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WHAT’S HAPPENING

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Easter

Ocoee Easter Eggstravaganza: The annual Ocoee Parks and Recreation Department event is for children 12 or younger. Activities will include a meet-and-greet with the Easter Bunny, arts and crafts, face painting and inflatables. Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items that will be donated to the West Orange Christian Service Center. 10 a.m.-noon March 31, Jim Beech Recreation Center, 1820 A.D. Mims Road, Ocoee, free, 407-905-3180.

Easter Egg Hunt: The City of Winter Park's 64th annual event will be held in Central Park's West Meadow and feature more than 14,000 stuffed eggs. Children with special needs are also encouraged to participate. An Easter Kids Zone will open after the egg hunt. 10 a.m. March 31, Central Park, 251 Park Ave. S., Winter Park, free, 407-599-3463.

Festival/Show

Coin and currency show: The Central Florida Coin Club's semi-annual event will feature more than 100 dealers buying, selling and trading a variety of coins and currency. Two grading companies will be on the premises accepting submissions and offering appraisals. Visitors will receive a free coin. Noon- 6 p.m. April 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. April 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 7, Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, admission and parking are free, 407-657-6440.

Hibiscus show and sale: Presented by the Matthews-Fallman Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society. Best of show and other award winners of hybrid hibiscus will be on display after 12:30 p.m. All other entries will be on display all day. Hybrid hibiscus, fertilizer and handbooks will also be on sale. Members will be available to answer questions. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. April 7, Winter Park Garden

Club, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, admission is free, 321-208-8826.

Garden Festival: The Orlando Garden Club's Garden Festival 2018 will feature vendors selling plants, birdhouses, decorative garden art, DIY projects, raffle and a lunch. Scheduled presentations from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. festuring Robert Bowden, Tom MacCubbin, Ed Thralls and Robert Hartman. Proceeds will benefit UF scholarship awards and charities. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 14, Orlando Garden Club, 710 E. Rollins St., Orlando, admission is free, 407-894-2250.

Art and foliage festival: The 57th annual Apopka Woman's Club Art and Foliage Festival features arts and crafts, an indoor and outdoor foliage sale, plant doctors, live entertainment, children's art area, bus tours of local plant nurseries, and food. All proceeds are distributed to deserving charitable organizations in Apopka. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 29, Kit Land Nelson Park, 35 S. Park Ave., Apopka, admission is free, parking is \$5, 407-880-2111.

Orchid show and sale: Presented by the Central Florida Orchid Society. There will be American Orchid Society judged orchids on display, orchid vendors with wide variety of orchids for sale, bromeliads and orchid supplies for sale, speakers and demonstrations regarding orchid care. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 2-3, Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando, \$5 for adults, free for ages 11 or younger, 407-463-0274.

Friday Festival: Featuring more than 70 local artisans of all genres, numerous Central Florida-based small businesses and nonprofit organizations with products and offerings ranging from health and fitness, to beauty and fashion, as well as community service opportunities. 5:30-9:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month, Baldwin Park, New Broad Street, Orlando, free, 407-442-2666.

Craft fair: Featuring knit

and crochet items, baby quilts, floral arrangements, jewelry and wooden crafts. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, free, 407-277-1821.

Fundraiser

Benefit wine tasting: Proceeds of this charitable event will benefit the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. 7-10 p.m. April 7, Mini Cooper Showroom, 350 S. Lake Destiny Drive, Orlando, \$100, 407-992-4000.

OCBA Law Day 5K: A charity run/walk benefitting the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association Inc., and the Orange County Bar Foundation Inc. 7:30 a.m. April 7, Lake Baldwin Park, 4963 New Broad St., Orlando, \$30-\$35, 407-422-4551.

2018 Orlando Cattle Barons' Ball: The western-themed fundraiser will include gourmet fare provided by Orlando's finest restaurants and resorts, open bar, live and silent auctions, entertainment and dancing. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's mission to fund life-saving research and provide local patient services. 6-11 p.m. April 14, Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando, \$250, 407-581-2503.

Crawfish boil: Proceeds will benefit the LSU Alumni of Central Florida's scholarship fund. There will be live entertainment, prizes and children's activities. Noon-4 p.m. April 21, Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, 3401 S. Hiwassee Road, Orlando, \$45 for adult crawfish tickets, \$20 for burger/brats tickets, advance purchase required, 863-513-0744.

2018 "Give Hope, Change Lives" Gala and Silent Auction: The Salvation Army of Orlando event will feature Olympian, Lolo Jones. 6-9 p.m. April 27, Rosen Centre, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, \$150 per person, 407-423-8581.

Corks, Caladiums and Canvases: Stroll through the gardens at sunset while sampling a variety of food and wine from regions of the world where the plants, palms, and trees of Nehrling Gardens originated. Take in the scenery as local artists create paintings of their surroundings. Guests will have the opportunity to support the Gardens and artists through the purchase of artwork and silent auction items. 5-8 p.m. April 28, Nehrling Gardens, 2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door (ages 21 or older), 407-445-9977.

8th Annual Wine Women & Shoes: Attendees will be treated to hors d'oeuvres, wine and shopping from local and national boutiques and a fashion show. Proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. 2-6 p.m. April 28, The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, 4012 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando, \$125 per person general admission, \$200 per person VIP tickets, 407-514-1017.

AHA CPR/AED Course: Presented by Angelmedic CPR. Proceeds will be used to purchase an AED for the church. 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays, New Life Community Church of Nazarene, 6508 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, \$55, 321-347-2675.

Health

Movement as Medicine for Parkinson's: Presented by The Florida Hospital Parkinson Outreach Center, the dance program incorporate various forms of movement to address balance, flexibility, range of motion and spatial awareness, with live musical accompaniment. Advance registration required. 2-3:15 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month, Florida Hospital Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2800 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, free, 407-303-5295.

Exercise for those with Parkinson's disease: Rock Steady Boxing is a non-contact form of exercise that helps those battling Parkinson's disease. noon Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Thursdays, Wadeview Community Center, 2177 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando, \$15, 917-853-9102.

Quit Smoking Now five-week program: Sponsored by the Florida Area Health Education Center Network and the

Florida Department of Health. The weekly program offers free carbon monoxide testing workbook and incentives and free nicotine patches for participants (while supplies last). Advance registration required. 5-6 p.m. Mondays, March 26-April 23, Florida Hospital East Orlando, 7727 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, free, 877-252-6094.

Quit Smoking Now five-week program: Sponsored by the Florida Area Health Education Center Network and the Florida Department of Health. The weekly program offers free carbon monoxide testing workbook and incentives and free nicotine patches for participants (while supplies last). Advance registration required. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27-April 24, Orlando Health, 1400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, free, 877-252-6094.

Tools To Quit Smoking class: Sponsored by the Florida Area Health Education Center Network and the Florida Department of Health. Free carbon monoxide testing materials and nicotine patches for participants (while supplies last). Advanced registration required. 10-11:30 a.m. April 9, Winter Park Memorial Hospital, 200 N. Lakemont Ave., Winter Park, free, 877-252-6094.

Keeping the Pressure Down: Learn how to adopt a healthier lifestyle that can reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke. There will be hands-on activities, healthy lifestyle tips and group interactions. Advance registration required. 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, April 12-May 3, Orange County University of Florida IFAS Extension, 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando, \$20 per person, 407-254-9218.

Health and wellness fair: Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church's 13th annual event will include access to free health screenings, more than 60 vendor exhibits, food, door prizes and activities for kids. Donate blood on the Big Red Bus from OneBlood. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 21, Hungerford Preparatory High School, 100 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, free, 407-647-0010.

Kids & Family

Movies at Leu Gardens: See a classic or current feature film on a 32-foot screen, weather permitting. Gates open at 6 p.m. Bring dinner picnics and stroll the 50-acre gardens before the movie. Concessions available. 8:30 p.m. April 6 ("Rogue One"); Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, free for Leu members, 407-246-2620.

Model railroad open house: The Orlando Society of Model Railroaders will have an open house. See a fully operational model railroad that includes eight scale miles of mainline track, detailed scenery including both urban and rural scenes, and many diverse industries with associated railroad facilities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 15, Orlando Society of Model Railroaders, 7208 Aloma Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-810-3306.

Nature Connects - Art with Lego Bricks: An award-winning outdoor exhibit by artist Sean Kenney featuring 16 sculptures in 13 displays throughout the 50-acre garden. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through April 22, Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave, Orlando, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-17, 407-246-2620.

Lecture/Seminar

"Writings on the Wall: An Evening with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar": The Winter Park Institute at Rollins College Speaker Series will conclude its tenth anniversary season with basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. 7:30 p.m. April 4, Rollins College, Alford Sports Center, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park, tickets start at \$15, 407-646-2145.

Troubled marriages: The Retrouvaille of Orlando program is for couples who are struggling, separated or divorced but would like to give their marriages another chance. It is presented by volunteers. The program includes the April 20-22 weekend session and seven follow-up sessions. Follow-up sessions are free. Revenue is used to continue and expand programs. Reservations required. April 20-22, San Pedro Center, 2400 Dike Road, Winter Park,

couples are asked to make an anonymous donation to cover the cost of their rooms and meals for the weekend session, 352-274-4614.

Library

Local Author Festival: Meet and greet local authors in celebration of Women's History Month. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing. 2-4 p.m. March 31, Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, free, 407-835-7323.

Other

Income-tax counseling: Tax-Aide volunteers, trained and certified by the IRS, will provide free income tax assistance at numerous sites throughout the Orange and Seminole County area through April 17. Individuals seeking assistance should bring pertinent tax documents such as information showing health insurance coverage, a copy of last year's income tax return; forms showing income earned, pensions and Social Security; 1099 Forms showing interest and dividends, photo ID, Social Security cards for all those listed on their return. Free electronic filing will be available at all sites. For details and locations, call 407-647-5233 or 1-888-227-7669.

Outdoor

Rose garden tour: Join Robert Bowden, director of Leu Gardens, for a tour of the largest formal rose garden in Florida. Wear walking shoes and bring a camera. Reservations required. 9:30-10:30 a.m. April 17, Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, \$6 for garden members, \$12 for nonmembers, 407-246-2620.

Senior

Senior Survival seminar: Board Certified Elder Law Attorney Kathleen Flammia will discuss Medicaid and veteran benefits, asset protection and estate planning. Reservations requested. 6 p.m. April 19, Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park, free, 407-478-8700.

Retired educators: The Orange County Retired Educators Association will have a program about Orlando's Roots presented by Don Price from Greenwood Cemetery. 10 a.m. April 5, College Park United Methodist Church, 644 W. Princeton St., Orlando, free, 407-677-0446.

Senior Stretch: A weekly, yoga-based stretch class for participants age 65 or older featuring a variety of physical movements to increase flexibility, balance and strength. These exercises are designed to improve day to day function for seniors. 10 a.m. Thursdays, Florida Hospital Health Village Fitness Center, 2520 N. Orange Ave., Suite 101, Orlando, \$5, 407-303-2552.

Senior lifestyle guide: The Senior Resource Alliance (Area Agency on Aging of Central Florida) and the 50PlusFYI Resource Network have published an information booklet called the 50PlusFYI Lifestyle & Resource Guide. It is available for free at public libraries and senior centers in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Information includes help lines, hotlines, special interest groups, legislative activity, consumer protection trends, and community events. Details: 407-265-0534 or 50plusFYI.org.

How to Pay for Long-Term Care: Medicaid & VA Benefits seminar: Board Certified Elder Law Attorney Heather Kirson will discuss estate planning, advance directives, nursing home asset protection, Medicaid and veterans benefits. Reservations requested. 10 a.m. April 10, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, free, 407-422-3017.

Driver safety program: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Registration required. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 17, Fran Carlton Recreation Center, 11 N. Forest Ave., Apopka, \$15

for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-703-1741.

Driver safety program: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Registration required. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 11, Health Central Park, 411 N. Dillard St., Winter Garden, \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-961-1473.

Driver safety program in Spanish: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Registration required. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 5, Renaissance Senior Center at South Econ Community Park, 3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando, \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-254-9070.

Driver safety program: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Advance registration required. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 17, May 15, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex, 99 E. Marks St., Orlando, \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-977-3825.

Driver safety program: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Advance registration required. 5-8 p.m. April 16-17, Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard St., Winter Garden, \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-656-4155.

Driver safety program: The AARP Driver Safety Program's Smart Driver Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida drivers 50 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. Advance registration required. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 14, May 12, Beardall Senior Center, 800 S. Delaney Ave., Orlando, \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, 407-246-4440.

Social/Hobby Clubs

Winter Park Garden Club: The guest speaker will be Caroline Chomanis, program manager for Fleet Farming Audubon Park, a conservation minded plan to grow food locally with volunteers on bicycles helping to grow food in neighborhood lawns and to share the produce with homeowners, selling remaining food at local farmers markets. 10 a.m. April 11, Winter Park Garden Club, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, free, 407-644-5770.

Orange Audubon Society: Beth Jackson, environmental program supervisor for the Orange County Environmental Protection Division, will discuss the Orange County Green PLACE (Park Land Acquisition for Conservation and Environmental Protection) program. She will highlight the various properties that are open for public passive recreational use and those that will be open in the near future. 7 p.m. April 19, Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, free, 407-637-2525.

Greater Orlando Civil War Roundtable: This will be the group's annual banquet. The speaker will be Richard M. McMurry, a noted Civil War scholar and author. The topic will be "The New Framework For Civil War Military History." Reservations required. 6 p.m. April 26, Pine Castle Woman's Club, 5901 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, 419-704-2635.

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