." The cost of digging out a home is roughly the same as building one on the surface, and, underground, you don't have to worry about air conditioning. There are some very elaborate underground homes, businesses, and churches in Coober Pedy. These structures are one of the reasons that tourism has become so popular in the area.

Coober Pedy, with a population of 3,500, truly is a unique place in Australia. If you choose to visit there, I would recommend you go in the spring or fall, when the temperatures are more moderate. While there, you can act like a mole and visit some underground mines, churches, jewelry stores, and other shops. You also can stay in the underground hotel, but don't expect to enjoy scenic views from your room.

For golfers, you will be able to play, but the local rules are a tad different from what you are used to. For example, there is no grass on the golf course. You have to carry around a piece of artificial turf that you put down when you hit the ball, and the "greens" actually are black as they consist of oiled sand.



SPCA

By Maria Devine

We are happy to report that Mitzi, the black and white cat highlighted in our past two columns, has been adopted into her new forever home. Happily, Bert and Ernie, the Chihuahua mixes from last month's column, have also found their forever homes. What a great month it has been for adoptions!

If you wanted Mitzi and missed out on her, we still have a beautiful cat named Buddy available. Buddy is a 10-year-old neutered, declawed male with unique coloring. He loves to have his gorgeous silver, white, gray and black medium to long hair brushed to keep in tip top shape. Brushing is also a great bonding experience. Although he gets along well with other cats and dogs, he may do best as your one and only so that he can cuddle in your lap and monopolize your affection. He likes to follow his foster mom around the house. He's very clean, sweet and just wants to be loved again. If you have a soft spot for him, please call Marilyn at (352) 465-7137 or (352) 445-2192 to see if this dear kitty is right for you.

Our first bunco fundraiser was such a success that we're having another one this year. If you want to have some fun with your friends while supporting a good cause, we'd love to see you at our second gala fundraiser called The SPCA of Marion County's Bunco Spooktacular. This event will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, at

6:30 p.m. in the Klein Conference Center at the College of Central Florida on SW College Road.

It will be a fun evening of games, prizes, and raffles. Hearty hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Tickets are \$30 per person. A group can reserve a table of eight, or you can come with a friend or two. Prior to play, volunteers will go to each table to show bunco novices how to play. It's quick and easy to pick the game up even if you've never played before. During the evening you will learn more about our organization and the animals

we've helped over the years. Please call (352) 362-8513 to reserve tickets.

Is there anyone in our community adept at updating and maintaining Facebook and web pages? If so, we can sure use your help. It's not necessary to join our organization; you can be a consultant or be responsible for these tasks on your own. Our Facebook page is Marion County FL SPCA and our webpage is spcaofmarion-county.weebly.com. Please call us at (352) 362-0985 if you can help or to find out more.



Buddy

LifeSouth Bloodmobile

By Sue & Dick Copeland

How to best celebrate Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7? Drive on over to the Recreation Center front parking lot and spend an hour or so donating a pint of blood to help three people who need transfusions to save their lives!

The LifeSouth bloodmobile will be there from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help you help others. Our trained, experienced, and friendly technicians will collect some data from you (take an I.D. with you!), place you on a comfortable reclining couch, and collect your life giving blood.

The entire process is simple, easy, and relatively painless. You get a drink as you donate, and when you are finished, you leave with a choice of beverages, a sweet homemade treat, and a small gift of gratitude. Ask any of your friends and neighbors who are regular donors about their past experiences with the LifeSouth team. You will hear nothing but good reports! Again, regular or new donors praise our services, and keep coming back every eight weeks to give again and again! The rewards are great for you ... and three others needing your donation!

See you Labor Day Monday!



OneBlood Bloodmobile

By Sara Sommer

I would like to thank all the heroes who dodged the raindrops to come to the Big Red Bus last month. Here are the hero names: Patricia Crowe, Lorraine Gray, Thomas Haynes, Betty Justice, Paul Kapelanski, Barbara Marvin, Thomas McHaffie, Gloria Nelson, George Ostrom, Connie Smith, Sara Sommer, Richard and Sandra Westphal. Great job!

You may have read e-mails or seen articles in the paper about a new merger for OneBlood. The new addition is Blood Alliance. The logo will stay the same. We will still have the Big Red Bus. We will be able to serve more hospitals in Florida. All the blood collected in Marion County will still stay in Marion County.

The Big Red Bus has new hours. It will still come to the Recreation Center parking lot on every even month Monday. Now it will be here from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. I hope this will not cause a problem for you. We still need all types of blood. The next visit will be Monday, Oct. 5. Mark your calendar and see you on the Bus.

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Stamp Club

By Joe Rosinski

Welcome to the General Francis Marion Stamp Club column for this month's edition of the World News. Membership in our club consists of approximately 50 people, male and female, who have varied interests in the philatelic hobby.

Our club is open to anyone; you do not have to live in On Top of the World. Our members come from Marion, Alachua, Citrus, Sumter, Lake, Pasco Counties, as well as a few snowbirds who claim

residence around the country. Tell your friends about us too.

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at Bank of the Ozarks on SR200 (entrance to On Top of the World), and the second Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Freedom Library. Visitors are welcome at all meetings.

Our first Wednesday meeting is a general business meeting, the third Wednesday meeting is highlighted by our auction of philatelic materials and our second Tuesday meeting is an informal gathering with no set agenda.

Our Wednesday, Aug. 5 meeting began with an excellent presentation focused on U.S. post offices in the extremes. John Renyhart's collection of subjects included

such extremes as the highest, lowest, most eastern, most western, most northern, most southern, as well as one in Supai, Ariz. where the only mail service is by pack mule.

A number of foreign post offices were also highlighted and included those in Hell, Cayman Islands, and Europe's smallest post office located in Vigur Island, Iceland. These were all gleaned from John's other specialty collections. The variety of subjects that provide ideas for presentations are numerous and our members are very innovative in coming up with a theme that peaks the interest of our members.

Sheldon Rogg read an article from the St. Petersburg Times concerning the possibility of dropping the value of the current 49-cent first class mail rate a penny or

two in early 2016. Could prove interesting. How this would be accomplished was not addressed.

I would like to invite you all to visit our table at the upcoming Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will have some interesting items on display.

You can e-mail me at jr8850@embarqmail.com with any questions you might have about our hobby. We also have a website which can be accessed at ocalag-fmstampclub.com for additional information about us.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our club. We'll have more news for you next month. Remember to use real stamps on your snail mail to make a stamp collector happy.



Model Railroaders

By Jim Lynam

Welcome to September! September is the official month that we look forward to the arrival of the fall season and the slightly cooler temperatures that come with it. The Model Railroaders will also begin welcoming back our summer travelers and "snowbirds." It is always enjoyable and interesting to sit in the train room and listen to the members' travel experiences, espe-

cially those related to railroad excursions.

The Model Railroaders voted at their August meeting to modify the track plan in the yard to include a circle of track around the roundhouse that will permit the trains to circumnavigate the entire room. This would also provide access to the yard in both directions so that an engine could either pull into the yard or back the consist into the yard. The track plan and impact study have been sent to the maintenance supervisor for approval. Completion of the project is expected by early September.

The members also scheduled an inventory and maintenance workshop with Bob Wilkes as the facilitator. Following the ex-

ample of the railroad industry, a computer spreadsheet was created to include all of the information for each piece of rolling stock, such as: the owner, identification number, category of car, date of manufacture, empty weight, gross weight, trucks, couplers, and general condition. All of this information will enable the club to operate the layout just like the real railroad transportation system. Specific cars can be picked up from an industry, included into a consist, and hopefully delivered somewhat on time to a destination industry. It should be fun!

The Model Railroaders will also participate in the annual Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17. Please be sure to visit our oper-

ating "N" scale model in the Recreation Center Ballroom, and then make your way downstairs to our permanent layout where there will be all types of trains running everywhere. The club members hope to see you there!

The Model Railroaders are 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's fitness center. Club members work on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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



Women of the World

By Nancy Grabowski

We hope you are ready to kick off the year with Women of the World! President April Pollard, our head cheerleader, will be waiting for you to join us. The meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 4, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The social and light refreshments will begin about 12:15 p.m., and the business meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Please take advantage of the shuttle! The shuttle up the hill will begin service about noon. Drop off your passengers at the front door and park in either parking lot. Golf carts or cars will pick you up. Barb Steinfeldt, committee chairwoman, needs volunteers to continue this accommodation.

For the first meeting, the refreshments are provided by the club. Think of them

as "tapas," small tasty bites. Judy Singer, chairwoman of the refreshment committee, will have sign-up sheets for the October meeting on each table. Women who volunteer to bring a dish for the table need only make a single recipe's worth of the tasty treat. It can be sweet, healthy, savory, or a combination! A call will be made to remind you, too.

At the front door, across from the elevator, Marcie Hummer and her committee workers will accept donations for our first charity. Marcie will need others to assist her later in the year. Please consider signing up for this committee. It's fairly simple: arrive shortly before the meeting, accept the donations, organize them on the table, and wait for the charity to pick them up. You are finished before the meeting begins!

Marcie and Andrea Flannery are working jointly for our donations to Marion County Senior Services. Their pantry is empty; your donations will help replenish it so it functions properly. Canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, canned meats and fish, individual servings of any-

thing are always good choices. Andrea Flannery will be there for you to sign up to help in the future.

Once you step inside, the stage will have Operation Shoebox collections. It also is selected as one of our September charities. Operation Shoebox is an ongoing charity. The items they need are endless and can be as simple as a short, hand-written note! When your card group retires a deck of cards, think of this committee. The cards travel in backpacks with our troops very conveniently. Lynn Hoelzer is the gal in charge; ask her what help she needs.

The hospitality committee chairwoman, Janet Fragapane, will have the yellow roses to hand to those who will need an extra bit of help during the meeting. And guess what? She will have an opportunity for you to help her, too.

Head on back towards the pool! Terri Molnar, our treasurer, will be waiting for your dues. To help avoid the long lines, have your check made out to Women of the World. If you are paying in cash, Terri will be quite appreciative for the correct

change.

At the same table, Nancy Grabowski will handle your membership. If you have not filled out an emergency contact card, this is an excellent time to do just that. If you have had a change in your e-mail address, please share the new one with us, too.

Move right on down the line to the 50/50, ladies! Marsha Vieu will provide you will a chance to win some spending money. Tickets are \$1 each or three for \$2 or 10 for \$5! (Small bills are super, here as well!) The money generated by the raffle helps us make our charitable donations, particularly at the end of the year. Opportunities exist here for someone willing to help for a short time before the meeting.

We look forward to greeting our members, including our newest recruits! Women of the World is open to every woman resident. We are the club filled with friends, even those you have yet to meet! Welcome, welcome, welcome!

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On The Road Again

By Bob Woods

The club has finally received all the information, prices, and itinerary for the Switzerland trip departing our community on Friday, May 20, 2016. If you would like a flyer delivered to your home, please call Bob at (352) 854-0702 and he will gladly deliver one. The club's website will have the flyer posted but if you would like commentary or explanations, please call Bob.

The trip will include a non-stop flight to and from Tampa to Zurich. The 10-day tour will include 12 different Swiss locations, a stop in the wine country of France and a stop in Tirano, Italy, to board the UNESCO World Heritage Train, the Bernina Express for a ride to St. Moritz. This trip will stop in three countries and visit

12 destinations in Switzerland. The club will have a guest speaker from Trafalgar Tours to present a detailed presentation with slides on the trip. Those on the Switzerland call list are included and all other interested parties should call Bob as seating is limited. The presentation will take place on Thursday, Sept. 17.

The club also has three motor coach trips planned. The first one goes to New Orleans, La., on Sunday, Oct. 4, for a seven-day adventure. Then there is a nine-day excursion to San Antonio, Texas, departing our community on Saturday, April 23, 2016 and another fantastic five day trip to Savannah, Ga., on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016. Interested parties wanting to partake in the coach trips, please call John Ware at (352) 873-3516 for additional information, prices and itineraries.

The club still has a few cabins remaining for the Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas cruise departing Port Canaveral on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016 heading to Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Maartin. Call Bob Woods for additional details on this cruise.

Bob is also taking names for a planned trip to England/Scotland in August 2017. If you think you might like to venture on this trip, call Bob and your name will be placed on a call list. No deposit is required at this juncture. All cruises and overseas trips require a passport.



Travel Toppers

By Mary Lamp

We are pleased to give you this update on our booked tours for the remainder of this year and into 2016.

Our Orlando shopping trip to the International Premium Outlet Mall on Tuesday, Nov. 10, begins to take reservations on Monday, Aug. 31. Contact Audrey Mangan at (352) 854-7074 to reserve your seat.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, we will be traveling to the Sleuth Theater in Orlando. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 7 for this fine mystery production. Call Pat Hood, the coordinator, at (352) 237-8533 to reserve your seat.

There are still two rooms left for the Royal Caribbean Brilliance of the Seas five-night Western Caribbean cruise beginning Saturday, Dec. 5. For more information, and to book, call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.

Our Christmas Day trip will be to the Show Palace for their Christmas Spectacular production. Pat Hood will be the coordinator and registration will open on Monday, Oct. 5. This show has been well received in the past and I am sure this year's production will not disappoint.

To start off the New Year, on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016 we are offering a trip to the Show Palace for their production of West Side Story. Registration will open on Monday, Nov. 2, and Linda Hein will be the coordinator.

On Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 we will travel to the Straz Theater in Tampa for their production of The Lion King. Reg-

istration has opened and the cost will be \$97 per person. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 or Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428 to reserve your seat.

Our MSC Divina Cruise to Bermuda, beginning Saturday, April 9, 2016 is still open. Call Inge Gaitch for more information and to book one of the few remaining rooms.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, 2016 we will travel to the Show Palace to see Grease. Registration will not open until March 2016. Pat Hood will be the coordinator.

Registration is continuing for our seven-night Legendary Danube River Cruise, beginning Monday, Oct. 10, 2016. We highly recommend the optional three-night tour of Prague that is also being offered; definitely one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. You would have the opportunity to cross the Vltava River via the magnificent Charles Bridge. This bridge, dating from 1357, was the only way to cross from Old Town until 1841. On the other side, you will be able to visit Prague Castle, the largest castle in the world. Back in Old Town, not to be missed, is the astronomical clock, the third oldest of its kind. Inge Gaitch is the coordinator for this river cruise. For more information or to reserve your room, call her at (352) 237-7428.

In addition to this monthly column, there are other ways you can get updated information about Travel Toppers trips. You can visit our website at traveltoppers.com. You can sign up for our e-mail newsletter by calling Allan Rickards at (352) 390-3075. Also, the club's most recent brochure is available at your local post office building, the Recreation Center, the Arbor Club and the community centers for Indigo East and Candler Hills. Happy travels!

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The Glitzy Gals

By Janet Wahl

Nine of us enjoyed our luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse with hostesses Vice Queen Carol Cecala and Beverly Moreau.

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A variety of items from the lunch menu were chosen and all were very good. Sara Riehm claimed the prize with the marked treat bag.

Paddock Mall was our next stop for the favorite sport of shopping and a beverage from Starbucks for some of us.

The children at Project Hope were the recipients of school supplies this month. A backpack was provided for each one plus notebooks, crayons, markers, pencil cases, glue, pencils, highlighters and other needed items.

Upcoming events include a Halloween party, shopping trip to Premium Outlet Mall, Show Palace Christmas and our own Christmas luncheon. "We create our tomorrows by what we dream today." QM Mary Curry

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LadyBirds

By Caren Kowalsky

Now that the rainy season is upon us, our gardens are looking green and beautiful.

Our August luncheon host was Pat Balenger. Pat chose Stone Creek Grille.

We are in need of a host for our September luncheon. Please contact me at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@earthlink.net. Also, if any member has any ideas for guest speakers for our September and October meetings, please contact me.

As stated in our previous column, the

R/C Fly-In will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10. So LadyBirds, it is time to sign up to run canteen. A sign-up sheet will be available at our first LadyBird meeting to take place on Friday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new members who join us. We are also hoping that some ladies who are the spouses or significant others of our R/C Flyers will decide to join us, and sit in on one of our meetings to see what we are all about. It would be our pleasure to welcome you into our club. Just bring your favorite beverage, and we supply the goodies. Speaking of goodies, we are also in need of a volunteer to provide the goodies for our September meeting. Please contact me.



Italian American Club

By Carole Dymond

There will be no meeting in September due to the fact that several officers will be out of town. However, on Tuesday, Oct. 6, we will be getting back into the swing of things and will be playing Italian trivia. Scratch off lottery tickets will be given out to the lucky winners and, hopefully, the tickets will also be big winners!

We will be going to Sammy's Pizza & Restaurant for lunch in November; therefore, we ask that all paid up members bring their \$5 to the October meeting in order to get \$10 back at the restaurant. This is an extra appreciation we give to our

members each year. Dues will be collected for the new year.

Some of the activities during 2016 will be our horseracing game, a special game day meeting and Pat Gabriel will be invited to inform us of the happenings in our area. We are looking for new ideas for our club and if there is a special speaker or if anyone has any entertainment suggestions, please share with one of our officers. This is your club and we would like everyone to be involved.

Did you know that the national animal of Italy is the wolf?

See you on Oct. 6 at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We meet at 2:30 p.m. for social time and refreshments and business meeting starts at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact our president, Michele DeBari at (352) 861-9484.



Pennsylvania Club

By Pat Utiss

The monthly meeting of the Pennsylvania Club held its last meeting of the season on Wednesday, May 13, with a picnic/bingo party. As always, members brought their favorite potluck picnic fare and it was "Pennsylvania good!"

Several games of bingo were played with prizes for each winner. Door prizes were also raffled off. Club members donated all prizes.

President Ray Utiss adjourned the meeting with his wishes to all for a safe and happy summer. The monthly meetings will resume in September, with the first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. Guests are always welcome in search of good fun, good food and good people!

If you like what you see, you can join the Pennsylvania Club at any time. Dues are \$5 per person per year.

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American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

Welcome back to all of you. I hope everybody had a safe and healthy summer whether at home or away.

As always, your board has been hard at work preparing a great new season for 2015/2016. We are going to host a new program of varied speakers and entertainments together with our famous refresh-

ments. And of course we will have our usual parties: the pizzas, lox and bagels and a few surprises thrown in.

Members, many new residents have moved into our community. I hope you have made some new friends and through you, they will be interested in joining with us. We are all together a grand group and they will have a good time.

Don't forget! Our first meeting of the new season is Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Arbors Conference Center, Suites G and H. So bring yourselves, your new friends, your dues, and we will all have a great get-together. Looking forward to seeing you all.



New England Club

By Donnamarie Castellano

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! It has certainly been one of the rainiest my husband and I have experienced since moving to On Top of the World five years ago. All is good though, we know that when winter comes there will be no snow and that's the beauty of living in Florida.

Our community has been growing by leaps and bounds and we have many new residents. We hope you, along with our existing members, come to our first social of the season on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. Come see what we're all about!

For newcomers interested in joining us this season, please contact Donnamarie Castellano, president, at donnamarie22452@yahoo.com or (207) 212-6529. Our club season runs from October through May each year and we meet on

the third Thursday of the month. It's important for everyone to know that you do not have to be from New England ... we love to socialize with everyone! We just hope that you have a love of New England as we all do.

Also, visit us at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Watch for future columns in the World News as well as the South Marion Citizen, which comes out weekly and can be picked up at our mail centers or at many local businesses. See you on Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

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Genealogical Society

By Peter Parisi

On Monday, July 20, 12 members of the Genealogical Society enjoyed a field trip to the Latter Day Saints (LDS) Family History Center in Ocala. Our gracious host, LDS representative Dave Hogg, instructed the Genealogical Society members on the capabilities of the center. To begin (or to augment) your genealogy search, Dave encouraged using the free LDS Family Search software. The software may be accessed from your home PC or through available PCs (recently upgraded) at the center. Visit familysearch.org.

Researchers will find the centers are (1) a depository of national and interna-

tional genealogy research materials, (2) staffed by helpful and supportive representatives, and (3) available in many areas of Florida (as well as across the nation). The center is a branch of the official Family History Library in Salt Lake City and is open to the general public.

You do not have to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (Mormons) to use their Family History Centers. The centers provide a wealth of genealogy support, including reference books/materials, microfiche machines, data printers, and computers. The Ocala center does not support printing from its current microfiche machines. You can also order fiche and data films through the Family Search Catalog. For those people who are on a tight budget, the centers offer free access to some premium services (i.e. subscription resources such as ancestry.com, fold3.com, etc.) software and databases.

The Ocala Family History Center is located at 1831 SE 18th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471, telephone (352) 351-4163. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lecanto Family History Center, which offers similar resources, is larger and its microfiche machines do include print capability. It is located at 3474 West Southern Street, Lecanto, Florida 34461, telephone (352) 746-5943. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are new to genealogy or have already started a family tree but would like to learn how to use Family Tree Maker software, Master the Possibilities will be presenting a seminar by Dick Belz on Advanced Family Tree Maker on Thursday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 9.

Further, Master the Possibilities will be presenting a seminar for beginners by

Ron Chard on building a family tree using ancestry.com's online family tree service on Thursday, Oct. 15, and Friday, Oct. 16. Basic working knowledge of a computer is required to take this seminar.

Check the Master the Possibilities fall catalog, which will be home delivered with this issue of the World News, or go online to masterthepossibilities.com.

The Genealogical Society will hold a business meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, at 10:15 a.m. in Meeting Room #3. At the business meeting, we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. On Monday, Sept. 21, members will be taking a field trip and car-pooling to the Marion County Main Library to check out the sizable Genealogy Resource Section that is available there. Check your e-mail from Jean Monroe for further information.

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View From The Library

By B.J. Leckbee

"The Boys in the Boat" reads like a novel, but it's not. It's a true story about an immigrant from England, a professional bicycle racer, nine working class young men from the American West, and the hard work, strength of character, and team spirit that helped them row into Olympics history. This book was published in 2013 and is still near the top of the New York

Times best-seller list.

The sport at which these men excelled is known as crew sculling (rowing). The story begins in 1911 and builds up to their Olympic victory in 1936. The author, Daniel James Brown, was able to interview the last surviving member of the team that defeated the much-favored German team on their home turf – despite being placed in a position where they were unable to hear the call to start rowing.

Here are the main characters in the story of "The Boys in the Boat."

Joe Rantz was one of that magical crew of nine college boys, most of whom struggled to stay in the University of Washington and on the rowing team by doing

backbreaking and dangerous work during the summer months. Rantz spent several summers dangling from a cliff face in a harness, pounding away at the rock with a jackhammer. The end product of this labor would be the Grand Coulee Dam. A by-product of this work was the buildup of Rantz's upper body strength; which would later qualify him as part of the nine-man crew that defeated a stunned Germany in the 1936 Olympics.

Boat builder George Yeoman Pocock emigrated from England in 1911 and set up shop in a derelict shed in Vancouver that had holes in the roof, gaps between the wallboards and no plumbing; Pocock had to dive into the harbor to take a bath.

Hiram Conibear, a former professional bicycle rider/racer who "didn't know the first thing about rowing," had somehow been declared the athletic coach at University of Washington, where his duties included coaching the rowing teams.

Conibear needed some serious coaching himself. He heard that Pocock, while in England, had taught the elements of the rowing stroke to the team at Eton and was considered their best scull builder. He convinced Pocock to move to Washington where he became instrumental in building Washington into a top contender in crew on the West Coast.

And then, in the depths of the great depression, they became the best in the world.



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

Last month, I provided an overview of our club's goals. The idea is for couple club members to take turns entertaining a group of club diners in their homes. When you decide to become a member of our club, you will be included in the development of the monthly schedule of how many dinners will be held. When we know that you are available to attend a dinner, you will be matched with one of the

month's hosts. As a new member, you'd be a guest and not a host for your first dinner.

Normally, activities get underway around 6 p.m. Cocktail hour starts with appetizers brought by one of the guests. The whole idea of the club is that no one member couple will have to prepare the whole meal. Following this, a salad prepared by another guest or the host is served. The host will then serve the main meal, with an accompanying side dish. Following the main meal is the dessert, prepared by another guest couple. This always ends up with everyone having a great meal without anyone needing to prepare the entire undertaking.

Every now and then I like to try different recipes that I have never heard of before and are unique.

This recipe fits that description and can be used as a separate vegetable dish or combined with some type of sauce for a topping of other food items.

Here the original recipe called for three pounds of mixed mushrooms, such as cremini, oyster and stemmed shiitake, thickly sliced or quartered. Since I did not want to try and find and cook three pounds of the different types of mushrooms I came up with an alternative: two packages of Publix Gourmet Blend Mushrooms in four-ounce packages. Included in the package were baby bella, shiitake and oyster sliced mushrooms. I cut up the big pieces in these packages.

Mushrooms with Pickle-Brine Butter

Serves 2

3/8 stick of unsalted butter (3 tablespoons)
2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium shallot, thinly sliced
2 4-ounce packages of Publix Gourmet Blend Mushrooms

1/3 cup brine, strained from a jar of dill pickles
Kosher salt and pepper

In a very large skillet, melt the three tablespoons of the butter in two tablespoons of olive oil over moderately high heat, swirling until golden, about two minutes. Add the shallots to the skillet and cook, stirring, until softened, about one minute. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender and golden, five to seven minutes. Add the pickle brine and cook until absorbed, about one minute. Season the mushrooms with salt and pepper and serve.

Our club is looking for new member couples. Call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information or stop by our table at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Recreation Center. I plan on being there to answer any questions!

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Active Living
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Over the summer we've had plenty of rain in Florida keeping our humidity at a high. Summer isn't over yet, so be sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and take cover at the sound of thunder when outdoors.

Holiday Hours

The Recreation Center office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7. The Fitness Center and the Arbor Club will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but all classes will be cancelled. Please plan accordingly.

Seminole Casino Trip

Join us for an exciting day at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person, which covers transportation. Registration is required.

Insider's Tour of Ocala's Horse Industry

On Friday, Sept. 11, you will enjoy a morning tour of Ocala horse country to include a tour of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association Museum, Equine Veterinary Hospital, Thoroughbred Stud Farm with a third "mystery farm." The last stop will be lunch at Mojo's Grill at Ocala National Golf Club. Lunch will be on your own. The cost of the trip is \$31 per person, which includes transportation and tours. Please note that this trip requires a lot of walking. To register for this trip, contact the Recreation Center office.

Line Dance Classes

Give yourself the gift of line dance every Monday at the newly remodeled Recreation Center Ballroom beginning Monday, Sept. 14, through Monday, June 27, 2016. Four levels of dance are offered, and you may choose your class according to your ability and may switch to a different level at any time. There are two levels for beginners as the step description explains. There will be no absolute beginner class. Cost is \$10 per four-week class, and the instructor is Marilyn McNeal.

Line dance tickets are on sale Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center office. (Line dance tickets will not be sold on Mondays). For

fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes!

- **IMPROVER PLUS** (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Previously at 3 p.m. Dance experience required for this class. Improver means slightly easier than intermediate. Current popular dances taught at this level.
- **BEGINNER LEVEL TWO** (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Previously at 4:15 p.m. This class was formerly called beginner. Class includes basic line dance steps, combinations and easy dance patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed.
- **BEGINNER LEVEL ONE** (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Previously at 5:30 p.m. This class was formerly called absolute beginner. Dancers have some experience now. Easy dances at this level with additional step patterns added.
- **INTRODUCTION TO LINE DANCE** (5 to 6 p.m.): Previously at 1 p.m. in the exercise room; now it will be in the Ballroom. This class is an introduction to line dance for those who want to learn to line dance at their own pace. Step patterns described, practiced and used in simple patterns. Step sheets provided in this class.

Club Fair

It is that time of year for our annual Club Fair, which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is the perfect time to actually see all the different clubs offered here in your community. There are over 60 clubs that will be participating this year. There are also several new clubs forming. What a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for sale by the S.P.C.A.

If you are thinking of forming a club here at On Top of the World, stop by the Recreation Center office to receive more information.

Florida Museum & Butterfly Rainforest

Join us on a trip to the Florida Museum of Natural History and Butterfly Rainforest on Friday, Sept. 18. The Butterfly Rainforest is a can't miss living exhibit that features 100s of free-flying butterflies and birds from around the world along with an assortment of other animals. You'll also visit the Butterfly Fest plant sale, which will have many rare and difficult-to-find plants that are only made available at the

Butterfly Fest and Earth Day. You will have approximately two and a half hours to tour the museum and then you will board back on the bus at 12:30 p.m. where we will then take a short drive to Olive Garden. The cost of the trip is \$34 per person, which includes transportation, admission to the museum, and Butterfly Rainforest and plant sale. Lunch will be on your own. To register for this trip, contact the Recreation Center office.

Seasonal Flu Shots

Our first scheduled seasonal flu shots will be administered on Monday, Sept. 21, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Medicare Part B covers the shot. If you do not have Medicare Part B, the cost of the flu shot is \$30. Our next scheduled seasonal shot clinic will be held on Monday, Oct. 26. To register, contact the Recreation Center office.

Rags to Riches Sale

It's that time of year again to clean out your closets and garages. Our Rags to Riches sale is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 23. Sign-ups will begin on Monday, Sept. 21 at the Recreation Center office. The cost per table is \$8 (limit two per resident). This event will be held at the Arbor Conference Center, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pool Closure

Please note that the Recreation Center pool will be closing for renovations beginning Monday, Oct. 5. We anticipate the area will be closed for up to four weeks.

New Year's Eve Extravaganza

Celebrate New Year's Eve in the Arbor Club Ballroom on Thursday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with dinner, entertainment, dancing and more! Solid Gold will be the entertainer for the evening.

Ticket cost (\$55 per resident or \$65 per non-resident, accompanied by a resident) includes a dinner buffet, party favors, and champagne toast with souvenir flute and continental breakfast. Proper dress required. Seating is limited to eight per table. Tickets (maximum of eight per person) are on sale at the Recreation Center office. Please note resident I.D. is required to purchase tickets.

Happy Hour

Last month's "Blue Jeans & Diamonds"

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Happy Hour was held on Friday, Aug. 14. Many of our residents sported their jeans with a lot of bling. Our next themed Happy Hour will be on Friday, Sept. 11, as we celebrate the "Roaring '20s!" So pull out those flapper dresses and gangster suits and come prepared to dance the evening away with the Bontempos. The entertainment line-up for September is as follows:

- Sept. 4: Fred Campbell (Recreation Center)
- Sept. 11: Bontempos (Roaring '20s in the Arbor Club)
- Sept. 18: Danny & Johnny (Recreation Center)
- Sept. 25: Powerplay (Arbor Club)

Please note that The Pub is no longer providing food service during Happy Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom. However, residents are permitted to bring snacks to Happy Hour when they are held at the Recreation Center Ballroom. All drinks and alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the bar and will not be permitted from outside sources.

Resident I.D. is required for entry into Happy Hour, and guest fees will apply.

Upcoming October Events

- Thursday, Oct. 8: Foxy Lady Lunch Cruise
 - Friday, Oct. 9: Singing River Cruise
 - Thursday, Oct. 15: Relectrocycle Event
 - Friday, Oct. 16: Horse Farm Tour
 - Saturday, Oct. 17: Craft Show
 - Tuesday, Oct. 20: Kanapaha Botanical Garden
 - Friday, Oct. 23: Rags to Riches
 - Monday, Oct. 26: Flu Shots
 - Thursday, Oct. 29: Get Acquainted Coffee
 - Friday, Oct. 30: "Spook Night" Happy Hour
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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	80th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:02 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:06 a.m.
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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.

Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.

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Friendship Colony Post Office	1:05 p.m. Recreation Center 1:21 p.m.
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Avalon Post Office	1:13 p.m. Friendship Post Office 1:27 p.m.

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Singles Club

By Cecelia Adams

Welcome to the new season of the Singles Club. President Dianne Rooks and the executive board have been meeting over the summer to plan speakers for our monthly meetings and the midmonth excursions.

Don't miss our first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, to learn more about the club and the schedule of meetings and activities for the year. You must be a member of the club in order to participate. At this meeting also we'll collect the \$10 annual membership dues (checks are preferred), which must be paid at that time for members' contact information to

be included in the membership directory. Also, this year, we are asking members to bring their own bottle of water or other beverage to the meetings.

Our first outing will be on Thursday, Sept. 24, when we take a trip to the Grand Oaks Resort for a bistro lunch and either a carriage ride or tour of the carriage museum. If you want to participate in this activity, bring your checkbook to the club meeting on Sept. 10 since we will be collecting payments then.

We always welcome new members and invite new residents – both men and women – and those who have a new or renewed interest in the club to join us. If you'd like more information before the Sept. 10 meeting, you can call Dianne Rooks at (352) 509-4922 or Nancy Grant, membership chair, at (352) 854-9185.



Lions Club

By Estelle Clark

Please note that the date for the Recycled "Trashy" Fashion Show has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 23, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We will have posters up to let you know when tickets will be going on sale. Tickets will be sold in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8 to 10 a.m.

If you would like to reserve your tickets and tables early, please contact Lion Lora Rossi at (203) 509-0898. Lion Lora will tell you where you can send your check. She will need the names of everyone in your party buying tickets, as we have to put the names of non-residents at the gate

so they can get in. You will be able to pick up your pre-paid tickets at will call.

Sonny's BBQ will be supplying dinner at the cost of \$25 per person; you will need turn in your tickets to get your dinner.

There is still time to enter an outfit. Contact Luann LaPierre at (352) 895-8215 for further information.

If you would like to place an ad as a "Friend of the On Top of the World Lions" they are \$35. Contact Lion Estelle Clark at (352) 861-7358 for further information.

We are collecting food for the children's backpack program as our children started school on Monday, Aug. 17. We are also collecting used eyeglasses, ink jet cartridges and cell phones. We are a very busy club doing our best to help those less fortunate in our community.

If you would like to join a fun group of Lions, give me a call. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Suite C at the Arbor Conference Center. We serve.



Photo by Bob Woods

Giant's Causeway is an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns in County Antrim on the northeast coast of Northern Ireland.

Giant's Causeway

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Would you believe a giant built a causeway out of huge hexagonal stones all the way from the northeast coast of Ireland to the Scottish shore some 11 miles or more away? I didn't think you would.

Finn McCool was the legendary Irish giant who, according to Irish mythology, built Giant's Causeway in six days as a pathway to Scotland in order to fight Benandonner, his Scottish counterpart. Finn was determined not to get his feet wet. Upon completing the causeway, Finn lay down from exhaustion and fell asleep only to be awakened by the sounds of heavy footsteps. Thinking that his Scottish rival was approaching, Finn got to his feet scurrying home to his wife who wrapped him in a blanket and placed him in a giant cradle in front of the fireplace.

When Benandonner reached Finn's house, Finn's wife greeted him. Finn's wife made an excuse that Finn was not at home but would return shortly. She ushered Benandonner to a chair by the fireplace and told him not to wake the baby. The Scot saw the size of the baby and thought to himself that if the baby is this large then how large would the father be? Benandonner raced from the house to the causeway taking stones so Finn could not follow.

However, geological evidence shows that Giant's Causeway was formed by the aftermath of an ancient volcano some 65 million years ago. When molten lava hit the seawater it cooled very quickly forming the famous basalt columns (some of the columns are up to 39 feet tall).

The columns, estimated to be around 40,000, start high and gradually enter the sea at sea level continuing beneath the sea. It is so iconic that the columns are reported to leave the sea in a cave in Scotland supporting the myth of Finn McCool.

The causeway was voted as the fourth greatest natural wonder in the United Kingdom. UNESCO declared it as a World Heritage site in 1986.



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RECREATION

Are You Ready to Race?

By Charlie Fisher

We are! R/C Car Club members are ready to race and just have fun. After many challenges, weather setbacks, and hours of hard work, the driver's stand was built, the shade canopies were erected, and the track was finally completed. The track received 14 loads of a clay/sand mixture, which was leveled and compacted. We lined the outside perimeter of the track with 10x10x10 beams for safety.

The outside lane of the course is the oval track for high-speed drama. Inside the oval is the short course consisting of many obstacles including jumps, twist and turns to challenge drivers in a very different way. Both courses are unique and require different skills to be competitive.

For the next couple months, we will be

making changes as necessary to improve the course. Residents are always welcome to come give it a try or just watch the action. Come out and get hooked!

Weather permitting, we are currently getting together on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for racing and occasional bashing. As special events are scheduled, they will be noted in this column. We are planning a grand opening in October with racing, food, and raffles. More information will follow.

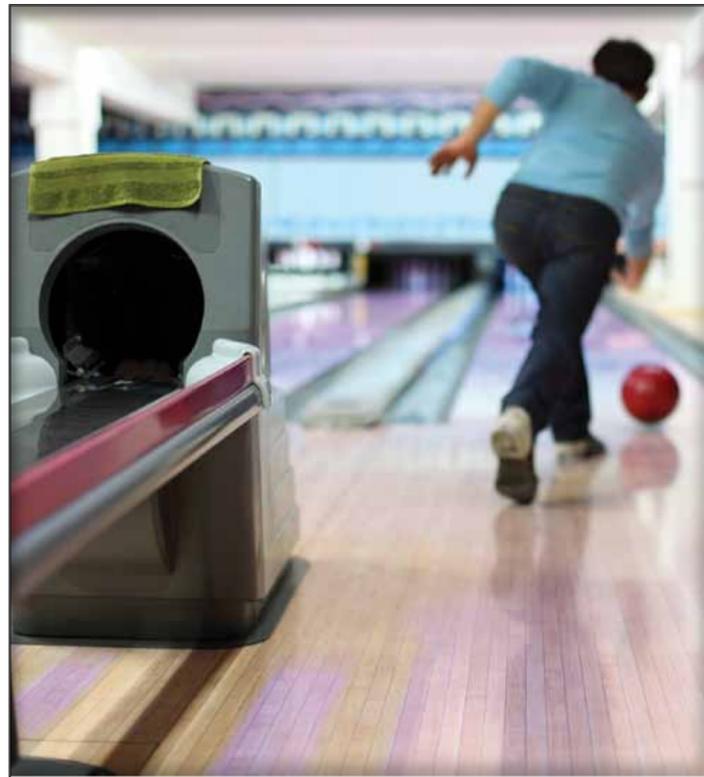
We would like to give a special thanks to management for their assistance. Lynette, Theresa, and Boe have been very supportive and a pleasure to work with.

For any additional information, please contact Charlie Fisher at (352) 304-8730.



Photo by Charlie Fisher

The R/C Car Club's driver's stand is ready!



The Monday Bowling League starts on Monday, Sept. 14, at AMF West Galaxy Lanes.

Love to Bowl? Join a League!

By Bob Lingis

The summer is almost over and we will soon begin our new season. We anticipate having a large group as we did last year and hope to see many new faces in our league.

The Monday Bowling League starts on Monday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. with our annual league meeting to discuss team lane assignments and vote on a location to have our annual banquet. Please attend the meeting so we can get your input on where to have our banquet and other items you would like to discuss.

Steve McGill, manager of AMF Galaxy West Lanes, will be addressing the league members on changes regarding leagues. Bowling will commence at 3 p.m. directly after the meeting at the AMF Galaxy West Lanes located at 1818 SW 17th Street,

Ocala, Fla.

As a reminder to last year's team members, your bowling discount cards are still good for life and will be activated at the beginning of each season. Bowlers will be given two free games each week. Free games cannot be used on Fridays and Saturdays. New members will be issued new cards at the meeting. Your cards give you a 20 percent discount at the snack bar on food items and many more advantages.

Please call George Di Francesco, league secretary, at (352) 342-1667 or Bob Lingis, president, at (352) 342-3940 if you want to join our league. We are always looking for new members. Hope to see you there.

Getting to Know the LGA-9 President

By Judy Parisi

I asked Kay Budd, league president, if she would work with me on a column with the theme "Getting to Know You" to enable us to learn more about her. This is part two of our interview.

Q. What is your advice to new golfers?

A. My advice to newcomers who have not played golf, sign up for the "Introduction to Golf" class offered by our pros through Master the Possibilities. This provides very basic information to give you an idea what golf is all about. They also offer a golf lesson introduction at one hour a week for five weeks (contact either Golf Shop for details - classes are held at Candler Hills). Once you have the etiquette and lessons ... play, practice, establish your handicap and join one or two of the golf leagues available at On Top of the World. If you are an established golfer with an established handicap, what are you waiting for? Join! We have the best group of ladies at On Top of the World and Candler Hills for nine holes or 18 holes of golf.

Q. What are your other hobbies?

A. Golf is my main hobby at this time. I do like crafts, baking, walking, deep water aerobics, playing cards and doing things together with my husband.

Q. Are you an original Floridian or are you from another state?

A. I was originally born in Michigan and lived there nearly 20 years. I have spent about the same number of years in Ohio and Florida; however Florida is surpassing the rest now.

Q. What are your goals for the league?

A. The goals for the On Top of the World Ladies Nine Hole Golf league are to make friends, share fellowship, support each other and have fun! Our league encourages new members to join and become a part of what life is all about - peo-

ple and sharing.

Scramble Team Gross July 7

39-Eileen Gustavus, Pat Gill, Susan Wilkes. 41-Caroline East, Kathleen Dushary, Joan Rappa, Mary Hart. 41-Linda Mandala, Myra Noel, Kathy Hall, Lora Rossi. 43-Kay Budd, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Mary Ann McCourt, Louise Lineman.

Guess Your Score July 14

Flight 1: 0-Linda Dumeer, 6-Kay Budd, 7-Susane Trembulak.

Flight 2: 1-Barbara Cribbs, 3-Sheila Ashe, 5-Constance Deignan.

Flight 3: 1-Joan Rappa, 5-Louise Lineman.

Individual 3s and 5s July 21

Flight 1: 16-Linda Dumeer, Linda Mandala, 18-Susane Trembulak.

Flight 2: 17-Mary Ann McCourt, Kathy Hall, 18-Barbara Cribbs, Pat Gill.

Flight 3: 17-Marcie Hock, Pauline Beloin, Mary Harvey.

Flight 4: 16-Mary Hart, 17-Marguerite Piotrowski, 18-Barbara Enos.

Team Gross Scramble July 28

77-Carol Johnson, Eileen Gustavus, Patricia MacMurray. 78-Gail LaGrange, Kathy Hall, Joan Cecchini, Sheila Ashe. 79-Sandy Chase, Linda Dumeer, Constance Deignan

Team Gross Scramble Aug. 4

37-Linda Mandala, Myra Noel, and Mary Hart. 41-Kay Budd, Kathy Hall, and Barbara Enos. 43-Jane Wilson, Marlene Floeckher, Carol Moravec, and Marcie Hock.

Team Blind Holes Aug. 11

80-Linda Mandala, Marlene Floeckher, Marcie Hock, and Mary Hart. 83-Bar-

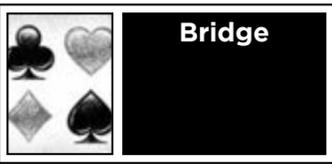


Photo by Donna Liphardt

Sue Pleinis, Kay Budd, Cheryl Engeman and Eve Harvey having lunch at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli.

bara Cribbs, Myra Noel, Jean Flynn, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Carol Moravec, and Barbara Enos. 85-Ethel Miller, Louise Lineman.

CARDS & GAMES



Bridge

Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

July 13
1: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Marge Benton; 3: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 4: Pat Goltgart & Carol Johnson.

July 20
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 3: Paul & Marge Sowel; 4: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak.

July 27
1: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 2: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord; 3: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 4: Cindy Brown & Joanne Jones.

Aug. 3
1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 2: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 3: Joyce Starrett & Marge Walchak; 4: Paul & Marge Pinter.

Tuesday Afternoon

By Joanne Jones

July 7
1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 3: Joanne Jones & Mazie

Millard.
July 14
1: Mazie Millard & Colleen Tobino; 2: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

July 21
1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millard; 2: Florence & Norbert Heckler; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

July 28
1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millard; 3: Agnes LaSala & Carol Trexler.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Pat Goltgart

July 1
1: Rich Fluett; 2: Pat Goltgart.

July 8
1: Rich Fluett; 2: Dianne Robinson.

July 15
1: Pat Goltgart; 2: Nebbie Day.

July 22
1: Paul Pincher; 2: Pat Goltgart; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

July 29
1: Rich Fluett; 2: Paul Pincher; Cons: Pat Goltgart.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marge Starrett

July 2
1: Mary Rose Janssen; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Pat Goltgart; 4: Serine Rossi.

July 9
1: Nancy Clarkson; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Florence Heckler; 4: Linda Sprague.

July 16
1: Florence Heckler; 2: Marge Starrett; 3: Ed Mathene.

July 23
1: Pat Goltgart; 2: Helen O'Brien; 3: Florence Heckler; 4: Paul Pinter.

July 30
1: Marge Starrett; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Carmen Aroyo; 4: Linda Sprague; 5: Shirley Ebert.

Thursday Night

By Gail Ambrose

July 2
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Tom Marta; 3: Jack Martin; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Sara Anderson.

July 9
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Mirium McNeilly.

July 16
1: Myra Butler; 2: Bob Durst; 3: Marian Hotz; 4: Pat Paloncy; 5: Ida Rosendahl.

July 23
1: Marian Hotz; 2: Howard Sale; 3: Betty Legg; 4: Ida Rosenthal; 5: Vern Siber.

July 30
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Marage Sowul; 3: Paul Reidinger.



Cribbage

Friday Night

By Rose Marie Postin

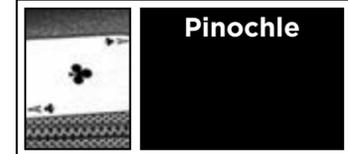
July 3
1: Paul Genereux; 2: Dawn Kalen; 3: RoseMarie Postin; Cons: Poppy Kalen.

July 10
1: Norma Yonke; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Poppy Kalen; Cons: RoseMarie Postin.

July 17
1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: Phyllis Wandrey; 3: Sheila Howell; Cons:

Herb Postin.
July 24
1: Poppy Kalen; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Sheila Howell; Cons: Paul Genereux.

July 31
1: Margie Saxon; 2: Poppy Kalen; 3: RoseMarie Postin; Cons: Sheila Howell.



Pinochle

Tuesday Night/Double

By Alberta Sarris

July 7
Table 1: Lynn Hoelzer & Ann Kersey; 2: Virgil Taylor & Chip Parson.

July 14
Table 1: Jim Smith & Vi Horton; 2: Virgil Taylor & Chip Parson.

July 28
Table 1: Lee Tort & Vi Horton; 2: Virgil Taylor & Chip Parson.

Tuesday Night/Single

By Whitney Frye

July 7
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Andy Mark; 3: Edna Frye.

July 14
1: Cathy Buchanan; 2: Margie Sowul; 3: Whitney Frye.

July 21
1: Cathy Buchanan; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Paul Pinter.

July 28
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Jim Cunningham.



Bunco Babes Social Group

By Michelle Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco on the third Tuesday of the month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Sept. 15.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play.

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners.

Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing (if you'd like).

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. See you there!

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Golf

By Matt Hibbs

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September and fall are finally here! This happens to be my favorite time of the year, not only because the temperatures begin to fall but football season swings into full effect. Now I say this every year and last year it was correct but I'm picking Urban Meyer's Ohio State Buckeyes to win back-to-back National Championships. Go Bucks!

Attention all golf members: Please be sure to read the Golf Membership Handbook to stay abreast of all the rules and regulations of your golfing membership. We would like to put an emphasis on the Membership Medical Suspension Request Procedure. As stated in the membership handbook, "Should a current annual golf member of one of the On Top of the World golf courses become incapacitated during that year, there are several conditions that must be met before receiving consideration to obtain credit for this

time period towards the following year's membership fees:

1. Within two weeks of sustaining an accident or a medical condition, the member must submit paperwork describing the condition, which prohibits golf activity to the director of golf.
2. The severity of the accident or medical condition must prohibit play for a minimum period of ninety days.
3. A physician's statement must be submitted stating the nature of the accident or medical condition including when treatment began and when the patient was released.
4. The director of golf will notify the member if the condition warrants a credit of membership fees towards next year's membership dues.
5. No golf may be played during the time of membership suspension.
6. The golf membership director must be notified before the member returns to any golf participation.

All requests for credit will be reviewed by the golf department and must be approved by this department before any credit for the following year will be issued.

No refunds will be issued for a membership suspension, except in the event of death for a current golf member. If there is a couple membership, the remaining member will receive a credit towards the following year's membership fees."

Just like knowing the USGA rules, it can pay to know the policies and procedures in your Golf Membership Handbook.

This month brings us the inaugural Candler Hills Club Championship. This championship is for Candler Hills golf members only. This is a two day event with round one being played Friday, Sept. 25 followed by round two on Saturday, Sept. 26. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Please see the Candler Hills Golf Shop for more details.

Upcoming Events

- World Labor Day Event: Monday, Sept. 7, Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun
- Candler Hills Club Championship: Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Tony Misterly, eagle #3. Dave Berryman, hole-in-one #8. Norm Giannukos, eagle #7. Dick Fehrenbach, eagle #12.

Congratulations to all for these fine accomplishments!

Golf Tip of the Month

Eating healthy before, during and after your round may not only benefit your health but also your handicap.

Before your round you'll need to eat healthy foods that don't contain extra fat or empty calories. Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables will keep your energy level up for that four-hour round of golf. Also be sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

In order to keep your energy high throughout the round you will want to snack on something every four to five holes. Something that is high in protein like nuts or beef jerky. Stay away from beer and soda and drink plenty of water/sports drinks to keep fully hydrated.

After your round you will need to reenergize and recover. Eat a meal that again is high in protein and carbs. Eating steak or chicken with a salad and baked potato is an option. Grilled chicken salad is my favorite choice. If you're going to have an after round alcoholic beverage pair it with water.

Follow these healthy habits to improve your overall health and lower your scores.



Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

We have all had days when, in a figurative sense, "the wheels fall off" on the golf course. We recently had an incident on league day when we almost literally had the "wheels fall off" a member's cart on the course. Luckily, the foursome recognized the problem and avoided a potentially dangerous situation. We constantly advise players to monitor themselves during play on these hot and humid days but we should also be cognizant of monitoring the carts we rely on to get us around the course safely on these same days.

Don't take anything for granted even if the cart has recently been serviced as this one had been. If you should hear some strange noises coming from your cart, as this one had, assume there is a problem. How did that old adage go? "If it sounds like a duck, looks like a duck and walks like a duck, then darn it, it is a duck!" Besides being the class clown of this bunch, I have now morphed into "the pit crew guy."

Our association continues to expand like the waistbands on some of our trousers. We welcome newest members Gene Moff and Julian Hobby to the assemblage and we hope you guys enjoy the experience. And an experience it shall be but it is suggested that you come to play with 14 clubs and a wry sense of humor. Yet you two can rest assured in the knowledge that although we may be a study in contrasts, the one constant is always the golf. Anyone else interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at tjalf@otowhomes.com for more information.

Our own CHMGA Club Championship will be upon us before you know it so it behooves all members to keep track of the number of times you have played on league day. The "10-play rule" is in effect

for this tournament so be sure to check our bulletin board outside the Golf Shop to verify how many times you have played so far and adjust your schedule accordingly. Ken "the accountant" Zweiback does a super job keeping track of all this stuff and we commend him for all the effort.

Someone was once heard to mutter, "Golf-It's always a case of what if versus what might have been." In the case of the following members, it was simply "what it be!" Well played this past month goes out to Jon Hill (72), Paul Rubly (75), Jay List (76), Paul Sepulveda, Larry Smallwood and Jim Andrews (78) and Tom Racinowski (79).

As always, please allow me to continue to wish everyone "a life full of nothing but fairways and greens."

Two-Man Team Combined Quota July 21

Simon Flight: Tie at +6-Jim Andrews & Tim Beaty and Bryant Giffin & Joe Jingco; +1-Paul Rubly & Rick Lilly; -2-Bruce Venslavsky & Tom Martinetto. Garfunkle Flight: +6-Jim McGrath & Randy Ford; +2-Dan Gill & Bill Horton; Tie at Even-Dennis McCourt & Dave Green and Dennis Norris & Dan O'Brien.

Four-Man Team Scramble July 28

62-Garry Gerlach, Dennis Norris, Joe Jingco & Bobby Grich; 63-Larry Rackstraw, Ken Zweiback, Andy Bulloch & John Podkomorski; 64-Walt Pacuk, Mike Romm, Stan Jarmel & Paul Blair; 65-Bill Anger, Gene Moff, Steve Rice &

Randy Ford.

Individual Net Aug. 11

Morticia Flight: 66-Paul Rubly; 67-Jon Hill; 68-Larry Smallwood. Gomez Flight: 68-Jim Andrews; Tie at 71-Ken Zweiback & Bryant Giffin. Pugsley Flight: 64-Paul Sepulveda; 68-Joe Jingco; 70-John Redden. Wednesday Flight: 71-John Podkomorski; 72-Dave Green; 73-Rich Freeman.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Susan Rhodes

We've had the typical summer weather patterns, but fortunately have only been rained out once over the last month. With the hot weather and the slower play due to sharing the Links course with the nine-hole league, we appreciate everyone's patience in dealing with this situation, and thank Russ Smith for all his attempts to make things run smoothly.

Our yearly dues are payable before the first Tuesday in October, which marks the beginning of our new league season. Dues are \$15 for regular league members and \$5 for social members. Your payment can be deposited in our league box in the play-

ers lounge. As the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer wind down, it's time to preview our upcoming social events. Please mark your calendars:

- Welcome luncheon and Scramble: Tuesday, Nov. 10;
- Christmas luncheon: Wednesday, Dec. 2;
- Black and White luncheon: Tuesday, Jan. 12;
- Member/Member luncheon: Tuesday, March 15;
- Awards Banquet: Wednesday, April 13.

As yet to be scheduled is the Member-Guest event. We will let you know the date once it's scheduled.

A hearty welcome to our newest member, Johanna Forceno! She and her husband moved to the Friendship Village neighborhood from New Jersey about two and a half months ago.



Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

By Joan Gustafson

The steamy hot, rainy days are slowing down. We all have been caught in some form of rain while playing on the course this past month. Hopefully, everyone is aware of safety during these stormy days. We always have to watch the skies for lightning; this is a very serious matter here in Florida, especially on the golf course.

September brings back our snowbirds, meetings, and a new fall season full of many new activities. Our board is working on many exciting events for this coming year.

Thursday, Sept. 10 is our general meeting and luncheon. Lunch will be provided by the league and a sign up will be on our website. This is always a great start to the new year.

The Candler Hills Restaurant is currently closed due to renovations. When it reopens, it will be called The Club at Candler Hills. We have been informed that some form of food will be provided on the days we play golf. Also The Pub and Sid's

Our league is open to all women residents, and we always welcome new members. The only requirement to join is that you must establish an official handicap. Our league plays on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (rally at 8:30). There is no commitment to play every week. If you are interested in joining us, you are welcome to play as a guest up to three times before joining. For further information, contact President Nancy Zielinski at (352) 861-3116 or Vice President Deborah Martin at (630) 779-0226.

Criers-Individual Net July 21/Links

- Flight 1: 66-Beverly Ovrebø. 68-Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 69-Iro Lisinski, Joan Daddio.
- Flight 2: 67-Sharon Bartholomew. 70-Christine McIntire. 73-Sandy Chase.
- Flight 3: Tie at 71-Maureen Trgovic, Susan Rhodes, Patricia MacMurray.

18-Hole Scramble-Net (with

Coffee Shop & Deli will be open. The Club Championship will be held Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26. This is open to all leagues and courses.

The Mid-State Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Ocala Palms, the first of this year, will be quite special. Our Candler Hills ladies will be accepting the trophy at this time. We hope many of our members will take part in the tournament and be there to cheer our team for their achievement. Until next month, hit them straight!

N-O-S-E July 16

- Flight 1: 32-Beverly Ovrebø. 34-Judy McGrath, Donna Smith, Iro Lisinski.
- Flight 2: 31-Diane O'Brien. 33-Carol Oman. 34-Sharon Bartholomew, Irgard Anger.
- Flight 3: 33-Betty Dong, Joan Gustafson. 35-Michelle Kettlewell.
- Flight 4: 32-Piper Thomas, Eunee Andrews. 33-Sandy Noe

Ladies 9-Hole Golf July 28/Links

- 77-Carol Johnson, Eileen Gustavus, Patricia MacMurray. 78-Gail LaGrange, Kathy Hall, Joan Cecchini, Sheila Ashe.
- 79-Sandy Chase, Linda Dumeer, Constance Deignan.

Individual Net-Nine Holes Aug. 4/Links

- Flight 1: 34-Gail LaGrange. 36-Gretchen Normandin. 37-Harriet Hawkins.
- Flight 2: Tie at 37-Patricia MacMurray, Dawn Hagberg. 40-Mary McAttee.

Low Gross/Low Net Aug. 11/Links

- Flight 1: Gross: 89-Gail LaGrange. 91-Lynne Dickson. Net: 74-Gretchen Normandin. 75-Joan Daddio.
- Flight 2: Gross: 94-Linda Blewitt. 102-Johanna Forceno. Net: 73-Patricia MacMurray. 85-Mary Lyon.
- Flight 3: Gross: 100-Dawn Hagberg. 109-Joan Cecchini. Net: Tie at 76-Mary McAttee, Rose Hoover.

Total Team Score July 23

- 161-Sue List, Irgard Anger. 162-Donna Smith, Kate Beaty, Mary Pat Giffin. 163-Connie Norris, Angie Jingco, Eunee Andrews. 165-Beverly Ovrebø, Gail Banavige, Linda Buschur.

Odds (F9) Evens (B9) July 30

- Flight 1: 37-Donna Smith. 41-Iro Lisinski. 43-Jeanie Gallo.
- Flight 2: 39-Kate Beaty, Nancy Cofield.
- Flight 3: 36-Michelle Kettlewell. 37-Betty Dong. 39-Vicky Salyers.
- Flight 4: 37-Piper Thomas. 39-Eunee Andrews. 40-Ilyong Dicus.

Variable Best Balls of 3 Aug. 6

- Flight 1: 117-Pam Carpenter, Angie Jingco, blind draw.
- Flight 2: 120-Kate Beaty, Hedy Racinowski, Eunee Andrews.
- Flight 3: 121-Donna Smith, Vicky Salyers, Ilyong Dicus.



Everyone Wins Club

By Sandi Kemp

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Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. We start with a delicious potluck meal and then play bingo, charades, trivia, etc. Always something fun and different and always a surprise! You never know what I have planned when you walk in the door! Our next get together is on Sunday, Sept. 20. I must know if you plan to come because I set up for each person. Please call me for more information at (352) 237-9073.

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Horseshoe Club

By Jim Russell

Our summer break is over and it's time to crank up our 2015/2016 season. League play resumes with the start of our 14-week fall season on Tuesday, Sept. 1. We'll be throwing those ringers every Tuesday at 9 a.m. until we crown a champ at the conclusion of play on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Please note that we switched to a 10 a.m. starting time as the mornings get cooler during the fall and winter. We'll let you know when the starting time changes.

We immediately move on to our winter season competition, which consists

of 13 weeks of play from Tuesday, Dec. 1 through Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016. The winter start time is 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

Then we will cap off league play with our spring season consisting of 14 weeks of play each Tuesday at 10 a.m. from Tuesday, March 1 through Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Please note that we'll switch back to the 9 a.m. start time as the weather warms up. In 2016, we'll take our summer break during June, July and August.

Also happening in September is the Club Fair to be held at the Recreation Center on Thursday, Sept. 17. The Horseshoe League will be represented by several members who would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you might have and to encourage you to join us in the fun. Stop by our table and say hello.

For those of you who are new to On Top of the World or don't know where the

horseshoe pits are located, here is a little information to help: Our facility is located behind the Recreation Center, adjacent to the softball field facility. We have a covered pavilion as well as nine covered horseshoe pits. The league provides the horseshoes, so you don't need to bring anything but yourself. The pits are a sand and clay mixture and are standard, regulation size and distance.

The Horseshoe League participants are both male and female in a wide range of ages. Standard pitching distance is 40 feet. Our female players and males over 70 years of age may choose to pitch from a 30-foot distance. We utilize a handicapping system that allows all players, regardless of experience level, to compete on an even basis. In other words, everybody can have a great time and have a chance in winning their matches and, of course,

being the season champion. But really, we are all there to have fun and enjoy spending some great times with our friends and neighbors. Please ... come out and join us!!

As I mentioned in last month's column, one of our own, Carl Buchanan, traveled to Topeka, Kansas to participate in the 2015 National Horseshoe Pitchers Association World Tournament held on Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 25. Carl competes in the Senior Men's Division (he took home first place in the 2014 competition). The field at this year's event was particularly strong and despite a determined performance by Carl, he wasn't able to repeat his 2014 feat. We are all very proud of your efforts, Carl and look forward to cheering you on in the 2016 competition.



Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole

By Judith Parisi

Why golf? The USGA summed it up perfectly in the July 2015 Golf Magazine, "Camaraderie with friends and family. Picturesque surroundings. The never-ending quest to improve. These are just a few of the reasons why there's a lot to love about the game of golf."

As members of CHLGA-9 know, all these positives apply to a nine hole round. The article goes on to say that playing a nine hole round can be for many the most time sensitive way to stay connected to the game.

As we look forward to the many activities in the year ahead for our league to include not only weekly play, but invitationals, social events, and the nine-hole ladies Golf Around group we would like to reach out to non-members and invite them to consider joining with us. The newest "benefit" offered is the opportunity for our members to participate in the nine-hole ladies Golf Around (GAR) which involves play at seven other courses during the year from September to May in a competitive tournament format. We have information on our league to include a special tab for GAR on our website: chlga9.shutterstock.com. Included is information on joining. You can also speak with Denise Mullen our head golf professional and Pat Gill our league president, as well as any of our members on the benefits of joining.

At this time, we have received registra-

tions for our league's hosting of the Thursday, Sept. 24 GAR event, which includes attendees from seven outside clubs plus our own. We are fully subscribed with a waiting list. It promises to be an excellent event. Thank you to Susy Trembulak for her leadership role in putting this together, to our board for their guidance and support, and thanks to all the volunteers and most especially Denise and the Golf Shop.

A special thank you goes out to the CHLGA-18 who are assisting us the day of play with the logistics of the morning and the breakfast event. We appreciate their collaboration with us on this event, and look forward to reciprocating on their event in the spring.

Scramble (with putts of each team participant added for the total)

July 16
140-Cheryl Engeman, Kay Budd and Marilyn Mizrahi. 146-Susane Trembulak, Kathy Hall and Miriam Gerlach.

Fewest Putts July 23
Flight 1: 14-Kay Budd, 15-Lydia Flinchbaugh; 17-Susane Trembulak.
Flight 2: 17-Mary Ann McCourt; 18-Olive Curtin, 20-Marcie Hock
Flight 3: 15-Tina Hauer; 21-Mary Gianukos; 23-Marguerite Piotrowski and Eleonora Buba.

Ribbon Event July 30
Tie at 35-Kay Budd, Sheila Ashe, Marcie Hock and Susane Trembulak, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Angie Ward.

Odd Holes Aug. 8
53-Kathy Hall, Sheila Ashe, Marguerite Piotrowski



Men's Golf Association

By Tom Cummings

Hard to believe just how hot this summer has been. Summer is always hot here but this one seems abnormally so. Still we feel the need to get out there and bash that little white ball around. Just please stay hydrated and a minute in the shade between shots doesn't hurt either.

Work on the Tortoise & The Hare is ongoing. If you have not taken a look, feel free to do so as long as you do not "get in the way." We are all looking forward to having both courses open again.

Now for a little golf humor from the book "A Golf Handbook, All I Ever Learned About Golf I Forgot by the Third Fairway." The most diabolical feature of golf is that as one facet of your game improves another goes into the tank. Practice only accentuates this. Work on your drive and your short game goes AWOL. Spend a few hours chipping out back, and your putting disintegrates.

Putting is very important, especially in your average golfer's game. On a good day, well over half your shots will be putts. So it might be a good idea to practice putting.

By contrast, practicing your drives is a really bad idea. Your average course has three par threes, so you'll only have fifteen opportunities to use your driver. I, for example, only have seven or eight decent drives in me on a given day. I am not going

to waste them on a bucket of balls.

Individual Blind Holes July 1

Flight 1: 28-Joe Hawkins, 31-Charlie Dove; Tie at 33-Paul Walker, Pete Trgovic, Tom Weiss, Jim Weaver.
Flight 2: 30-Ed Conway, 32-Dennis McCourt; Tie at 34-Tom Martinetto, Joe Bologna.
Flight 3: Tie at 33-Randy Ford, Paul Perrault; 34-Dave Hannasch; 35-Dale Budd.
Flight 4: 33-Roy Hira; Tie at 34-Guy Russell, Tary Bole; Tie at 35-Jack Hegarty, Dennis Pope.
Flight 5: 31-Tom Cummings; 32-Jim Harvey; Tie at 34-Barry Barringer, Ed Rossi, Bob Egger.

Straight Scramble July 8

65-Dave Hannasch, Dennis McCourt,

Dennis Pope, Ed Rossi; Tie at 66-Richard Freeman, Mike Krzeminski, Robert Moravec, Barry Barringer; Tom Marta, Jerry Ashe, Tom Martinetto, Joe Rapapa; Tom Weiss, Paul Perrault, Guy Russell, Bill Engels.

Individual Net July 29

Flight 1: 63-Joe Bologna; Tie at 66-Dennis McCourt, Art LaGrange; 68-Vinny Jones; 69-Rudy Normandin.
Flight 2: 63-Dale Budd; 65-Joe Jingo; 67-Paul Walker; Tie at 68-Tom McHaffie, Tom Martinetto.
Flight 3: 66-Jerry Ashe; Tie at 67-Terry Connolly, Paul Perrault; 69-Ed Klodzen.
Flight 4: 66-Dave Miller; 67-Dennis Pope; 68-Ron Cleveringa; 69-Tony Magri.
Flight 5: 68-Bill Engels; Barry Barringer; 71-Ed Rossi; 72-Bob Egger.

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Larry's Fit Tips
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Maintaining Muscle

We all know that cardiovascular exercise is great for heart health. But that's only half the equation. For a balanced fitness program, strength training is also essential.

Strength training will slow the muscle loss associated with aging, boost the strength of your muscles and connective tissues, increase bone density, reduce your risk of falls and injury, and help ease arthritis pain.

This type of training is very important, not just for your muscles but also for your bones. It helps prevent bone thinning (osteoporosis) which can lead to a host of health concerns. Studies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have found that muscle-building exercise can also improve balance, reduce the likelihood of falls, improve blood-sugar control, and improve sleep and mental health. Both machines and free weights work well for developing strength, however for newcomers I would suggest starting with the machines. Strength training machines help to guide you into the proper form and assist with stabilizing your back. One of the most important areas to strengthen is your core. Stabilizing the core is essential to avoiding injury.

A bonus of regular strength training is the weight-loss, weight maintenance benefit. Not only does it make you look trimmer and shapelier, but building muscle also helps you burn calories even after your workout is finished. Three to four hours after a strength-training workout, you are still burning calories. Strength training is especially important for people on a weight loss program. When you lose weight, up to a quarter of the loss may

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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

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come from muscle, which can slow your metabolism. Strength training helps to prevent or rebuild muscle lost from dieting.

If you are not currently strength training on a regular basis, hopefully I've convinced you to get started with a program ... here's how:

1. Join our free orientation every Tuesday at 1 p.m. For newcomers the Recreation Fitness Center might seem foreign, complicated or even intimidating, I can help with this. Strength training is threatening for some at first but I can assist you with machine adjustment and proper use to assure that your exercises will be safe and effective.
2. Get professional advice. I can assist you with exercise prescription

and ensure that your alignment and execution will achieve the desired results without injury. In the beginning good technique is much more important than the amount of weight you are lifting.

3. Progress for success. Once you establish a good understanding of proper form and technique, you will then progress your opportunity for strength gains by increasing the load of the weight.
4. Strength train twice a week. According to the American College of Sports Medicine guidelines, beginners should do at least two days of strength training per week. Your workout should consist of eight to 12 repetitions for each exercise, you should select one exercise for each of the of the major muscle

groups specifically; chest, back, shoulders, arms, abdominals, and legs.

FIT TIP #1: Build more muscle and you'll burn more fat.

FIT TIP #2: Always give your muscles at least 48 hours to recover before your next strength training session.

FIT TIP #3: Preforming multi-joint movements will incorporate more muscles and also results in improved function (because that is how we move in real life!).



Softball
By Bill Leon

The summer league is well under way and coaches have been shuffling the players around in an attempt to get the best line-up in place. Mother Nature on the other hand has not been cooperating lately as she continues to pour down rain on some games causing us to suspend play. The teams are all pretty well matched with Dr. Dunn and Tax Panic holding first place and the Tee Pee Tire team doing the best they can to stay close. The Clock Doc team is still having some problems with getting the players to meld together, but we still have lots of games to go so things can change easily.

Almost all the players for the teams are back from their summer vacations, which should bring about some exciting games. You can feel the energy rising as the teams are setting the players in the rotation and the players are getting to know how each other fit in. It won't be long before we start seeing some changes in the win and loss columns as players are beginning to get back into the swing of things.

We want to thank the spectators for cheering for their favorite players and team.

Team	Won	Lost
4-Dr. Dunn (Jeff)	7	4
2-Tax Panic (Jimmy)	7	4
3-Tee Pee Tire (Paul)	6	5
1-Clock Doc (Roger)	2	9

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Fitness Happenings
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National Falls Prevention Awareness Day

The first day of fall is quickly nearing. This day not only indicates a seasonal change, it has also become a very significant day in fighting falls! Wednesday, Sept. 23 is recognized as National Falls Prevention Awareness Day.

The statistics on older adult falls is sobering – one in three adults over the age of 65 falls each year. I have heard too many stories of older adults who have suffered a fall.

Falls are costly both in quality of life and in dollars. In 2010, the total cost of fall injuries for older Americans was estimated to be \$36.4 billion. By 2020, the annual direct and indirect cost of fall injuries is expected to reach \$54.9 billion. Falls Prevention Awareness Day is a great way for older adults to gain insight into what it takes to fight falls.

At the center of this fall prevention initiative is a very important message; falls are not a normal part of the aging process and they are preventable. Falls are due primarily to a set of risk factors that are both internal and external. If we manage these risk factors, we can reduce our likelihood of falling. Everyone has the opportunity to reduce their risk of falling by making some lifestyle modifications. NCOA (National Council on Aging) recommends these six things you can do to reduce your risk of falling:

1. Find a good balance and exercise program – we have that right here at the Recreation Fitness Center!
2. Talk to your health care provider – share your history with falls.
3. Regularly review your medications with your doctor and pharmacist – side effects and drug interactions can increase your fall risk.
4. Get your vision and hearing checked regularly – these systems of the body help to govern balance and keep you on your feet.
5. Keep your home safe – eliminate slip and trip hazards, install hand-rails where needed and make sure you have adequate lighting especially at night.
6. Talk to your family – enlist their support in making lifestyle changes to reduce the risk of falling.

The Recreation Fitness Center will observe Falls Prevention Awareness Day on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Our fitness classes will highlight exercises that can help you to maintain strength, better your balance and fight falls. Although all of our classes will emphasize improving balance and preventing falls, our featured class is entitled: “The Fab 5, Move to Improve Function.” It will be held at 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This special fitness class will highlight five fundamental movements that everyone should train to fight falls. For more information, call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7532.

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FITNESS SCHEDULE

Recreation Center Effective: September 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00-8:50	Zumba Mix <i>Madelyne</i>	Fit & Flexible <i>Cammy & Mary</i>	Wednesday Warrior <i>Jessica</i>	Fit & Flexible <i>Cammy & Mary</i>	Dance Party <i>Jessica</i>
9:00-9:50	Tai Chi <i>Art</i>	Kick & Tone <i>Cheri</i>	Stretch For The Stars <i>Jessica</i>	Kick & Tone <i>Cheri</i>	Stretch For The Stars <i>Jessica</i>
10:00-10:45	Balance Body <i>Madelyne</i>	(9:55) Chair Yoga <i>Ashley</i>	Balance Body <i>Jessica</i>	(9:55) Chair Yoga <i>Ashley</i>	Balance Body <i>Jessica</i>
10:30-11:15	ZUMBA <i>Kitti</i>		ZUMBA <i>Kitti</i>		Light Aerobics <i>Cheri</i>
10:45-11:30	S.O.S. <i>Larry</i>	S.O.S. <i>Jessica</i>	S.O.S. <i>Larry</i>	S.O.S. <i>Cammy</i>	S.O.S. <i>Larry</i>
11:45-12:30	Get Fit While You Sit <i>Kitti</i>	Golden Oldies Groove <i>Cheri</i>	Get Fit While You Sit <i>Kitti</i>	Golden Oldies Groove <i>Cheri</i>	Get Fit While You Sit <i>Mary</i>
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* <i>Larry</i>	Shallow Water Aerobics* <i>Barb</i>	Deep Water Aerobics* <i>Larry</i>	Shallow Water Aerobics* <i>Barb</i>	Deep Water Aerobics* <i>Larry</i>
9:15-10:15	Yoga* <i>Barb Anne</i>		Hatha Yoga* <i>Barb Anne</i>		Meditative Yoga* (Fitness Studio) <i>Stuart</i>
11:45-12:45	Adult Karate* <i>Art</i>			(11:00) Tai Chi For Joint Health* <i>Art</i>	
1:30-2:15		Water Walking			

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- Prepare a disaster supplies kit (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn ornaments, patio furniture, etc.)
- Unplug appliances
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters*.
- Fill your vehicles gas tank and any gas cans you may have
- Obey evacuation orders
- Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals

Visit www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready for additional information





Tennis
By Jorge Privat
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The summer heat and rain have been relentless. Remember to stay hydrated and "when thunder roars, go indoors."

Are you new to the community? Do you enjoy playing tennis? Or is it a sport you always wanted to try out? I welcome you to the Arbor Club to play some tennis. I will be happy to give you a free introductory lesson.

The tennis social was a really fun and relaxing evening. Thank you to Nancy Clarkson for opening her house and her grill for this gathering. She was a great hostess and everyone came in with a dish to share. I am sure the committee is already working on another social event. Thanks to the committee as well.

At this time, I would like to offer you a very simple suggestion which will for sure improve your game, and that is to practice your strokes.

Practice Makes Perfect

Do you remember when you first learned to catch or throw a ball? Or ride a bicycle? I bet you had to do it a bunch of times before you got it right. You probably dropped the ball and took a few tumbles. The same is true when you are in the process of learning a stroke or trying to

improve one, in fact, you may have to take one step back before you take two steps forward.

Changing habits is not so easy and tennis is all about a collection of habits. If you learned to play with some bad habits, it would take some time to correct them, but one by one, you need to change the bad one for a good one and try to stick with the good one until you get it, and when you finally do it, it will be "like riding a bicycle."

But of course, this takes practice and some more practice. Even champions keep trying to improve the weakest parts of their games. You can even make a short list of the most important components of every stroke and practice one by one. You are apt to say, "Well, there's a lot more to tennis than strokes." Possibly, but stroke can be interpreted to mean, anticipation, approach, footwork, targeting, swing, and follow-through as well as just swinging the racquet.

Look at it this way, a coach can point out your weak areas and give you constructive criticism. But, once you understand the suggestions, he cannot practice for you.

If we're asked to describe a few things to consider during the serve, for instance, most of us could come up with some fairly reasonable answers. In fact, it is a lot easier to tell someone how to serve than it is to demonstrate a good serve, right? Of course. There is an old saying that goes something like this, "People over 30, don't have to be educated, but they do have to be reminded." Another one, "Within one year you forget 90 percent of what you

hear, and 75 percent of what you see." And one more, "Dammit, don't do as I do, do as I say."

So, before you play, reserve a moment to recall your short list of basics for the stroke you wish to practice this day. After the stroke, use a split second to analyze your action: did you accomplish your goal? And keep this procedure up for every stroke.

Early back swing, or eyes on contact point, as reminders, forcing yourself to recall what happened. How easy it is to think you're going to watch the ball impact the strings ... and upon analysis, discover you can't remember whether you really did see the racquet head on the last two strokes.

Intensity of recall on every shot is the key to a better game. After you accomplish one suggestion to your satisfaction, then

add another, until you feel all your selected checklist items have become an unconscious part of your game. As psychologists point out, if you can break a habit just once, you have a much greater chance of breaking it the second time and so on.

So forget the score, meaning, continue your intensive practice regardless of the score. Keep score, but don't let it keep you. And persevere. Tennis is a rigorous discipline. You are moving ... the ball is moving ... the opponent is moving. You must control the ball with a "stick," not your hands. The area of placement changes from shot to shot, and the space through which you must send the ball is restricted by a net. In other words, "It ain't easy."

To be continued in my next column. See you around the courts.



Sidekicks Western Dance Club
By Tony & Carla Magri

Calling all country western partner dancers and those who wish to be! Mark your calendars - the wait is almost over and the Sidekicks Western Dance Club is getting ready to begin our new dance year.

Our "basics for beginners" class will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. at the Recreation Center Ballroom. This will be an introduction to country western partner dancing and will include many of the basic steps needed to perform this type of dancing. Newcomers will be dancing this first night and also receiving some necessary information. All residents are welcome to join and many of our more experienced dancers will be on hand to

help out. A partner is needed for this type of dancing (two ladies dancing together are welcome).

Our regular dance year begins the following week, Oct. 13, same time and place, and we continue through May. We also have practices on Sunday evenings and all pertinent club information will be given on the first night.

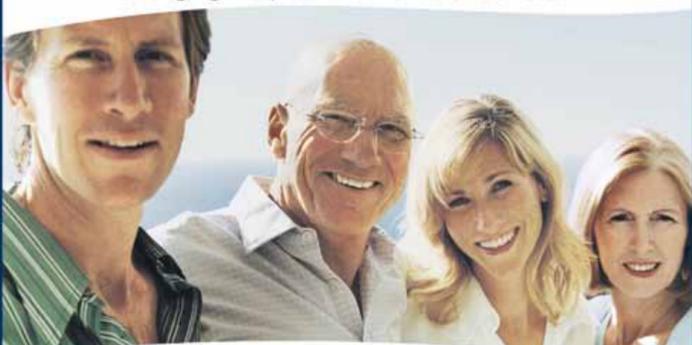
The primary focus of our club is to have a good time, and please remember that scientific evidence shows that dancing is wonderful exercise for both body and mind. It also radically reduces the chance of dementia. Hard to resist these positives, so come give the Sidekicks a try. We'd love to have you.

Visit us at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Recreation Center Ballroom, at our website: <http://patterndancers.wix.com/side-kicks>, and on www.YouTube.com. Just enter ro67ger in the search box.

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Square Dancing

By Walter Lamp

Well, just a month to go before Circle Squares swings back into action. Our 2015-2016 season will begin. Ron Libby will be back from North Carolina and hopefully many of our snowbirds will have returned by then also.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, we will host our annual "Free Fun Night." The new time will be 7 to 9 p.m. This is when we invite all neighbors who are looking for a new activity or others who want to start square dancing right from the beginning. This is how my wife and I got started about eight years ago. Square dancing is truly a fun activity, which includes physical and mental benefits, not counting all the laughing, smiling and the meeting of new folks that come along with it.

If any of the beginners enjoy what they are doing that first night, they can sign up

for the beginners class. The first one is on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. There will be a different caller than the one the club has.

And, oh yes, "Free Fun Night" is free. So come on down to the Arbor Club Ballroom and give it a try. I realize that there are a number of different dance classes in On Top of the World. They all offer fun and entertainment in their own way. But there is nothing to lose to either try a different dance or a new one for the first time. Hope to see you on Tuesday, Oct. 6. For any questions, feel free to call me at

(352) 854-9378.

The regular club dance begins on Tuesday, Oct. 13. As mentioned before, Ron Libby is the caller starting his 48th year of doing it. Rounds are provided by pre-recorded music.

Our new group of officers are as follows: Martha Zimmerman, president; Ellie Cy, vice president; Jim and Mary Jo Hammond, treasurers; and Mary Lamp, secretary. They have been meeting and formulating some changes. The changes will be discussed in the next issue of the World News.



Line Dancing

By George Conklin

You just want to be able to get up and dance at your granddaughter's wedding. If this is your goal, then the newcomer line class is what you need. The dances the newcomers learn are the very ones most danced. They are easy, teach the basic steps and rhythm patterns and go to all kinds of music. Have you ever been to a

dance where they didn't do the "Electric Slide?"

If your goal is exercise, rhythm and music there is Zumba®. Ever tried to do Zumba at a wedding? That's why line dancing is better.

The new class season, September through June starts Monday, Sept. 14. Resident-lead dancing and instruction by Janice Meade will be held in the Arbor Club Ballroom on Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. The class is for level two and easy intermediate dancers. Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be intermediate dance instruction with Nancy Carmack. Mari-

lyn McNeal will follow with improver plus from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.; beginner level two from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; beginner level one from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; and introduction to line dance from 5 to 6 p.m. These classes are arranged in descending order of difficulty making it easy to move from class according to your ability.

Nancy's and Marilyn's practice classes have been on hold for the month of August but start again Wednesday, Sept. 2 so we will have two practice classes before the second Thursday of the month line dance from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Which class do I sign up for? If you

have never line danced, it's easy - sign up for beginner class. If you have prior experience try the level you think is right for you. You can always move up or down if you picked the wrong one. Class sign up and information is available in the Recreation Center office.

We are dancing at Friday night Happy Hour in the Arbor Club and at The Town Square every Friday and Saturday. Come join us, just stay in line and step when the drum goes thump.

For detailed information, contact Janice Meade at (352) 861-9345; Nancy Carmack (352) 533-8870; or Marilyn McNeal (352) 804-1546.



Ballet Club

By Eugenie Martin

Although some of our members are traveling from time to time, the Ballet Club is continuing a full schedule of classes throughout the summer. Our newer dancers are settling into the introductory classes, learning steps and combinations, making new friends, and becoming beginning ballerinas. Our more experienced dancers in the intermediate classes are doing more advanced steps and routines. We all have a good time, getting stretched and toned, as we move to beautiful music.

Newcomers are always welcome to our classes. For beginner dancers, or those who want a slower class, we recommend our introductory classes. Ballet clothes are not necessary to start with us. All you would need are exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water. You can get ballet clothes later if you want to continue with us. For experienced dancers who want a more challenging class, we recommend our intermediate classes.

All of our classes are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor pool. We have six classes each week. Introductory classes are held Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, and Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Intermediate classes are held Mondays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 10:15 a.m. We have planned classes at varied times to fit into people's busy schedules.

Co-teacher Julia Sines and I suggest that any newcomers plan to arrive at class at least 15 to 20 minutes before class time. That way, we can register you for class and you can get settled before class begins. We also suggest that you call in advance so that we will be prepared for you. For any information on our classes, please feel free to call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



Dancin' On the Top

By Richard P. Vullo

Our committee members have started preparations for our first dance of the season on Saturday, Sept. 19. The theme will be "Cruising On the Top." Tickets for members will be sold on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the Recreation Center, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Members can also purchase tickets for the November dance and New Year's Eve at the same time. Members will also receive e-mail notification of the ticket sale date.

We're very pleased to have so many new volunteers sharing the hosting of our dances and we look forward to a successful seventh season of presenting social dances for our residents.

Our schedule of dances for the upcoming season is Sept. 19, Nov. 7, New Year's Eve, Feb. 13, 2016 and April 9, 2016. In future columns, we will provide the entertainers and dance themes.

For information regarding membership to Dancin' On the Top, please call Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293. If you're interested in volunteering your services, please contact any one of the officers: Richard Vullo, chair, (352) 854-6772; Gene Melnick, music and ticket chair, (352) 304-8293; Peggy Sayat, treasurer, (352) 509-7400; and Grace Raymond, hostess, (352) 873-4454.

There's plenty of opportunity to dance here in On Top of the World starting with the weekly Happy Hour at the Arbor Club Ballroom and the Recreation Center (on alternate weeks) and on Friday and Saturday nights on The Town Square. The list of performers each week is listed in the World News.

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

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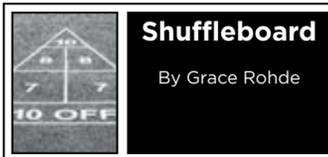
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Shuffleboard captains and co-captains for the 2015/2016 season.



Shuffleboard league season is all set to begin on Tuesday, Sept. 1. This year, we have our regular five teams of play plus a new one that was added on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., which is a ladies team. Ladies, if you have not joined shuffleboard yet, or even if you already do play, this may be just the team you have been looking for!

The play times, captains and co-captains are as follows:

- Monday, 9:30 a.m.: Captain Charlie Lentz (425-9402); Co-captain Jim Baker (873-6615).
- Tuesday, 1 p.m.: Captain Frank

- Scinlari (304-8962); Co-captain Paul Hodges (703-216-0080).
- Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.: Captain Lois Nix (854-0558).
- Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.: Captain John Mataya (237-9692); Co-captain Robert Durst (620-5835).
- Thursday, 9:30 a.m.: Captain Peter Van Arsdale (854-2495); Co-captain Gary Fye (304-8001).
- Friday, 9:30 a.m.: Captain Roger Werner (854-7569).

If you would like to find out more about shuffleboard, or if you are interested in joining a team, contact the captain on the day you are interested in. If you just want to check out the different teams, first come and watch the shufflers play on any of the days.

For those who are ready to join, dues are \$10 a year, no matter what time of the year you join. Once you select the team you want to play on, this is your "home team" even if you want to come another day to play. Why do we have just one home team? It is your home team where the captain will keep track of your wins and losses each month. There will be one winner for the ladies and one for the men from each home team. In the event of ties, all of the tied winners are listed.

The captains also keep track of the winners of the 30 Club. During league play on your home team, if a player scores 30 or more points in one frame (that is not knocked out by an opponent), use the back side of the score sheet to let the captain know who made the 30 Club and what their score was.

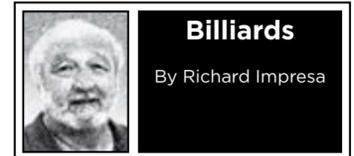
Thanks to the captains for all that they do for us. Besides keeping track of our scores, they come early to get the courts ready for league play.

When you are all finished playing, be sure to hand in the score sheet for your team. It also would be nice if each of the players helped by wiping down the score-board they used, and then putting away the shuffleboard equipment and supplies that were put out for them. In this way, we can let our captain leave early too.

Peter Van Arsdale, our tournament director, has again planned a fun and challenging year for us. Peter will have four tournaments, with the first one taking place in October. There also will be "unlimited" sign-ups in order that all members who want to, can play this year.

Besides team play, we have a general meeting and luncheon in March. This is when the players from all of the teams get together to elect officers for the new league year. While enjoying our meal, we socialize and have a good time together.

We will have a booth at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 17. Look for our Shuffleboard Club display there. Come meet us and find out what shuffleboard is all about.



Billiards

By Richard Impresa

Just because it's the dog days of summer doesn't mean that the billiard community is on vacation. Bill Daly has kept the players busy by overseeing a summer league. The league consisted of 11 two-man teams from several of the surrounding adult communities. Each match consisted of 12 racks of eight-ball and nine-ball similar to the winter league schedule. The games followed the same home and away format as in the winter league.

First place went to On Top of the World's team of Dangerous Dan Newby and Rapid Ronnie Cruce. Congratulations to both and thanks to Bill for his efforts.

Bill is also forming a nine-ball winner take all tournament to be held this summer.

Penny Wilson organized a ladies only tournament with the following results. First place went to the team of Penny Wilson and Irmgard Anger; second place went to Barbara Bonomo. There was a tie for third place between the teams of Florence Binder/ Marie Marquis and Peggy Fallon/Jerry Gill.

The next meeting of the Billiard Club will be held on Monday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. This meeting will feature the annual election of club officers; so if you have an interest in serving on the board come to the meeting and throw your hat in the ring. Following the meeting we will have a pizza party for all members and guests who purchased tickets. The menu will include pizza, soft drinks, salads and desserts. The party is organized by Penny Wilson and Phil Panzera. Tickets are limited so see Penny to reserve your place. Until next time, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.

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Folk Art

By Anne Merrick

The definition of American folk art is notoriously difficult to pin down. In the 20th century, folk art embraced everything from Pennsylvania German factories to eccentric architectural environments. The dictionary defines it as artistic works, as paintings, sculpture, basketry and utensils produced typically in cultural isolation by untrained and often anonymous artists or by artisans of varying degree of skill and marked by such attributes as highly decorative design, bright bold colors, flattened perspective, strong forms in simple arrangements and immediacy of meaning.

The art of the common man in America looked to the preindustrial past for the simple and unaffected, childlike expression of men and women who had little or no school training in art and who didn't even know that they were producing art. It was spontaneous, home grown, non-derivative and non-academic. The vision of the folk artist is a private one, a personal universe, a world of his own making, unaffected by the mainstream art world.

One of the largest collections of folk art was donated by Abby Aldrich Rockefeller



Photo by Anne Merrick

"A Sail at Dawn" by Earl Cunningham.

to Colonial Williamsburg and the nation's first and largest Museum of American Folk Art was created. She had collected more than 800 pieces between 1920 and 1948. She donated 424 items exemplifying the art of the common man from 1750 to 1900.

Long recognized as one of the greatest American folk artists of the 20th century, the late Earl Cunningham was a self-taught painter who used vivid colors to portray his own reflections of American life through a series of unique landscapes and seascapes. His work largely celebrated

the beauty of nature and often depicted dramatic storms or sunsets. Painted in the American folk art style, he filled his canvases with images of birds, trees, boats and the sea.

Born in Maine in 1893, Cunningham left his family farm at 13, traveling up and down the eastern seaboard working as a peddler and tinker. In the mid-1930s, Cunningham bought a farm in South Carolina where he raised chickens, selling them to the federal government during World War II. In 1949, Cunningham moved to St. Augustine, Fla. where he opened an art gallery and a curio shop. He sent a painting entitled "The Everglades," to Jackie Kennedy in 1961 (the painting now hangs in the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston).

By 1970, Cunningham's work was beginning to be widely recognized, thanks largely to art collector Marilyn Mennello of Winter Park, Fla. Cunningham soon became nationally prominent, and saw his work exhibited in 30 museums across the country. The Mennello Museum of American Folk Art museum houses Mennello's extensive Cunningham collection and is worth a visit in Orlando, Fla.

Don't forget we paint on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the Art Studio at the Hobby Building.

Karaoke Prop Night

By Kathy Petrosky

We had another prop night. I do get questions about that so decided to take a picture and show you what we do. Study the picture. What I would like you to do is try to guess what song might have been sung. Are you finished studying? Now you can check to see if you guessed correctly. I am going from left to right in the picture.

Tony Donato had a music cover of Charlie Chaplin. We just thought he was a funny guy. He was a songwriter as well. Tony sang, "Love This is My Song." See the umbrella? Lots of songs could have been done. Jerry sang "Stormy Weather." Look at poor Donnie. His bags were packed. He "Got a Lotta Leavin' To Do."

Shirley Coe was patriotic with "Grand Old Flag." Steve had a shirt with a bar logo on it. He "Loved That Bar." Very appropriately Lora Rossi is sitting on the floor. She sang the "Alphabet Song." Tari Scharff got creative with some stars over her head as she sang, "Catch a Falling Star."

Does Gary Greer look like Frank Sinatra? He sang "It Had To Be You" and danced as well. Guess you can figure the last song. They are Patty and Fred Hainzl and Ann Fields. Keith Fields had to leave before the picture. You guessed it the "Yellow Submarine."

We really travelled through the decades

one night. I tried to keep track of some of the songs. We were in 1920 with Ann's "Am I Blue." Moved to 1940 with Jerry's "That's My Desire" and John's "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry." Shirley took us

to the 50s with "Learning the Blues" and "That's Life."

The 60s brought many songs. Patty sang from the Associations and Donnie and Norma sang from the Bee Gees. Moved to the 70s with Kathy and Charlie's duet "Sometimes." Bob brought us to the 80s with Michael Jackson's "She's Out of My Life." "I'll Think of a Reason Later" brought us to the 90s. Of course we en-

tered the new millennium as well. Tony took us to Broadway and Rudy brought back some gospel.

There are a great variety of song choices. So come and enjoy. We meet on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We start at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Come join us this month on Monday, Sept. 7 and Monday, Sept. 21. We'll be looking for you.



Photo by Charlie Petrosky

Karaoke prop night.

**New Club ...
New Production**

By Judy Gill

Encore Collaborative Theatre Club is proud to announce that they have a full cast for their premier production of "Too, Too, Too Many Hats!" It's scheduled for a 7 p.m. showing on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

A meet-the-cast workshop was held in early August. This workshop was an opportunity for each cast member to offer their input, suggestions and constructive comments on their character as well as the play with playwright, Judy Gill. From that collaboration, the playwright decided

which comments would work best for the comedy. She finalized and polished the script one last time for the actors to begin memorizing before rehearsals, which began on Monday, Aug. 17.

This process of collaboration is similar to reality theater in some areas - it brings together Encore members as well as the cast for their input. This diverse group has a unique blend of education, lifestyles, ages and experiences. Some have theatrical experience, while others do not. But the fresh ideas of all are compiled to reach the best possible product. The end result

is not a play you've seen over and over for years by a playwright on another coast who you'll never meet, and that the theater club has to pay a royalty to produce. What it is ... is an original work of comedy that local writers, theater club members and actors produce, which will hopefully keep everyone laughing long after the last bow.

New members are always welcome in our group. We not only look for actors, directors, writers, and those with experience, but also any wannabes who would like to try getting involved in theater. We encourage new ideas and embrace involvement. Contact Judy at (352) 509-4033 or thecruisejenie@aol.com.

We are happy to be part of the theater community here in On Top of the World and plan to support the efforts of the long-standing Theatre Group's performance this November. There is always room for

more talent. We implore the community to not only attend their performances but to also come out in full force to see what all the crazy hats are all about that enhance our play! You see, the members of Encore formed a sub group called The Madd Hat-tery Factory.

After making approximately 175 mini hats that they affectionately called their 2016 mini hat collection they put them together for centerpieces. The play will be in the comfort of cabaret style seating with tables and chairs and light refreshments. It is planned for the centerpieces to be auctioned off for charity during intermission of Sunday's performance. In fact, Judy got so involved in making these little whimsical hats with Styrofoam coffee cups, a glue gun, rhinestones, and feathers, that she decorated her front porch critters. They actually seem to like their chapeaus!



Photos by Judy Gill

Mini hat collection: The Boys at Pelican Boat Dock, Ziegfeld Girl, Fiona Flamingo, Parisian Chapeaus, Gertie Goose and Fremont Frog.



Theatre Group

By Steve McDonald

This month, we are spotlighting husband and wife members, Dick and Lee Phillips.

Dick was born in Milwaukee, Wisc., and Lee was born in Sacred Heart, Minn. They moved to On Top of the World in 2006.

Dick and Lee have been members of Theatre Group since 2008. Dick served as president from 2010 through 2012 and is currently president for our 2015-16 season.

Dick's most pleasant memories in Theatre Group have been performing in several plays and musicals, coaching others in musical productions, but mostly he has enjoyed and gets great pleasure from working with talented and fun-loving individuals of the Theatre Group.

Dick's specific accomplishments, for which he (and our group) are extremely proud due to enormous contributions towards the growth/success of the Theatre Group, follow: beginning in 2010, he expanded the scope of Theatre Group productions beyond just purchased plays to include original musical productions and plays; he instituted a "storyboard

committee" – a small group of individuals chartered to write the original musical productions and plays. The committee has authored four musical productions and one full-length play to date.

We are extremely honored to have the talents of Dick and the support of his wife, Lee, and our group will only continue to improve due to their valuable contributions.

Our Theatre Group held auditions for our upcoming November show on Thursday, July 16, and we are very pleased to announce the addition of three new performers to our group. The cast has been set and includes: Director/Stage Manager Marilyn Bettinger; Announcer Conrad Massa; Special Effects Operator (SEO) Steve McDonald; Marcy Rose Doyle; Jean Baumgardner (new performer); Darwood Drake; Dick Phillips; Woody Darling; Bob Cowie; Rhoda Green; Emery Bjerkman; Flora Frump; Ann Rogers (new performer); Wanda Whales; Bree McDonald; and Sheriff Dudley Duwright; Jim Rogers (new performer).

Many thanks go to these folks for their willingness to participate in our efforts to make our show a great success for the enjoyment of our fellow residents.

Our first rehearsal is on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. at Candler Hills Community Center, and will continue until Friday, Nov. 6. Days and times will vary but will be held in Candler Hills Community Center unless otherwise notified.

The play, "Are We On the Air Yet?" is being directed by Dick Phillips and will be presented on the stage of the Recreation Center Ballroom on Nov. 13, 14 and 15. Any residents who may still be interested in helping, may contact Dick Phillips at (352) 861-0779 or dick.phillips@reagan.com, Steve McDonald at (812) 344-1936 or mickeyd_812@yahoo.com, or Marilyn Bettinger at (352) 390-3889.



Bingo

By Denise Johnson

We had great times these past few weeks with lots of winners at good ole bingo. As a matter of fact, Eliot Bedrosian won our "jackpot." Way to go Eliot!

Come and play with us on Wednesday evenings. What better way to spend a few dollars and have such a super time! You might even win back all you have spent.

As a reminder, bingo starts at 6 p.m. Tickets go on sale from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Then we call our 70/30 ticket winners before bingo starts. We have a break after the 10th game and then the second half starts.

Super Bingo will be Wednesday, Nov. 11. You can tell your neighbors and friends as long as they are residents. No guests are permitted to come. More about Super Bingo in the coming months.

Give yourselves enough time for a delicious bite at The Pub before Bingo, so you are fortified to be a game winner!

See you on Wednesday. Waiting to hear you yell, bingo!



Concert Chorus

By Patricia A. Woodbury

It's that time again for the Concert Chorus to begin practicing for its next concert scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Practice will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom and will continue every Tuesday at that time until the date of the concert, in addition to some sectional practices each week.

Still wondering about the benefits of joining the chorus besides having fun and improving your singing voice and your breathing? Here is another benefit from Dr. Anne Fabiny, editor in chief of the Harvard Women's Health Watch. Listening to and performing music reactivates areas of the brain associated with memory, reasoning, speech, emotion and reward. Two recent studies – one in the United States and the other in Japan – found that music does not just help us retrieve stored memories; it also helps us lay down new ones.

In both studies, healthy elderly people

scored better on tests of memory and reasoning after they had completed several weekly classes in which they did moderate physical exercise to musical accompaniment. Singing has also helped healthy people learn words and phrases faster. So, come and boost your memory and your mood and join the chorus.

We are pleased that Audrey Strong will continue to direct the chorus. Audrey brings a wealth of experience in directing choruses and singing. Not only does she provide singing direction, knowledge about the voice but also music education. The members have found her to be well organized, prepared and able to offer a great musical experience as well as lots of fun.

The chorus is still looking for a permanent piano player to accompany the chorus this year. If you know of anyone who has this talent and is interested in this position, please have them contact Emery Bjerkman at (352) 873-9032.

If you think you would be interested in joining the chorus, please contact David Wesenberg, president, at (217) 280-4454 or Vice President Emery Bjerkman at (352) 873-9032. We are always seeking people who like to sing and look forward to seeing you.

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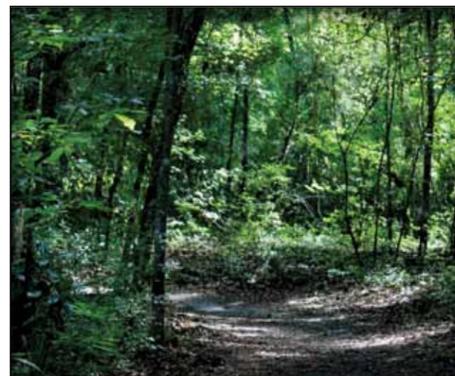
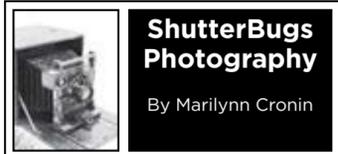


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Peppers.

Mushroom.

Forest lane.



July saw a group of ShutterBugs travel to Tampa, Fla., to visit the Florida Aquarium. There were many opportunities for unique pictures. We then enjoyed lunch at the Columbia Restaurant. In August, we went to Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Tip adapted from an article by Dylan Flint, "Five Vital Things You Must Consider as a Photographer." Photography is an art that most people have an affinity for and have been drawn toward as a hobby. Like any other art form, dexterity in capturing images doesn't happen overnight. You have to be patient and improve your skills.

Don't underestimate yourself. With enough dedication and determination, you can also capture images of professional quality. But before you venture into this world, you need to know a few things about photography that are extremely important.

1. Exposure: This is one of the most fundamental elements of photography. How much light you use in your photos is extremely important in ensuring how your pictures will come out. To capture stunning images, you have to ensure that there is balance and that your photos are not subjected to underexposure or overexposure.
2. Color: The mood of your photos greatly depends on color. Slight variation in colors can evoke different emotions, from happy to calm to gloomy. You need to understand

when your pictures should be colorful and when they should be more subdued or black and white.

3. Story: Your photos should be able to tell a story about what the picture is all about. Like professionals, you will also have to take images in any situation that convey what you are trying to show.
4. Composition: Sometimes you want to highlight a certain object in the picture, so you have to make the picture in a way that when anyone else sees it, they are instantly drawn toward the highlighted object. Suppose you have taken a picture of a crowd and you need to focus on a single person - you will need good composition skills.
5. Balance: For capturing stunning images, you need to combine all of the above factors. If you don't coordinate all the aspects of photography, you will never be able to take professional looking images. The key is striking a balance and being able to combine all of these elements subconsciously. It should become automatic.

It's true that you can gain much by emulating others, which is why you should also follow the work of successful photographers and try to understand their techniques. You will learn a lot by studying their pictures and applying their principles to your photography. Join us at our meetings and learn or improve these skills.

Please enjoy our members' photos displayed at Master the Possibilities and Freedom Library. Feedback is appreciated.

The ShutterBugs meet every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Annual fee is \$12. For more information, contact Gary Uhley at guhley@cfl.rr.com.



Entertainment Group Presents 'Almost Manilow'

On Saturday, Oct. 24, the Entertainment Group presents "Almost Manilow," the premier tribute to Barry Manilow.

Charley Vee leads the group as Barry interjecting humorous anecdotes, interesting background stories plus expertly recreating the beautiful songs that have made Barry the legend he is.

"Almost Manilow" recreates Barry's

Copa Cabana show including the Copa girls and band.

Tickets go on sale Monday, Sept. 28, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter. Ticket prices are \$10 general and \$12 reserved. Residents may purchase a maximum of four tickets.

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Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr

You know it is summer in Ocala when the Bees are buzzin' and it is pouring outside! Most storms happen while we are sewing and just before we plan to leave the Art Studio!

Believe it or not, we have been sewing our Christmas quilts! Most agencies request them in early November, so we have to start early.

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, 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 Louise Green (352) 629-1195, or Rita Miller (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Cards presented by Jett Messer and Linda Lohr.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Trains, planes, fire engines and school buses - oh my!



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

By Linda Lohr

Our presenters for our Thursday, Aug. 6 class were Jett Messer and Linda Lohr.

Jett presented two beautiful three-dimensional cards. She prepared kits for each attendee with all the parts of the card and a sample of what the card could look like. Each person could arrange the card with all or some of the parts to personalize the card. Great idea!

Linda presented two birthday cards using many of the scraps that all paper crafters have, just waiting for a project that will use them up! One card was more generic and the other was all in black, for those who are "over the hill." There were many candles made from scraps and lots of flames inspiring the sentiment, "Oh no, enjoy the glow."

We thank Jett and Linda for doing so much prep work, making assembly easy and fun. We had lots of time to chat with

new members and introduce ourselves.

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!

We would like to thank Kathy Hoefler for keeping us all on schedule and for Ellie Richards, who secures our room each year and presenters for each month!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, please call 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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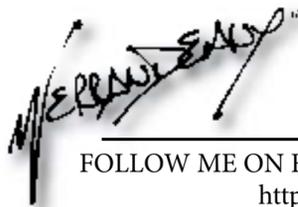
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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Barbara Lingis

We hope everyone is having a happy, healthy summer and staying cool. We will begin our new season for our club on Tuesday, Sept. 8. We will be set up in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday beginning on that date.

We have many crafters who have spent their summer making new items to please just about any craft shopper.

During the season last year, we highlighted two crafters each month in this column. We will begin doing that again in October once all our crafters have been interviewed. We have such a great variety of items on display by our crafters all done with great care and pride. Please come and join us to see the many items on display. We look forward to seeing new customers and our many friends we have made through the years who enjoy our crafts.

If you are interested in joining our club, please contact our coordinator, Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918. Again, we will begin our new season on Sept. 8. See you there.

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Photo by Ray Cech

More than 75 beautiful, Florida-themed photos were on display at a reception for participating photographers.

Reception for “Discover Florida Through Your Camera’s Lens”

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

After almost a month of photographing Florida’s landscapes, people, and wildlife, more than 75 beautiful, Florida-themed photos were on display at a reception for participating photographers. Hosted by Master the Possibilities, the event took place in Studio 10 on Circle Square Commons, Saturday, July 25.

The room, which previously may have reminded one of a neglected storage shed, was morphed into Cinderella’s carriage. Long tables were draped and bedecked with flowers, candles, and perhaps best of all, tasty bits of “southern” hors d’oeuvres.

Margaret Spontak, director of education at Master the Possibilities, along with her team of volunteers, was responsible for the amazing transformation. Ms Spontak also said, “The discover Florida through your camera’s lens project was the perfect kick-off to Master the Possibilities’ summer theme, “Discover Florida Like a Native.”

While each one of the 75 photographs on display could have been awarded a winner, the independent judges selected what they felt were the best four photos that depicted a Florida theme.

The winners were: 1: Art Holt for his beautifully composed shot of the University of Florida Tower; 2: Norbert Sachs for his colorful photo of the Florida seashore; 3/4: Gary Uhley with his mouth watering shot of a classic Florida dish of deep-fried fish, clams and shrimp. Honorable men-

tion went to Gordon Daniels for his vivid photo of Florida flamingos.

The overflow crowd at the reception was asked to vote for their favorite photograph, and by evening’s end the ballot box was full. However, they will continue to be on display at Studio 10, and everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the exhibit and vote for their favorite, Florida-themed photo.

It’s Showtime

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The Circle Square Cultural Center will be a sight to see when this star-studded act takes the stage.

Martin Preston Presents: A Tribute to Liberace Friday, Sept. 25

Martin Preston has been refining his Liberace act for over 20 years. Martin not only looks like Liberace, dresses like Liberace, sounds like Liberace, close your

eyes and it is Liberace. Open your eyes and it will be Martin Preston on stage.

He will perform on stage with all the glitter and gala wardrobes that have been handcrafted from Liberace’s original designs. Even the grand piano will glitter.

To purchase tickets, stop by the Circle Square Cultural Center ticket office at 8395 SW 80th Street or go online to www.culturalcenter.com.

Let’s watch the lights dim as the curtain rises. It’s showtime!



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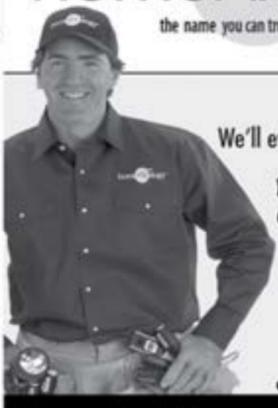
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Photo by Karen Schneider

A new twist to the traditional Christmas tree – a gingerbread Christmas tree – created by Karen Schneider.



Ceramics

By Marilyn George

This month we welcomed back our instructor, Wannetta Clouse, who was out for a few months. Many thanks to Mary Snowden for covering for Wannetta during her absence.

This year, our club will not be participating in the Club Fair as everyone is welcome to visit us any Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We are situated in the Hobby Building in the Art Studio.

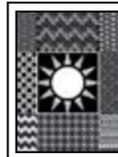
The first step that all beginners in ceramics learn to do is to clean the greenware. They start off by removing the seam-line by scraping them off diagonally with a cleaning tool. Lightly sand over the seams and other imperfections with a sander. If the piece will be lighted (e.g. a Christmas tree), make sure all the holes for the light parts have been made and are big enough to hold the bulbs. Dust off the greenware with a soft brush, then go over the seam lines with a damp sponge to make them smooth. The piece is now ready either to be fired by the teacher or to be underglazed by you depending on the project that you are making.

If you'd like any additional information on our Ceramics Club, please do not hesitate to call Marilyn George at (352) 237-8228.



Photo by Tekla Krause

Comfort quilts are stacking up.



Sunshine Quilters

By Tekla Krause

Despite the summer heat, the Sunshine

Quilters have been busy in their air-conditioned sewing nooks creating quilts for abused and homeless children. They are stacking up nicely. A pocket is being attached to these unique quilts, which will hold a small toy. They will be donated as we approach the holidays.

A shop hop in June proved to be a treat. Not only did we visit three quilt shops but also had a lovely ride to Ormond Beach and lunched at a local deli. Plans for a trip to the Jacksonville Quilt Show have been coordinated with another local quilt club. Contact Murilla Wester if you are interested. Plans are being formulated for the Crystal River Quilt Show in October.

We hold our monthly business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. The rest of the month you can find us on Tuesday mornings in the Art Studio sandwiching quilts, sorting through our fabric stash, hand sewing and planning more quilts. Join us if you have an interest in quilting. We will be happy to greet you.

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