

**Community News**

**Kenneth D. Colen**  
Publisher

**Around the Community**

The addition of amenities at the Arbor Activity Center is winding down. The latest expansion is slated to open on Wednesday, Jan. 2. This building will be the center for billiards, as well as expanded rooms for cards and other activities.

Several ambitious projects related to enhancing your recreational amenities are slated for 2019. The space in the Hobby Building that was billiards is being renovated into the computer room. The Library will be relocating to the space that was previously the card room. Additional golf cart parking will be added for ease of access to the Library.

We have big plans to build a new Golf Shop along with new cart facilities. Once that is completed and operating, The Pub will be moving into the renovated space that was the Golf Shop building. The former Pub space will be renovated into another meeting and activity room to support the ever-growing clubs and activities in On Top of the World. The Derby Room will be renovated to accommodate the dressing rooms to free up ballroom space.

The plan to add tennis courts is being rescheduled to later in 2020, in favor of allocating those funds to add 12 pickleball courts. Archery is coming in 2019. With the start of the Veterans Park, On Top of the World will be adding an archery range, additional garden plots, another dog park (a lot like garlic, you can never have too much), basketball court and playground area for rambunctious grandchildren to blow off steam.

Land development is ongoing in Candler Hills with the wrapping up of improvements in Sanctuary and the addition of three new neighborhoods: Stirling Meadow (46 lots), Balmoral (86 lots), and Alendel (36 lots). We are staying with the principal of small, intimate neighborhoods through Candler Hills. A new model park is planned for Alendel.

On Top of the World has been building fiber into the homes for over a year now, and is now moving to the next level by collaborating with Amazon to bring the accessibility and convenience of the internet to a new level. It's worth mentioning that all new homes sold after Dec. 1, 2018, will be sold with an Amazon Smart Home package. Amazon is also able to retrofit to existing homes.

Avalon 6 is well underway in On Top of the World (Central). This next phase will add 60 lots. The plan is to begin Avalon 7 and 8 (final phase) in mid-2019. Once Avalon is mostly completed, land development will be moving into Crescent Ridge.

Another new community will be starting in 2019 in the Bay Laurel PUD area immediately north of The Town Square. This will offer homes in the Classic Series, like Indigo East. Utility development work has begun in the master planned family community at SW 80th Avenue and SW 63rd Street. Following completion of that first phase, mass grading will begin on the area slated for home development. The target is 2020 to commence sales.

**Personal Insurance**

Fire events or water damage are cautionary reminders for each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your dwelling and contents is adequate. If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider. The cost of repair or reconstruction, as well as loss of use (being displaced pending restoration), may

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Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

Aerial view of the Arbor Activity Center.

**Arbor Activity Center to Open Jan. 2**

By Taci Clay

On Top of the World's Arbor Complex is currently undergoing another huge change. Come Wednesday, Jan. 2, residents will have their very own, brand-new Arbor Activity Center in addition to the Arbor Conference and Fitness Centers. This facility will allow residents, their neighbors and guests to socialize and play games. On Top of the World resident clubs will be able to house meetings and host club games and events.

The residents of On Top of the World will have more than enough to do at the Arbor Activity Center when it's finished. The building will

have multiple rooms for a variety of activities. The Arbor Activity Center will have a billiards room with 11 billiard tables and a snooker table. Residents will find four dartboards, a Wii game, two shuffleboards, air hockey, and a bumper pool table inside of the game room.

There will be a music room where clubs can gather for practice or residents can indulge in their musical hobbies.

Clubs will be able to host meetings inside the event room. The event room will also be used for board games and small card games. Residents and guests will be able

enjoy rounds of poker on seven tables in the poker room. There will be three different card rooms that will have six to seven card tables per room and will be for smaller groups.

The Arbor Activity Center will bring additional parking to the entire Arbor Complex. The building will have a scanned entry and will require residents to bring their resident I.D. cards. Residents must accompany their guests.

Plan on meeting your neighbors and come see the new addition of the Arbor Activity Center. This is an amenity built for you to come and join the community with fellowship and fun!

For more information, call the Recreation Center at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7533 or 7530. You may also visit [www.OnTopoftheWorld.com](http://www.OnTopoftheWorld.com).

**Golf Cart Parade**

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Come rain or shine the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade was going to take place regardless. The parade formed at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 in the Recreation Center parking lot. The parade route zigzagged through many neighborhoods with the final destination being The Town Square. Judging took place before the parade started and the winners were announced to the spectators and participants by The-

resa Fields, program manager, at 4 p.m.

The parade consisted of many decorated golf carts, units from Marion County Fire Rescue, Marion County Sheriff's Office, marching bands, and Happy Hour's prom king, Scott Fair, and queen, Nancy Jennings-Fair, on a horse-drawn carriage. Plenty of candy was thrown from many of the golf carts in the parade to the spectators.

The highlight on the parade was

a convertible car escorting a fat little elf sporting white hair and long beard wearing a red suit with white fringe waving to all those along the parade route while at the same time wishing all a merry Christmas.

Judging for the golf carts was in five different categories and the winners were as follows:

Most Creative-Steve & Kathleen Steinman; Funniest-Tom & Deborah Marshall & Samuel Buonauro; Most Festive-Jim & Gail Lagges; Most Original-Jeff Capps & Linda Longo; and Best in Show-The Lions Club.

Each winner was presented a ribbon and the Best in Show was presented a trophy.



Photo by Bob Woods

Happy Hour's prom king, Scott Fair, and queen, Nancy Jennings-Fair, on a horse-drawn carriage.

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**On Top of the World NEWS**

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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



You're not a fool until people find out you are.

**Is It Legal?**

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We will be lecturing at Master the Possibilities on the following Tuesdays, at 3 p.m.:

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your anti-virus program up-to-date. If you are not sure how to do that, check with your teenage grandchild or with a friend who knows how to make sure you are up-to-date.

**Q.** I am in my (over 55 but not reached 80 or beyond). I have no children and no close relatives. I intend to leave the bulk of my estate to some charities. It seems to me that I am a rarity because everyone I know seems to have someone to whom they can leave their estate and also, they have someone who can be the executor and agent on a power of attorney. I need your thoughts.

**A.** First and foremost, even though you may feel you are the only person in your situation, I can assure you that there are many, many, many folks just like you. For whatever the reason, they have no one they feel they can trust to look after them if they become sick and need care and they feel they have no one to name as the personal representative (executor) of their estate when they pass on. Your situation is not unusual. You need to discuss this with your attorney. Perhaps, he or she can assume the role of personal representative, and also agent under your durable power of attorney and health care surrogate under your advance directive. Of course, it is critical that you make sure that he or she is well experienced in handling such matters. There are also alternatives to your attorney: banks, certain trust companies, or certified public accountants. I usually do not suggest friends or acquaintances because handling matters such as these are frequently more complex than one can imagine. Whoever you select should be someone who will make sure to visit you on a frequent basis if you are in a nursing home.

**Q.** I have a small estate money-wise, but I have a lot of valuable items such as jewelry, artworks, and collectables of significant value. I know who I want to have these items when I pass, but I don't know how I can be assured they will get what I want them to have. An acquaintance said that her attorney

feels she could just leave a separate list of what goes where. Does that make sense to you?

**A.** Your friend or her attorney is probably talking about what is called a separate writing. This is a document that states what items you want to go to which person. It works well in many cases but I am not sure it's for you under your specific facts. In your case, you might actually want to include many of these kinds of items right in your will because by doing that you are assured that the will, when presented to a court, will be enforced. This is not always the case with a separate writing because when truly valuable and expensive items are involved, we always have to be concerned about the list and whether someone might wish to destroy it.

**Q.** My spouse is very ill. My concern is that his children are already demanding copies of all his accounts. They claim they have a legal right to have this information. My husband's will leaves everything to me and then to his children if I am not alive. What rights do they have?

**A.** Well, you must meet with your attorney as soon as you can. I can tell you this, though, if his will does leave everything to you, then they don't have very many rights. But as I said, you need to see your attorney as soon as you can.

**Q.** My son says that whether he is married or not, I must leave him my entire estate and am not legally allowed to leave anything to my other children nor to my loving nieces and nephew. What do you say about that?

**A.** To put it mildly, I say that your son is incorrect.

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Our fall/winter L.E.A.F. Series was full of educational and entertaining speakers.

The October L.E.A.F. Series was attended by a herd of cattle and an unexpected herd of curious attendees. Over 300 guests were eager to "Meet the Neighbors of Sholom Park," the Circle Square Ranch cows. The cows were a little overwhelmed by all of the attention so their visit was short and sweet but Jennifer Rand an educator in Knoxville, Tenn., and E.L. Strickland, manager of Circle Square Ranch, shared their extensive knowledge of cattle ranching and their love of cows.

The Sholom Park olive trees were the topic of discussion at our November L.E.A.F. Series. We shared the symbolism of the 36 olive trees lining our olive tree promenade. While Dr. Jeffrey Williamson, professor of horticulture at the University of Florida, shared the history of olive trees and his knowledge of olive tree growth and fruit production in Florida.

Olive trees are making their way to the Sunshine State as a relatively

new commercial crop with a few farms successfully producing fruit. Our L.E.A.F. Series guests had the opportunity to participate in an olive oil tasting from one of the local olive tree farms. Guests enjoyed the crisp Arbequina olive oil, fresh Italian bread and organic rosemary grown at the park.

The December L.E.A.F. Series was on the history and purpose of labyrinths. Have you ever walked the Sholom Park labyrinth? Did you know there is one way to enter and exit the labyrinth? Have you ever read the inspirational writings that accompany each stop along the labyrinth's path?

On Dec. 21, 2018, Dr. Daniel Robinson, professor of pharmacy at Husson University, who jointly, with Sidney Colen, designed the Sholom Park labyrinth, taught us everything there is to know about labyrinths. We now know the correct way to walk the Sholom Park labyrinth and experience nature's healing through our own mind-body connection.

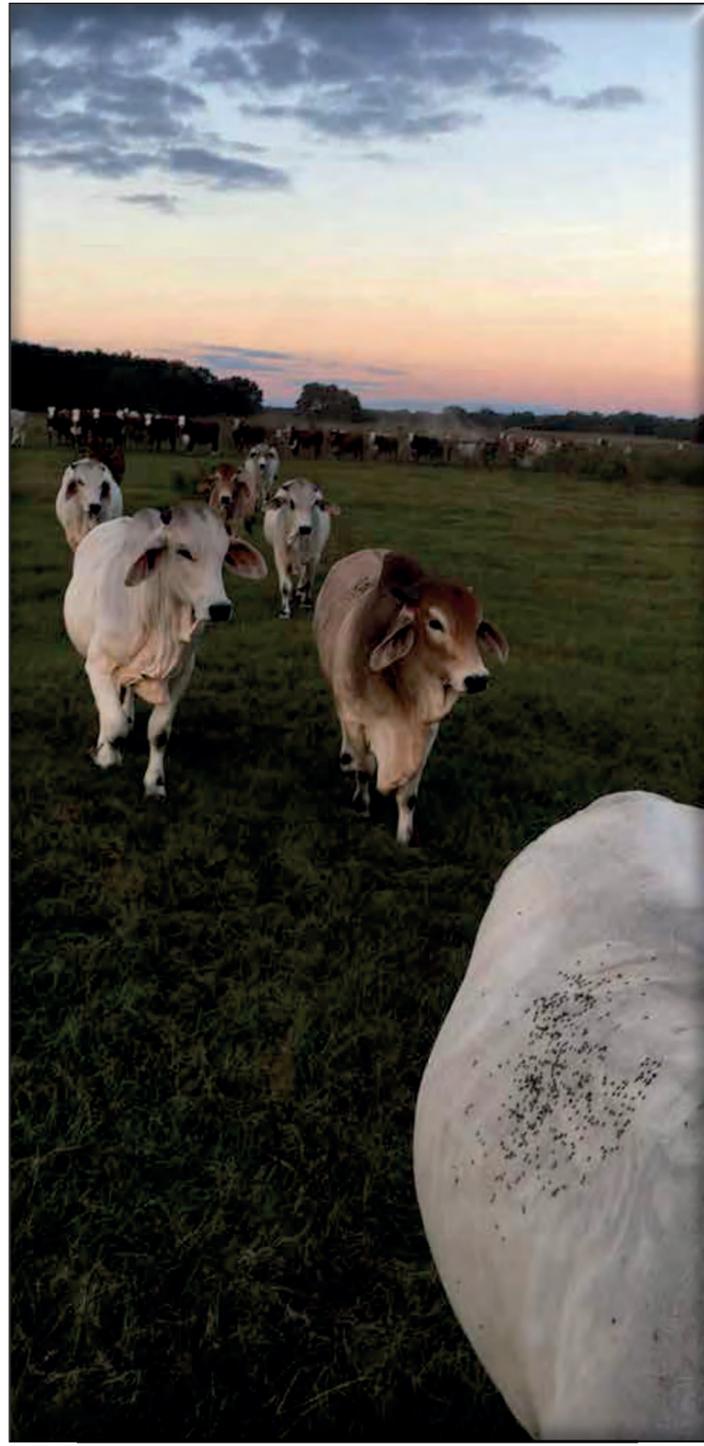
Don't miss January's L.E.A.F. Series when Cammy Davis, fitness director at On Top of the World and The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, provides you with information, tips and tools on how to "Discover Wellness in the Great Outdoors."

Visit [sholompark.org](http://sholompark.org) for more information on upcoming events.



Olive oil tasting at Sholom Park.

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The neighbors of Sholom Park.

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well exceed the purchase price of your home many times over. It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their dwelling, including loss of use coverage. Loss of use coverage will cover expenses for living and lodging should you become displaced. Displacement after a fire may be from six to 18 months!

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual dwelling owners may wish to have in On Top of the World (Central). Contents coverage may vary greatly depending on what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, and cabinetry. All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any casualty event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of three percent of the total value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a five percent of location total insured value subject to a \$250,000 deductible per occurrence.

For more information, please visit otowinfo.com, then click "Associations", then "OTOW Central", then locate Insurance Requirements and Forms and download the PDF document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Homeowner.

Besides casualty insurance, other steps to protecting your home are testing your smoke detector regularly and having an operable BC fire extinguisher at easy reach. Read the extinguisher operating instructions when you first purchase the unit and at least twice a year thereafter is also recommended. In this recent event, having and using an operable fire extinguisher may have greatly limited the damage.

**Keeping It Green**



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Happy New Year! November and December were colder than usual and I believe we can expect chilly temperatures from January into late March.

With these chilling temperatures, we can expect to see frost and freeze warnings. It is time to cover your succulent plants or bring them inside, if possible.

Also, cover your back flow preventer! This is a major part of your irrigation system, which is located on the side of the home, typically on the same side as the water meter. The brass will rupture if it freezes and you won't know it until the next morning when you have little to no water pressure. No one likes a high water bill or not having water in the early morning hours. Please visit otowinfo.com for more information. Under the "Resources" tab click on "Homeowner Maintenance" where you will find all sorts of good information; particularly relevant to this discussion are "Shutting off Your Back Flow Valve," lawn maintenance and other topics you need to know.

Did you remember to cut back on your irrigation timer? Even though current restrictions allow once per week watering, depending upon the community you live in, your grass and landscape may not require watering this frequently. Try reduc-

ing the run time a little at a time. Many factors should be taken into account before reducing the run times. How long have you lived at the location, is it a new home or has it been there for longer than one year. If your landscape is older than one year reducing run times gradually in small increments is the best way to reduce run times. Small increments will keep you from creating a severe problem if you don't add enough water. If you do too much at once, waiting on the next run day could cost you your landscape.

End of January is also a great time to think about trimming your crape myrtles, lantana and other dormant species. The method I prefer residents to follow when pruning crape myrtles is the "pencil pruning" method. You remove all branches pencil size and smaller. This method is the least invasive to the tree and still provides an aesthetic quality to the tree even when the leaves have fallen and all you have is sticks. Since crape myrtles bloom on the newer growth, this provides the new growth for summer blooms.

Lantana will need to be cut back in the late winter or early spring to remove dormant growth. You can trim them now or wait until late winter or early spring to make sure the plant is at its fullest stage of dormancy. If these plants are trimmed too soon, the pruning could cause the plants to flush new growth resulting in potential frost burn.

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**Community Patrol**

**Gary Rodoff**

The Community Patrol has been serving the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the greater community since 2004. We are all MCSO volunteers who willingly donate our time to make our community a safer place to live. You have all seen our patrol car on the streets in On Top of the World and the nearby shopping centers with

our yellow lights flashing.

Currently we have 48 active members donating about four to five hours of their time each month. This comes out to 200 hours a month, or 2,400 hours in 2018. Since 2005 our patrol has accrued over 48,000 hours serving our community. We drive about 20,000 to 25,000 miles each year at an average speed of 20 to 25 miles per hour.

Some people have asked why we patrol with our yellow lights flashing. It is not to make traffic get out of our way. The answer is that one of our main jobs is to act as a de-

terrent to crime. We do this by attracting attention to ourselves and thus letting the bad guys know we are here keeping watch over our community. Hopefully this encourages the bad guys to want to take their mischief elsewhere and leave us alone.

If you have any questions regarding the Community Patrol, please call Gary Rodoff at (352) 291-7508 or attend a meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

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**Democratic Club**

**Dan Lack**

Our first meeting of 2019 will take place on Thursday, Jan. 24. Our first order of business is the election of our 2019 board of directors. The slate of candidates includes president - Dan Lack; vice president - Paul Pardee; secretary - Lynn Miller; and treasurer - Jill Carel. Directors include Betty Broman, David Hypke, Evelyn Koffroth, and Vahid Salehi.

A big thank you goes to our departing board members - Jack Hegarty and Jean Krueger-Travis - who collectively devoted nine years to our board. They will be missed.

The next order of business during our meeting is our third annual audio/visual trivia contest. Each table of eight will constitute a team that will compete for first and second place prizes, answering questions about government, civics, politics and American history. This has been a popular and fun meeting and you should not miss

this one.

Just because the 2018 elections are over, please don't think that you should sit at home during our meeting times. We provide opportunities for you to enjoy socializing with others who share your political outlook. We are lining up outstanding speakers from whom you will learn facts that you can regurgitate when you discuss current events with your neighbors and relatives.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in our new location, Arbor Conference Center, Suites F, G and H. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on youtube.com (otow demclub).

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, dish/laundry detergent and paper towels so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us.

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- Arbor Conference Center
- Candler Hills Community Center
- Community Garden (SW 99th Street Road & SW 98th Street)
- Dog Park (SW 99th Street Road & SW 90th Street)
- Indigo East Community Center
- Indigo East Fitness Center
- Hobby Building
- Master the Possibilities
- Recreation Center (fitness center, library, veranda and lobby)
- The Lodge at Candler Hills



**All Around Our World**

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready to start a new year with new goals for the coming year. We wish you a wonderful 2019, filled with happiness, success and good health.

**Bicyclist Safety Tips**

A resident asked that I share bicyclist safety tips after a few close encounters. As the saying goes, "You cannot control the actions of others, but you can control what you do!"

Here are tips from the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), Florida DMV and our On Top of the World safety officer:

- Ride with someone if possible - there is safety in numbers! Ride single file.
- Perform a safety check on your bike prior to your ride. Are the brakes operating properly, how is the tire pressure?
- Be visible! Wear safety vest, fluorescent or bright colored clothing.
- Safety gear is a must! Helmet, lights - strobes, horn, bell, reflectors, flags, side view mirrors, etc.
- Slow down when passing pedestrians - be audible! Let them know you are passing them!
- 43 percent of bicyclist fatalities happen in dark conditions. Choose the appropriate time of day to ride.
- Plan your route and be familiar with it.
- Use extra caution in wet conditions. Slow down!
- Look before you cross - make eye contact with motorists before crossing into their path. Remember to look twice.
- Comply with all bicyclist rules, statutes, regulations and traffic signs. Follow the same rules of the road as vehicles. Ride with the flow of traffic.
- Use hand signal and signal intentions early. Stay to the right.
- Use your senses - keep your eyes moving - don't wear earbuds! You need to listen for what is happening around you.
- Watch for debris, potholes, and uneven surfaces - anything in your path that could cause you to lose control.
- Only cross where and when it is appropriate.

In Florida no one "owns" the right of way! The law only states who must yield the right-of-way. Every driver, motorcyclist, moped rider, bicyclist and pedestrian must do everything possible to avoid a crash! Be sure to check out Alert-TodayFlorida.com for a program designed to educate the public for pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

**Customer Service**

The Customer Service office is



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closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Jan. 16, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you reach our voicemail during normal business hours, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Please note that Customer Service will be closed all day on Tuesday, Jan. 1, and will be closed until noon on Friday, Jan. 18, for an employee meeting.

**Holiday Lighting and Decorations**

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

**Getting Ready for the Cold**

Winter is here and we are experiencing abnormally cooler temperatures for this time of year. I'm sure that even colder weather is right around the corner. That being said, cold temperatures can have an effect on your backflow preventer.

For those residents who maintain their own backflow preventer, do you know how to winterize it? If not, please check the "Homeowner Maintenance" tab under "Resources" on otowinfo.com to read about how to winterize your backflow preventer and protect it from freezing temperatures.

**HOA Meetings**

The annual meetings for the Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations and On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association were held in December 2018. Items discussed were annual budgets for Indigo East and Candler Hills, and all of the improvements we see around the community such as the new Arbor Fitness Center, the new Arbor Activity Center, plans for the new Veterans

Park, RV and storage areas, the extension of SW 94th Street, and the SW 90th Street golf cart crossing. It was wonderful to see a great turnout for all three meetings.

A question raised at the On Top of the World (Central) Owners' meeting had to do with rats having access to trash at compactor locations. We continually bait these areas to remove and minimize rodents. We remind residents that bird feeders and other types of food items that leave residue attract rats and mice to your home. Fruits that fall from trees and available water sources can also attract rats and mice as well. Please keep garages closed, food such as bird seed and dog food stored indoors, and fruit picked up off the ground and disposed of properly.

**Food Drive**

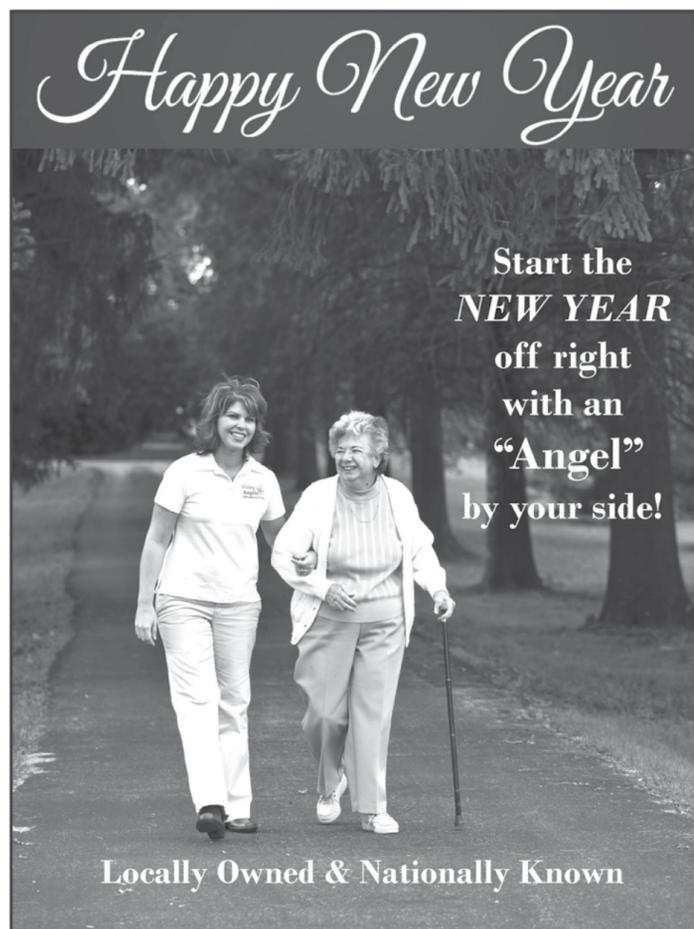
The annual food drive ran from Dec. 1 to 14, 2018, and we had a wonderful outpouring from our residents. Our residents are a very generous group, and we appreciate your support each year as we help Interfaith Emergency Services fill their food pantry. Since we started, we have collected over 4,000 pounds of food and much need items.

**Indigo East Gateway of Services**

The Indigo East community is unique in that they may choose to opt in to the Gateway of Services. For those Indigo East residents wishing to enjoy the amenities behind the gates, a Gateway of Services pass is necessary. We offer several payment options when you sign up: monthly automatic debit from your checking, savings or credit card; one time check or credit card payment; or quarterly payments with a quarterly processing fee. If you would like more information regarding the Gateway of Services or if you would like to sign up, please contact Customer Service for an appointment.

**Indigo East Residents**

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Williamsburg Neighbors celebrate the holidays!

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Sheriff Billy Woods and Representative Charlie Stone at the Republican Club.

Photo by Wendell Crist

**Williamsburg Neighbors**

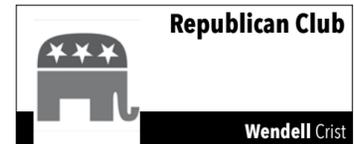
Ginny Nardone

On a Saturday night in early December, 2018, we gathered for a large and festive holiday party. The suites at the Arbor Conference Center were transformed into a winter wonderland. Snowmen, snowflakes, shimmering lit trees and lots of sparkle adorned the room while holiday music played in the background.

Glenn Warren, the “unofficial Williamsburg ambassador” complete with a Santa hat, gave the welcome and announcements. Neighbor Linda Leigh Jones donated her cooking and event planning expertise to plan and prepare the main course and set up the buffet stations. Gracious neighbors contributed appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Nancy Meininger and her decorating elves went to work on preparing the table settings and centerpieces as well as decorating the room. At the end of the evening, the Williamsburg cleanup crew went to work. This was truly a community effort!

This party completes our first year of revitalized neighborhood events. We hope everyone enjoyed the year’s activities.

If you are new to Williamsburg, please visit our website at [williamsburgneighborsatotow.com](http://williamsburgneighborsatotow.com). You may also call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 or Kathy Becker at (352) 425-3885 with any questions. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2019.



We held our Christmas dinner on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, G and H. President Wendell welcomed everyone and invited Sheriff Billy Woods to give the invocation followed by everyone standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. We were honored to have County Commissioner Kathy Bryant sing our National Anthem.

President Wendell invited Florida House Representative Charlie Stone to give an update on happenings in Tallahassee. He mentioned working with St. Johns Water Management and the effects on Silver Springs. Also, he is working with our new Governor-elect, Ron DeSantis, on the important selection of judges for our State Supreme Court.

Sheriff Woods also brought to our attention the opioid crisis in Marion County.

As guests entered the dining room for our Christmas dinner, they were greeted with soft Christmas music, putting everyone into the Christmas spirit. Fresh Plates Creative Catering set the tables elegantly with linen tablecloths and napkins. Each table had a lovely centerpiece, which went home with the guest who had the Christmas sticker attached under his/her chair. At the carving table, each guest was warmly greeted by the carver and invited to select ham or turkey or both, sliced to their liking, and served with the trimmings, stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and butter. The salad bar offered mixed greens and a variety of veggie accompaniments along with their homemade dressings. Dessert, a choice of fruit compote or chocolate mousse, was served at the table. Wine and coffee were also served with the meal.

Following dinner, Commissioner Kathy invited us all to join in singing well-known Christmas carols in joyous acknowledgement of the birth of Jesus, the reason for the season.

President Wendell reminded everyone that the first meeting of the New Year will be Friday, Jan. 11, at the Arbor Conference Center in our usual suites. The new officers will be sworn in. Happy New Year!

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### Lifelong Learning

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With the new year come new occasions and new learning opportunities with Master the Possibilities. The learning theme for our winter 2019 term is "Looking Back in Time: Reflections of 50 Years Ago" and we are excited to invite participants to take a trip back in time and reflect on special memories and moments.

Many historic and symbolic events marked this time and Master the Possibilities has added to the curriculum events like "Cars of the Sizzling '60s", "Woodstock," the "First Man on the Moon," "Looking Back: How Star Trek Changed Things," "The Way We Were (1968-70)." All winter 2019 themed courses are earmarked in the print catalog by a legend.

On top of the 880 available options this new term, Master the Possibilities is highlighting educational events like the Peruvian painting demonstration with Peruvian music, and visiting speakers Robert Macomber discussing "Yachts That Went to War," and Michael Tougias speaking on "John F. Kennedy and America's Most Dangerous Cold War Spy Mission," and education-

al destinations including "Disney: Behind-the Scenes" and the "Thoroughbreds Farm Tour."

Peruvian artists Alfredo Zagaceta and Mita Lozano will visit 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15, and demonstrate Amazonian style visionary paintings, accompanied by the Peruvian music of shaman, William Llerena. Scott Olsen will join in discussion, under the auspices of his MCA exhibition, "Uncovering Nature's Great Mystery of Art, Mathematics & Science." Cost is \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members. A few of the artists' paintings are currently on display in the Mas-

ter the Possibilities Education Center Living Room.

Visiting speaker Robert Macomber will share an amazing part of history that few know, as part of his "Yachts That Went to War" presentation 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23. Come hear the story of elegant yachts that in 1898 were turned into warships for use during the Spanish-American War. A total of 38 yachts were turned into warships for use by the Navy; many of them were used for decades. Cost is \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members.

A local favorite, the Heart of

Florida Tall Tale Festival, has been postponed until the fall. We will provide details later in the year.

The winter 2019 catalogs are available at the Education Center, select locations at On Top of the World, and local Citrus and Marion County libraries. Curriculum registration, with more in-depth course information, is available 24/7 on our website at masterthepossibilities.org. Participants may also register with a staff member or volunteer 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Education Office, or by calling (352) 861-9751.



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#### Resolution Results

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is committed to helping you achieve resolution results! Let The Ranch provide you with everything you need to improve your health, look great and feel fabulous. Here are five wellness tips guaranteed to get resolution results this year.

1. Seek support. Research proves that there is power in numbers. When resolving to change lifestyle behaviors for better health, seek other like-minded people. Group fitness classes are the perfect place to find support, friends and fun. Whether you like to dance, lift weights or practice yoga exercising in a group setting is enhanced by the experience of sharing it with others. Check out our vast selection of fitness class options.
2. Make it fun. Human beings are wired for comfort; we naturally seek and adhere to things that provide us pleasure. Try different types of exercise to discover what moves you, physically and

emotionally! The Ranch highlights new trends and specialty classes for this reason. Look for "Outdoor Body-Shock Bootcamp" in January, "Alpha Pump" in February and swap the madness for "March Calmness" with a month of special mind-body programming!

3. Set a goal. Your goal should be specific and measurable. "I want to lose weight" is not a good goal. A weight loss goal that is specific and measurable sounds like; "I want to lose 10 percent of my body weight in six months." Once your goal is in place you have a solid start to your resolution.
4. Get personal. We all have good intentions but the motivation and accountability to healthy behaviors can wear thin quickly. A personal trainer does a lot more than tell you how to exercise. Our personal trainers will generate an exercise prescrip-

tion that is specific to your needs. This ensures that the exercises are safe and get the results you are seeking. In addition, personal training holds you accountable, offers nutritional guidance and provides your own personal motivator!

5. Embrace wellness. Exercise and nutrition are certainly important, however physical health is only one piece of a big "wellness" pie. Wellness is a state of being healthy in both your body and your mind and is the result of deliberate effort. This means engaging in activities that promote overall health and wellness. The spa and salon services at The Ranch are designed with this in mind. Relax, restore and feel great from the inside out. Stop in or visit theranchfitnessspa.com for a complete menu of services designed to help you melt away stress and look your best!

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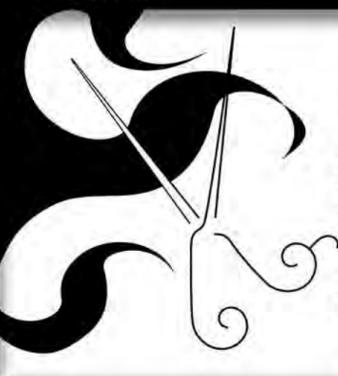
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**Beth McKeen**

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Our role in a disaster is to support Marion County first responders by helping residents until they arrive at the scene.

Several team members expressed an interest in learning more about the firefighters and what they do.

To that end Joan Brand, Mary Till, Joe Moia, Tom Hauck and I visited two local fire stations. We toured both firehouses and were given a full description of the his-

tory of our county fire stations. Fire station 21 on SW 90th Street has fully equipped vehicles and different teams for each vehicle.

The dedication of these first responders is impressive. They work long hours in a very stressful environment to protect and help us in any situation.

We were told, "This is your firehouse. Visit anytime."

Help us to help you! We always welcome new members! If you would like to become a member of our CERT team, please contact Beverly Case in the Marion County Sheriff's Office at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application for our free training class. Our next class will begin in February.

We welcome your attendance at our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

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John Klopfer

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Since the days of the ancient Babylonians, people have been making New Year's resolutions. Psychology Today magazine states that approximately 40 percent of Americans make a New Year resolution. As the chairman for Life-South Blood Drive, I resolve to do everything in my power to make donating blood a positive experience for you!

A great view to start 2019, comes from Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Write on your heart that every day is the best day of the year." Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2019!

Our first blood drive for 2019 is Monday, Jan. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Won't you resolve to bring a friend?

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The Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in England is known today as Bath Abbey.

## Bath Abbey

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in England is known today as Bath Abbey. It originally started out as a Catholic church but it is now the Church of England. The Abbey was founded in the seventh century then reorganized in the 10th century and rebuilt in the 12th and 16th centuries.

The Abbey is one of the largest examples of perpendicular Gothic architecture in the western portion of England. Today, the Abbey is an active place of worship with congregation numbers in the hundreds and annual visitors in the hundred of thousands. This church holds service throughout the week including five services on Sunday. It has been a place of worship for over 1,200 years.

Three different churches have occupied the site of today's Abbey since 757 A.D. First, an Anglo-Saxon monastery which was pulled down by the Norman conquerors of England; then a massive Norman cathedral which was begun about 1090 but lay in ruins by late 15th century; and finally, the present Abbey Church as we now know it.

Visitors seeing the abbey for the first time usually view the huge church from the west front with its unique ladders of angels that were dreamt about by the Bishop of Bath, Oliver King, who during one night's dreams dreamt about angels ascending and descending above him. Of course stories have erupted over his dreams when the king "saw the heavenly host on high with angels ascending and descending by ladder." Apart from this story it is believed the king's direct reference to the dream of the prophet Jacob mentioned in the Bible and commonly called "Jacob's ladder."

The first king of England, King Edgar, was crowned on the Abbey's site in 973 and his coronation ser-

vice set the precedent for the coronation ceremonies of all future kings and queens of England and Great Britain.

The abbey contains 1,508 memorials, 617 on the walls and 891 on the floor. Only Westminster Abbey has more wall tablets than Bath Abbey.

Popular belief is that memorials in the abbey were for the rich or from aristocracy but people from all walks of life are commemorated.

Bath, England's principal industry is tourism with more than one million staying visitors and 3.8 million day visitors. Visitors descend on Bath because of its heritage and cultural categories. The city is a World Heritage Site recognizing it for its international cultural importance. All significant stages of England's history are represented within the City of Bath from the Roman Baths to the Bath Abbey plus other tourist destinations of interest within the city.



On Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, Windsor celebrated the season with the 10th annual display of luminaries. Bryan mapped out the areas for either electric or candle luminaries. Mel planned the food lineup and got enough tables and chairs for the evening, as she has done before.

The day started out differently due to threatening skies and high winds. But, a small group of residents met at 2 p.m. for a weather check. With the help of weather radars, we felt that it was all right to continue the evening. By 5 p.m., tables and chairs were set up with the food on the way. Residents started placing the paper bags with the candles at the entrance and exit to the neighborhood. Then, we filled in the empty spots with the rest of the paper bags and lit the candles. Residents started to arrive at the staging area, outside of Larry and Mel's home, at the other end of the loop. However, the weather let us down with rain.

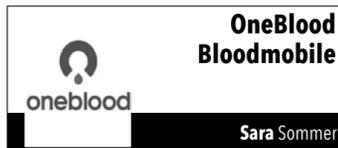
Larry and Mel then opened their house to the celebration. All the

food was brought inside, with two food lines formed and a separate area for all the desserts. Residents started bringing tables and chairs inside the garage to first be dried off and then brought into the main house in a number of rooms.

I have never expected this kind of response. In fact, I was outside under my umbrella talking to Bob, because of all the activity going on in the garage. Finally, we looked up and saw the garage pretty empty and having neighbors telling us, supper is being served. Wow, I thought, just in time, as we were both getting hungry.

We walked into the house to see two lines for food, as we passed by the dessert bar. Finally, after waiting on line, we got our food. There was still plenty left to have another serving. We then found seats to sit down at a table - all nice and dry inside.

We never have had an indoor luminary like this one. I knew that our fellow residents are cheerful and friendly, but I never knew they could move around so fast to make this a successful evening. I already mentioned three residents who helped make this evening a success, but I must now give a hearty cheer to all the residents there who helped make it such a great evening. Windsor certainly out done itself this year.



The Big Red Bus® was here on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. There were 23 angels who gave the gift of life. Each donor received a fuzzy warm throw.

Now it is time to mark your calendar for two important dates. The next Club Fair is Thursday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. OneBlood will have a table there. This is the perfect time to get any questions

answered about donating. If we don't know the answer, we will direct you to how to get your questions answered.

The Big Red Bus® will be in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (note new extended hours) on Monday, Feb. 4. All blood types are needed especially after the holiday season. It takes about 2,500 donations each day to meet the needs of patients in our hospitals. The need is that large and constant. If every donor gave just one more time, we could eliminate blood shortages.

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**Candler Connection**

Debra Keirn

The Candler Connection holiday party was a huge success and a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season. 175 Candler Hills residents and guests enjoyed an evening of good food, dancing, and socializing. Thank you to the social committee for organizing this event.

The Candler Hills potluck dinners are back, and the first one of 2019 will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Residents with last names beginning with A-H should bring a side dish or salad; I-R should bring a main dish; and S-Z should bring a dessert. Please prepare dishes for 10 to 12 people. Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m. and all others by 5:30 p.m. to obtain a table number for where you will be sitting. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins and decaf coffee. A 50/50 drawing will be held. To attend, contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net to let me know how many will be attending, and if you can help with setup or cleanup.

The speaker series will kick-off this year with Kenneth Colen speaking and answering questions on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Upcoming Candler Hills events include the spring dinner dance with a tentative date of Friday, April 12, from 6 to 9 at The Lodge at Candler Hills, and a car rally on Saturday, May 4. There will be two ice cream socials again this year and the annual picnic.

Watch for more information on upcoming speakers and events in future World News columns and in



Photo by Bob Scherf

**Candler Hills residents enjoying the Candler Connection Social Club holiday party.**

The Happenings.

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to 575-plus members. This closed group is a great source of information.

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive The Happenings by email in order to keep up-to-date with activities and events.

The deadline for World News columns will now be the last Friday of each month.

The next Candler Connection

Social board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 2:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

The annual Candler Connection Social board meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Board members will be elected at this meeting. Officers will be elected by the board at its organizational meeting at the Candler Hills Community Center at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

My wish to every one of you is

for a happy and healthy 2019! Enjoy all of the wonderful activities at On Top of the World this year. See you around the neighborhood.



**Veterans Club**

Bill Richhart

I am writing this column on Pearl Harbor Day. It was before my time but I have read about the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and I reflect on the horror of how it must of been. I feel a special kinship to those veterans.

The Veterans Club meets every quarter on the third Thursday of every month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B.

We will always have information regarding veterans and we will always have interesting guests. The next year will be a very good one as On Top of the World is constructing a Veterans Park with a walkway where you can purchase bricks. There will be more on this later.

We will also participate in the annual Patriotic Celebration on the Fourth of July at The Town Square. There is always a great turnout as we acknowledge all the branches of armed services with their theme songs and the Declaration of Independence is read.

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**Indigo East final construction site.**



**Indigo East**

**Howard Frierman**

When you hear the word indigo, what comes to mind? Music lovers might say the Indigo Girls, a late 80s folk rock group. International travelers might say IndiGO Airlines, a low cost Indian airline. Shoppers might say Indigo Platinum, referring to the credit card. Farmers would think of Indigo Ag, a company that uses microbiology and digital engineering to help grow more healthy crops. Of course, all of these are correct but we here, at On Top of the World, think of our community Indigo East. So how did we get that name?

It was in early 2004 when Kenneth Colen, owner, was considering a new concept at On Top of the World, a new community with a limited number of amenities keeping the community service fee competitive.

While he was wandering his property near Circle Square Ranch, to the west, he saw rolling hills, fields of bahai, and a crop of hairy indigo on the east side of the road (hairy indigo (*Indigofera hirsuta*) is considered a weed which intrudes on the efforts of peanut farmers). During that walk he heard music in the name indigo ... and decided to call his new community Indigo East.

The first section of Indigo East was built in 2004 with 158 homes. The second section was constructed between 2005 and 2006. Construction came to a standstill with the recession that beset us in 2008. The economy improved, construction got back on track, and it has been full throttle since. The third section was completed in 2016. Now the fourth and final phase is well under way, to be completed in about a year.

When the final section of Indigo East is completed, it will have 605 homes. The Indigo East Community Center, built when Indigo East first began, offers meeting rooms that can also open up into a large event space.

The Indigo East Fitness Center just opened this past summer, and features a pool along with a selection of exercise equipment. There is also a brand new Power Park just outside the pool. Cabanas were recently added as well.

Early residents could choose from models called Heather, Hydrangea, Iris and Verbena. More recent residents choose from models called Astor, Ginger, Sunflower, Orchid and Wisteria. The Cottage Series is also offered with names like Oren, Elon, Rimon and Tamar. And from what the folks who have been here awhile have told me, most of the contractors have not changed.

When I asked if there were plans to develop another community similar to that of Indigo East, where the homeowners' fees would be kept to a minimum, I was told that there certainly are plans for this, although right now a definite announcement is premature. I guess we all will just have to stay tuned and keep reading the World News.

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## Fashion Show Coming Soon

By Nancy Meininger

The highly anticipated second Chico's Outlet Fashion Show presented by the Jewish Club will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, starting at 2 p.m. Tickets will be on sale Monday, Jan. 14.

Last year's show raised nearly \$1,000 for Kimberly's Center for abused and neglected children. The club has chosen to honor the charity again this year.

Fresh Plates Creative Catering will provide appetizers and desserts for the event. The club will be serving iced tea and water. The Pub will be open for those who wish to purchase alcoholic drinks.

Last year, the Chico's Outlet Fashion Show, held at The Lodge at Candler Hills, was a sell-out. So be sure to get your tickets early. They will be available Monday, Jan. 14 in the Recreation Center Ballroom and then every Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter, from 8 to 10 a.m. Contact Nancy Carp, president, at (410) 935-2625 or Nancy Meininger, corresponding secretary, at (352) 342-9757.

In January, we have a paid up

membership luncheon of bagels and lox at 12:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F and G. You must be a paid up member to attend.

The Jewish Club is open to all residents. Their programs offer a variety of speakers, events, travel and learning opportunities. Trivia is a popular event, as is the historical corner of every meeting.

In the club are teachers, artists, writers, and world travelers. In fact, some members are actual holocaust survivors and can speak firsthand about their experiences. There are many opportunities to socialize with brunch, lunch and dinner events in addition to regular meetings.

With an experienced travel planner in the club, it is no surprise they actively pursue travel opportunities to both nearby points of interest and distant ones. They have just returned from spending the holidays in New Orleans and Biloxi.

For more information about the Jewish Club go to Facebook.com/On Top of the World Jewish Club or call Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625.



Photo by Nancy Jennings-Fair

President Nancy Carp modeled this stunning Chico's vest in the 2017 Chico's Outlet Fashion Show.



Photo by Ron Broman

Florida's flame azalea.

## Season of Light

By Ron Broman

Once again the Native Plant Group returns to a previously written-about native shrub. This time it's Florida's flame azalea, *Rhododendron austrinum*. We do so partly because she's so utterly beautiful, partly because last visit didn't do it justice, and partly because it's the season of light (in this season of darkness) for all the major religions.

The species name *austrinum* could be considered an anomaly for her. She is only an occasional resident in Florida, and that only in the northern counties. As far as I can learn, the name *austrinum* has its language core meaning of "southerly."

This flame azalea certainly isn't comfortable up north; but neither is its home truly in the south, as we know the south (Florida south that is). "Wildflowers of Florida and The Southeast" by Hall and Webber states it this way, "Occasional - hammocks, floodplain forests, bluffs, slopes, and streams banks [of] Baker County on the Georgia border in north peninsula Florida, north into southwest Georgia and

southerly and central Alabama."

This doesn't indicate a wide range compared with many other species. However, Florida's flame azalea can be grown in our area even though she is listed by the state of Florida as endangered.

As far as season of bloom is concerned, early spring is her choice. In late winter or early spring one of the nicest places to view her beautiful bloom, in my opinion, is Rainbow Springs State Park.

So, in this season as we search for the light, we can enjoy this bit of "flaming beauty" along with a short verse.

What light beckons now

To us who would be wise  
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Join us, if you will, as the Native Plant Group continues to maintain the SW 94th Street circle, the Longleaf Pine Trail and Arboretum and the Belleview Library native garden. Please call me with any questions at (352) 861-4560. Let natives lighten your life.

## A Season of Giving

By Janet Fragapane

It was cold on our trip to the school in December. But the 100 Grandparents were ready for the children. Phyllis Jarsky donated over three dozen knitted sweaters and hats. Carol Kemp donated coats. We also brought along other donations of school clothing and shoes. Thank you to the residents of On Top of the World!

Hope our trip in January is on a warmer day. The bus will be at the True Value Hardware store at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The children are always happy to see us. Even attendance is up when they know we are coming.

Mrs. Susan Williams, (she is in charge of resources) and Mrs. Carson (guidance) spoke to us about the Ladies and Gentlemen's Clubs. These clubs teach the children social skills and pride. They learn the difference between someone who is rude and someone who is mean and/or bullying. These three are not the same and they learn how to know the difference.

They also held a food drive and predicted how many cans of food would be collected. They competed in building structures of the cans to see who could make the best-looking building. These children have many problems. The

love and care they receive from the teachers and staff show them that life can be good.

As Mrs. Williams explained to them you can be an egg or a ball. Life knocks you down, you can break like an egg (woe is me) or you can be a ball and bounce back. They are learning to bounce back. 13 of the boys have become mentors to the younger children. Seeing the children off the school bus and getting them to the right classes. Showing kindness in many ways of help anyway they can.

Barbara Booth and Becky Parry were new readers last month and enjoyed it very much. Who can help but love being with these children? Our readers all agree that we get as much joy out of our visit as the children do.

Thank you to these wonderful people who have left items or had us pick them up. This month we had school supplies, bikes, clothing, arts and crafts. Thank you to Vera Mactaggart, Ann Handen, Vickie Cerny-Powell, Dee Dee Springer, Jackie Ludmmer, Carol Cecala, Janine Nettleton, Susan Rhodes, Richards Rose.

We gladly accept donations of gently used clothing, new underwear in unopened packages, school



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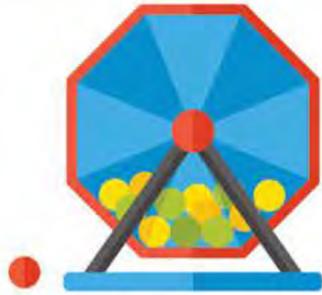
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**World Traveler**

**Bill Shampine**

Turkmenistan is a country in Central Asia bordered by the Caspian Sea to the west, Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the east, Afghanistan to the southeast, and Iran to the south. About the size of Spain, the country has a population of 5.6 million.

Historically, Turkmenistan was an important stop on the Silk Road, the major caravan route used for trade with China until the mid-15th century. The country was annexed by the Russian Empire in 1881, became a constituent republic of the Soviet Union in 1925, and became independent again upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Geographically, the country is ringed on three sides by mountains as high as 10,292 feet, and has a Caspian Sea coastline almost 1,100 miles long on the west. The entire center, comprising 80 percent of the country, is covered by the Karakum desert, one of the driest in the world. Significant portions of the Karakum desert have an annual rainfall of only 0.47 inches.

Turkmenistan possesses the world's sixth largest reserves of natural gas. It sells gas mostly to Russia and surrounding countries, although China is set to become the largest buyer when a pipeline linking the two countries is completed a few years from now. Oddly, the second greatest export for Turkmenistan is cotton. In spite of the huge expanse of desert, there is an intensive irrigation network in place for cotton. Enough cotton is grown to make Turkmenistan the world's 10th largest producer.

Turkmenistan is a very unusual regime. It is an absolute dictatorship, with no political opposition permitted. The government is in firm control of everything, and has done such odd things as banning lip syncing (so no shows by The New Pretenders), long hair, video games, and golden tooth caps. You cannot smoke in "public places", defined as outdoors, but you can smoke in some restaurants, cafes, and nightclubs. The government provides free electricity, natural gas, water, salt, and gasoline to its

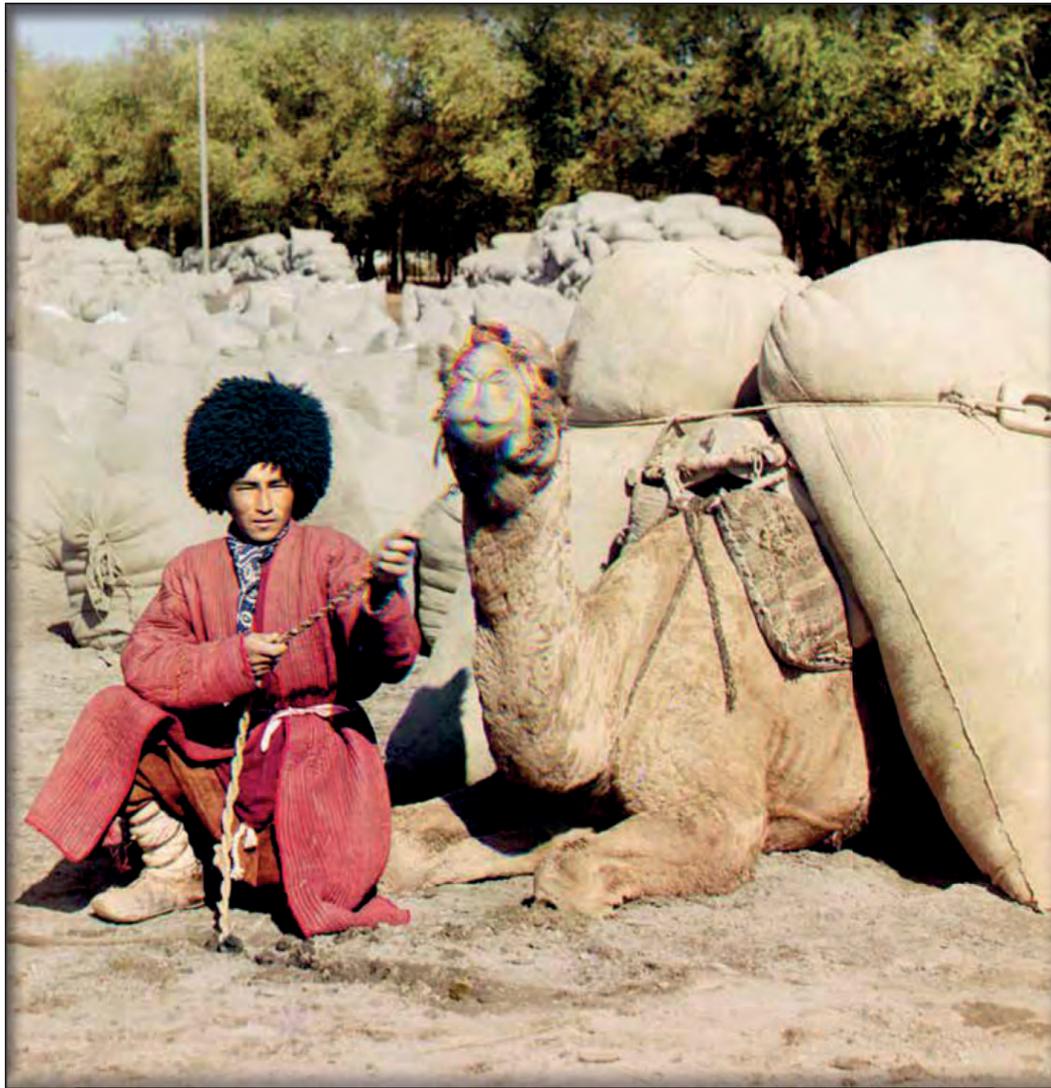


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**Turkmen man posing with his camel loaded with sacks of cotton. (Taken between 1905 and 1915.)**

citizens. There also is a national 11 p.m. curfew, so no late night partying.

Recently, the government has been trying to help generate income by expanding the tourism industry. Tourists are welcome, but you must purchase expensive guided tours. Further, the ubiquitous presence of police and the military seriously restrict things you can photograph.

In spite of these constraints, there are some very interesting

sites one can see and do in Turkmenistan. One of the most popular is a visit to the Gateway to Hell. In 1971, an oil rig near the town of Darvaza struck a large pocket of natural gas. The rig collapsed into the cavern, and the gas caught fire. It was expected to burn itself out quickly, but it still is burning to this day! Another popular site is an underground sulfur lake located in a cave, where you can swim in the warm, mineral rich waters. There

are many archaeological sites of interest, as well as a wonderful museum of the world-famous Turkmen carpets. Finally, there are many medieval monuments, nature preserves, and Caspian Sea beach resorts.

For those who want to visit somewhere off the beaten path, the best time to go is during the hot, dry summer months.

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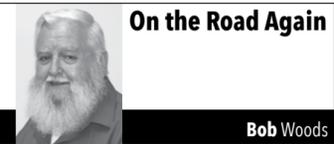
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**On the Road Again**

**Bob Woods**

First of all the club would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. It is hard to believe that 2018 has slipped away and now we start 2019.

We are excited about the trips planned for 2019, however they are all sold out. We do have a stand-by list. Just in case someone has to cancel, place your name on one

or all of the stand-by lists by calling Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702. There is no deposit required at this time. The list is on a first come first served policy for selecting stand-bys. Then you will receive a phone call.

The first trip for 2019 is a cruise on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas departing Tampa on Saturday, Feb. 9 heading for Costa Maya, Roatan, Belize City, and Cozumel before returning to Tampa. This is seven-night/eight-day cruise.

On Saturday, April 6, the club is heading for Branson, Mo. taking in seven shows that will be available, one of which is on the Showboat

Branson Belle. This is an eight-night/nine-day motor coach trip with stops in Memphis, Little Rock, and Tupelo.

Thursday, June 6, sees the group heading to Washington, D.C. for a six-night, seven-day motor coach trip. Hopefully the group will be able to enter the Capitol Building. We will visit all the war memorials along with Arlington National Cemetery and witnessing the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The group will spend one afternoon at Smithsonian Institution as well as visiting George Washington's Mount Vernon and the Museum of the Bible.

The last trip scheduled for the year is to Albuquerque, N.M. on Thursday, Oct. 3 to attend the annual Balloon Fiesta where over 500 balloons will light up the evening skies and take to the air. There is a lot of sightseeing both in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Any of these trips sound interesting? Call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702 and place your name on any of the stand-by lists at no cost. If anyone would like to view flyers from the above trips you can call Bob and a flyer will be delivered to your home or check out the club's website at [bobwoodsontheroad-again.com](http://bobwoodsontheroad-again.com).



**Travel Toppers**

**Anne Parker**

We would like to thank all members who traveled with us in 2018. Folks are still talking about the two fabulous cruises, the one in March around South America and the one in November to Cuba. Many returned to travel with us on exciting day trips to both new and old venues.

At this time, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We have many more fun trips planned for 2019 and look forward to having you join us.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Travel Toppers will enjoy a trip to the

Mount Dora Renninger's Flea and Farmer's Market where you will find lots of vendors with all kinds of merchandise and food. There are over 100 booths located in the climate-controlled building as well as over 400 spaces in the outdoor pavilion. What an incredible shopping opportunity this will be for all travelers. The cost of \$25 per person includes transportation and the driver's tip. Lunch is on your own. You may make your reservation for this fun trip with Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

The very popular Tampa Bay Downs trip will be on Saturday, March 30. This is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the west coast of Florida and is known as one of America's oldest and most well-maintained tracks. The cost

of \$48 per person includes a buffet lunch and all tips. Clubhouse seating is a part of this trip, which always fills quickly. Bookings open on Monday, Jan. 28 with Inge at (352) 237-7428 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

Join us on the newly revitalized Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas Sunday, Nov. 24 until Sunday Dec. 1, as we sail out of Miami to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Labadee, Haiti. Pricing for cabins is \$1,280 per person double occupancy for ocean view balcony cabins; \$1,260, for boardwalk view balcony cabins; \$1,130, for ocean view cabins; and \$1,080, for interior cabins. The rates include the cruise, all taxes and fees, shipboard gratuities, and round trip motor coach transportation between On Top of the World and the Port of

Miami. A minimum of 20 passengers will be required for the motor coach. You will need to make a deposit when you book. The final payment will be due by Sunday, Aug. 25. For more information, answers to all questions, and to make reservations, contact Inge at (352) 237-7428 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

Watch for details concerning future 2019 trips to the Show Palace for the Rat Pack Lounge on May 12 (Mother's Day) as well as our Father's Day trip June 16 down the St. Johns River aboard the Barbara Lee. You won't want to miss any of these fun trips.

Please visit [traveltopperstours.com](http://traveltopperstours.com) for all current listings of trips and details for making reservations. That site also contains any additions or corrections to the current brochure.



**Women of the World**

**Nancy Grabowski**

Women of the World wishes everyone a healthy, happy New Year! We will roll back into action immediately with our first meeting of 2019 slated for Friday, Jan. 4. We will congregate in the Recreation Center Ballroom, beginning at 12:15 p.m. for some socializing and light refreshments; the business meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Fashion show tickets will be sold before the start of the meeting. Each ticket, sold to members

only, is \$25. If you are purchasing a full table of eight, please place the full payment in a sealed envelope with the names of the attendees on the front. We appreciate checks made payable to WOW or exact cash. We ask, too, that you are patient while we help everyone pick out the best table.

Fashions this year will be provided by Belk. At the January meeting, President April Pollard will have a sign-up list for models as well as the working committees: decorations, baskets, raffle ticket sellers, and cleanup. We are never disappointed in the number of ladies who willingly give their time to ensure the success of our event, which benefits Hospice of Marion

County.

We encourage you to begin planning your entries into the basket raffle. Every year we are astounded by the creativity and variety of the offerings. In addition, make sure you are ready to fill the nest egg. Advanced tickets are given to those ladies who help create the monetary prize in the nest egg at this meeting and the one in February. (Here's a hint: bring some address stickers to place on the back of these advance tickets to speed up the process!)

Then, at the luncheon, everyone can purchase more raffle tickets to actually win the prize. This has been one of our best success stories for the past 10 years ... with

the winner walking away with a prize between \$450 and \$600! The end result of all of our efforts is a huge donation to Hospice of Marion County. Once again, we'd love to top our donation from last year and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Don't forget: while all this is going on, we will continue to support our monthly charities. This month it is Helping Hands as well as Marion County Senior Services, and Operation Shoebox. Our speaker will enlighten us about the activities of Helping Hands.

Mark your calendar for the time and place, bring a friend to join in the fun! We are ready to greet each of you with a smile since we are the friendliest gals in town!

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Elaine Sullivan

The Midwest Heartland Club is a newly formed club and is open to all residents who have a connection to the greater Midwest.

We will have activities, finger food potlucks and socializing. Suggestions for activities are welcome.

The club will meet quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, at 5:30 p.m. The dates of the 2019 meetings are Feb. 5, April 2, July 2 and Oct. 1.

Please come and bring a finger food dish to share if you can.

If it is not convenient to bring food, just come and meet your fellow Midwesterners!

If you have questions, please call Elaine Sullivan at (505) 401-1257.

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We had fun and laughs and I'll admit a few grumbles at our December Christmas party. Apparently our Christmas trivia contest turned out to be a little more challenging than expected! We did well on our history. Everyone knew that Dec. 24, 1814 ended the War of 1812 and that General Washington crossed the Delaware on Dec. 25, 1776. But it was apparent we need to work on

our musicology because we didn't know that Jingle Bell Square was where everyone was dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Rock nor did we know that Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree contained the line "Let's be jolly, deck the halls with boughs of holly." Better luck next year to all our players.

Our white elephant gifts were exchanged by using a left-right story game using an embellished version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas - Texas Style." It was fun to see what people received. At one table Lana Orend got a beer mug with a bell for summoning the next round, Henry Ince modeled his

fuzzy emoji cap and Lynn Pluto got the Texas style gift of the evening - a statuette of a longhorn cow wearing a cowboy hat.

Back by popular request, our January get together will be a chili cook-off on Sunday, Jan. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. We "advertised" for at least six contestants and are happy to report that we only need one more to join Sally Epton, Esther Cohen Banda, Linda Byrd, Gary Cornell and Lynn Pluto. Now we're looking for a good turn-out of our members and prospects to sample and vote on the entries. Prizes will be awarded to the three cooks who receive the most

votes. Please bring your preferred beverage. And if a few folks want to bring a little dessert we sure wouldn't turn it away.

We are a club for residents who have a "connection" to Texas by: being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason (vacation, professional, competitions, etc.); or having family living there. Texas is "the Friendship State" and our group is all about fun and fellowship. For more information about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



The Southern Club had a great holiday dinner on Dec. 6, 2018. About 70 members, including four new people who joined that night, enjoyed turkey and ham and so many side dishes that I can't remember them all. We had several choices of sweet potatoes, green beans, deviled eggs, corn and other vegetable casseroles, salads, and scrumptious desserts. The bread pudding and pecan pie stand out, but there were lots of chocolate choices too. We had enough that those who wanted to could go back for seconds (or more "firsts," if you couldn't fit all your choices on the plate on your initial trip to the food table!)

One of our members, Marie Monroe, and her intrepid helpers, entertained us with a Florida version of "Jingle Bells" that I had never heard before. It was real cute. Thanks, Marie.

Then we played a game of "hot potato" to see what gifts we were taking home from the gift exchange. We each went to the table and picked out a gift. Since we sit at round tables, it was easy to pass the packages while the holiday music played. When the music stopped, that was our gift. It went quick and was a lot easier than trying to decide which one we wanted just by looking at the wrapping.

If you are looking for a club to join so you can meet new people, you can't beat an evening out with friendly neighbors and a great meal. You don't even have to be a born and raised southerner to join us. You chose to move to the South, so we welcome you and con-

sider you a new southerner. Dues are just \$10 per year. Our meetings and potluck dinners are held on the first Thursday of the month from September to May at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We bring a salad, meat, casserole dish or dessert to share and the club furnishes the drinks (coffee, tea, lemonade) and cups. You will also need to bring your own plates and utensils. After the dinner, we have our program and then

a short informal meeting.

The first meeting in 2019 is next Thursday, Jan. 3. I hope you can join us. Since dinner starts at 5 p.m., be sure to get there early enough to get your name tag, find the best place to sit, get a drink, and chat a while. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690. Meanwhile, I hope you have a safe and happy New Year's Eve, and are ready to make 2019 a truly enjoyable year.

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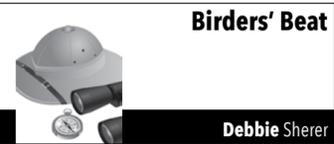
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**Birders' Beat**

Debbie Sherer

Friday, Jan. 25, the Unique Birders will visit Emerald Marsh Conservation Area (EMCA). EMCA is located on the east side of Lake Griffin near the headwaters of the Ocklawaha River. In 1974, this area was designated as a National Natural Landmark through a program of the National Park Service. St. Johns River Water Management District began restoration of EMCA in 1994. A major focus of the restoration was the development of wetlands in former farm fields. In 2016 and 2017 additional restoration work included vegetation plantings and restoring the connection between Lake Griffin and the area west of Emerald Island Road. Please contact Margitta Claterbos at [mclaterbos@gmail.com](mailto:mclaterbos@gmail.com) if you would like to join us on this trip.

EMCA has a 4.3 mile interpretive wildlife drive that begins at Wood Duck parking lot on Emerald Island Road. The drive is divided into sections by habitat type. The first section of Wildlife Drive, mostly hardwood hammock, is good habitat for migrating warblers and flocks of wintering passerines.

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Sapsuckers are common here in the winter and painted buntings have been spotted in brushy thickets. The second section has canals, marsh and wet fields where the sedge wren can be seen. Orange-crowned warblers are often present here in willows in winter. The third section is marsh with varying water depths. Sedge and marsh wrens as well as wood ducks occur here in winter and early spring.

The fourth section of Wildlife Drive is formed by the junction of hammock, marsh and old field habitat. Warblers, vireos, sparrows and other passerines winter here. Blue grosbeaks and indigo buntings sometimes breed in this section. Pools of water below the pumps in section five provide habitat for egrets, herons and black-bellied whistling ducks. Other birds that may be seen in one or more of the many sections of Wildlife Drive are sandhill cranes, ring-necked ducks, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, white pelicans, bald eagles, wood storks, purple gallinules, limpkins, lincoln's sparrow, yellow-breasted chats, and yellow warblers.

Friday, Jan. 25, the Unique Birders will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot near the big tree at the corner of SW 99th Street Road and SW 98th Street. We will then decide on carpools to Emerald Marsh. Please contact Margitta Claterbos ([mclaterbos@gmail.com](mailto:mclaterbos@gmail.com)) if you would like to join us.



Immature little blue heron.

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January is the start of our New Year. This is the time that we renew our membership, and if new to the area or have thought of joining a group of caring and giving people, this is the time to do it. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Bank of OZK on State Road 200. We look forward to seeing you there.

This month, our speaker will be Linda Norman from VOCAL. They are very active in our community in adoptions for medium-sized dogs. They have recently opened a medical center that will offer neutering services, and they are building a facility that should be ready this year.

The SPCA of Marion County has a table every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Please visit us there and, if you can, please bring sealed food for our animal friends. There are many in Marion County that need our help.

Caroline is a calico kitten at seven months old. She is delightful, cuddly and wants to be in your lap.

Ellie is a red and white McTabby also at seven months old. She is also a Hemingway kitten with the six-toed front paws. She is looking to be your cuddle-bug. If you are looking for good manners, Ellie is your girl.



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The Lions Club received over 250 toys from our generous residents in the first week.



Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club would like to thank our generous residents for donating toys to Toys for Tots. The Christmas tree was set up outside the Recreation Center Ballroom on Nov. 24, 2018. In the first week, the Lions Club received over 250 unwrapped presents. The Toys for Tots Foundation asked us to pass along their appreciation of our residents' generosity to their campaign. Toys continued to be received until the collection closing date of Dec. 22, 2018.

The Lions Club is sponsoring a children's book drive to promote literacy in Marion County. They are partnering with the Early Learning Coalition, the Domestic Violence Center and other community agencies to help distribute the books to the children of Marion County. The Lions Club has a donation box at the Market of Marion. Donated books can be dropped off at a used book booth, aisle H, on the left side of the building. New and gently used books are appreciated. Questions concerning donating books or making a monetary donation to purchase books can be directed to Lion Donna Parrish at (352) 425-3590.

Recently, our Lions Club and the Ocala 200 club had a rewarding experience volunteering at a Special Olympics bowling tournament in Ocala.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects, including military appreciation, Resident Emergency Health Form (community service project), and recycling used eyeglasses.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information, please contact Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358.



**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

Luke Mullen

November 2018 marked the beginning of our holiday season of sharing great meals amongst our club members. Three dinners were held at club members' homes to accommodate 10 member couples.

Hosting our first dinner were Kathy and Luke Mullen. Lynn Palo and Carl Spotts started the evening off with a Southern favorite appetizer - pimento cheese dip served with crackers and vegetables. Following the appetizers Kathy and Luke then served a Greek salad along with a variety of dipping

sauces. The entrée was an Italian style chicken cacciatore. Carolyn and Frank Salvatore then served the accompanying side dish of green beans with bacon, sautéed onions and crushed garlic. Annette and Paul Hodges served the dessert, which was a Gala apple cake topped with cream cheese frosting.

Cindy and John Klopfer were the hosts for our second dinner. Ann and Conrad Massa brought two appetizers - artichoke, spinach and cream cheese dip and Brie cheese with crackers. Cindy and John then served the main meal, which was eggplant parmesan. Mary Hannon and George Campbell provided a mixed berry cake for dessert. It was made with lemon pound cake, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and cool whip.

The hosts for our third dinner were Kathy and Don Grosner. Carol and Roger Bonifield provided spinach balls and a chili bean dip with nachos as appetizers. Kathy and Don then served an apple and celery salad. This was followed by Swedish meatballs with brown gravy, rice pilaf, kielbasa casserole, seasoned cabbage and potatoes and green beans. The dessert was made by Pam and Jeff Bell. They brought a pumpkin spice cake with cream cheese frosting.

Our club is currently seeking new couple members. If you are a couple who enjoys preparing and cooking food and entertaining in your home call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information.

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Michelle Shideler kicking off the Master the Possibilities winter term.

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## Winter Term Kick Off

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Master the Possibilities continues to add classes, instructors and events. The turnout, excitement and number of registrations at the winter term kickoff at Circle Square Cultural Center on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018 is proof positive that our community continues to embrace, lifelong learning.

More than 500 guests visited Circle Square Cultural Center on that day. They had the opportunity to meet and talk with more than 70 instructors who had set up tables throughout the venue to provide handouts and to talk about their upcoming classes.

Thomas Sweeney was there to take you through his upcoming class on the "Golden Age of Piracy;" Michael Carter was sharing information on his Civil War classes, and Diane Cahal, and Bert Lamothe,

shared how you too can create original and beautiful stained glass.

Michelle Schideler, director of education, Master the Possibilities, kicked off the event. She later said, "The Master the Possibilities' winter term kickoff was an amazing success. Our wonderful faculty and volunteers were at-the-ready, and in just that one day, 525 visitors registered for classes. With more than 880 classes scheduled for this term, we look forward to welcoming our community to Master the Possibilities and its educational opportunities."

You can browse through a Master the Possibilities winter catalog either online at [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org), pick up a catalog at the Education Center, or call the 24-hour registration line, (352) 854-3699. You'll be glad you did.



### The Genesis Project

David Wesenberg

The Genesis Project began meeting as a home bible study at 9078 SW 82nd Terrace, Unit B in November 2018. We will restart our regular meetings every Friday at 1 p.m. on Jan. 4.

The Genesis Project class is studying a harmonized view of the Gospels. A harmonized view covers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in approximate time order. The study

is located at [bible.lolipop.org/gospel/intro/SitePages/Home.aspx](http://bible.lolipop.org/gospel/intro/SitePages/Home.aspx)

The goal of this study is to provide a basic knowledge of the origins, content and key themes of the gospels and how they were translated into action by early Christians. If you want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible, attend this important class and participate.

We will be briefly discussing new areas of study at the next few meetings.

For more information, contact David Wesenberg at [dpw@master-softwareinc.com](mailto:dpw@master-softwareinc.com) or (217) 280-4454. All are welcome! See our webpage at <http://Bible.lolipop.org>.



### Computer Club

David Wesenberg

Computer Club meets in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 9 a.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Come to computer club and get help if you need it!

On Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 the club met at our semi-annual dinner at the Golden Corral. In addition to a great meal, we had a morning of stimulating conversation and some of us even won a door prize.

We have started a programming course for interested members to expand our horizons and try something new. Response has been good.

We continue to explore the fac-

tors in rising internet, phone and cable costs and how they can be reduced or eliminated.

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### What's Cookin'

Elaine Morrison

A recent move to much smaller quarters necessitated my downsizing a substantial amount of my worldly possessions. Among the items unearthed was the textbook manual from my eighth grade home economics class, published in 1947. Looking through it brought back wonderful memories and some of the recipes gave me a chuckle. I would like to share two of them with you now in the hope that they too will give you a pleasant nostalgic moment as you unwind after the hectic holiday season.

#### Eggs in Tomato Sauce (Louisiana)

1 cup canned tomato soup  
3/4 cups water  
1 cup breadcrumbs

1/2 cup leftover peas or beans  
1 small onion, minced fine  
4 eggs  
Grated cheese, to taste  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Mix first five ingredients together and place in greased baking dish. Break eggs in bowl and carefully place on top. Sprinkle with grated cheese, salt and pepper. Bake in 300-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until eggs are set. Serve immediately.

#### Penuchi

2 cups brown sugar  
1 tablespoon Karo syrup  
3/4 cup milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Mix first four ingredients in saucepan and cook slowly to soft boil stage (236 degrees Fahrenheit). Stir constantly to prevent sticking. Cool until pan feels warm. Beat candy until smooth and creamy; quickly add the nuts. Pour onto greased pan and cut into squares when nearly cool. Makes about one pound.

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**Genealogy Society**

Peter Parisi

On Nov. 19, 2018, Drew Smith, a nationally known genealogy author and educator, gave a presentation "Before You Test: DNA Basics You Need to Know" in Cypress Hall at Master the Possibilities in partnership with the Genealogical Society.

The following is a summary of a handout from his presentation.

DNA is a complex molecule found in every human cell except red blood cells. Each cell's nucleus has 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes and one pair of allosomal (sex) chromosome. In each pair, one chromosome comes from the father and one from the mother. There are two sex-determining chromosomes, X and Y. Men have

X and Y. Women have two X chromosomes.

In cultures where males inherit the surname of their father, the Y-DNA and the surname tend to go together. However, men with the same surname will not necessarily be related to all other men with that surname because their ancestors may have independently adopted that surname without being related.

Mitochondrial DNA is found in the mitochondria outside the cell's nucleus. It is passed from a mother to her children, both male and female, but not as useful as Y-DNA because there aren't any surname groups for females.

The copying of DNA from parent to child is not a perfect process as some changes in the DNA, called mutations, can occur. Each person inherits a unique mix of autosomal DNA from their parents, 50 percent from each parent. The 50 percent

provided by each parent is a random mix of their grandparent's DNA.

DNA from an individual can be tested to see how it compares with the DNA of others who have been tested. The more similar the DNA, the more closely related the individuals are. For instance, the chance of matching a second cousin is greater than 99 percent, a third cousin 90 percent, but a fifth cousin only 15 percent.

The five major DNA testing companies are Ancestry DNA (autosomal); 23andMe (autosomal); Family Tree DNA (autosomal, Y-DNA and mtDNA); My Heritage DNA (autosomal); and Living DNA (autosomal).

If you have tested your DNA with Ancestry or 23andMe, you can transfer your data into Family Tree DNA and My Heritage DNA for free to find other relatives who may have tested with those companies. You can also upload your data

from any of the above companies to GedMatch.com for free.

The Genealogical Society will hold a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 in the Hobby Building Event Room, followed by an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m., we will hold an educational presentation in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. The presentation will be by Ann Staley "Prospecting at the Court House" from Quest.

Our annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Benefits of membership include a large library of genealogical books available to members to be signed out for their genealogical research. Check our website [otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com](http://otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com).

**Scandinavian American Club**

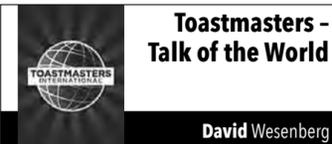
Ginny Nardone

Happy New Year to all! We hope everyone had a fun and enjoyable holiday season. In late November our club had a festive and very filling holiday potluck luncheon; as part of the festivities club members donated food and toys, which were brought to the Salvation Army and were received with much gratitude.

January is a milestone month for us; we will mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the club

with a celebration luncheon at the Candler Hills Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available until Jan. 10. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call Helen Vance at (352) 304-8557. The party committee has planned a delicious meal, lots of fun and great door prizes. We hope to see you at the January celebration!

All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). For more information, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.



**Toastmasters - Talk of the World**

David Wesenberg

Our Nov. 14, 2018 meeting featured a debate of the resolution, "Resolved: The 17th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Should Be Repealed." This is the amendment that changed election of Senators from election by state legislatures to popular election. A spirited debate resulted with three speakers on each side of the resolution. What a great opportunity to learn to both prepare a speech, and talk on one's feet at the same time.

On Dec. 12, 2018, we had our sole meeting celebrating the anniversary of the start of Talk of the World Toastmasters Club.

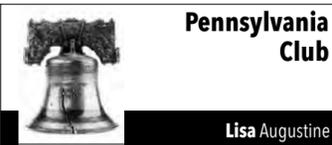
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tion dedicated to effective speech and leadership. It begins with 10 speech assignments starting with an icebreaker speech to introduce yourself in each of the 10 learning areas. Completion of the 14 projects results in a mastery of a learning area such as persuasive speaking, leadership, etc.

The ultimate leadership training is functioning in the offices of the club such as president, vice president of education, vice president of membership, vice president of public relations, sergeant of arms, treasurer and secretary.

But the real Toastmasters experience is listening to great speeches and meeting wonderful people.

Come join us and improve your communication, listening and leadership skills. Our membership is growing increasing the fun. Contact Dave Wesenberg at [dpw@master-softwareinc.com](mailto:dpw@master-softwareinc.com) or 217-280-4454 or visit [otow.lolipop.org/club/toastmasters](http://otow.lolipop.org/club/toastmasters) for more information.



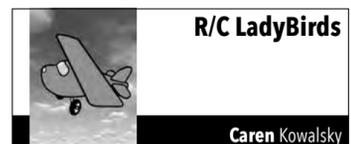
**Pennsylvania Club**

Lisa Augustine

Happy New Year! I hope you had a festive and happy holiday. The Pennsylvania Club had a wonderful holiday party. The food was excellent and the music provided by Kathy and Charlie was great. We all did a lot of singing and not all on tune. Club members were very generous and collected a lot of toys for children in need as well as un-

dergarments and money for SoZo Kids. We even did a gift exchange between members and I expect we will probably see some of the gifts back again next year! Club members really know how to party! Now we are ready to start the new year.

Our Wednesday, Jan. 9 meeting at 3 p.m. will be a Super Bowl celebration. We'll play games, share snacks and catch up. You don't have to be from Pennsylvania to join us. If you would like to try something different this year and meet new people, then this is the place for you. Every month is something different and is always a lot of fun. Hope you'll join us.



**R/C LadyBirds**

Caren Kowalsky

Happy New Year! On Dec. 13, 2018 our LadyBirds winter holiday luncheon took place at the beautiful, totally redesigned Stone Creek Grille. Twenty eight LadyBirds enjoyed a delicious lunch. As usual, thanks to Ruth Kuntar, we had some beautiful decorations to grace the tables.

On Dec. 14, 2018, Naomi Berman hosted our yearly LadyBirds Toys for Tots/cookie exchange. We also collected much needed items for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. Delicious offerings by our talented bakers and spending time together made for a fun meeting.

On the evening of Dec. 14, 2018, LadyBird Kat Whittington hosted the R/C Flyers holiday dinner at The Lodge at Candler Hills. A wonderful dinner was served. There were games and prizes, and lots of laughter. What a wonderful way to spend an evening.

To all R/C LadyBirds past, present, future and want-to-bes, come celebrate at our 16th annual birthday party, taking place at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Sunday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. To partici-

pate, your spouse or you must be a present or past member of the R/C Flyers. Refreshments and entertainment by a new harmony trio will take place. Come renew friendships and enjoy much laughter, surprises, gifts, and of course, desserts. If you happen to have a poodle skirt, jeans and a big shirt, saddle shoes, or something else from this era, wear or bring it along. For more information, call Gloria Scicluna at (352) 237-7439, or [sciclunang@aol.com](mailto:sciclunang@aol.com).

To all spouses and significant others of R/C Flyers, come sit in on one of our LadyBirds meetings, which take place from September to April on the second Friday of the month, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Bring your beverage and we supply the baked goodies. We are sure you will want to join our happy group. Contact Caren at (352) 291-1235) or [allensky@earthlink.net](mailto:allensky@earthlink.net). Hope to hear from you soon.

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The Roman Baths, in the heart of the City of Bath's World Heritage Site, is one of the greatest religious spas of the ancient world.

# Roman Baths

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The Roman Baths are reportedly

the finest historic site in Northern Europe along with being one of the most popular tourist attractions in the United Kingdom. The Roman Baths, in the heart of the City of Bath's World Heritage Site, is one of the greatest religious spas of the ancient world. The city has unique thermal springs that furnish the baths with natural hot water. The

Roman Baths attract over one million visitors a year making it one of the most visited heritage attractions in the United Kingdom.

There are four main features of the Roman Baths, which is a well-preserved site for public bathing. The features are the Scared Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House and the museum containing artifacts found from the Roman Baths. Those million odd individuals visiting the Roman Baths yearly can view the baths along with the museum but cannot enter the water.

The thermal water flowing through the Roman Baths contains sodium, calcium, chloride and sulphate ions in very high concentrations. The water that flows through the baths is considered unsafe for bathing partly due to the fact that the water passes through the still functioning original lead pipes. Up until World War II, it was considered unsafe due to radioactivity. Today, the more significant danger is infectious diseases.

All visitors entering the Roman Baths are warned (in many languages) not to touch the water. There are warning signs posted all over this historic location.

The water in the baths is actually green in color. The water bubbles up from the ground, percolates down through the limestone after rains to the aquifers to a depth between 8,900 and 14,000 feet.

Geothermal energy raises the water temperature to between 156 and 204 degrees Fahrenheit. Under pressure, the heated water rises along fissures and faults in the limestone. By the time the water gets to the surface, it is at a temperature of around 115 degrees rising at a rate of 257,000 odd impe-

rial gallons every day.

The first shrine at the site was constructed by the Celts and was dedicated to the goddess Sulis who the Romans identified with Minerva. Reportedly, it is largely fictional. This took place around 836 B.C. when British King Bladud built the first Moorish baths. It was early in the 18th century the legend was given great prominence as a royal endorsement of the waters' quality that the spring had cured Bladud and his herd of pigs of leprosy by wallowing in the warm mud.

The name Sulis continued to be used after the Roman invasion. The temple was constructed between 60 and 70 A.D. and the bathing complex was gradually built up over the next 300 years. During the Roman occupation of Britain, it was thought that Emperor Claudius was instrumental in providing a stable foundation in the warm mud of the springs with an irregular stone chamber lined with lead.

After the Roman withdrawal from Britain in the first decade of the 5th century, the baths fell into despair. Over the years, the baths have been enlarged and improved upon. Today, the visitors entrance is through an 1897 concert hall.

The museum houses artifacts from the Roman period including objects thrown into the Scared Spring. Some objects include more than 12,000 Roman currency coins and a gilt bronze head of then goddess Sulis Minerva. Also found were about 130 curse tablets related to the thefts of clothes while the victims were bathing. During the usage of the baths by the Romans, many wore no clothing in the baths.

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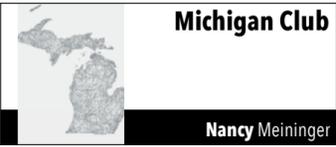
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Michigan Club will open the 2019 season at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 6 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F with a meet and greet potluck. Dinner will be followed by a presentation at 6 p.m. by Pat Gabriel, president of the SR 200 Coalition, on new development all over the city of Ocala.

Pat delivers up-to-the-minute information on the changing face of commercial business, restaurants, hospitals and entertainment as well as highway improvements that will impact our everyday lives here in On Top of the World and throughout the city. Pat is a familiar face to Michigan Club members and is a highly anticipated speaker. If you have questions for Pat, please jot them down on an index card and present them for her review when you come to dinner.

For your dish to pass, A-H please bring a main dish; S-Z please bring a salad; and I-R please bring a dessert. Remember to bring a non-alcoholic drink of your choice for the evening and please wear your Michigan Club shirts!

At our December 2018 meeting, we were treated to a step back in time presentation by Dr. Evelyn Kelly who shared insight and mem-



Photo by Nancy Meininger

**Michigan Club members reminisce about Frankenmuth.**

ories about the quaint German village of Frankenmuth and how it came to be. She explained how the name was taken from the Franken (Germans) who were strong (muth) settlers who built the little town there in Michigan because it reminded them of Bavaria. She told us about the origins of Silent Night,

and the famed Bronners Christmas store there and how it grew from a little sign shop to the worldwide holiday store it is today.

Phyllis Richards and Clare Pard-ee who planned the meeting and annual holiday celebration created a Zenders style chicken dinner with Sam's Club rotisserie chickens and

a baked ham. Members brought sides to complement the dinner and no one walked away hungry!

Michigan Club welcomes anyone who has lived in Michigan at any time in the past. For information, please contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.



The Active Singles Club wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and active 2019. Congratulations to our Holiday Golf Cart Parade committees. These two committees did an amazing job planning our participation in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018. The Active Singles Club was very well represented by 26 decorated carts with the theme of "activities we do."

Members and guests enjoyed a "light fare" supper at December's monthly club meeting. This was our most "delicious" membership

meeting to date. Our guest speaker was the CEO of Interfaith Emergency Services, Karla Grimsley. We appreciated her time with us.

Past members, who have not renewed their 2019 membership and dues, will be assessed a \$5 fee when attending Active Single events starting Sunday, Jan. 6, as all other guests are charged.

The Active Singles Club is celebrating the new year with an international potluck dinner on Sunday, Jan. 6 at Indigo East Community Center, at 4 p.m. Members can also join us on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for our monthly happy hour. The Wednesday, Jan. 16 membership meeting will be held at Indigo East Community Center. Our monthly golf scramble will resume in January as well.

We are currently scheduled

to hold our Wednesday, Feb. 20 membership meeting at the Hobby Building Event Room. We look forward to our new space.

We are always looking for active event ideas. You can suggest ideas to activesinglesotow@gmail.com or complete a comment form, which is found at each monthly meeting. Members, please be sure to RSVP and include your guests, via Meet Up so we can adequately prepare

for each event.

I would like to remind everyone that at our monthly meetings, the third Wednesday, of each month, we accept non-perishable items, including canned goods, small toiletries, and plastic grocery bags for Interfaith Emergency Services. This service needs our help and we are blessed to be able to assist. They are most appreciative.

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**Annual tournament: Bill Daly, Mike Carver, Jerry Kamenker, Lynne Dickson, Phil Panzera. Florida Senior Games: Ronnie Cruce, Art Keck, Phil Panzera, Lonnie McNew, Dan Newby.**

## Billiards Tournaments

By Phil Panzera

We culminated our series of monthly tournaments this year with an annual nine-ball tournament. We had 16 participants, and Dan and Phil kicked in \$10 each to bring the total prize fund up to a record \$100. We also had some nice snacks baked by Penny, Diane Devereaux and Kathy Covino, along with other goodies and drinks donated by Phil, Dan, Mike Retter and Bob Stubbs.

In the A Division Mike Carver played superbly, and went through the entire tournament without losing a match. I have often said that Mike is one of the most underrated players in the club, and this win - along with winning the April event - underscores the point that he is one of our very best players. Phil took second place.

In the B Division Bill Daly went through the winner's bracket undefeated, and then faced Jerry Kamenker in the finals. They had a very exciting match, which came down to the last ball in the last game. Bill was left with a very tough shot, but he bravely went for it, and made an amazing double-kiss to sink the nine-ball and win the event.

Lynne Dickson came in third, capping an excellent year after winning two other monthly events. This was a great year for our lady players, as they placed highly in six of the nine tournaments!

In December, five of our players traveled to Palm Harbor, near Tampa, to compete in the Florida Senior Games. These games are the climax of a series of regional

qualifiers, and serve as the state championship for seniors. Three separate tournaments were held over three days, and our players dominated the event, winning more medals than any other community in Florida.

In the eight-ball singles event, Phil and Lonnie each won gold medals in separate age groups. Art Keck won a silver medal, and Ronnie Cruce won a bronze.

In the eight-ball doubles event, Ronnie and Art won the gold, and Phil and Gary Engelbert took the silver. In a separate group, Dan and Lonnie also took home gold.

Saving the best for last, the nine-ball competition was incredible. Ronnie had to beat both Art and Phil for the gold. Matches are best two out of three, and Ronnie plays Art first. In the first game, Ronnie sinks a four-nine combination and wins quickly. Art breaks, and then Ronnie sinks a one-nine combination. Shell-shocked, Art looks at me with a shrug, as two quick combos like that - ending the entire match within just a few minutes - is exceedingly rare (but that's not the end of the story).

Next Ronnie and Phil play for gold or silver, and we were all dumbstruck at what happened next. Ronnie sinks a two-nine in the first game, and makes a three-nine carom in the second game. Four early nine-balls in succession; absolutely amazing! None of us could recall ever seeing that, even at the professional level, and it was the biggest smile I have ever seen on Ronnie's face!

## Team Shuffleboard Tournament

By Walt Lamp

We had our first tournament of the year on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. It was called the Black and Yellow Team Challenge Match. Created by our new tournament director, John Gayso, it played out for almost the entire three hours, on a beautiful morning. We had 11 players on each side, with 30-minute matches, then rotating down the line, never losing their initial color, black and yellow.

For a new tournament, it produced lots of fun and some spectacular shots. The yellow team defeated the black team and won the \$2 fee that the black's chipped in to start the match. The final tally was 19 to five.

The members of the winning team were Darryl Kenyon, Nick and Nancy Deimiller, Mary Lamp, Lloyd Parsons, Henry Erikson, Charlie

Lentz, Margot Thomas, Rick French, John Mataya and Rick Vogel.

We will have three tournaments this season. The next one, date not yet known, will be a Pick Your Partners Match, another new creation by John. We are all looking forward to the next two as well.

### November Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Henry Erikson and Lloyd Parsons/Linda McIntyre. 33-Ann Flynn (30 club).

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Dottie Migilaccio.

Thursday a.m.: Rick French/Becky Anderson. 33-Rick French and 33-Bob Stubbs (30 club).

Once again, an introduction to shuffleboard is available on the second Saturday of the month, at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we



Photo by Annette Hodges

**Winners of the team shuffleboard tournament on Dec. 8, 2018.**

invite you to come on down to the courts. We will go over rules, safety, scoring and the basics of shoot-

ing the discs. Open toed footwear is not permitted.

## Bingo Volunteers' Dinner

By Denise Johnson

Another year of bingo has come to a close. We all had lots of fun trying our luck at winning and shouting "bingo." In November, a player won three raffles in a row! What are the odds?

Our yearly volunteer dinner was a huge success. Great food was enjoyed by each of us. We cannot have a successful bingo without our wonderful volunteers and we appreciate each and every one of them. Gift cards were also given out and I hope those who won have enjoyed using them.

We hope everyone enjoys their holidays. Bingo will resume Wednesday, Jan. 9. Come back refreshed and ready to have a nice evening. Remember, cards are sold until 5:45 p.m.

See everyone next year!



Photo by Denise Johnson

**Dinner honoring all bingo volunteers.**

# CARDS & GAMES

**Monday Afternoon Bridge**  
Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

**Oct. 28, 2018**  
1: Mary Walker & Fran Griswold; 2: Diane Robinson & Sharon Davis; 3: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 4: Pat Smith & Bob Anderson.

**Nov. 12, 2018**  
1: Marge Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen.

**Nov. 19, 2018**  
1: Don & Linda Sprague; 2: Jim & Ruth Jackson; 3: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Joe & Helen O'Brien.

**Nov. 26, 2018**  
1: Shirley Stolly, Nancy Clarkson & Helen O'Brien; 2: Craig Ford & Pat Smith; 3: Joan Lord & Linda Morgan; 4: Pat Goltgart & Betty Morris.

**Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge**  
Marie Fiorillo

**Nov. 20, 2018**  
1: John Leasure & John Lollo; 2: Marie & John Fiorillo; 3: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bridge**  
Dianne Robinson

**Nov. 7, 2018**  
1: Donna McMurray; 2: Linda Sprague; 3: Joe McKeown; 4: Carmen Arroyo; 5: Maureen Meade; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

**Nov. 14, 2018**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Linda Yuen; 3: Maureen Meade; 4: Dianne Robinson; 5: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Betty Morris.

**Nov. 21, 2018**  
1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Don Sprague; 3: Donna McMurray; Cons: Lucy Molloy.

**Nov. 28, 2018**  
1: Joe O'Brien; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Donna McMurray; 4: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Don Sprague.

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**Thursday Afternoon Bridge**  
Pat Goltgart

**Nov. 1, 2018**  
1: Betty Morris; 2: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Carmen Arroyo.

**Nov. 8, 2018**  
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Sharon Davis; 3: Marge Starrett; cons: Pat Goltgart.

**Nov. 15, 2018**  
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Linda Morgan.

**Nov. 29, 2018**  
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Lind Morgan & Rad; Cons: Pat Goltgart.

**Thursday Night Bridge**  
Jeff & Pam Bell

**Nov. 15, 2018**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Janet Sadowski; 3: Paul Claremont.

**Nov. 29, 2018**  
1: Paul Claremont; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Brent Powell.

**Dec. 6, 2018**  
1: Paul Reidinger; 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Marlyn Valchin.

**Monday Night Euchre**  
Bob Bicknell

**Nov. 12, 2018**  
1: Toni Strance; 2: Jo Swing; 3: Irene Pisani.

**Nov. 19, 2018**  
1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: John Wahl; 3: Billy Swing.

**Nov. 26, 2018**  
1: Maria Fournier; 2: Phyllis Wahl; 3: Henry Vieu.

**Dec. 3, 2018**  
1: Irene Pisani; Tied at 2: Jean Dippero & Jean Gillette.

**Friday Night Euchre**  
Bob Bicknell

**Nov. 16, 2018**  
1: Richard Miles; 2: John Wahl; 3: Arlene Luerhs.

**Nov. 30, 2018**  
1: Richard Miles; 2: Irene Pisani; 3: Arlene Luerhs.

**Bunco Babes Social Group**  
Micki Malsch

New year! New location! The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please note the new location. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Jan. 22.

If you have never played before,

**Everyone Wins Club**  
Sandi Kemp

Please join us for the next Everyone Wins Club! We have lots of fun playing group games like bingo, "What's my line?," name that tune, charades, and much more!

The cost is \$5, which should be brought as five \$1 bills. You will

**Mexican Train Chicken Foot**  
Barbara & David Lee

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you all will have the healthiest and happiest year ever!

We have met so many wonderful residents from all over and feel so blessed by the friendships we've been able to make each week.

Here's a recap for the past year: When dominos first started, the highest score was 815; it is now 841. Average high score was 642 and now it is 438. Lowest high score was 157 and is now 417. Lowest score ever received was 100 and now is 62. Second average lowest was 108 and now is 226.

No matter your scores, playing fun friendly games, meeting new people and having fun are our goals each Monday in the Hobby Building Event Room, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Mah Jongg**  
Mary Ehle

Happy New Year! I hope you will all make wonderful resolutions to improve your lives in 2019.

If you want to learn to play the game of mah jongg but have been waiting for just the right time, now is the time. A new class is starting Thursday, Jan. 17. It is filling up fast but you may still be able to

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. New players are always welcome

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 wish.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. See you there!

win at least \$2 and maybe more if you are lucky! You may bring a snack to share, and I provide drinks - iced tea, soda and water.

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, on the third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. Our next get together is Jan. 20. Everyone is welcome - couples and singles. No reservations needed; just show up and we will be happy to see you! Hope to see you there!

Questions? Call me! Sandi Kemp at (352) 237-9073.

Our group is really friendly. If you have played with us and have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to bring them to our attention, as our goal is for all residents to come out and have a fun time for 25 cents. Please remember to bring your resident I.D., a quarter and a rack, if you own one, and come play with us. Our email is leegiraffe@bellsouth.net. If you have any suggestions or comments you'd like to share, please put Mexican Train Chicken Foot in the subject line.

We play six to a table and play with both dots or numbers, your preference. We pick chips to help you meet and play with new people. We have a learning table and all new folks are welcome. If you have a special need, we will try to accommodate whatever the situation may be. If you have been there and forgotten how to play, a quick refresh is on the way. Hope to see more new friends and our old friends in the New Year.

enroll. I would love to teach you this addictive game.

You will get many hours of pleasure playing with friends. And you'll be in good company, as many people in On Top of the World love the game and are enjoying it every week. I hope you make the decision to learn now. Call Master the Possibilities to enroll in the class.

To all current mah jongg players, I wish you a wonderful New Year. May you have health and joy in all your days.

Jokers to you.

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**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Susan Yenne

Valerie Smith received this year's service of excellence award for her valuable service contributions to the league since she joined in 2001. She received a lapel pin, a certificate and free membership for 2019 at the Christmas/awards banquet on Dec. 5, 2018.

Valerie's service included maintaining the league's bulletin board for 12 years, produced the annual golf book for 11 years, served as tournament director, handicap representative, publicity chairman. She also served on the Member/Member luncheon committee 11 years, four Rally for the Cure committees, an invitational committee and other event committees.

Thank you, Valerie, for all you do and the role model of service you represent.

Also at the banquet, Susan Yenne was named most improved player and Match Play champion; her handicap fell from a 40.3 to 30.1 this year. M.J. Strelec was honored as the only hole-in-one player for the year. Gail Lagrange and Deborah Martin were named as the only players to shoot eagles during league play this year. Deb was also cited as the league champion and was presented a gift for serving as president another year.

Thanks go to Roseann Ross, Kathy Zunica, Virginia Madura, Linda Taylor and Becky Welsh for planning the banquet and to Debby Wilson for providing the program. Also, thanks to Peggy Wiechmann, Rose O'Neil, VaDonna Hall, Bobbie Wiener and Lynne Dickson for the Veterans Day lunch committee.

Also at the banquet, the 2018 ringers were announced. Over the year, each participant's lowest score on each hole was added up for each course. The winners included:

**Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: 60—Deborah Martin. Tie at 63—Linda Taylor, Gail Lagrange. 68—Beverly Ovrebø.  
Flight 2: 69—M.J. Strelec. 70—Linda Blewitt. 72—Rose O'Neil. Tie at 73—Bobbie Wiener, Debby Wilson.  
Flight 3: 73—Sandy Chase. 75—Vir-

ginia Madura. Tie at 77—Maggie Hudacik, Christine McIntire.  
Flight 4: 78—Kathleen Mansfield. Tie at 80—Donna Brunell, Geri Treppa. 81—Lynn Barber.

**Links**

Flight 1: 61—Deborah Martin. 65—Beverly Ovrebø. 67—Gail Lagrange. Tie at 70—Linda Taylor, Yuhlan Cho.  
Flight 2: 66—Debby Wilson. 71—Iro Lisinski. Tie at 72—Bobbie Wiener, Rose O'Neil, Linda Blewitt.  
Flight 3: 74—Sandy Chase. 78—Christine McIntire. 79—Maggie Hudacik. Tie at 80—Virginia Madura, Sharon Johnson.  
Flight 4: 78—Geri Treppa. 81—Lynn Barber. 82—Molly Lucieer. 83—Susan Yenne.

**Team 2 Best Ball Net Red, White, Blue Nov. 13, 2018/Links**

Tie at 79—Linda Kitz, Debby Wilson, Sandy Chase; Susan Yenne, Susan Rhodes, Peggy Ellenberger, Beverly Ovrebø. 81—Robbie Limoges, Connie Sohl, Carolyn Cummings. 86—Donna Brunell, Iro Lisinski, May Chin, Diane Boston. 87—Betty Lou McNeeley, Jill Strey, Becky Welsh, Antonia Varney.

**Team Florida Scramble**

**Nov. 20, 2018/Tortoise & The Hare**  
Tie at 71—Sharon Johnson, Debby Wilson, Gail Lagrange, Maxine Allen; Dee Howie, Sandy Chase, Beverly Ovrebø, Molly Lucieer. 72—Johanna Forceno, Jill Strey, Linda Kitz, Antonia Varney. 73—MJ Strelec, Vadonna Hall, Geri Treppa.

**Individual Low Gross Low Net Nov. 27, 2018/Links Gross**

Flight 1: 81—Gail Lagrange. 83—Deborah Martin.  
Flight 2: 90—Yuhlan Cho. 94—Peggy Borro.  
Flight 3: 89—Peggy Ellenberger. 96—Christine McIntire.  
Flight 4: Tie at 99—Ellen Brin, MJ Strelec.

**Net**

Flight 1: 67—Gretchen Normandin 73—Lynne Dickson.  
Flight 2: 73—Linda Blewitt. 75—Debby Wilson.  
Flight 3: 71—Sandy Chase. 74—Peggy Wiechmann.  
Flight 4: 72—Donna Brunell. 73—Lynn Barber.

**2 Best Ball Net Criss Cross**

**Dec. 4, 2018/Tortoise & The Hare**  
Tie at 52—Gail Lagrange, Iro Lisinski, Sandy Chase, Geri Treppa; Vadonna Hall, Linda Blewitt, Betty Lou McNeeley, Antonia Varney. 53—Beverly Ovrebø, Jill Strey, Molly Lucieer.



Photo by Susan Yenne

**League President Deborah Martin presents the 2018 service of excellence award to Valerie Smith.**

erly Ovrebø, Jill Strey, Molly Lucieer. 54—Linda Kitz, MJ Strelec, Christine McIntire, Donna Brunell. Tie at 56—

Deborah Martin, Susan Rhodes, Linda Bervinkle, Susan Yenne; Robbie Limoges, Dee Howie, Faye Barbee.



**Softball**

Bill Leon

The scrabbling for position is going on with the Hilton Auto team taking the lead this month, but not by much. Hilton Auto has been playing tough ball and are at a point where they may just start pulling away as their players are beginning to work as a unit, but it's a long season and the other teams are still struggling to get the players into their best positions.

The Pulse Center team is staying close along with the Dr. Dunn team as they are within one game behind the Hilton Auto team. The Pulse Center team, however, is having trouble with errors which has cost them some close games, and have a couple of key players away

for a week.

The Dr. Dunn team, on the other hand, is beginning to show improvement and have put together a tough team to beat. They have some speed and a good hitting team. A team to watch as we go into the new year.

The Ceibert Wealth and Swinson Chiropractic teams are not far behind and are beginning to show improvement and, with a long season anything can happen.

Although the Pearson Nissan team is in the basement, they have a couple of power hitters who can turn the team around and once they get the positioning of players solved, they will be a team to watch.

Team	Won	Lost
2-Hilton Auto (Jimmy)	8	5
3-Pulse Center (Ron)	7	6
1-Dr. Dunn (Paul)	7	6
5-Ceibert Wealth (Ed)	6	7
6-Swinson (Larry)	6	7
4-Pearson Nissan (Jeff)	5	8



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In my prior column, I talked about some of the things you can do to improve your tennis playing ability. This month, I will touch a little bit on another part of the game that sometimes gets in the way of winning.

**Controlling Your Emotions**

By its very nature, tennis is an emotional game. Of course, it may not look it from the sidelines, but it is constructed to be a one-on-one (or two-on-two) non-contact fist fight. It is inherently antagonistic, since each player uses his or hers tennis tools to break down an opponent. It is a battle of wills, where players compete for physical and mental dominance, where threat and intimidation play significant roles in victory, and where one contestant ends up superior to another.

Since we are genetically programmed to fight for superiority in such situations, tennis often starts to feel more important than it really is. It is only a game, but it doesn't feel like it. Thus, for the serious

competitor, the emotional stakes are high.

The problem is that the outcome of the matches is not controllable. It is an unpleasant fact of life that no matter how well one trains, and how hard one tries, nobody can be certain of victory against an opponent of near equal ability. The scary truth of competition is that you can do everything right and still lose, which is painful and the perfect formula for stress and emotionalism.

In tennis, this usually means to escape from frustration, uncertainty and stress are to become angry, make excuses, focus on and complain about problems rather than work to solve them. They are reactions to disappointment and the potential pain of loss. And it is exceedingly rare (or abnormal) an individual who can remain rational and unemotional in an important match when he or she is playing poorly, and the prospects of failure begin to loom large.

In these situations, most people are only too normal. This is why you see coaches pull their hair out trying to convince players to remain focused, rational and motivated when they are playing poorly or losing. Standing unemotional on the sidelines, it is obvious that the alternative is disastrous. And in the locker room, after the stress has dissipated, even the players themselves will agree that losing their heads is terribly unproductive.

But what leaves coaches perplexed is that after wholeheartedly agreeing on the benefits of remaining rational and motivated on court, the players will go out and

do the same thing again. The reason, of course, is that emotion and logic are like oil and water. They don't mix.

Coach and player are usually in agreement on the sidelines when both are in logic mode, but the on court competitive situation is different. It is emotionally driven, and in the throes of strong emotion, logic is usually the first casualty.

How do effective coaches handle these situations? Generally, they have to use the right words to convince the players to overpower these counterproductive emotions with their logic systems. It requires verbal talent, people skills and patience, looking at the problems from different angles over a longer

period of time than it seems reasonable.

Since most of us at the club level don't have a personal coach to handle our problems, we need to use our best logic to convince ourselves that we can overcome negative emotions, and the most powerful weapon we can use is the fact that inherent in us is the desire to win. This requires constant conscious effort and vigilance. If a player gets physically or mentally tired, he or she is likely to lose discipline, and out will pop one or more of these natural emotional responses, so you have to repeatedly motivate yourself to remain practical and maintain emotional discipline. See you on the courts!



**Call of the Wild**

**Roger Bonifield**

Wow, I can't believe it's been a whole year. How did we accomplish so much in just 12 months? Actually, I know the answer to that question. When you have the support of a great slate of club officers along with a membership of very appreciative and helpful men and women, with a never-ending list of outdoor experiences and stories to share, how can you go wrong? In addition to that, the folks at the Recreation Center helped us put together a number of deep sea fishing trips and other events.

We are planning on starting off 2019 with a less formal and more social meeting. Because many of us did not get our full quota of cookies, sweets and snacks over the last two or three weeks, we've decided to give everyone one last chance to indulge. In fact, although we will be

supplying plenty of goodies, if you have a few of those double chocolate chip morsels or macaroon delights left over and want help disposing of them, please bring them along.

We will be sharing just a few of the events we are planning for 2019, including the return of our great fish fry, some club only shore fishing trips along with what may be coming from the Recreation Center. There will be plenty of time for members to get together to set up hunting and fishing trips, or just share stories about the big one that got away.

If you are not yet a member, please know Call of the Wild Sports Club meetings are open to anyone, so please feel free to come and join us to welcome in the new year, and learn a little more about what we do. We meet the first Wednesday of every month from noon to 2 p.m., currently in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center (we will be moving to the Hobby Building soon). Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 2!

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**Pickleball**

**Paul Brunner**

The holidays are over. It was a busy time with family and friends. Happily, we weren't too busy to think of others who are not as fortunate as we are. With the assistance of member Dick Pratt, our club stepped up to help Marion County Fire Rescue in their annual effort to provide gifts for local families in need. A firefighter's boot was placed on the courts for one week to collect cash donations. We raised \$450, which was matched by an anonymous member, bringing the total to \$900. Well done!

Although November seems so long ago, we must recognize the winners of our annual Fall Classic Tournament. Two days of competitive play took place and in the end everyone had fun. Let's congratulate the following winners: Bob Zangmeister, Randy Schmid, Lise Jordaan, Ron Harden, Dave Smith, Dan Lack, Ruth Lincoln, Frank Salvatore, Rich Pomorski, Andy Woods, Rob Iraci, Steve Bilek, Beverly Cassell, Marilyn Schmall, Debbi Delacruz, and Buddy Scott.

Also, we need to congratulate Brad Smith on winning gold at a regional tournament in Clearwater, which qualifies him for participation in the National Senior Tournament later this year.

A pickleball membership meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, to discuss how the club should be organized and move forward into the future. As large as the club is becoming, it is time for more structure and diverse leadership. All current members and residents interested in joining our club should plan to attend. Please think about what responsibilities you might want to accept, and how you can help make the Pickleball Club stay fun and run smoothly.

Our January Introduction to Pickleball classes will be Tuesdays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22, at 10 a.m.

Wishing everyone a very happy New Year filled with good friends and fun pickleball!

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**Golf**

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Happy New Year to you and yours from the On Top of the World golf staff. We also would like to thank everyone for a tremendous 2018 and we hope 2019 will be even better.

With a New Year brings resolutions. If your resolution is an improved golf game then we have the answer for you. Our professional staff has created a wonderful and exciting golf clinic schedule for 2019. The season kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 5 with a clinic on "Putting Techniques" at the Candler Hills driving range, at 9 a.m. This clinic is \$10 per student and

is open to the public. Please register in the Candler Hills Golf Shop no later than Friday, Jan. 4, at 5 p.m. Look for the complete 2019 clinic schedule in both the Candler Hills and On Top of the World Golf Shops.

2019 bodes some major changes to the rules of golf. Please learn about these changes by visiting USGA.org. On Top of the World will also be hosting a private rules of golf workshop on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The Florida State Golf Association will be on site presenting a rules seminar discussing all the 2019 rules changes. No registration required to attend.

A friendly reminder from the golf staff that all shop credits will expire Thursday, Feb. 28. All credit winnings to your account will be posted through the January events.

Any winnings during February will be held until the beginning of March to be posted.

**Upcoming Events**

- Friday, Jan. 25: Jekyll & Hyde at Tortoise & The Hare and Links with 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Friday, Feb. 8: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills Golf Club with 9 a.m. shotgun. Check Golf Shop for details.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Mia Kolar, hole-in-one #5. Gretchen Normandin, hole-in-one #5. Gil Brooks, eagle #3.

**LINKS:** VaDonna Hall, eagle #17.

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** John Mayfield, eagle #7. Jim Merrick, shot 82 one stroke under his age. Gary Singleton, eagle #2. Rusty Rhodes, hole-in-one #13. Gary Cornell, hole-in-one #8.

Congratulations to all.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

How many of you get frustrated and upset after each missed shot? Golf is a funny game that with one swing can manipulate your attitude and demeanor for not only your round but the remainder of your day. Keep in mind that everyone hits bad shots, yes including touring professionals. Don't let one swing ruin your round or even your day.

Every round, take a minute to appreciate your surroundings - the birds chirping, the beautiful flowers and trees and the friends you have made playing this wonderful game. Don't let the meaningful things in life pass you by and remind yourself golf is just a game we all enjoy to play.

Have a safe and exciting 2019!



**Men's Golf Association**

**John Yenne**

Significant changes to the USGA's Rules of Golf for 2019 are meant to speed up play. The new rulebook encourages "ready golf," which means each golfer hits when he is ready rather than adhering strictly to order-of-play golf etiquette.

The rulebook also encourages a limit of 40 seconds to make each shot and reduces the time to find a ball to three minutes before declaring it lost (instead of the previous five minutes).

The rules also include a quicker procedure for dropping the ball when taking relief.

You must drop the ball from knee height instead of shoulder height, which increases accuracy and reduces the chance of taking multiple drops.

Another significant issue that slows play is when a player finds his ball out of bounds and is required to go back to re-hit the shot under stroke-and-distance penalty.

A new option for 2019 allows a player to drop his ball on the edge of the fairway at a point where the ball is estimated to have gone out of bounds (no nearer the hole) for a two-stroke penalty.

The new rules also eliminate penalty strokes for hitting the flagstick

on a putt; accidentally double-hitting the ball on a stroke; removing loose impediments from a bunker; and improving lies for embedded balls in the general area (but not in sand bunkers).

Congratulations to our new MGA board for 2019: President Charles Crenshaw; Vice President Bob Flynn; Secretary Roger Sparks; Treasurer Rusty Rhodes; Tournament Directors Jerry Englar and Ron Delaney; Food Services Director Larry Manion; Membership Director Joe Polizzotti; At-Large Brian Wilder.

Also welcome our newest members: George Brombacher and Vernon Ziegler.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Wednesday play dates:

- Jan. 2: Open play
- Jan. 9: Chicken Day (Links)
- Jan. 16: Individual Low Net (Tortoise & The Hare)
- Jan. 23: Three Best Balls (Links)
- Jan. 30: Team Quota Points (Tortoise & The Hare)

**Individual 4-Club Net**

**Nov. 21, 2018/Links**

Flight 1: 64-Dennis McCourt. 65-Jim Weaver. 66-Michael Almon.

Flight 2: Tie at 64-Ken Zweiback, Paul Stoecklin, Gary Hassett. Tie at 65-Larry Manion, Frank Smith. 66-Dan Szall.

Flight 3: 62-Carl Zeiler. 63-Charles Zarrell. Tie at 66-Alan Varney and Paul Wade.

Flight 4: 59-Mike Kurlakowsky. 62-Francis Caprez. 63-James Merrick.

Flight 5: 57-David Stafford. 61-Vince Dellapenta. Tie at 62-Ken Watroba, Tim Torrey, Charles Miele.

**Low Net Best 3 Balls**

**Nov. 28, 2018/Tortoise & The Hare**  
Tie at 191-Anthony Morris, Paul Wade, David Hannasch, and Loren Magsam; Larry Cordill, Carl Zeiler, Barry Smith and Ken Watroba. 193-Joseph Mandala, Fritz Langville, Vince Dellapenta and John Sutherland. 194-Dennis McCourt, Howard Atherton, Nick James and Joe Polizzotti.

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**Chicken Day Scramble**

**Dec. 5, 2018/Links**

Tie at 62-Ken Zweiback, David Schaefer, Charles Crenshaw and Lance Davsko; Jim Tait, Joseph Bologna and Francis Caprez; Steve Adams, Brian Wilder, Steve Becker and Larry Zieser. 63-Paul East, Rusty Rhodes, Paul Silliman and John Owen. 64-Anthony Morris, Joseph Mandala, Wally Schilf and James Merrick.



**Ladies 9-Hole Golf Play Day**

**Daniel Janiak**

Happy New Year! I am sure everyone's New Year's resolutions are running strong. I have high hopes that golf is a large part of your New Year's plan. It is never too late to enjoy this game and develop into a quality player. If you are new to the area and looking to make friends and socialize then the game of golf is for you.

2019 brings many changes within the golfing world. The new USGA rules changes are now in effect. The USGA has decided to make more "golfer friendly" rules that play a

role in pace of play, as well as, not penalizing you for silly mistakes. Please try to make yourself aware of these rules changes. They are made only to benefit you during your round of golf. We are offering a rules seminar on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. that will go over everything you need to know for 2019. See Golf Shops for more details.

If you have not yet registered to play on Thursdays and are interested, please contact Daniel Janiak at Daniel\_Janiak@otowfl.com. I can answer any questions you may have about our Thursday Nine-Hole Play Day. From format questions, rates, fees, the registration process, to the rules of golf. I will be your point of contact.

See you next month!

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**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Beth Wolinsky

The Candler Hills LGA hosted a charity event for Voices for Children. This is an annual event that was held on Nov. 29, 2018. Lunch followed and we were able to raise money for this well-deserved charity that helps children in the Guardian ad Litem program.

The holiday party took place at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Dec. 6, 2018. Johnny G. did a great job providing the music and the food was deliciously prepared by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. It was an enjoyable experience.

The Winter Invitational at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club will occur on Friday, Jan. 11. It is a Partners Better Ball format. Registration forms are in the book for Candler Hills LGA at the Golf Shop.

We would like to welcome Bobbie Wiener as a new member to the league. We would also like welcome back Susan Rhodes. Looking for-

ward to rounds of golf with you both.

Our league is open to all ladies. Please contact our president, Betty Dong, at bddong@gmail.com. The board works very hard to make this league successful. A big thank you goes out to all board members, past and present, who have helped to make the league flourish.

Last but not least, we wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and believe, achieve and enjoy golf!

**Low Net Best 2 Balls Foursome v. Field (Team) Nov. 15, 2018**

127-Joan D'Addio, Pam Carpenter, Bertha Myers, Mary Ann McCourt. Tie at 128-Blind (Beverly Ovrebo), Mary Jo Lock, Laurel Rohrer, Lydia Flinchbaugh and Jonell Washburn, Maria Fournier, Carla Kimball, Gail Banavige. 129-Lynne Dickson, Diane O'Brien, Blind (Carla Kimball), Renee Aden.

**Voices for Children Charity Event Scramble (Team) Nov. 29, 2018**

57-Paula Lilly, M. Budd, Kathy Smyth, Cheryl Nesbit. 58-Pam Carpenter, Toni Stevenson, Vicky Salyers, Marcie Hock. Tie at 59-Beverly



Photo by May Chin

**The Candler Hills LGA-18 board: Iro Lisinski, Heddy Racinowski, Betty Dong, Pam Carpenter, Sara Nunn, Deanne Green and Pam Monk (absent).**

Ovrebo, May Chin, Fran Greenfield, Ilyong Dicus and Maria Fournier, Kate Beaty, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Kathy Hall and Sara Nunn, Betty Dong, Suzanne R. Sigler, Olive Curtin.

**Odd Holes (Individual) Dec. 6, 2018**

Flight 1: 30-Deborah Martin 34-Su Freeman.

Flight 2: Tie at 30-Irmgard Anger, Betty Dong 34-Eileen Gustavus.

Flight 3: 32-Kathy Smyth 33-Bertha Myers.



**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Judith Parisi

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! 2018 was marked by a myriad of fun golf and social events as well as generous giving by our league members.

The holiday celebration on Dec. 12, 2018 at The Lodge at Candler Hills was fantastic, with wonderful food and camaraderie. To see pictures from this event, visit otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com.

We're looking forward to another exciting year ahead. There will be a membership meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15 following golf. Nominations will be accepted at this meeting for our officer positions to include president, vice president and trea-

surer. Please consider volunteering.

There are some rule changes beginning in 2019 - some of which will assist with pace of play. One of these changes has been called the end of the flagstick folly. This change eliminates the penalty for hitting a flagstick left in the hole while putting on a green. Taking out the flagstick and then putting it back can cause some delay in a round, especially in ready golf if you are on the green and can putt while waiting for others in your group to walk to their ball to chip on. Another change is that dropping a ball back in play can be from knee height versus the shoulder. This will increase chances the ball stays within the correct drop area on the first try and thereby speed up pace of play.

**Even Holes Nov. 13, 2018/ Tortoise & The Hare (Back 9)**

Flight 1: 22-Kay Budd, 23-Janis Hannasch, 24-Susane Trembulak, 25-Virginia Bayless, Hilda Budd.

Flight 2: 20-Caroline East, 23-Barbara Enos, 25-Marlene Floeckher, 26-Jane Wilson, 26-Linda Dumeer, 26-Carol Bell.

Flight 3: 23-Suzanne Weirick, 23-Melinda Turner, 25-Jean Jarmel, 27-Charmaine Hassett, 27-Marcie Hock, 27-Pauline Beloin.

Flight 4: 25-Donna McCombs, 28-Jean Flynn, 28-Patricia Howd, 30-Sheila Ashe, 30-Michaele Beyer.

**Individual Low Net Nov. 20, 2018/ Tortoise & The Hare (Front Loop)**

Flight 1: 32-Janis Hannasch, 38-Virginia Bayless, 39-Susane Trembulak.

Flight 2: 35-Barbara Enos, Ethel Miller, Dawn Hagberg.

Flight 3: 30-Jean Jarmel, 35-Donna McCombs, 39-Mary Harvey.

Flight 4: 38-Carolyn Salvatore, 45-

Carolyn Abramovich, 46-Joan Loureiro.

**Aces Wild Nov. 27, 2018/ Tortoise & The Hare (Front 9)**

Flight 1: 33-Carla Kimball; 36-Eileen Gustavus, 36-Susane Trembulak, 36-Kay Budd.

Flight 2: 37-Caroline East, 39-Barbara Enos, 40-Lydia Flinchbaugh, 42-Judy Parisi.

Flight 3: 29-Maryann Polizzoti, 31-Mary Harvey, 37-Marcie Hock, 38-Jean Jarmel.

Flight 4: 33-Jean Flynn, 33-Sue Wilkes, 35-Donna McCombs, 38-Louise Lineman.

**Shamble, Low Net for Foursome Dec. 4, 2018/ The Links (Back Loop)**

131-Marilyn Davsko, Judy Parisi, Kathleen Dushary, Mary Hart; 132-Janis Hannasch, Angela Ward, Kathleen Hall, Sue Wilkes; 133-Eleanor Lee, Marlene Floeckher, Donna McCombs, blind draw (Carolyn Abramovich); 135-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Marcie Hock, Melinda Turner, Carolyn Abramovich; 138-Kay Budd, Caroline East, Mary Harvey, Linda Heenan.

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**Ladies Shuffleboard**

Beverly Drennan

The Holiday Golf Cart Parade was wonderful! There were so many beautifully decorated carts and the route was full of people cheering. Our cart was one of them and was beautiful. The cart was decorated by Barbara Holder, Sandy Bates, and Beverly Drennan. Barbara Holder and Captain Lois Nix rode in the parade. The Christmas wreath was created by Valerie Bilek and Pat Canino.

**October 2018**

High Games: Becki Kotschi, Donna Silberhorn.

30+ Games: Lynn Beaudry, Lynn Dickson, Helen Finizio, Elsa Groe, Linda McIntyre, Barbara Stickles.



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**Ladies Shuffleboard Club golf cart.**

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**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

Dave Miller

We added William Lock, John Mayfield, Tom Winn and Fred Jankowski as new members to our group recently - welcome aboard!

Our Men's Golf Championship, a two-day event, was played in December. Dave Martin shot a superb 76-75 (151) to take top honors by winning the blue tee gross score division. Great golf and congratulations to Dave. Other winners were: Blue Tee Low Gross: 154-Bob Miles, 161-Julian Hobby. Blue Tee Low Net: 137-Paul Sepulveda, 139-Bill White. White Tee Flight 1 Low Gross: 157-Joseph Schuberth, 160-Joe Damiata. White Tee Flight 1 Low Net: 137-Dennis McCourt, 138-John Mayfield. White Tee Flight 2 Low Gross: 176-Richard Freeman, 177-Hal Levine. White Tee Flight 2 Low Net: 130-Donald Huston, 135-Paul Silliman.

This year we held our inaugural Candler Cup competition. Based on net scores, the winners were: 81, 69 net-Bill White; 85, 75 net-Charlie Taylor; 92, 71 net-Paul Silliman; 95, 73 net-Edwin Vilorio.

**Individual Net Oct. 9, 2018**

Flight 1: 62-Billy Scholp, 64-Terry Hoppes, 65-Joseph Schuberth, 66-Walt Pacuk.

Flight 2: 64-Paul Rubly, Tie at 67-Mike Altomare, Dale Budd & Craig Ryber.

Flight 3: Tie at 68-Gilbert Green & Tony Misterly, Tie at 69-Rusty Zarrell & Dennis McCourt.

Flight 4: Tie at 67-Donald Huston & Danny Ball, 75-Edwin Vilorio, 76-Hal Levine.

**2-Man Scramble Net Oct. 16, 2018**

59-Ken Fournier & John Mayfield, 62-Mike Altomare & Gilbert Green, Tie at 63-Walt Pacuk & C. David Nelson and Paul Rubly & Rusty Zarrell, Tie at 64-Bob Miles & Danny Ball

and Jim Dewey & Dennis McCourt.

**4-Man Quota Points Oct. 30, 2018**

12-Larry Rackstraw, Tony Bruno, Richard Ross & Marvin Brooks, 10-(tie)-Mike Deahl, John Mayfield, Richard Freeman & Rusty Zarrell and Everett Kimball, Dave Miller, Mike Brajer & Dave Green.

**4-Man Scramble Nov. 6, 2018**

-17-David Steel, Virgel Jajalla, Dennis McCourt & Danny Ball, -16-William Lock, Jim Dewey, Mike Madura & Sam Fox, Tie at -15-Billy Scholp, Dave Miller, Tony Misterly & Paul Silliman; Joe Damiata, Bruce Venslavsky, Tom Winn & John Podkomorski; Chris Jett, Charlie Taylor, Ken Fournier & Dave Green and Everett Kimball, George Allen, Gil Brooks & John Workman. Closest to the pin winners were Paul Rubly (#17) and Virgel Jajalla (#8).

**4-Man, 3 Best Balls Nov. 13, 2018**

Tie at -26-Charlie Taylor, Tony Bruno & Sam Fox; Paul Rubly, John Snyder, Ken Fournier & Paul Silliman and Chad Robinson, Virgel Jajalla, Rusty Zarrell & Donald Huston. Tie at -24-Mike Boedy, Mike Altomare, Hal Levine & John Podkomorski and Terry Hoppes, George Allen, Tom Winn & Richard Freeman.

**Individual Quota Nov. 20, 2018**

Flight 1: 11-Walt Pacuk, 10-Billy Scholp, 6-David Steel, 3-Joe Damiata & Mike Deahl.

Flight 2: 8-John Mayfield, 6-Mike Boedy, 4-Charlie Taylor & Dave Miller

Flight 3: 8-Ken Fournier, 7-Rusty Zarrell, 6-Dennis McCourt, 5-Julian Wachs

Flight 4: 5-Tim Beaty, 4-David Green, 2-C. David Nelson, 1-Paul Kannapel.

**2-Man Stableford Nov. 27, 2018**

Flight 1: 86-Gene Moff & Sam Fox, 80-Dale Budd & Joe Jingco, Tie at 76-Dave Miller & Andy Bulloch and Jim Dewey & Mike Brajer

Flight 2: 74-John Mayfield & Rusty Zarrell, 71-Joe Damiata & C. David Nelson, Tie at 70-Everett Kimball & Danny Ball and Terry Hoppes & John Podkomorski.

If you are interested in playing in our group, check out our website (chmga.com), send me an email (millrace1@aol.com), or talk to one of the golf professionals in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.



**R/C Flyers**

John Workman

Happy New Year to all! I hope this issue of the World News finds all of you basking in the afterglow of a fine holiday season with lots of food, family, and everything that makes your life pleasant. I know that the R/C Flyers have taken the opportunity to fulfill that wish list that accumulates as the flying season diminishes. I hope to see some new craft testing the clear Florida air over On Top of the World this month.

The December meeting saw essentially a reelection of last year's officers, the only change being Gary Springer replacing Jim Ellis as one of our directors at large. Thanks for your service, Jim.

Other meeting activities included Alex Fedele's media slide show of the recent Fun Fly Day. There was a big turnout including a bunch of spectators. It was great to see the parking lot full. Great event, Alex.

A special feature of the meeting was the auction of a number of four-stroke engines donated by

club members, with the proceeds going to the club treasury. Thanks, guys.

One issue that was brought forward was a request by the contest directors of the 2019 Fly-In events to cancel them and skip a year due to the uncertainty of the Flying Field location being available or accessible on the appropriate dates. This skipped year will avoid causing conflicts with On Top of the World's extension of SW 94th Street and the development of the new area, including the new Flying Field location. Management did not request this, but it is felt that we should be proactive in our cooperation with what is obviously going to be a tough scheduling task for On Top of the World developers. We plan to be back on track with bigger and better events in 2020.

Cool weather and increasing breezes will be limiting some of our flying, but Florida always seems to provide a sufficient number of pleasant days for us to enjoy our hobby. If you are interested, come out to the flying field and join in. If you are new to R/C, ask somebody under the pavilion or one of the canopies and we will be happy to tell you about what we do. We ended the year with 160 members and would like to add you!



**Fit Tips**

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**New Year, New You!**

"This year, I'm going to make a fresh start and get healthy!" Many folks find themselves making a commitment to this sentiment at the start of every new year. Most people have good intentions but lose steam and end up back where they started. Making lifestyle changes that include moving more and eating healthier is possible! Look for ways to support yourself with education, motivation and determination to make this new year unveil a new you!

**FIT TIP #1:** The best exercise to get you in shape is the one you like the best! Finding a physical activity you enjoy is very important. If you enjoy the exercise, you are more likely to think of it as recreation

and stick with it.

**FIT TIP #2:** Share your goals and intentions with people in your life. Having the support of others can both inspire you and hold you accountable. If you are looking for a comprehensive support system consider joining the "Lose for Life" program at Master the Possibilities. This 12-week program is designed to provide the information and tools you need to successfully implement healthy behavior changes.

**FIT TIP #3:** Doing something is always better than doing nothing! When I get asked, "If I can only get to the fitness center for half an hour is it worth it?" My answer is always "Yes! It is worth it." When you make the trip to the fitness center it gets you up and out of the chair! Sitting for long periods can be very detrimental to your health. So get up and go for a walk, visit the Power Park or come see me at the fitness center. I would be more than happy to help you with a personal health and wellness plan!

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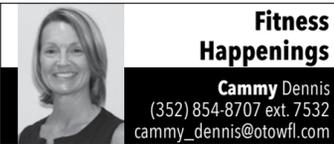
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**People Have Parkinson's but it Doesn't Have Them!**

On Top of the World is proud to be a part of the fight against Parkinson's disease. Last year we launched "Move to Improve" exercise classes, which are specific to combating the challenges of Parkinson's disease.

The fitness team also supports the monthly Mind and Motion for Parkinson's program at Master the Possibilities. Mind and Motion for Parkinson's is a non-profit organization providing education and support to PWP's (people with Parkinson's) and their care partners. You can find information about the monthly Mind and Motion programs in the new Master the Possibilities catalog, or online at masterthepossibilities.org.

Mind and Motion has been working closely with the Neuro Challenge Foundation to expand their efforts in providing community support for Parkinson's disease. The Neuro Challenge Foundation began its mission in 2008, and remains "dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with Parkinson's and their caregivers." The Neuro Challenge Foundation is committed to "A Better Approach to Parkinson's Disease!"

Neuro Challenge Foundation in partnership with Mind and Motion for Parkinson's is offering an educational event open to the public and at no cost.

"The Distinguished Speakers Series" features:

- Dr. Addie Patterson, a movement disorders specialist from the University of Florida, presenting "An Update on Parkinson's Disease."
- Peter and Kelly Gaylord, presenting "Strategies and Tips for Living Well with Parkinson's Disease." Peter Gaylord received a Parkinson's diagnosis 20 years ago when he was in his early 40s. He and his wife Kelly have amassed valuable insights and information to help people with

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Recreation Center Group Wellness					
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7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Dance Party Denise	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Boomer Beat Darla
9:00 AM	Strength & Stretch Tucker	KBKB Han	Intro to Yoga Julie	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Tucker
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Tucker	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Jessica	S.O.S. Ingrid	Move to Improve Larry	S.O.S. Larry
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Darla
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy			

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\* Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534 to reserve your spot.

Arbor Fitness Center Group Wellness					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yoga Renu
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Jessica	STRONG Linda	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	OPEN Fitness On Demand
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Yoga Club 4:00-5:00	OPEN Fitness On Demand
1:00 PM		Posture Assessments**	Orientation**		
Arbor Conference Center	(Suites E, F & G) 8:00 AM Qi Gong 9:00 AM Tai Chi Art			(Suites E, F & G) 9:00 AM Qi Gong 10:00 AM Intro to Tai Chi Art	

Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM  
\*\* Fitness center orientations and posture assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7638 to reserve your spot.

Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
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***
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Open

\*\*\* Fee-based class  
For pool inquiries, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7639.

Parkinson's feel empowered at every stage of the disease. The event will take place on Sat-

urday, Feb. 2, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Participants are welcome to arrive at 9 a.m. for coffee and socializing. Presentations begin at

9:45 a.m. Registration is required and can be done online at mind-andmotion.org/Events.html or by calling (352) 387-7532.



**R/C Car Club**

Tom Seitz

December 2018 started off well for racing, although at times it has been a bit chilly. Even with occasional rain, Harold Hoskins and others did an outstanding job of maintaining the track in racing condition.

The race committee, headed by Ken Berry, has recently split the buggy and truggy classes to even further level the competition. The races now are often much more competitive, frequently with only a few seconds separating the racers at the finish. Many of us run in more than one class, and there is virtually a separate race class for almost all types of cars. We are now running eight regular classes of cars on Thursdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. With the return of our northern contingent, and new members our membership now is greater than 90. With this we often

run as many as 25 or more races on race days.

Bill Cruff also had one of the delicious hamburger lunches he is known for. With additional dishes supplied by volunteers, both racers and guests were very pleased that race day.

December was election month for us with the following officers elected for 2019: President Paul Burrey; Vice President Tom Seitz; Secretary/Treasurer Linda Piscitelli; Safety Officer/Track Manager Harold Hoskins; Race Day Committee Chair Ed Sobolewski; and Member at Large Bruce Silverstein.

We also took the opportunity to name Carolyn Frederick an honorary member for her continuing support on race days.

Our lead announcer, Ed Sobolewski, along with the others always makes the races interesting. So come on out on a race day for fun whether you are considering joining or just as a spectator. The area is under construction, but the road remains open, just be careful.

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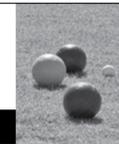
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**Bocce**

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! Brrrrr! Brave souls have weathered the cold tem-

peratures to continue to play. As it warms up, we expect to see more people out on the courts for open bocce.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the

numbers of players per court can be decided upon. These are open play days and anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play!

The league times for play will remain the same. We have eight teams that play on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m.; six teams that play on Tuesdays, at 11 a.m.; and six teams that play on Thursdays, at 10 a.m. If you are interested in playing on a team, or being a substitute, please contact President Terry Connolly.

A directory is in the storage unit, which contains an alphabetical list of all members. You may sign up on the list at the beginning of the directory if you would be interested

in being a substitute for team play.

The annual Bocce Club Christmas party was held on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. A special thanks to Ed Barnes who bought and prepared the ham, Don and Joanne Oakes for purchasing the centerpiece of poinsettias which were raffled off as door prizes, and to Lois Osis for the purchasing and setting up the tableware. Members enjoyed ham and delicious side dishes and desserts provided by members.

All are welcome to watch and learn or play. For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 300-3043.

Until we roll again ...



Photo by Mark D'Addario

**Frank Tarentino and Susan Leavitt waving to the crowd.**



**Archery Club**

Frank Tarentino

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 was the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade and the golf cart representing the Archery Club was driven by Frank Tarentino and Susan Leavitt. The day was a little wet, but a lot of fun.

The Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 club meeting was cancelled due to the

holidays.

A special thanks to Leo McCormick and DeWayne Silberhorn, who were new attendees at the December board of directors meeting. Their help to formalize the safety rules for the archery range is greatly appreciated.

This month, our regular club meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. For more information, please contact Frank Tarentino at otowac@outlook.com or (978) 979-0814.



**Horseshoe League**

Paul Pardee

Christmas is over but New Year celebrations are still at hand. We hope the holiday season was a very pleasant one for all, and we wish everyone a healthy and fun-filled 2019.

The Horseshoe League congratulates Dan Moore, the autumn season champion. Dan is a somewhat quiet, very nice man who will probably not flaunt his bragging rights. Larry Stickle finished second in a valiant effort to repeat as season champ.

As you read this, the holiday-shortened winter season will be well underway and it appears to be the most competitive season in recent years. Joe Lawson, who joined last season, truly has his game together and is a formidable opponent for everyone. However, he, like everyone, will have to get by Betty DeLong, a player with a competitive spirit in spades and the ability to hook the shoe on the stick (a ringer) second to none.

Now that a previous champ, Dan Ebbighausen, has returned from the north, he may be an obstacle for anyone vying for the title. And Don Levesque, a player who showed up at the end of last season, has a unique throwing style that could put him in contention against the

best of them.

Two new players joined at the beginning of the winter season: Dave Speer and Linda Londerville. Both have played before, but Linda was not aware that females, along with men 70 and over, play from the 27 foot foul line. Once she adapts her throwing style to the shorter distance, she will no doubt be more competitive. Tune in to next month's report to see how the battle for bragging rights is shaping up.

The Horseshoe League requires no dues or fees of any kind. We do ask those who have aluminum cans to recycle to bring them to the pits. We collect, crush and turn them in at the recycling center and get cash for them to fund our entry in the Marion County Horseshoe League where we compete against other retirement communities.

The travel team season started the first Thursday of December when we played against The Villages White Team (The Villages has six teams). Fortunately, there is a handicap which is 90 percent of the difference in team averages. That made us competitive against the league champion team and we scored a victory.

If you ever get the urge to try horseshoes, come to the pits Tuesday at 10 a.m. You will play three against randomly selected opponents. At the end you will establish an average and be given a handicap of 90 percent of the difference between your point average and 60.

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**Cornhole Club**

Jim Russell

Hope my fellow cornhole players enjoyed the Christmas holidays with family and friends. By being loyal bag tossers, you automatically qualified in the "nice" category and hopefully received everything you asked for on your Christmas wish list!

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to Joe Lawson and Ralph Wright for keeping the games going while Jeff and Pauline Woodward and Jim and Rhea Russell vacationed "down under" during the month of November. Knowing everything was in your capable hands allowed us to really enjoy our days aboard the Holland America Noordam as we cruised New Zealand and Australia.

Open play continues during the month of January with play-times on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. Because New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday this

year, we will not be playing on Jan. 1. Our first play day of 2019 will be Friday, Jan. 4. Please join us on either Tuesdays or Fridays (or better yet, both days) for some great fun!

We are still looking for players who are interested in a "league" style format. If you have not yet done so, please contact Bill Ballweg at [waballweg@yahoo.com](mailto:waballweg@yahoo.com) and let him know what format you would be interested in playing. We have played a mixed doubles format in the past but could consider a singles format for either men or women as well as a men's or women's doubles format if enough interest exists. League play will begin when we have a sufficient number of players signed up and committed to play.

Dues for new players are \$5 per person and makes you a member through the end of 2019. Those who paid their 2018 dues remain members in good standing through the end of 2019 as well. See Jim Russell at Tuesday open play days and receive a receipt for your dues payments. We would like to have all current players up-to-date with their dues by early January.

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**Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

Our final dance of 2018 is our New Year's Eve celebration on Monday, Dec. 31, with music by Retro Express. There will be hors d'oeuvres, pastries, and sweets during the night, and at midnight, a toast to the New Year with champagne. There will be a photo booth for pictures and stage decorations in gold, black and silver along with table centerpieces. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the dance. The dances organized by Dancin' On the Top are for your dancing pleasure.

The theme for our upcoming Valentine's Day dance will be "Moonlight and Roses" on Saturday, Feb. 16. The dress will be semi-formal and the band is Automatic. Ticket sales for club members will take

place one Monday, Jan. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Non-member residents may purchase tickets on Wednesday, Jan. 30 and Monday, Feb. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Resident I.D.s will be required at the time of ticket purchase. Watch for our posters in January with more information along with ticket sale information.

Dancin' On the Top will be announcing additional 2019 dance dates shortly. We normally organize five dances during the year: February, April, September, November and, of course, New Year's Eve. Keep watch on the exciting themes for each dance to be announced and for ticket sale dates.

For club membership, ticket information, what the club is about, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Jack or Jean Hester at (919) 291-8542 or hestermulch@aol.com; or Donna Cottrell at (410) 591-7899. Dancin' On the Top is open to all residents. So, keep on dancing.



**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

This time of year, we are all very busy. We do a great deal of shopping, wrapping, sending presents and cards, decorating and cooking. We entertain family and friends, and are ourselves entertained. It is a wonderful and fun-filled time, but can also be very tiring and just a bit fattening. Our New Year's resolutions often include losing weight or becoming more fit.

What better way to become more fit and trim than to exercise to beautiful music? That is just what ballet is. As dancers, we improve our balance, posture and flexibility; we firm our bodies, become more graceful, learn traditional steps, and have lots of fun at the same time. While some of the ballet

dancers in our club have had previous training and experience, most of us began ballet here at the Ballet Club.

Saturday, Jan. 12, our group will be doing a demonstration of our classes at the Health & Wellness Expo at Circle Square Cultural Center. Our demonstration will take place at approximately 12:15 p.m. The Expo is very interesting, and we would love to see you, also.

- Our class schedule is as follows:
- Tuesdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
  - Fridays: 1 to 2:15 p.m. (beginner/technique class)
  - Thursdays: 2 to 3:15 p.m.
  - Saturdays: 11 a.m. to noon (Floor Barre)

Newcomers are always welcome to join our classes. To start, all you need is exercise clothes, socks and water. A neck roll is recommended for the Saturday class. For information about our group or classes, please feel free to call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy New Year and happy dancing!



**New Circle Squares**

Noreen Church

Square dancing in On Top of the World? Yes! The former Circle Squares dance group has been resurrected through the efforts of Doty Huston. This group is now the New Circle Squares and our caller is Rod Barngrover. Two Wednesdays a month the group dances from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F and G.

In November and December,

2018, a nice crowd attended and Rod did a great job of calling for us.

The new schedule is as follows: Jan. 9 and 23; Feb. 6 and 20; March 6 and 20; April 3 and 17; May 1 and 15. We would love to have you join us! Newcomers welcome. For information, please call (352) 502-6789.

There will be a special theme dance on Saturday, Jan. 26 - "It's Magical" - in the Recreation Center Ballroom with rounds and squares, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The caller is Nick Hartley and the cuer is Loretta Hanhurst. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information please call (352) 502-6789. Don't miss this event!



**Line Dancing**

Nancy Carmack

Happy New Year to all! Once again our line dancers enjoyed celebrating the holiday season with a lot of dancing in classes, at holiday events and at Happy Hour and The Town Square. We have more and more opportunities to dance since our weekly recorded favorites were changed to Thursday nights. We can also dance to entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays at The Town Square and also at Happy Hour on Friday nights.

We continue to have our monthly dances the second Thursday of the month. We always have a theme for these dances. When there is a

month without a holiday, we still come up with something to make it special and fun.

Besides being great exercise, both for the mind and body, it is a wonderful way to make new friends. The line dancers seem to have a special bond and have fun no matter where we go. When we dance to entertainment, we are challenged to decide what dance will go to the music being played, whether it is a waltz, tango, cha cha, or any other dance rhythm. This helps improve dancer's skills and is just a lot of fun! Think about joining us, and just remember to step when the drum goes thump.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal for Beginner and Improver classes at (352) 804-1546 or Nancy Carmack for Intermediate class at (352) 533-8870.



**Sidekicks Western Dance**

Carla Magri

The Sidekicks closed out 2018 with a bang. Our wonderful Christmas party took place on Dec. 4, 2018 with a delicious catered dinner followed by lots of dancing to Christmas music. The members were in festive mode and filled the floor with almost everyone in attendance. Having fun is a priority for

this club and we extend our thanks to Carol and Mike Hanson and their committee for a great job on the party.

We'll put them to work again for our New Year's Eve bash.

As we end the old year and begin a new one we reflect on all of our blessings - family, friends and the ability to join together for a shared interest or activity. Most of all, to live in a country where we have the freedom to do that. We are truly blessed to live in the land of the free, home of the brave. God bless you all and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2019. Happy trails ...

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## Christmas Lights

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

“Deck the halls with boughs of holly ...

‘Tis the season to be jolly ...”

Remember those lyrics from the famous Christmas carol - “Deck the Halls?” Many residents throughout our community decorated their homes for the holiday season in December 2018. Hopefully, most of you got out into the neighborhoods with either your golf cart or car to view the endeavors of some residents wanting to help celebrate the Christmas season. If you didn’t get a chance, here are a few examples what was displayed.



Photo by Bob Woods

There were many beautifully lit homes in On Top of the World as well as a fantastic display at The Town Square.

## Art Group Exhibit at Master the Possibilities

By Elizabeth Wales

“Different” is an adjective to describe Carole Lopez’s art. “Amazing” is how we see it! She is a very familiar face in the Art Group, where she’s been practicing all types of media for several years. Her very personal touch is evident in each portrait or scene she creates.

“Painting is like the urge to breathe; not drawing is like holding my breath,” she says. Carole likes to draw gestures or postures, and is drawn to people while they work, play, fish, or sit on a bench.

Whenever she starts a portrait, she looks at the eyes first, then measures everything else in relation to the size of the eye. Her

mentor and friend, Bobbie Houston, gave her the initial direction she needed, and continues to guide her through the portrait efforts.

The Art Group starts 2019 with an exhibit in the lobby of Master the Possibilities. You can see Carole’s work, as well as many others, all this month. Better yet, come to our reception on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Classroom 1. The Art Group can be found on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. We always welcome visitors, and any new artists in the community are cordially invited to join us.



Photo by Carole Lopez

Faces I love!

## Ticket Sales Begin in January

By Nancy Grabowski

Happy New Year! The New Pretenders wish everyone nothing but the best in the coming year. With that being said, we can promise you nothing but our best when “That’s Entertainment!” opens on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. Other performances are on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m.; each of our shows will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We begin selling tickets on Wednesday, Jan. 2, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There is no need to arrive before 7 a.m.; we will be there at that point to organize a line. We will continue with our sales every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m. Reserved seating is \$10 and general admission is \$8. We think that is quite a bargain for more than two hours of solid entertainment.

Our members have perfected 31 acts that will make you want to sing along, perhaps dance, laugh and applaud. Applause sparks us

to even greater heights; we love when you recognize our efforts! We look forward to dazzling you with our stage setting and our costumes, too.

Someone asked recently how long does it take to prepare a performance like this. Actually, we begin the process by selecting music starting the day after our last performance at On Top of the World and before we begin our road shows! After whittling down the vast amount of material to 32 acts, we start to assign parts to our singers, identify instrumentation for our musicians, and arrange a lineup. Next the wizards who create the specifics for stage, costumes, and choreography go to work.

Our sound engineer, Tom Hagerly, cuts disks for everyone so individuals can practice throughout the late spring and summer. Groups initiate meetings to hone the finer points of a number; practice disks become worn and warped from use in the cars or in the shower! The

program is shaped and re-shaped as it evolves into its final state.

It is at this point that we begin regularly scheduled practices and it is only September! Yes, you read that correctly! We start our two per week practices then and continue up to dress rehearsal the last week

of January. The New Pretenders is a year-round commitment our troupe does not take lightly. We make it with pride and know that you appreciate our efforts.

We cannot wait to take the stage once again ... next month cannot come soon enough for us! We look forward to seeing you there!



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Ron Fulton, George Brush (seated), George Bausewein, and Joel Kurtz from The New Pretenders.



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I would like say "thank you" to everyone who participated in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018. The parade was touch and go due to the rain, but I have to say our residents came out in full force with almost 60 golf carts. I would also like to thank all the spectators who watched the parade. The parade included so many beautifully decorated golf carts, a horse and buggy carrying the 2018 prom king and queen, hot rods, military cadets, deputy explorer cadets from Marion County Sheriff's Office, R/C Car Club and so many more. The Lions Club was awarded the trophy for "Best in Show", which will be displayed in Customer Service. Santa was seen riding in style on the back of a 1984 El Dorado Cadillac.

**Tropic Trivia Night\***

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions as we have added more tables which increases your winnings! Trivia is held on the first Thursday of every month with the next one on Thursday, Jan. 3 at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We will have tables of eight and you will select the team names. Please note you must have four or more paid contestants at a table to select a team name. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners. A cash bar will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. All beverages must be purchased at The Pub (no outside beverages permitted). Water is available at no charge.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident.

**December 2018 Winners**

1: ABCs; 2: 96th St. Bunch; 3: Smart Alecs.

**Club Fair**

Join us at the bi-Annual Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 10 at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are looking for

new activities or want to meet new people, our resident clubs are a great choice. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for sale by S.P.C.A. of Marion County.

**Health & Wellness Expo**

The annual Health & Wellness Expo will take place on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. This event is free and open to the public.

It's that time of year where health and wellness resolutions are in full swing. There will be over 60 local healthcare agencies, wellness screenings, and fitness demonstrations. The event is sponsored by On Top of the World Communities and Advent Health of Ocala.

**"A Doll's House Part II"\***

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 20 for "A Doll's House Part II" at the Hippodrome State Theatre in Gainesville, Fla. In the final scene of Ibsen's 1879 ground-breaking masterwork, Nora Helmer makes the shocking decision to leave her husband and children, and begin a life on her own. This climactic event - when Nora slams the door on everything in her life - instantly propelled world drama into the modern age. In "A Doll's House Part II," many years have passed since Nora's exit. Now, there's a knock on that same door. Nora has returned. But why? Showtime is at 2 p.m. The cost is \$46 per person and includes transportation and show.

**Victory Casino\***

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Wednesday, Jan. 23 as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 600 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. You will receive \$20 in qualified slot play that can be downloaded once you have played and received eight points. Please note that a valid government-issued photo I.D. will be required to board. Cost is \$45 per person and includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, and \$20 qualified slot play.

**Social Hour**

We will now hold Social Hour on the fourth Thursday of every month (except November). Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday,

Jan. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music as Stan Princeton performs for the evening. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. This is a free event.

**Insiders' Tour of Ocala's Horse Country\***

Join us on Friday, Jan. 25 as we tour the beautiful Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association museum. You will also get a "behind the gates" tour of two local horse farms for an interactive experience. This trip includes a stop at the HITS Ocala Winter Circuit for a behind the scenes peek! The cost is \$33 per person and includes transportation, museum and farm tours. This trip requires a lot of walking (rain or shine). Itinerary is subject to change. Lunch is on your own at Horse & Hounds Restaurant.

**Majestic Manatee Tour\***

Join us on the Majestic Manatee Tour on Tuesday, Jan. 29 in Crystal River, Fla. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees and its crystal clear springs. We will arrive and eat lunch at Charlie's Fish House. After lunch, the tour will depart from the dock at the restaurant. You will visit Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of manatees. You will see an abundant amount of water fowl in the area as well. The cost of the trip is \$56 per person and includes transportation and cruise. Lunch will be on your own.

**Get Acquainted Coffee**

Join us in welcoming new residents to the community! We will have a Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Jan. 31 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 9 a.m. There will be coffee, doughnuts and representatives from various clubs, fitness and more. At the conclusion of this event, we will take you on a short walk to familiarize you with some of the facilities and amenities that are available to residents.

**Line Dance Classes\***

Learn the latest line dancing steps! Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level, if necessary. The cost is \$10 per four-week class each month (monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays).

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proven that the best activity combining physical and mental effort at the same time is dancing! For more information, please contact Instructor Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 or BoarsNestFarm@aol.com.

- Absolute Beginners (Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.): Step patterns described, practiced and used in simple patterns. Step sheets for each dance provided.
- Improver Plus (Mondays, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Line dance experience required. This class is slightly easier than Intermediate. Learn current popular line dances.
- Beginner Level II (Mondays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): 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. Prior dance experience is required.
- Beginner Level I (Mondays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Participants have completed Absolute Beginners. Dancers have some experience now, and know many step patterns. Easy dances are taught with additional step patterns added.
- Introduction to Line Dance (Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.): This class is for anyone wanting to learn to line dance. Very basic step patterns are taught. This class will include many easy dances.

**Happy Hour**

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom and on the outside veranda. "Senior Prom" Happy Hour will take place on Friday, Jan. 18 as we crown our new king and queen for 2019. Please note that there will only be six themed Happy Hours this year.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Jan. 4: Crossfire (Ballroom); Johnny Lobo (Veranda).
- Jan. 11: Automatic (Ballroom); Ron Hackling (Veranda).
- Jan. 18: "Senior Prom" with Dunning Shaw (Ballroom); Sal Gio (Veranda).
- Jan. 25: Cara James Gang (Ballroom); Paul De Ritter (Veranda).

Individual resident I.D.s will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not producing a resident I.D. will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that outside beverages of any kind will not be permitted at Happy Hour.

**Community Information**

We are excited to announce that the Arbor Activity Center is completed and is set to open on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Please see page 1 of the World News for all this facility has to offer!

The Arbor Activity Center will bring additional parking to the entire Arbor Complex. The building will have a scanned entry and will require residents to bring their resident I.D. cards. Residents must accompany their guests.

**Facilities Hours/Community Bus**

All facilities will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1. The community bus will not run on Tuesday, Jan. 1. Please plan accordingly!

**February Events**

- Friday, Feb. 1: No Happy Hour.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5: Sea World\*
- Wednesday, Feb. 6: Jacksonville Zoo\*
- Thursday, Feb. 7: Tropic Trivia Night\*
- Thursday, Feb. 14: Florida State Fair\*
- Friday, Feb. 15: Horse Farm Tour\*
- Saturday, Feb. 16: Home Improvement Expo
- Wednesday, Feb. 20: Victory Casino\*
- Sunday, Feb. 24: Early Bird Dinner Theatre "What the Bellhop Saw"\*
- Tuesday, Feb. 26: Majestic Manatee Tour\*
- Thursday, Feb. 28: Social Hour

\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.

## BUS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Williamsburg	91st Cir.E. - 91st Cir.W - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
<b>Exit Community.....</b>		<b>9:36 a.m.</b>
<i>Indigo East Community Center</i>	<i>Parking Lot</i>	<i>Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library.....	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square.....	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's//Kohl's.....	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club.....	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot.....	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's.....	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall.....	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart.....	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target.....	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center.....	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
<b>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</b>		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
The Lodge.....	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center..... 1:20 p.m.
Crescent Ridge Post Office.....	1:38 p.m.	Friendship Colony Post Office..... 1:25 p.m.
Recreation Center.....	1:43 p.m.	Williamsburg Post Office..... 1:28 p.m.
Americana Post Office.....	1:49 p.m.	Avalon Post Office..... 1:33 p.m.
Friendship Post Office.....	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Winn Dixie.....	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix.....	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market.....	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's.....	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot.....	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots.....	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree.....	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart.....	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.

\* All times are approximate

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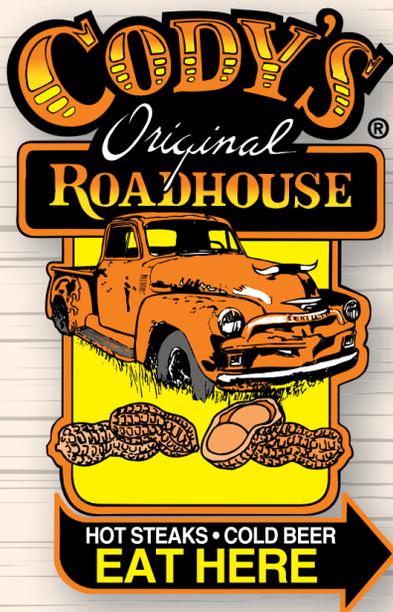
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**Model Railroaders**

Paul Lewandowski

Picture in your mind: you are travelling home by train after a long day at the office, and it is already dark. As your train pulls into a yard area with numerous turnouts and storage tracks just before your station, your train is engulfed in a sea of six- to eight-inch flames ... what's going on?

Those who grew up around here, fear not, this is a normal situation in the winter in the colder areas of the world. What was described above is propane-flame track-heating to keep turnouts (switches) clear in freezing weather. If the railroad did not do this as a preventive measure, then turnouts would malfunction and there would be occurrences of trains winding up on the wrong track, or worse, trains winding up on the same track on a collision course.

Also, failure to throw a turnout to the proper direction could cause a derailment at speed, which would injure or kill train crew and/or passengers. In either event, there

would be a large amount of damage to equipment and disruption of schedules. The flames are not a problem for the train equipment because the equipment is very cold and the time spent over the flame is very short - not enough time to make the equipment catch fire (unless, of course, the train stops at that point - not a normal operating procedure). Those of us who grew up in the north country remember this with a certain amount of nostalgia and give thanks that we probably won't need to see this live again.

The Model Railroaders Club is currently planning its new layout to be built once our new room in the Hobby Building is available. Our members are working in the areas of woodwork, electrical, track and scenery planning. We are planning layouts in G-scale, O-scale and HO-scale. If any of this sounds interesting to you, please come around to the layout on the lower level of the Recreation Center in the workout area on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon when we have our run sessions, or to the regular monthly business meeting at Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center on the first Wednesday of any month at 9 a.m.



**Antiques & Collectibles Club**

Susan Johannes

The holidays are over and I hope they were enjoyable for you. Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy 2019.

The Antiques and Collectibles Club had a fabulous presentation on antique buttons in November 2018. Thanks so much to Bruce Beck for his PowerPoint presentation, demonstrating the connection between antique buttons and more commonly known antiques. We are looking forward to another great talk in 2019.

Our club celebrated the holiday season with a potluck luncheon

in December 2018. All had a very good time.

Future plans call for a talk on Victorian jewelry at our next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Bring in a piece or two, if you would like an evaluation.

We are planning to attend the Antique Extravaganza at Renninger's the third weekend in February. We are also planning a trip to the antique town of Micanopy sometime this spring.

If any of this sounds appealing to you, then come on down. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, September through May. Our meetings are from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. Questions or concerns? You can reach me, Susan Johannes, president, at victorian@briighthouse.com or (570) 862-8785.



**View from the Library**

Linda Barilli

Happy New Year! Let's start off with "Tales of Old Florida" which is edited by Frank Opper and Tony Meisel, and presents a very interesting look at the past. Here you will find numerous articles and stories by the original authors, beginning in 1886. This book can be found in our Florida section labeled 975 TAL.

Well, maybe you recently acquired a cockatiel and are curious about its care. Facts, advice and fascinating insights can be found in "The Cockatiel Handbook" by Mary Gorman. This book is in the center aisle labeled 636 GOR.

"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett was a #1 New York Times bestseller. The story takes place in Jackson, Miss. during the time when Martin Luther King was striving to

promote equality. The main characters tell what their lives were like working in other people's homes. We can all relate to this era, vividly remember where we were at that time and how we were affected by the events taking place. This book is in hardcover fiction labeled FIC STO.

Now we jump forward to the present. "A Quest for Immortality" is written by John Klopfer. Immortality is achieved in many ways. Stories passed down through generations bring a sense of pride. Hand crafted items become cherished possessions.

This story is about an old man who owns a small restaurant in Daytona, Fla. He tells his guests stories of his ancestors as far back as the Civil War. But his closest relatives are a mystery until one day a woman arrives with her two sons.

This story addresses how racist views impact lives and can be resolved with love and forgiveness. This book is in hardcover fiction labeled FIC KLO.



**Happy Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel

Welcome 2019! A new year is upon us, and Happy Hookers hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Many of us make new year resolutions. If you are one of those individuals and who also does needlework or hand crafting of any kind, make one of your resolutions to come join us!

Happy Hookers meets every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room (located in the building across the parking lot from the Recreation Center). Our group is open to all residents. There are no dues or agenda and no penalties

for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Beriman at (352) 873-4328.

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pick-up of these items.



**Sunshine Quilters**

Arliss Day

Hello from all of us at the Sunshine Quilt Club. Hope each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season. We meet on Tuesdays to learn new skills and to sew on all types of projects. Here is what is

scheduled for January 2019:

- Jan. 1: No meeting - Happy New Year!
- Jan. 8: Monthly business meeting and sit and sew, at 10 a.m.
- Jan. 15: How to make a crumb quilt square.
- Jan. 22: How to sew a Maui glam bag.
- Jan. 29: Finish Maui glam bag (pattern purchase required before first class).

Our Christmas luncheon took place on Dec. 4, 2018 at The Club at Candler Hills. The food was wonderful and we all had a great time. We had a mug rug gift exchange after lunch which was a lot of fun along with seeing all the different designs that each of us did.

We are located in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need any information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450. Please feel free to stop by any time.

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**The Lodge at Candler Hills**

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Happy New Year! I have a great idea to help you with some of those resolutions. Get fit, lose weight and feel good about yourself by taking advantage of the newly renovated Arbor Fitness Center. The facility opens at 6 a.m., Monday through Friday, along with additional weekend hours. Come on out and make it happen!

The Lodge at Candler Hills is proud to announce the addition of an A. GEYER baby grand piano!

The six foot, one inch piano with an ebony polish is available for our residents to enjoy. We are planning special events for your listening pleasure in the coming months.

Come join us on Thursday, Jan. 24 for "Continental Breakfast, Coffee and Conversation" in the ballroom, at 10 a.m. We want to hear your ideas for events that you would like to see planned. We will share information on ideas for upcoming events and social gatherings.

"Kocktails & Karaoke" will be held on Thursday, Jan. 24 with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktail and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Can-

dlers Hills residents.

Trivia is held on the first Tuesday of each month (except in January) with the next one on Tuesday, Jan. 8 in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. For more information, contact Diane Podkomorski at (352) 875-9923.

Social Happy Hour takes place on the third Saturday of each month with the next one on Saturday, Jan. 19, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment with Debbie & Tony T. Bring your own beverages, snacks and enjoy the evening with friends.

2020 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge

at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Please remember room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident I.D.s will be required for bookings. Only overnight guests may participate. If you are planning an event, it is important to have all paperwork turned in at least two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest list to the appropriate departments.

*\* Events and activities that take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills are for Candler Hills residents only. Guests are permitted, where noted, for a fee. Tickets for events at The Lodge at Candler Hills may be purchased at the front office.*



**Poetry**

**John Kinser Hall**

**Our Captain**

T'was one fine morn I met him  
in an office on the coast.  
Behind the desk he sat so stern  
a better man than most.  
A solemn look upon his face,  
it frightened me at first.  
Until a smile came to his eyes,  
a laugh, I almost burst.  
At ease I could not say I was,  
for mate I had to be.  
To sail upon his mighty ship,  
to find myself in me.  
The tide rose high as three bells  
toll'd, the ship did tack the wind.  
As I stood fast in my station,  
my life would just begin.  
The seas are rising higher.  
The waves are o'er our bow.  
The captain at the helm,  
as through the caps we plow.  
A crewman on the great trapeze  
out o'er the salty flow.  
The keel he sees beneath him,  
as gusts of wind do blow.  
His eyes upon the mizzen mast  
the lanyards how they squeal.  
The lines are tight, all sails are  
trimmed, our ship has come  
to heal.



**Karaoke Friends**

**Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**

The holidays have passed so we put away our Christmas songs until next December. Those songs are fun to listen to and sing. We have the traditional and the funny. You have the nostalgic as well. We ended the December 2018 with prop night.

The new year has come with

promises to make our lives better. How about singing?

"If you sing in the shower or sing along with the radio, consider taking this raw vocal skill to new heights. Music, the universal language, not only stirs our deepest emotions, but active participation can increase energy and vigor to see us through even the most stress-filled life commitments." I read this in "Life-Affirming Benefits of Singing" by Patty Mills.

When you come to karaoke you do not have to sing. We love it when

people come and say, "I want to join the clappers." We do have a television screen that faces the audience. Many enjoy watching the words on the screen and singing along. Even the clappers become chair singers! The goal is to have a happy evening and the laughter and smiles say we have accomplished that.

We will meet Jan. 7 and 21 this month. Come and join us in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mark your new calendar each month for the first and third Monday. Come join us.

**Hoofin' It for Hospice**

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Hoofin' It for Hospice will take place on Saturday, March 16, at Sholom Park. This annual event has raised funds for Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House. This notice hopefully will help with advanced notice to get the limbs limbered up

and hopefully you received good walking shoes for Christmas. The two-mile walk is a leisurely pace and there are no winners in the walk, but every participant is a winner including Hospice of Marion County.

This event is open to residents and the public. All clubs within our community are urged to participate with either walkers or funds supporting this effort. Each year organizers of this event hope to exceed the previous year's funds in this worthwhile endeavor.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the event organizer, Valerie Sanders at (352) 286-3471.

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**Concert Chorus performing their winter concert entitled "Radio XMAS" on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018.**



**Concert Chorus**

Patricia Woodbury

The Concert Chorus would like to thank all those who came and supported our winter concert, "Radio XMAS" on Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did bringing it to you. There is

nothing like a full house to support our efforts. Thank you also for your generous donations.

A great deal of credit goes to our director, Audrey Strong, who worked so hard putting this show together and Jeremy Trout, our piano accompanist for his wonderful talent.

Although we just completed our winter concert, the chorus will start working on its spring concert starting Tuesday, Jan. 8. So mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23,

or Sunday, March 24, when we will salute the musical world of Walt Disney.

We are always looking for residents who like to sing and join us. We meet every Tuesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. So come and check us out, you might like it. If you think you would be interested in joining the chorus, please contact Membership Chair Susan Layne at (207) 641-5520 or susan.layne1@gmail.com.

Our featured chorus member this month is Laurie Fondiler. You will remember her, if you came to our winter concert, as Alvin the rambunctious chipmunk. Laurie originally comes from Van Nuys, Calif. She received an associate arts degree in theater from Pierce College in Woodland Hills, Calif. Laurie has had many years of acting from open-mike, stand-up comedy to dinner theater performing. She has traveled from Los Angeles, to Florida to Georgia and to Alabama in her career. Besides acting and singing, Laurie also has been an artist where she painted and drew cartoons on canvas.

Laurie's musical experience included community and dinner theaters. Perhaps she inherited her



Photo by Bill Shampine

**Laurie Fondiler.**

talent in music and theater from her father who was a song writer. Currently Laurie not only participates as a soprano in the Concert Chorus but also with the Sunshine Singers. She also is performing in the Theatre Group, does Zumba®, line dancing and karaoke. This busy lady is a great addition to the Concert Chorus even though she admits to playing a "bad ukulele."

The Concert Chorus wishes you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

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I realize that I have so much to be thankful for in On Top of the World. I was telling a friend to

day that on the second day I lived here, I walked two miles around my neighborhood and met a number of people. Many people move here for many reasons. Swimming, golf, Master the Possibilities, tennis, etc. That was a short list but beneath all hopes, we all knew we had the activities and we knew there would be more friends to join in our lives.

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Karaoke is a lot of fun and a good way to start off the new year. Come join our karaoke family and make some good friend and memories for yourself. You don't even have to sing, we love an audience. Let us entertain you.

We would like to welcome Fran to our group; she did a great job and fit right in to our karaoke family.

Come join us and see for yourself. We meet at 6:30 p.m., on the second Monday at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F and the fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to both places. Let's make it a great year.

For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



**Theatre Group**

Leslie Miller

The Theatre Group invites you to "come on along and listen to the lullaby of Broadway" during their upcoming spring 2019 show, "42nd and Broadway!" This review of great show tunes from past and current Broadway productions will take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

Beginning Monday, Jan. 28 and running through Wednesday, March 27, tickets will be on sale Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the cost of \$10 per ticket. In addition to getting a terrific night of entertainment, you will be contributing to the scholarship that we give to a deserving College of Central Florida student majoring in the arts.

Our last meeting was a potluck holiday dinner in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018. Donna Boyajian, our corresponding secretary, not only coordinated the dishes so that we had a wide variety of scrumptious fare, but also had made game sheets where the members got to earn prizes by playing trivia and competing in a "Let's Make a Deal" type activity. The evening just kept getting better with President Harry Boyajian providing his sound equipment for holiday tunes and familiar melodies to be sung by him and volunteers from the group. The members got to not only slow dance to smooth ballads, but tear up the dance floor to the "Electric Slide" and the "Cupid Shuffle" among other fun tunes.

Now that the celebration of the holidays is behind us, the Theatre Group is getting ready to buckle down with rehearsals starting on Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will have a run-through of the show after a brief business meeting, and all members are encouraged to attend, whether they have an onstage role or not.

"42nd and Broadway" will include many favorites from "Oklahoma," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Les Miserables," and "Wicked," just to name a few of the Broadway shows represented. Please plan to join us to pay tribute to this wonderful music that has echoed in the theatres in New York City for decades. Come "listen to the lullaby of old ... broad ... way!"

If you would like information about the Theatre Group, please contact our president, Harry Boyajian at (239)336-4804 or crooner1142@outlook.com.



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**Sally Miklus, Marion Brenon, Donna Boyajian, Laurie Fondiler, and Dennis Brenon from the Theatre Group.**

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The mysterious prehistoric monument of Stonehenge located on the Salisbury Plains west of London.

# Stonehenge

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Practically everyone has heard of Stonehenge, which is perhaps one of the most mysterious and famous prehistoric monuments on earth. It is located west of London, England on what is classified as the Salisbury Plains. There is a set of huge stones in concentric rings and horseshoe shapes dating back many years, in fact, no one really knows how old Stonehenge actually is. There are plenty of estimates but most state the age of Stonehenge at around 4,000 years and it is reportedly one of the oldest preserved megalithic structures on earth.

Some reports state there were pits discovered holding large pine "totem-pole like" posts that were erected in the Mesolithic period

between 8500 and 7000 B.C. There are ditches believed to have been constructed about 3000 B.C. and other earthworks dating from 3500 B.C. It seems no one person or a group of people of the scientific world can come up with any positive dates. This is one of the reasons why Stonehenge is so mysterious.

Estimated reports state that about 2500 B.C. stones were erected in the center of the monument, which is basically what the world sees today. There were two types of stones used in the construction of Stonehenge, the larger sarsen and the smaller "bluestones." The sarsen stone is a sandstone verified coming from a quarry about 15 miles from Stonehenge while the bluestone, also verified, came from a special area in Wales, some 150 miles distance. The bluestone is a harder rock with the heaviest stones weighing approximately 50 tons.

So how did they cut the stones at the point of origin and how did these people move these stones that weighed so many tons? Some believe they used logs and many men to roll the stones to the Stonehenge location. It must have been quite a feat moving the bluestones 150 odd miles. There were no wheels or roads in those days.

According to a recent report on the History Channel there are other

henges located in the British Isles. There are some in the Shetland Islands, Scotland, Wales and Stonehenge. Reports stated that there have been artifacts recovered linking all of them to the same people but at different times starting with the earliest in the Scotland area.

The stones at Stonehenge are positioned in a way to make it an astronomically aligned site. According to researchers using computer calculations, "alignments between Stonehenge and 12 major solar and lunar events were extremely unlikely to have been a coincidence."

Stonehenge is still a place of celebration and worship particularly at the time of the solstice and equinox. Stonehenge is back in the news regularly as new discoveries are made.

Stonehenge is a very popular tourist destination in England. The welcome brochure states you are stepping back 5,000 years following the footsteps of prehistoric people. In 2017, setting a record, 1.58 million tourists descended to Stonehenge. Stonehenge was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

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A group of residents from On Top of the World visit Land's End, the southwestern most land mass in England.

# Land's End

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Tourists from near and far flock to this area of England by the droves. Land's End is the most southwesterly point on mainland England. The most northern point of England is at John O'Groats,

Scotland some 870 miles between the two points. The mileage may differ slightly depending on who is taking the mileage readings and what routes were taken between the two locations. Land's End is either the start or finishing point, of end-to-end journeys with John O'Groats in Scotland.

The cliffs at Land's End are made of granite making the cliffs that rise some 200 feet above sea level more resistant to the pounding seas. The cliffs have steeper cliff faces and are popular with mountain and rock climbers.

Off the rocky but scenic coast of Land's End lying just about one mile off shore are dangerous reefs and a group of rocky islets called Longships. There is a lighthouse marking these rocky outcrops protecting ships from running aground.

Tourists have been visiting Land's End for over 300 years. They would arrive in the area by horse and carriage or other horse-drawn vehicles, stop at a couple of hotels and inns near the attraction and walk or travel by horseback the remainder of the trip to Land's End over muddy and uneven pathways.

It is no different today at Land's End. Tourists flock to the area either by automobile or chartered motor coaches. There are other places for lodging in the area plus the Land's End visitors center offering many facilities such as souvenir shops and eateries. There are plenty of paths both dirt and paved that lead the tourists to the cliffs' edge to view the surroundings and cast an eye seaward.

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# Big Ben

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

What happened to Big Ben? The British symbol has a different face and it will continue with the new look for almost four years. The tower is undergoing major renovations. The bells in the tower have been silenced and will resume striking and tolling again in 2021. The renovation is to repair and conserve the tower. The faces on the clock will be repainted and regilded along with the replacement of any broken panes of glass.

Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock located at the end of the Palace of Westminster in London. The official name of the tower in which Big Ben is located was originally the Clock Tower, but it was renamed Elizabeth Tower in 2012.

The tower containing Big Ben was completed in 1859. The clock on the tower was the largest along with being the most accurate four-faced striking and chiming clock in the world. The tower and clock is a British icon known and recognized all over the world.

Big Ben, once the largest bell in the United Kingdom, is the largest of five bells weighing over 13 tons. There are four quarter bells in the tower's belfry that chime at 15, 30, and 45 minutes past the hour just before Big Ben tolls on the hour. The quarter bells play a once repeating, 20-note sequence of rounds with changes in different music keys. The last quarter bell in the hour plays just 25 seconds before Big Ben tolls on the hour.

A requirement for the clock was that the first stroke of the hour bell should be correct to within one sec-

ond per day, which is in tolerance to Greenwich Mean Time. Big Ben is the first clock to strike at midnight on New Year's Eve that signifies the New Year by 12-hour strikes. The clock's dials are set in an iron frame that supports 312 pieces of opal glass.

The hour hand of the Great Clock is nine feet long while the minute hand is 14 feet in length.

The clock movement of Big Ben is famous for its reliability. It works on a pendulum that is housed in a windproof area separated from the clock's mechanism, which is in a room below weighing some five tons. The pendulum is 13 feet in length weighing in at 660 pounds. A penny on the pendulum can increase or decrease the clock's speed by 0.4 seconds per day.

Over the years, Big Ben has stopped, sometimes for a lengthy period while at other times for just a few minutes. The biggest culprit for stopping the clock has been snow buildup on the clock's hands. This has happened many times. The clock slowed by four and a half minutes when a flock of starlings perched on the minute hand.

During the Blitz of World War II the illumination of the clock at night was turned off but the bells kept ringing. The bells were silenced for the funerals of Winston Churchill and more recently for the dignity and respect for former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. In August 2015, the clock was discovered running seven seconds slow so seven coins were removed from the pendulum.

During the time of restorations to the clock and tower, one clock will remain running driven by an electric motor. The bells will be silenced except for special days such as New Year's Eve and Britain's Remembrance Day.



Photo by Bob Woods

Big Ben covered in scaffolding as viewed from across the Thames River with Westminster Bridge to the right.

# Pulteney Bridge

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The Pulteney Bridge was constructed out of Bath stone (granite) and built at the whim of a family connecting the city with land across the river that the Pulteney family wanted to develop. It is classified as being an arched bridge that crosses the famous Avon River. The bridge is one of the top tourist attractions in Bath, England with construction taking place from 1769 to 1774.

What makes this bridge so different? It is not just a covered bridge but inside the bridge are shops and restaurants on both sides of the road traversing the 148 foot long, 58 feet wide bridge. Today, private automobiles are excluded from utilizing the bridge but it is open for buses and taxicabs. There have been plans to pedestrianize the bridge, which is listed in Britain as a Grade I listed building.

The bridge is one of only four bridges in the world to have shops across its full span on both sides. The shops are small and the roadway is not very wide.

When the bridge opened it was a revelation and today is rated as one of the world's most beautiful and romantic bridges. When Pulteney built the bridge, he wanted a spectacular bridge, which everyone would talk about.

This popular photographed bridge and the weir below the bridge are close to the center of the Bath and is a World Heritage Site mainly because of its Georgian architecture.

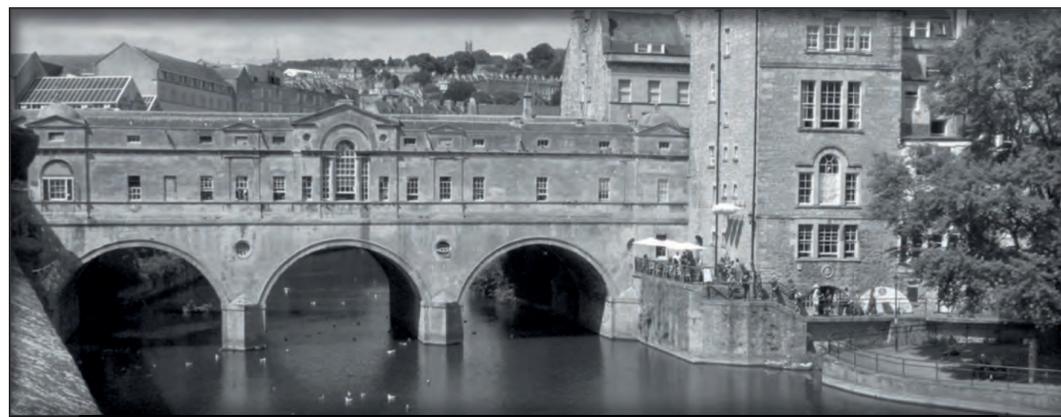


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Pulteney Bridge, located in Bath, England, is one of only four such bridges in the world that have shops and restaurants on both sides of a road inside the covered bridge.

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**Electronics:** RCA 3-disc CD player, \$25. Wii sports games (3) with controls (2), \$50. (315) 744-0790.

**Exercise Equipment:** Fluidity barre with CDs, \$50. Pilates exercise machine with stand and CDs, \$100. (352) 237-3423.

**Furniture:** Barrel back indoor/outdoor dining chairs (2), brown, weather resistant wicker on black metal frame, 33.25" h x 24" w. \$60/pair. (352) 873-0543.

**Furniture:** Oak bedroom set includes triple dresser, mirror, chest of drawers, nightstands (2) and lamps (2). Windward Bay dining table and buffet with chairs (6). (352) 425-2832.

**Furniture:** Wrought iron kitchen table with 4 chairs, black/white, \$100. Wrought iron sofa and end tables with glass tops, make offer. (352) 237-6062.

**Golf Cart:** 2005 Club Car, seats 2. (352) 873-2616.

**Misc. Item:** Centurion Generac 5500 generator with 1-1/4 hardened steel tube cradle, fold down handle, low oil shutdown, covered outlets and free gas can, \$475. (352) 895-2580.

**Misc. Item:** Mah jongg set, \$40. (352) 873-2616.

**Misc. Items:** 8' aluminum ladder, \$25. 6' Louisville ladder, \$20. (352) 854-9889.

**Misc. Items:** Miscellaneous tools and lawn mower bag. (816) 304-0205.

**Misc. Items:** Weber outdoor electric grill, \$20. Sharper Image back heat and massage chair pad, \$30. (315) 744-0790.

**Music Equipment:** Fender Amp Champion 100 with handles and wheels, \$275. (352) 237-7018.

**Outdoor Furniture:** Captiva patio set with sofa, chairs (2), otto-

man, tables (2) and table lamp. (352) 425-2832.

**Pet Supplies:** Large dog crate, \$25. (352) 237-6062.

**Sports Equipment:** Men's and women's bikes. (816) 304-0205.

**Yard Equipment:** Pole saw with branch cutter, \$15. Electric pole chain saw, 7' long, \$45. Electric edger, \$40. (352) 854-9889.

**Tag Sales**

**Friday, Jan. 11 & Saturday, Jan. 12:** 9897-C&G SW 88th Court Road (Americana Village), 8 a.m. to noon • 9018 SW 96th Terrace (Providence), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16 & Thursday, Jan. 17:** 8719-F SW 92nd Lane (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Services**

**Alterations by Nancy:** Reasonable rates, experienced. (484) 716-0270 (resident).

**Appliance, A/C & Heat Repairs:** Electrical & plumbing. Experienced and honest. Call Tom Parker (resident) anytime at (352) 873-1297.

**Auto Wash-N-Wax:** \$39.95 most cars, pick-ups, vans or SUVs, inside and outside. Mark Anthony at (352) 216-6462 (leave message or text).

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**Computer Help:** Arthur Burditt, (352) 875-7878. House calls, \$40/hour. Tutoring, setups, installations, Windows upgrades, PC clean-ups, security software, Internet connections, email access, printers, wireless devices.

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**Transportation:** Door-to-door service to Orlando/Tampa airport, doctor appointments, shopping, etc. Call Jackie (resident) at (352) 873-7898 or (352) 216-8305. Please leave message.

**Transportation:** Errands, doctor's appointments, shopping, hair, etc. Diane (352) 854-9999 or [dmstewart1948@gmail.com](mailto:dmstewart1948@gmail.com) (resident). Leave message.

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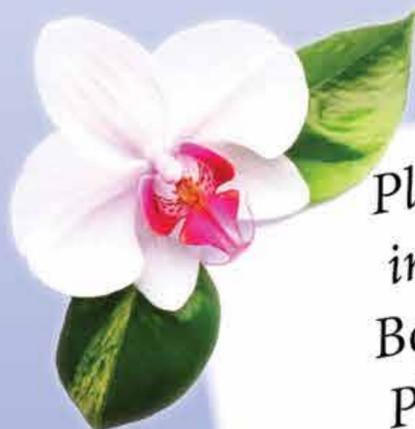
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