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Tradition continues with large turnout

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Well, what can I say about our St. Patrick's Day Parade other than it was great and one of our largest.

Heading the parade was Grand Marshall Terry Meyers, president of the Irish Club.

We had 26 groups participating this year. There were some new participants - Dune-din High School Scottish Highlander Band, Countryside High School band, Royal Stewart Arms Ceili Dancers and the Stephen Scariff School of Irish Dance.

It was wonderful to see these young people willing to give up their Saturday morning to entertain our community.

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Electric vehicle power stations in our future?

It's been a while since I've been asked a question about electric vehicles (EV).

I raise this point because General Motors is starting a media blitz on the Chevy Volt. We do have a fair number of retired engineers and gadgeteers who would love this sort of concept car and might be early adopters.

Me, I tend to not like to be on the "bleeding edge" of new technologies and opt for the third or later generation of something.

Let's just say that every lesson I've learned has been learned the hard way.

The question has been asked whether or not the Association will provide a charging station for this sort of technology.

That is a really loaded question because the answer hinges on how much voltage is required for such charging.

There are, of course, levels of service required. For example, a Level Two charge station requires 240 volts, while a Level Three station requires 500 volts!

One thing I know for certain is that the condominiums do not have sufficient capacity to allow for this kind of charging or use. Additionally, attempting to plug into the building voltage in a common area is not only theft of electric, but may well cause an overload that could result in service failure to a building.

Who really wants to be the goat anyway if that were to happen!?

The topic of EVs and their charging is a question much larger than On Top of the World. It really cuts to the heart of the State and regional electric infrastructure, and whether or not there is actually sufficient capacity in the system to even allow for this.

From the Association's perspective, new electrical infrastructure and

By Kenneth Colen

Chairman

capacity would need to be brought into the community. To that end, we have begun to research the opportunities with Progress Energy/Duke Power or through private entrepreneurs willing to install charging stations on a fee basis to the user.

In any case, we will have future updates as they become available.

On an unrelated technology topic, last month I wrote about central, remote monitoring for water leak detectors.

Apparently, this was not a hot topic with most of you because we only had three people express any interest whatsoever.

As you may imagine, the Association will not pursue this possibility due to a lack of resident interest at this time.

Trends in Property Ownership

The resale markets continue to improve, albeit at lower price points. This is an inevitable result of the oversupply of homes and condominiums in Florida and elsewhere. One remedy is a time and supply reduction.

There is another element to the sales equation: Many of the condos that are sold are by executors of the estate or the trustees. Invariably there are several heirs who are unwilling to wait for a reasonable sale exposure period to obtain the highest market value to the property. They want the money now!

We are seeing these types of transactions sell for 30 percent to 50

percent below real market values! This has tragic consequences for the community overall.

Your Board understands these types of problems, but it is worth noting the negative impact a quick, cheap sale can have on the overall value of surrounding condominiums. Neighbors you were friendly with, and cared about, may wind up being negatively impacted by the dropped values.

Is there a solution?

That depends.

If you make clear instructions to your children, and state your intentions in your will or trust document detailing how you want the property sale handled, perhaps this problem may begin to be mitigated.

Your Association has the responsibility to interview prospective owners and to review the purchase contract, as well as to interview prospective renters and review the proposed lease.

The extensive canvassing of the community last year gave the Board a fair insight into the occupancy patterns in your community. We do note there is an increase in rentals occurring. This is not a bad thing, or cause for concern, so long as the owner of the rental complies with the Declaration and with the Rules, the renter falls within the age 55+ restrictions, and is otherwise informed about life in a senior community.

We certainly understand that the prolonged recession has created hardship for some owners, particularly those with multiple residences. The trend now seems to be that some owners may be willing to rent to anyone and for any term, in contravention of the Association's rules. This is a trend that is being addressed by your Board and we have had fair success at compliance.

That said, there is more to be done.

Bear in mind the minimum term of rental a unit is six months and one week (furnished), or one year (unfurnished). Owners who have chosen to flaunt this established rule can certainly expect stepped up enforcements to ensure compliance.

Maintenance Update

Painting and water proofing is scheduled for the rear elevation of Building 23 on April 1 and on the rear elevation of Building 27 on April 15. All start dates are approximate.

Building 42 rail project is delayed until after April 25. Roof replacement work on Building 43 has a projected start date of April 1 (weather permitting).

Floor replacement is scheduled throughout the month of April in the following buildings: Building 88 – first and third floor center core; Building 94 – second floor center core; Building 42 – first floor center core; Building 1 – first floor center core; and Building 76 – first floor center core. Please use caution around the work areas!

Asphalt paving and resurfacing projects are currently in the bidding phase. Paving typically begins the first week of May (weather permitting). Stay tuned for details.

Upcoming construction projects include the Paradise dock restoration project and various cement walkway replacements across property.

We really love spring around here because we have the opportunity for property-wide leaf removal projects!

On the enforcement side of the equation, removal/simplification of landscaping at building fronts to standardize community's appearance is ongoing. We do appreciate resident cooperation on this. What was once a little plant or plant groupings, tend to grow out of control over time, and now can require too much care.

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Pick an exercise or activity to help you stay fit right through the summer

Many of our Snowbirds are starting to pack for their trip back up north.

Their units will probably be unoccupied until next fall, so they need to prepare the outside of their unit, as well as the inside, for the long summer.

On page 6 Sharon Licata has listed a "Summerize Checklist" of the things you need to do before you make your journey up north. For your convenience this list also can be found on the otowclearwaterinfo.com Web site. It's a good idea to take these precautions before you leave so you can enjoy a worry free summer.

I hope all of you are getting out and enjoying the lovely spring weather. As you know, it will soon turn to summer temperatures. Now is the perfect time to start a walking routine that you hopefully will continue throughout the



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Activities Director

year.

Our tennis courts, lawn bowling courts and golf courses, of course, are great places to get in some exercise and enjoy the great weather. Swimming is another great way to exercise and our water exercise class meets each morning at our East Activity Center pool. The westside residents will find the West Activity Center pool is conveniently located directly behind the clubhouse.

Just remember, when your golf-

ing, walking, swimming or just enjoying the great outdoors, you need to use a good sun screen to protect your skin. If you stay outside for prolonged periods of time you will need to reapply your sun screen according to the directions and be sure and drink adequate amounts of water. If you are out walking before or after daylight hours be sure and carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothing.

Many of our clubs are winding down this month and they will start up again in the fall with many great activities, parties and trips, so be sure to watch our newspaper for their articles with all the information.

We hope all of you enjoy your summer and will be ready to start next season with lots of energy and enthusiasm.

Our hats are off to the Jesters, Theater Workshop and Chorus for an-

other banner year and for all their dedication and hard work. The residents have said many great things about their performances.

The groups are already making plans for another fabulous season starting with the Chorus concert in December. If you have any hidden talents, why not share them by joining one of these fun groups. Watch the newspaper for their meeting times.

The summer months are less hectic, and therefore it's a great time to join one of our many card games or take up a relaxing hobby. Check our daily calendar for schedules. These are both great ways to make some new friends and add some fun and relaxation to your life.

It's never too late to make changes in your life so take that first step and get started today.



Coming April 27

For the first time at On Top of the World, The Suncoast Symphony will be performing a concert 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium in what might become an annual tradition. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the auditorium. The Suncoast Symphony is a member of the Pinellas Arts Foundation.

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Representatives from the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department will be at On Top of the World to collect old prescription medications, which are no longer wanted or have expired. Residents are asked to turn over these medications in their original pill bottles or in plastic bags. The pills will be properly disposed of, and no questions will be asked. Items which will not be collected include non-prescription medications, needles, biohazards and medical equipment.

The purpose of this program is to teach residents to never throw away unwanted or expired medications down a drain or toilet. Pamphlets will be available to provide more information on regular, convenient, disposal locations.

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to noon, East Activity Center
Saturday, April 30, noon to 2 p.m., West Activity Center

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Prepare ... before you head north

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again when our winter residents prepare to head north for the summer season.

To give you peace of mind, I have included our "Summerize" checklist to help you prepare your homes for the hot summer months when you are away.

While there is no guarantee that your unit won't experience water intrusion in your absence, taking the time to review and implement the items on the checklist can help prevent many concerns.

Dealing long distance with water intrusion, and the possibility of mold growth that is secondary to water damage, is burdensome and costly. I cannot stress enough the importance of having a reliable friend or neighbor inspect your unit on a regular basis (no less than once a week). Ask them to inspect all of the rooms and all source-



**Sharon
Licata**

News You Can Use

es for water intrusion i.e.: under sinks, toilets, HVAC units, hot water heater pan, and windows.

There are many sources for potential water leaks and intrusion.

The most common by far is improperly maintained air conditioning units. Make sure you have yours serviced before you leave for an extended period.

A poorly fitted replacement window may be another source of water intrusion. Proper window caulking material, acrylic urethane or poly ure-

thane (outlined in previous published bulletins) should be utilized.

If you are like me, you never think about your water heater. Water heater leaks are a common cause of water leaks in OTOW. The tank is not immune from corrosion and rust. If your water heater is over 10 years old, it needs a yearly visual inspection. If it is over 15 years old, it should probably be replaced.

While we do recommend the use of residential water leak detectors the smaller, inexpensive models are good only if someone is home to hear the alarm. There are, however, many types of residential leak detectors on the market and a few companies do offer units that can transfer alarm information via your home phone. We recommend that you contact your local plumbing supply store to determine if a water leak detector may be right for you.

Now is also a good time to update your emergency contact phone numbers or any outdated phone numbers we may have on file for you. Please submit the form on this page to the Service Department or the Association prior to your return north.

On page 7 is the OTOW Seasonal Resident Address Change Form. If you will be away from your condo for an extended period of time this spring or summer, please fill it out and drop it off at the Service Department.

If you are leaving your vehicle in your parking space for the summer, make sure you leave an extra set of keys with a neighbor in the event your vehicle would need to be moved to accommodate work crews. This information should be passed along to the Service Department or the Association.

In closing, I wish you all a safe trip home and a fun filled summer.

On Top of the World Emergency Contact Update

OWNERS NAME _____ BLDG.# _____
ADDRESS _____ UNIT.# _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

EMERGENCY REFERENCE: RELATIVE

Name: _____

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Snowbirds "Summerize" Checklist

- Update your contact information with the Association and include the name and phone number of the emergency key holder you designated for your unit. If you are leaving your vehicle in your assigned space, please leave a note in the dashboard or with the Association as to an emergency key holder in the event the vehicle must be moved for resurfacing or an emergency.
- Complete a mail forward request and submit to the Association as well as your local postal service.
- Have your HVAC professionally serviced before you depart. Set your air conditioning thermostat at 80 degrees. (Remember your HVAC unit's main function in your absence is to remove moisture from the air). If you have a humidistat set at 55, Change AC filter.
- Turn off inside water valves: under sinks, behind toilets, washing machine and hot water heater. Drain water from pipes (open spigots). Schedule for water turn off by calling 727-799-3417 option 6, visiting the Service Dept. at the East Activity Center or submitting an email through the Service Department Tab at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com
- Wrap toilet bowls with Cling Wrap to help keep water from evaporating in toilet bowl. A dry toilet bowl encourages pests.
- Empty refrigerator, turn off ice maker and ice maker valve, turn off refrigerator and prop open doors.
- Unplug appliances including washing machine
- Remove food to discourage pests or store staples in glass, metal or thick plastic containers.
- Lock Windows
- Turn off breaker to hot water heater.
- Have someone check your unit every one to two weeks. (Remember unchecked items can cost you thousands of dollars).
- Secure and store patio items. Patio furniture that can become airborne during a storm should be stored inside your unit.
- Hurricane Shutters and awnings should be lowered and secured.

Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form.

address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

This form will allow for a temporary change of

On Top of the World Address Change Form

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Speak up if you believe the child predator cyber crime task force should be kept in the state budget

Dear Folks: I wish to let everyone know of my deep felt concern over portions of the governor's recently proposed budget.

To my way of thinking, many of his proposals are draconian in nature and will have a very disturbing effect on many of the citizens of this state.

Perhaps, the governor does not care about this, but I do and I hope you do as well.

To my thinking, one of the most egregious parts of the budget will result in the elimination of the Florida Attorney General's Child Predator Cyber Crime Task Force. Hidden in the proposed budget is an item that transfers the Cyber Crime Unit to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and then defunds it completely.

In other words, the governor's budget will eliminate the only Florida agency, whose sole and exclusive task is to root out child predators and prosecute them.

My wife and I are the grandparents of eight very young and wonderful grandchildren. The Child Predator Cyber Crime Task Force, the governor intends to eliminate, has the task of protecting our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and their families from Online predators.

The Task Force uses state of the art technology to track down, arrest and prosecute child predators, including individuals who use the internet to sexually exploit children.

As I wrote above, but it bears re-



**Gerald R.
Colen**

Is It Legal?

peating, there is no other agency in the state of Florida that has as its primary function, the protection of our children and grandchildren from Internet predators and from Internet purveyors of child pornography.

Think about this: Suppose one of your grandchildren was seduced into the sleazy underworld of child pornography. Then the image of that child gets traded all around the internet. Some of these images are practically irretrievable.

Victims as young as babies in diapers and on up through the ages of childhood have been exposed to the perversions of folks who get some kind of incomprehensible pleasure from watching such scenes.

I believe that we - all of us - need the Child Predator Cyber Crime Task Force to fight a war that we must win!

Without the Task Force, we will not have an agency in this state that is directly focused on this immense problem.

I urge you to contact your state senators and state representatives, and

also Attorney General Pam Bondi, and express your feelings about the importance of the Child Predator Cyber Crime Task Force.

I request that you ask your state senators and state representatives, and also Attorney General Bondi, to make an extreme effort to maintain the Task Force and to maintain it under the Florida Attorney General's office, rather than the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The Florida Attorney General can be reached at: Office of the Attorney General, State of Florida, The Capitol PL-01, Tallahassee, Fla., 32399-1050; or you can send an email to her by Googling and finding her email address. Thanks.

Q. Do I need language in my trust that deals with the Health Insurance Portability Act?

A. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a comprehensive federal act with one provision relating to the privacy of health care provider's records and record keeping.

I think that language about it better belongs in two documents — a well-drafted durable power of attorney and a well-drafted Advance Directive.

I suppose you could also include such language in a living trust, but I don't know why you would need to do that if it's in both the durable power of attorney and the Advance Directive.

Q. What's the best way to secure my assets in the event I should get a divorce?

A. One way is with a pre-nuptial agreement. A second way is with a post-nuptial agreement.

Best way?

Well, I'm reminded of some lines from the old Eddie Cantor song: "Makin' Whoopie." "You'd better keep her. You'll find it's cheaper..."

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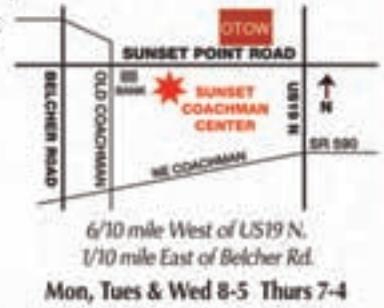
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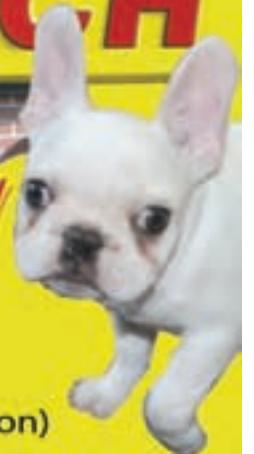


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Salvation Army band and chorus to provide music here Easter morning

By Carl R. Leiby

Traditional Easter music will fill the East Activity Center auditorium Sunday morning, April 24.

The Salvation Army Band and Chorus are returning to On Top of the World at 7:30 a.m. to bring their beautiful music here in a time-honored tradition. The Easter message will be given by their new leader, Captain Zach Bell.

The Good Neighbors and the Civitan Club are pleased to once again host this event. We welcome the opportunity to greet and meet you.

Easter visitors are invited to enjoy this traditional Easter holiday event with residents. The Salvation Army Band fills our stage with their musicians, and some also join the chorus off stage to sing for the guests around our grand piano.

Beautiful Easter Lilies from the Entertainment Committee will decorate the stage, and will be taken to OTOW shut-ins for gifts following the service.

The Good Neighbors invite you to enjoy coffee, punch and doughnuts after the service.



OTOW News photos by Doug Kates

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Annual picnic set for Philippe Park on April 6

By Edna Androvette

Our Singles Club meeting on March 5 opened at 6:30 p.m. and was chaired by Dorothy Carpenito.

The meeting was well attended because the entertainment for the evening was The Premier Academy Dancers. We have invited them in the past, and, as always, they are a delight to watch as they perform ballet and tap-dancing. The dancers range in age from 4-18 years. Well done.



Singles Club

Everyone enjoyed the Saturday Strawberry Fling that took place on March 19 in the large card room at the East Activity Center. On Saturday, March 26, our group left on the Jolly Trolley for an outing to John's Pass at Madeira Beach.

Welcome single newcomers to On Top of the World. As you can see, we enjoy all kinds of events and outings. Come and join us. Any questions, please call Dorothy at 796-4460 or Lucy at 669-3784.

Remember to contact Mary Widman, our new Sunshine Lady, with any information about ill members and she will send a card. She can be reached at 796-1184.

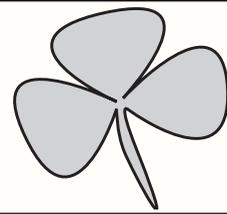
Please note on Saturday, April 2, there will not be a regular meeting. There will be a short business meeting at the beginning of the picnic. See below.

On Wednesday, April 6, at noon is our yearly picnic at Philippe Park, Shelter No. 7. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, and salads are on the menu. BYOB and table cover.

A bingo and golf putting contest are planned. The cost is \$5. Please purchase your ticket for the picnic on Monday or Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC at the Singles Table setup.

Events are on the agenda for May. Please attend the general meeting on Saturday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about these future activities.

Hope to see you at the picnic and may everyone have a blessed Passover and blessed Easter.



Irish Club

Irish Club honors two of its own for community service

By Mary Ann O'Neill

Our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance was a great success. If you missed this event you truly missed great food, raffles, music and friendship.

During the evening, recognition was given two of our club members, Neal O'Brien and Mike Kaplan, for their hard work for our club, as well as for the On Top of the World community.

Don't forget our annual picnic is on Monday, April 4 at Philippe Park. Remember to bring a dessert to share.

Chris Turpin and family (yes, Chris is the son of club member, Rosemary Turpin), will be here to entertain us on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center. Cost for this event is \$10.

Have a wonderful Easter, and for those of you traveling over the holiday, stay safe!

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OTOW NEWS STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

The past 12 months have been an incredible time for your OTOW newspaper, and appropriately you are looking at one of our best issues, one of our biggest issues and one of our most photogenic issues over the past year.

Not surprising, more than 40 reporters, photographers and staff members will be thanked this month with an appreciation luncheon.

But this doesn't mean you can't give your building writer or your club reporter a personal "thank you" this month, too. They are covering the news for you!

IN THIS MONTH'S OTOW NEWS THERE ARE 95 stories, 55 photographs and 75 advertisers - WOW !

OTOW News to honor 40 staff members

By Mary Lou Kelly

On Top of the World will honor all members of the Press Association who have written at least three articles and attended at least three meetings since last May.

The annual Appreciation Luncheon will be held at Pssghetti's on our regular meeting day, Thursday, April 7 at 1:30 pm. A private room is being provided along with a buffet of indescribable Italian cuisine. A list of reporters being honored was presented at the last meeting, but if anyone missed that meeting, the list is at right.

Anyone not on the list may still attend the luncheon. The fee is \$10 per person and reservations must be made with editor Doug Kates by April 4.

Doug said it is important each year to not only have residents write stories, but equally important to attend the monthly meetings.

"The reason why this newspaper has improved so much is because of our meetings," he said. "At our meetings we learn a lesson or two, provide feedback and set goals. Those who do not attend our meetings are missing a lot of great information. That's why we require at least three meetings for the honorees."

At the March meeting, nominations were made for officers for the coming year. Those nominated include the following: president, Yvonne Courtney; vice-president, Gloria Walz; secretary, Jackie Dooley.

PRESS ASSOCIATION

Elections for these offices will be finalized at the April meeting, and the new officers sworn in at the May meeting.

If elected, Gloria will replace Cele Radeloff, who has been the vice president for many years, and Jackie will replace Mary Lou Kelly.

Since the OTOW newspaper is available Online, reporters have been asked to be very careful in putting names of children and grandchildren in the paper, as well as cities where relatives might live. It has recently come to the attention of the Association that there may be a scam making use of said names and cities. Be safe. Avoid publishing information that could aid in scams.

Our Web site has been "spiffed" up. Important information is always posted on the Web site, so reporters do not have to wait for meetings, but can get information in a timely matter.

Since this will be my last article for the Press Association, I would be remiss if I did not extend a heart felt Thank You to Doug Kates for his extraordinary help, patience, and, of course, laughter. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as secretary of the Press Association.

Press Association Appreciation Luncheon

The following OTOW News reporters, photographers and staff have contributed at least three items and attended at least three meetings over the past 11 months.

On Top of the World would like to thank these individuals at an Appreciation Luncheon 1:30 p.m., April 7, at Pssghetti's Restaurant on US 19.

The luncheon will replace the monthly meeting which takes place at the same time.

Edna Androvette	Walter Balderson	Arlene Bergen
Howard Bergendahl	Ginny Bracken	Tom Bracken
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Joe E. Lewis' horrible fate may have helped Frank Sinatra to stardom

Chicago in the 1920s could be a dangerous place if you got on the wrong people.

Joe E. Lewis found that out.

Joe was a promising young singer and comedian. He was the talk of the Entertainment World and Night Club Circuit.

For a year he had been the main attraction at the Green Mill in Chicago, where there was standing room only every night.

At the end of the year he signed a contract to move to the Rendezvous Lounge, a rival Mafia facility. That turned out to be the biggest mistake of his life.

Machine Gun Jack McGurn was the owner of the Green Mill, and was



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

a notorious gangster. He tried to lure Joe back, and when that didn't work, he warned the entertainer that he would never open at the Rendezvous or sing again.

Lewis did open at the Rendezvous, but not for long. A week after the opening, he was sleeping in his room at the Commonwealth Hotel. There was

a knock at the door. Half asleep, he opened the door and was greeted by three thugs who slit his throat, cutting his vocal cords. His skull was fractured and a piece of his tongue was cut off.

Left for dead, Joe amazingly crawled into the hallway. A chambermaid, passing by, recognized him and immediately called 911.

With his tongue cut and his voice box damaged, he could not sing again.

Joe's voice came back very distorted, but he continued his career as a comedian doing stand-up comedy. He flourished in the 40s through the 60s, headlining in Las Vegas and the Copacabana in New York. He toured in USO shows with Ray Bolger during World War II.

Joe and Frank Sinatra became good friends and drinking buddies, which turned into an ironic twist.

When Joe had his great singing voice, he was so outstanding that had he been able to continue his singing career, Frank probably would not have attained so much stardom during his career.

Joe continued to be the featured attraction at the Copa until his death in June, 1971.

When Joe's life made it to the big screen in "The Joker is Wild" in 1957, Joe E. Lewis was played by Frank Sinatra.

Machine Gun Jack McGurn was killed in a bowling alley in Chicago in 1936.

My favorite parade photo



This was an aerial scene from the St. Patrick's Day parade in March. Do you notice anything suspicious?

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

You know, On Top of the World has several regulations which help keep this a quiet, restful and safe community to live in.

There are such rules and regulations such as age limits and minimum months you must live here.

But it came to my attention on March 12 that one of our local clubs might be bending the rules a little bit.

I'm writing this column because I think OTOW should conduct an investigation.

My suspicions originate from the St. Patrick's Day parade, where I personally saw a variety of OTOW groups walk down World Parkway Boulevard and then saw about 300 residents meet for hotdogs and beverages behind the East Activity Center.

Everything appeared to be in fun and in order, except for one club which gets a lot of press in this newspaper.

Now, here's what I'm questioning. Does something in the photo at left just not look right? Or is it me?



Doug Kates

News Editor

Membership into the Greyhound Club is for greyhounds ... and if I'm not mistaken, I think one of the parade walkers might be a little small to be a greyhound.

Maybe I'm wrong?

Bill Sharpsteen, the guy who is constantly seen with Lightning girls, is the spokesman for the club, and when questioned about the legitimacy of all his club members, Bill said everyone is a greyhound, except for one greyhound wannabee named Sparky.

Care to take a guess which one in the picture is Sparky?

Of course I'm joking around. But out of all 100 photos I took, this was my favorite. Just wanted to share!

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Four years later, OTOW residents still sending boxes to our Troops overseas

By Fran Glaros-Sharp

Four years ago I started sending care packages to our Troops through a nephew stationed in Iraq.

He came home and we are still sending boxes to other Troops.

In 2009, our newspaper editor, Doug Kates, came to our church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox in Clearwater, when we told him we'd just received a flag and a certificate of appreciation from Commander D. Sharp (no kin) and his outfit for the many boxes we

sent to them over the two years their group was stationed there.

It's two years later and D. Sharp is home and we still keep in touch with him and his family. He still keeps in touch with other soldiers that are still there.

This past month our church's ladies society, Philoptochos, organized a Festival of Tables, and asked members to decorate a table for the affair.

I offered to do a table to honor God and our Troops. So when it was over, I sent a picture of my table to D.

Sharp and his wife. I had a quick reply, telling me he was forwarding it to his buddies, which pleased me greatly.

We won honorable mention for the most Patriotic table.

I'm still baking cookies and sending boxes to our Troops every week, along with my close friend, Christine.

Many of my neighbors and several members from our morning On Top of the World Coffee Corner, donate dollars from time to time, to help with the postage, which is another rea-

son we can keep doing what we do for our Troops. They also donate many other items the Troops need.

As I said before, what a privilege to serve those who put their lives on the line for our freedoms each and every day! It's also a blessing to live at OTOW where we have such caring friends and neighbors to help us when we endeavor to help others.

Thanks to all who have helped in any way, so we can continue to help our Troops.

Parkway Management wants to help you get ready for hurricane season



Parkway Management would like to remind residents that hurricane season will once again be upon us at the beginning of June.

It is never too early to plan and be prepared for this time of year.

Last year Parkway Management created a program to help residents prepare for storm season, and due to its demand in the community, have decided to extend these services again for the 2011 season.

This paid service provides assistance to residents in securing patio items and awnings at the approach of a tropical system. The cost of the service is \$30 and there are a limited number of slots available.

Residents interested in the service may stop by the East Activity Center service desk for more information or to sign up.

Was that you I was following? Sorry!

By Marshall Greenman

I'm sorry. It was an innocent mistake. In the unlikely event that you will ever read this, please accept my heartfelt apology.

Let me start from the beginning.

Our friends, Donna and Terry, had to return their son's car to his home in rural Florida. Their son and newlywed bride had left for their honeymoon directly from their wedding reception. I was to follow Terry to their son's house, drop off the car, pick them up, and drive to our house.

It was a good plan except for my tendency to ... well let me just tell you the story.

We stopped for dinner.

Terry, Donna's extremely competent husband, assumed that I shared his concrete vision of reality. After we ate, he told me he was driving a silver Jetta. I hurried out and was surprised when a silver GT pulled out of the restaurant parking lot.

Jetta GT? That was a mistake I might have made, but it was not like Terry. I chuckled at the ribbing I would give him when we picked them up.

I was close on Terry's tail as he turned right out of the parking lot. Having no idea where we were headed, nor, quite frankly, entirely sure where we were, I stayed as close to him as possible.

After a few blocks he started driving faster and more erratically. It was hard keeping up with him. He

Marshall Greenman is a Florida native who loves to write. He has written two books and is in the process of writing his memoirs to leave to his children.

He has also had an article published in the St. Petersburg Times.

Marshall, and his wife, Glenda, have lived at On Top of the World for 12 years. He said, "It is the perfect place to live."

Marshall joined Writer's



Marshall Greenman

Ink so he could continue to write and join a group of others who love to write.



Writer's Ink is a club where OTOW writers get together and share their work. One writer will be featured each month this season.

The article here is what he calls, "Creative Non-Fiction."

kept speeding up, making last-minute hairpin turns, doing 75 on 45 MPH streets, and running through red lights with tires screaming.

"I hope he is prepared to pay for the tickets we get," I thought to myself.

Suddenly my wife Glenda's cell phone rang. It was Donna asking where on earth we were?

"Right behind you," I said, and was about to comment on Terry's driving style, but she said, "we are still in the parking lot."

Just at that point the car in front of me ran another red light, careened off, and in a couple of extremely dangerous maneuvers whipped a U-turn

and disappeared in a blast of speed.

Oops!

After a few moments to regroup, and with specific instructions, we crept back the way we had come. There Terry and Donna were waiting for us (in a silver Jetta).

I sheepishly followed as Terry, who was now aware of my tendency to make an adventure of the simplest tasks, drove slowly to the place where we dropped off the kid's car. He then got in the back seat and carefully directed me to the highway where we could pick up the route to our home.

I was grateful when we pulled into our driveway without further snafus.

Terry, in the kindest possible way, suggested that he probably should do the driving in the future. Glenda and Donna, who had had previous experience with my directionally challenged driving history, were laughing hysterically all the way home.

Once again, I would like to apologize to whoever was in that GT. I picture a sweet old lady, who now has an adventure of her own to impart to anyone who will listen to her; how she escaped from a murder/rapist/dope driven/gang member by coolly out-driving him.

I won't tell on you if you don't tell on me.

Flea Market was a huge success in March

By John Kannaly

Good Neighbors prepared 50 tables for the annual Flea Market in March and 46 of the tables were sold.

Some buildings, which normally hold their own annual yard sales, bought tables at the Flea Market.

John said more than 700 people passed through the auditorium during the day and at times "people had trouble passing each other in the aisles."

Among the items for sale, at very low prices, were furniture, golf clubs, housewares, appliances and clothes, to name a few.

"I think people enjoyed it and a lot of people sold out," John said. "Everyone had a good time."

This year's Flea Market was scheduled so the Snowbirds could take advantage before their departure north.

Items that didn't sell were taken to the St. Vincent DePaul Church for



Residents look for deals during the Good Neighbors Flea Market in March.

(OTOW News photo by Tom Bracken)

distribution to the needy.

Proceeds raised by Good Neighbors will be distributed to On Top of the World clubs, such as the library,

pool hall, Lapidary Club, Meals on Wheels, ID office and more.

This was the last major function of the season for Good Neighbors.

An appreciation dance will take place in April or May, and then a clothing drive will kick off the fall season in October.



The Artist Guild Artist of the Month is Dale Sackhouse, who is also this year's president of the guild. Her painting will be on display in the East Activity Center lobby all month.

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OTOW ID card filer has seen the best of two worlds

By John Koning

Mary Lou Miller is one of our most recognizable On Top of the World faces, but you might not recognize her, unless, like this reporter, you've had the chance to get to know her.

It is not because she is a forgettable person, but it's because of what she does. She is the last stop on the slightly annoying, yet ultimately rewarding annual journey that every On Top of the World resident endures for the sake of the magic card.

Mary Lou is our resident ID card filer, and has been for the last 21 years.

Virtually every Monday, she can be found at the West Activity Center, along with her buddy, Phil Meissner and a group of selfless volunteers.

One of the hardest things for a press reporter to do is to interview a humble soul like Mary Lou. It is like eating an oyster. While you know there's some really good stuff in there, it can be quite a job to get at it.

It wasn't until my second interview with Mary Lou that I discovered the thing that is most near and dear to her heart.

You see, Mary Lou's giving nature extends far beyond the gates of On Top of the World. One of the most important roles that she plays is serving communion to residents of St. Mark's Village retirement home and Mease Manor. Without this service, these shut-ins would not have the opportunity for this very important faith practice. On numerous occasions she has even accompanied the pastor to individual homes for the same purpose.



Mary Lou Miller looks over a book full of memories.

Before you conclude that Mary Lou is a passive, stay at home couch potato, let me set the record straight. This woman is a world traveling dynamo and an ardent basketball fan. She was prudent to suggest that we

conduct the interview as far from the television set as possible because Duke University was playing basketball. Oh, it doesn't really matter who wins. She just loves the game!

Mary Lou was bitten by the trav-

el bug many years ago when she and her late husband, Lewis, struck out on their first excursion to the exotic destination of ... Michigan. Neither one of them ever recovered, and subsequently scoured the entire North American continent in their Holiday Rambler trailer. From there the travel bug took Mary Lou across the equator to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

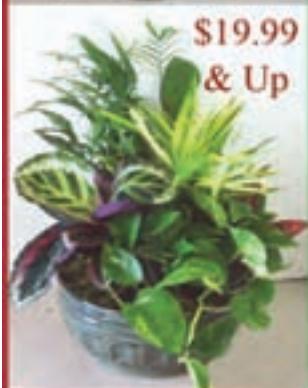
This reporter couldn't help but notice the cornucopia of bird sculptures that adorn Mary Lou's living room. She is an avid bird enthusiast and Lewis never missed the chance to show his affection with a wren, with a kookaburra, or with Mary Lou's favorite, a scissor-tailed flycatcher. Many of her birds are representative of their travel destinations.

Once she finished scouring this side of the Atlantic Ocean, Mary Lou hopped across the pond and explored Europe, the Mediterranean and the Holy Land. She clambered up the Parthenon, craned her neck in the Sistine Chapel, prayed at the Wailing Wall, and witnessed the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.

Her travel diaries read like a who's who of world travel.

When Mary Lou Miller peruses her travel diaries, there is a distant look in her eyes. It's not a sad look. It's a look of appreciation for what has passed and anticipation for what's to come. After all, at a mere 95 years, Mary Lou has a bright future. She is a prime example of age as a state of mind.

"Some day," she says with a twinkle, "I'll have to sit down and read all of these again and refresh my memory."



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Theater Workshop's 40th annual show completes tour around the world

By Merle MacDonald

The curtain descended on the 40th annual Theater Workshop production, "Copacabana."

The show, presented March 18, 19 and 20 in the East Activity Center auditorium, was developed from an original concept and design by Victor Sutcliffe, to whom the show was dedicated.

Maxie (Paige Johnson), our mob spy, and Rocco (John Palladino) her bodyguard, guided us as we made our way from the beaches of Rio de Janeiro, where we danced in the streets, to the stage of the posh nightclub in New York City.

Once in the Big Apple, we were entertained by a host of On Top of the World celebrities performing the signature songs of such greats as Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, The Temptations, Diana Ross and The Supremes.

We regret that our Lola (Phyllis Brooks), from the title song "Copacabana," was taken ill and unable to perform.

We want to thank our cast, our director, MaryAnn Mercer, our producers, our writers, the lighting and sound crews, stagehands, stage mothers and all our wonderful helpers.

We especially want to thank you,



Copacabana showgirls strut there stuff. Left to right are Joan Brennan, Linda Carter, Merle MacDonald, Sylvia Shlemon, Virginia Butler, Susan Williams, Evie Ralston and Pat Cummisky.

(Photos by Tony Scheifen)

our audience, for without your participation, this show would not be possible. Please accept our sincere "Thank You" all.

Election of officers will be held at the general meeting, Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

An installation dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 13, in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. The festivities will commence

at 5 p.m. with a cocktail hour (BYOB) followed by dinner at 7 p.m. catered by our own Betty Baker, who owned her own restaurant for many years.

Tickets are available on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC and at the general meeting. The cost is \$6 for members and \$12 for guests.

The general meeting date is the last time tickets will be available for purchase.



Theater Workshop



On top are Nanette Rudolph, Hilda Irizarry and Lilli Scheifen. At left are Mary and Will Sundblad

On Top of the World Computer Club

The On Top Of The World Computer Club meets every Saturday morning, downstairs in the main card room at the East Activity Center.

In addition to a monthly featured speaker, we also try to have a beginner's session for those who feel the featured speaker is too advanced.

In addition to the classes, we hold a session every Monday morning for those who are having hardware or software problems and need help. This loose group meets at 9 a.m. in Classroom No. 1, which is the first door on the right as you go downstairs from the lobby. You must be a member for this session.

As long as there is sufficient interest, we will hold beginner classes each Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m.

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Why not join us on Saturday morning? For more info call 669-4731 on Mondays from 9-11 a.m.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Are you tired of trying to clean up email before you forward it? Many emails have a long list of email addresses, forwarding marks and other trash. Here is a tip that works well with Windows Live Mail.

To forward and clean an email easily, first drag your mouse down through the text that you want to send, including the pictures. You should see the entire selection turn bold.

When you get to the end, click "File" then "Copy."

Now click "Forward" to open up your new email. Click in the text area of the new message and click "File" and "Select All."

Your old message should now be totally selected.

Now just click "File" and then "Paste."

Viola!

Your copied selection should replace all the old message, including the junk.

Do you have any questions about your computer - mechanical, programs or something basic? Send your questions to sniggins61@hotmail.com and we will try to answer your questions promptly. Look for your answer, and answers to other questions, in this monthly article.

Ava Smith keeps busy by raising money for cancer research and working club activities

By Nancy House

Most Hoosier Club members come to Florida during the winter to enjoy playing golf, walking on the beach, relaxing in the sun, and participating in the activities provided at On Top of the World.

Snowbird member, Ava Smith, from Columbus, Ind., looks forward every winter to continuing her volunteering passion for cancer research while still finding time for social activities with friends.

"Just because you are retired and wintering in Florida doesn't mean you can't do charitable work while you're here," Ava said.

Dedicated to organizing events and supporting community needs, while working as the office manager for the Milestone Road and Bridge Construction Company, she willingly served on the American Heart Education Board, Ivy Tech Board, and was a long time company representative for United Way.

"My greatest asset is that I am a very organized person," she said. "I'm very detailed and it comes naturally for me to plan an event and really enjoy doing it."

When a neighbor in Columbus encouraged Ava to become a member of Phi Beta Psi Sorority in 1986, she learned that the mission statement of the group was, "Together we can help find the cure for cancer." Because the group of ladies wanted to make a contribution to the community, and their main fundraiser project was to aid in



Cancer research, Ava joined.

She has worked in fundraising, to support cancer research for both men and women, for 25 years.

Ava misses some Hoosier Club meetings, but she has good excuses. Many of her Tuesday evenings are spent working with her Clearwater

chapter, Beta Pi, planning for an annual luncheon and fashion show with all proceeds dedicated to cancer research.

Her husband, Gerald, attends the Hoosier Club meetings and returns home with club news. He even volunteered Ava to organize and plan



Hoosier Club

the annual picnic for the club and to assist the treasurer with the roster and directory.

Her reply to Gerald is always, "I love keeping busy and helping others. I can get things done. Tell them I'll do it."

The activities that she is involved in are well planned and done properly. As Ava's mother told her many years ago, "If you are going to do something, do it right or don't do it at all!"

Ava feels this one statement has stuck with her all of her life.

When the Hoosier Club ladies learned that the proceeds collected from the fashion show, raffles, and luncheon were donated to H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, and that Ava had been modeling clothes for the event for the past 13 years, Ava's ticket selling increased in volume.

This year the annual event raised \$5921.

Ava encourages women at OTOW to buy a ticket for next year's luncheon and style show, or get involved in working for the fundraiser. For more information, call 727-793-9404 and speak to Ava.

Already planning a busy winter 2011 season

By Walter Copeland

Our trip to Key West was wonderful. Everyone had a great time.

We're hoping for some big winners during our two-day travel to the Immokalee Casino. We're looking forward also to our two day travel to Sanibel and Captiva.

We have a very large crowd coming to our catered picnic at Philippe Park. The turnout for our free (to members) Appreciation Party on April



Pennsylvania Club

1 is expected to be huge. Remember, admission requires your membership card and your free ticket (ticket is not

transferable.)

We've had a full 2010-2011 season, and we're making many plans for 2011-2012 for day trips and overnighters, as well as dinners.

Our thanks to you for making our club so successful.

Please note there will be no meeting in April. We'll resume with the Oct. 6 meeting. We've reserved Friday, Oct. 28, for our Welcome Back party.

Please set aside Thanksgiving

dinner at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre on Nov. 24 for a buffet and a very funny comedy.

Our annual Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 4, featuring Island Way Grill's Champagne Brunch. We'll have entertainment and free gifts for every household.

We wish you all a wonderful and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall. If necessary, we can be contacted at 315-487-1681.

Morning exercises available in the East Activity Center lower gym

Come join us at the 8 a.m. exercise class in the lower level gym room in the East Activity Center!

On Mondays and Tuesdays our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility and strengthening the body's

core. We do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs so bring a towel or mat.

On Wednesday and Friday mornings bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes while we work on improving muscle

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OTOW Gift Shoppe Crafter of the Month Yolana DaRose

By Thomas Brennan

Now that spring is in the air, let's meet Gift Shoppe contributor Yolanda DaRos.

At this time of year many people are looking for Easter gifts to give to children, and Yolanda has the answer. She makes knitted articles for the Gift Shoppe.

One of the most clever is a mitten with a snake face. The mittens come in all colors, they have pink mouths that open and a red tongue appears. On top of the mittens are a pair of eyes and a white bon with two white strips running the length of the mitten.

"How did you get started on such a neat project," I asked? "You see it was like this," she answered.

Yolanda knew a lady who made this type of mitten and decided she wanted to learn how, too. Her friend moved away and Yolanda started knitting them without instruction from anyone. By trial and error she mastered mitten knitting.

She gave me a quick demonstration: Start at the bottom, two knit, two pearl, knit one side, pearl one side, taper the mouth. The mouth is all knitted pink. The same for the red tongue.

Yolanda knitted five sets of 72-inch long scarfs. She made hats and mittens in five colors for her grandchildren. At present she is knitting a pink baby blanket for her new great-granddaughter.

Yolanda and her husband, Guido, come to us from Dearborn, Mich. As

snowbirds, they have the best of Michigan in the summer and the best of Florida in the winter.

They will be married 62 years in July and have lived at On Top of the World for 25 years.

They are parents of a son and daughter. Their son is a computer specialist. He teaches computer skills to teachers, who in turn teach computers to students. Their daughter is a computer scientist.

Also in the family are four dentists, a son-in-law, two grandchildren and a granddaughter who is married to a student dentist.

Yolanda graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in accounting, and also graduated from Detroit Business Institute.

Guido was an engineer at Ford Motor Company. Over the years at OTOW, he was an active member of the Jesters.

Curiosity got the best of me, so I asked, "How do you stay happily married for 62 years?"

Well, "you see it is like this," says Yolanda. "When we are in Michigan we have a TV upstairs and one downstairs."

(I didn't dare ask who had to walk upstairs.)

Thanks for a wonderful interview Yolanda and Guido, see you at the Gift Shoppe.

If you are looking for greeting cards, check out the card selection in our Gift Shoppe, where you can get beautiful greeting cards two for \$1.

Baby Boomers take advantage of library offerings

By Katarina Tepesh

While reading Keith Richards' memoir, "Life," it states on page 176 that the Rolling Stones, specifically Mick Jagger and Keith, wrote the lyrics of their No. 1 song, "Satisfaction," by a pool in Clearwater, Fla.

Keith also wrote a postcard from Clearwater to his mom in England, "Working like a dog, same as ever. Love, Keith."

Some of our Baby Boomers group enjoyed participating in the colorful St. Patrick's parade, snapping photos and posting them on Facebook. We shared a dinner of lean corned beef and cabbage.

We will join the Irish Club again on Monday, April 4, at a picnic in Philippe Park, which is one of our favorite places to bicycle.

Several of us love scenic bicycle rides. However, due to accidents, wearing a helmet is mandatory in our Baby Boomers group. Other bicycle groups



Baby Boomers

in the area now ask participants to sign a waiver. Safety comes first!

Speaking of Irish luck, I won two tickets at Ruth Eckerd Hall for the show, "Ballroom with a Twist" hosted by Cloris Leachman and Gilles Marini.

Mardi Gras celebration in Dunedin was wild and lots of fun. I did my share with a Pirate hat and bids.

For those of us who are fairly new to the area and are interested in local history of Honeymoon and Caladesi Islands, the Safety Harbor public library presented author and naturalist Linda Taylor, "Great Women Explor-

ing Nature: How Wild Florida Influenced Their Lives."

In fact, our interest in Caladesi Island is serious enough for some of us to volunteer on annual Great American Cleanup and take part with slogan, "Keep Pinellas Beautiful Inc."

We love our local libraries and regularly attend free films, such as "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps 2010" with Michael Douglas and Susan Sarandon; "Secretariat" with Diane Lane and John Malkovich;

On the first day of spring, one library featured the film, "Shakespeare in Love," as the Academy Award Best Picture and actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

Our Baby Boomers group plans to participate in discussion at Dunedin Public Library with author Linda Brown, "Hey Boomers: Dust off Your Backpacks!" which challenges leading edge Baby Boomers to recapture their 1960's backpacking style ... on Social Security.

We plan to attend a free spring concert by the Dunedin International Chorale on Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the Dunedin Public Library,

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all volunteers group, meaning equal opportunity to organize and follow thru on the ideas.

The Baby Boomers group meets monthly every third Thursday in a month and communicates via email listed below and we like to connect on Facebook as well.

Come to our meeting and join a lively group of individuals who are passionate about improving our OTOW community by making it even a better place to live and play.

Our next monthly meeting is on Thursday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Veranda Room overlooking the swimming pool. For more information send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com

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All bus trips listed have a pick up at OTOW.



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Dec. 17-24 Holiday Cruise

Celebrate the holiday aboard the beautiful Crown Princess. Stops include Princess Cay, Curacao and Aruba. Fees include bus transportation, cruise, NCF, government fees, driver gratuities and a \$50 shipboard credit. Inside cabins start at \$748, ocean view cabins start at \$888 and balcony cabins start at \$1,098. Great value on a beautiful ship. Book early - this cruise will sell out.



Jan. 17-27, 2012 Southern Caribbean

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Nov. 10-14 Red Hat Special

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Line Dancers go the extra mile at parade

By Christine Nason

Instead of the usual Saturday Line Dance gathering, 16 of our finest members marched and danced their way for fun in the St. Patrick's Day parade here at On Top Of The World.

It was such a joy to encounter the happy smiles as we handed out strings of colorful beads to children along the parade route.

Those participating in the Line Dance segment of the parade included Georgia Jensen, Bill Cousins, Cele Radeloff, Ann Adams, Ellen Gilbert, Mary Schunk, Virginia Butler, Mary



Becker, Linda and Jim Hilterbrandt, Linda Collings, Helen Crombie, Temma Gotfrit, Barbara Kelley, Bob Mayer

and Chris Nason.

If you would like to experience some fun, please come join us on

Tuesday at 1 p.m., or Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Beginner classes are available at each meeting.

You are welcome to attend as much or as little as may meet your needs for fun. Classes are free of charge.

If you decide that Line Dancing will be part of your regular activity, we do ask a yearly membership fee of \$5.

For further information please contact Joanie Farrell at 723-1978 or Chris Nason at 797-6407.

Social club adds a little more lounge-style informal activities

April already?

Soon many of our Snowbird members will be heading north. This would be a good time to look back on what's been occurring over the past months.

A weekly Wednesday lunch group was formed and has been quite popular. The club had a lively holiday season with both Christmas and New Year's parties. We've had several theater outings.

Lambda meetings have evolved to a more informal mixer/lounge style that allows more socializing. And our picnic last month at Phillipe Park was enjoyed by all.

Our members have been very helpful in expressing suggestions for the club. Keep them coming.

For April, we will be using one



Lambda

of those ideas for a golf tournament. The club has a number of golfers, so this will give them a chance to show off their stuff. Prizes will be awarded. The date will be announced.

Lambda is a social club for the gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. It is an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular activities include dinners out, Sunday brunches, and theater/movie

nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we are also open to participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room overlooking the pool. If you are interested in finding out more about us, send an email to lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566. You can also check us out at this site: <http://lambdclearwater.blogspot.com>.

'What got me started ...'

By Anne B. Watkins

Hope Allen Hollister showed our club how she got started in genealogy - from a letter written by her second great-grandfather to his son.

The writer told the whole family history in just a few paragraphs, though he complained he'd been yoked to the same woman for eternity, and he better write this as she would never get around to it. I'll bet that was a happy home.

No matter how reluctant, the writer told of his ancestor by the name of Bard coming from England, and how there was a Revolutionary War patriot in the family, Capt. Eliab Farnum from Connecticut, as well as a Civil War general, William Rosecrans.



Family History

Hope also claims relationship to John Alden of the Mayflower and Ethan Allen, the patriot, not the furniture store.

She showed us two ways she used to find her Allen family pedigree:

(1) She used a free source, Familysearch.org, where she was able to print out her family line from the "Pedigree Resource File." (2) Hope also found her family listed in a "Public Members Tree" on Ancestry.com, a pay site.

"Public Trees" are family pedigrees submitted by subscribers. These submitters attach their email addresses to their "Trees," so it is a good way to contact relatives you never knew you had.

If you need help in getting started on your family history, join us the second Monday of the month, November through May.

Our next presenter is Virginia Rudolph 1-3 p.m., on April 11, Classroom No. 1 in the East Activity Center.

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Parade was a greyhound reunion

By Bill Sharpsteen

What a showing for the Irish Club's St Patrick's Day Parade! We had 50 walkers and 24 greyhounds join in the march!

A dedicated few - Sharen Guokas, Norm Whitten and I - decorated the float on Friday. Final touches were added Saturday and it was a lovely day for the Parade. The Irish Club must have connections?

Our young volunteers, and a few seasoned ones, gave candy to anyone who wanted some, but being the last group, most residents and their visitors were sugared up before we got to them!

It was nice to see so many adopted greys that were fostered in On Top of the World! It is another annual reunion for all of us.

And boy did some of the greys get decked out. Thanks to Connor Butler and "little" Bill Sharpsteen



24 greyhounds head down World Parkway Boulevard.

(OTOW News photo by Tom Bracken)

who led the "Who let the dogs out" cheer along the route and at the judge's stand. Thanks to all for participating, especially Dick Hanley's son Pat who walked in honor of his father with the appropriately named Beauty!

We will be in Safety Harbor every third Friday (April 15th) at the corner of Main Street near Second Av-

enue with others for a music fun-filled evening from 6-10 p.m. Park near the library off Second Avenue North off Main Street. Bring a folding chair, join us and walk the festival and listen to the music.

We have monthly visits to several area nursing homes with Beauty and her other greyhound friends, who are

well received! The residents really light up when they see the greyhounds and the greyhounds love the visit for all the petting they get! A win - win!

All residents can attend our no dues club fun meetings. Come and bring your neighbors and friends. Enjoy meeting retired racing greyhounds to pet.

We meet the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are 10 a.m. in Veranda Room No. 2, second floor in the East Activity Center. Our last meeting of the spring will be Thursday April 7th, please save the date! We will kick off again with a return Thursday Nov 3rd.

Call Bill at 727-797-7977 today to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

Club members find ways to have fun on trips, even when chilly weather doesn't cooperate

By Pat Zorland

The March 4 meeting was very well attended with both regular and new members.

The meeting opened with the President Shirley Brucalire welcoming everyone.

The business part of the meeting went very quickly then it was on to the reports on trips taken by members of the club.

First, Roxie Maggio gave a report on the January Trip to New Orleans. Everyone had a wonderful time, despite the cold weather and their flight home



Singles Travel

being delayed by the airline for one day due to weather conditions. They had plenty to see and do while there.

It was suggested that another trip back to New Orleans be considered some time in the future maybe for

a longer stay.

Shirley then gave a report on a February trip to Solomons Castle, which is really not that far from here.

The bus ride was nice and lunch, which was included, was very good.

Again, the weather was not the best, but the castle and its history was very interesting. It seemed that everyone had a good time.

Next on the agenda was a report on an autumn trip to Washington DC, which Audrey Jones has been working on. If you need information you can catch up with Audrey on the third

Thursday of each month at the East Activity Center. She has a table set up for us there. Stop by and say hello. You can also reach her at 726-5856 for more information on what she has in the works.

Nancy from Advantage Cruises and Tours ended the meeting with a presentation and fliers for April trips and cruises.

For more information on our club you can always call Shirley at 727-4619. The next meeting will be on April 1 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

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Woodworking shop was on display at open house for everyone to see

By Thomas Brennan

On Saturday, March 26, I met Ralph Baumbach, who represented more than 70 members of the wood working shop, at their open house.

He informed me that club members are individuals who share a desire to make our world a better place than when they first found it.

"How do you do that?" I asked.

They do this by making wooden toys for underprivileged and handicapped children, strictly on a volunteer basis.

Club members had their most prized possessions on display for this year's open house. They also do small repair work for OTOW residents. It is customary for the recipient to make a donation to the club. These monies are used to purchase material for toy making and maintenance of shop equipment.

Last summer the club took on a project to make showcases for the Starlite Room in the East Activity Center. After checking out the showcases, I must say, they are very



Ralph Baumbach

nice. A job well done and they have a professional finish.

If you are interested in wood

working, this is the place to go. You will be in good company, and for

a small membership fee you will



Fixers Club

have use of the shop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday all year round. The shop is located on the lower floor of the East Activity Center. There are display cabinets lining the walls with samples of toys made for children. These toys are truly works of art.

Ralph will be happy to give you a tour of the friendly Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers workshop and he will answer any questions you may have.

Thanks Ralph for an informative interview and don't take any wooden nickels!

Fixers prepare to welcome new leader for 2011-12

By John Koning

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club has a bylaw stipulating that the club president must step down after one year in office.

This ensures that there is always new blood waiting in the wings in the form of our president elect.

This year that man is Steve Stiffler. So, you might ask, "How do we know this candidate is qualified to lead the Fixers next year?"

Well, first of all, Steve is no stranger to leadership. He is a veteran fire service leader with 29 years of service in Berlin and Ellsworth Townships back in Ohio where he served for six years as chief, earning the outstanding service award.

When he stepped down to go back to trucks, he was named Firefighter of the Year. His level of dedication is best illustrated by an eight-hour day he spent dumpster diving to identify the exact cause of a fire.

Steve served 31 years with General Motors, where he finished his ca-



Steve Stiffler with friend Sally.

reer as a health and safety representative, and finally, Steve has been married to the same woman for 42 years. If that doesn't smack of dedication, I don't know what does?

Granted, Steve is dedicated, but is he sharp enough to take over the Fixers Club at the end of the year? Well, you be the judge.

Steve told me a story (on the re-

cord, of course) about their cherished parrot that he and his lovely wife, Jan, acquired in 1981. They named him Sullivan, or Sully for short.

Nineteen full years later they moved to On Top of the World where, all of a sudden, their beloved Sullivan began laying eggs! Quick as a wink Sully became Sally, the egg-laying machine.

Fortunately for Steve, the Fixers are a trust-worthy group.

Don't worry Steve. We won't tell a soul.

Learn more about the Fixers Club at www.fixersfiddlersandfumblers.com.



Fixers Club

Club crowns lawn bowl and golf champions

By Rollie Lapoint

The Canadian Club hosted its annual Lawn Bowling Triples competition on Feb. 6 with a large number of teams vying for coveted championship.

Despite a setback with the weather, the competition was fierce with very little separating the eventual winners from the rest of the field.

The winning team consisted of Mario Altieri, Norm Chandler and Bob Saunders. Thanks to Bob Laplante for organizing the event.

Beautiful weather greeted 36 teams of golfers on Feb. 20 for the Canadian Club Golf Tournament. The event used a scramble format, was followed by a delicious lunch and presentation of numerous draw prizes, and, of course, the top teams' prizes.

Congratulations to the winning team of Jan Hinrichs, Cecelia Shaughnessy, Carl Charlton and Jim Phillips who shot an amazing 56 to edge out all other teams.

The outstanding leadership of Bruce and Cathy Mills made this a memorable day. Special thanks to the numerous volunteers who made the event run smoothly. Special mention goes to lunch coordinators, Jocelyn Laplante and Claudette Lapointe.

Our final dance of the year, the Spring Fling, was a huge success.

Organized by Tom McKee and



Canadian Club's 2011 Spring Fling

Bob Laplante, guests were treated to a brightly decorated hall replete with flowers, blossoming trees, brightly decorated tables etc. The Canadian Lawn Bowling Triples and the golf tournament winners were acknowledged with trophy presentations. A meal consisting of pizza and salad was

followed by a dance.

Events that could not be covered in this article include our participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade, our visit to see the Jays play ball on March 20 and our final meeting of the year, the AGM on March 30.

This is my last article as Presi-



Canadian Club

dent of the Canadian Club. I must part with a few words of thanks.

Firstly, to the executives of the Club, Marnie Carr, Jill Orchard, Gisele Goyette, Cathy Mills and Tom McKee have done an outstanding job in providing leadership to make this year a success.

Secondly, to all the coordinators of events and volunteers - without your initiative the club would not be able to perform all the tasks it does. Thank you for taking the time and making the effort.

Special kudos go to our Webmaster, Don Jones, who kept us supplied with pictures of our events and essential information that helped the club run smoothly.

Thirdly, to the membership. More than 485 of you participated in one way or another in the various activities of the club. Thank you for the support and encouragement throughout the year.

Finally, have a good, safe, healthy, happy summer.

Don't hide your hobby in the closet

By Jim Sundberg

On Top of the World has shown to be diversified when it comes to the recently organized Stamp Collectors Club.

Every meeting expands the hobby of philately globally. We are now seeing long-time enthusiasts from Russia, Great Britain, Austria, Germany and from all over the U.S.A. Many are showing us what they have accumulated and how we can learn to better organize what we have, instead of being hidden in a closet.

We are now sharing our lifelong experiences and passion. I'm sure the support of many different people is



Stamp Club

better than working alone.

Come join us Tuesday, April 12 and 26 between 1-3 p.m. in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month through May. For more information call Jim Sundberg at 847-951-2284.

Looking forward to many more meetings.

Club picnic set for April 13

By Brad Day

The New York/New Jersey Club picnic will be in Philippe Park, Shelter No. 7 on Wednesday, April 13 at noon.

We will be providing fried chicken with potato salad and cole slaw. We will also provide soft drinks and ice.

Cost for club members will be \$5, non-members will be \$8.

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Busy month filled with awards, honors

By Jean E. Doane

Many thank yous to everyone who visited the On Top of the World Artist Guild Art Show in March.

We hope you enjoyed seeing the many interesting and lovely paintings by our own OTOW artists.

Those of us who participated in the Art Show thought it was a very nice event and hope you enjoyed coming to it as much as we did putting it on for you.

Like every show, the audience is asked to select a "People's Choice" Award for best artwork. The winner of the "People's Choice" award is Toni Mattz with her excellent pensive and poignant portrait of a weathered and



Art Guild

worn older man (see page 31).

Congratulations, Toni!

We also give congratulations to the "Artist of the Month" award winner Dale Stackhouse, the Art Guild president, for her very pretty serene painting of a log cabin at the lake (see page 15). Her picture was chosen from five lovely paintings at our regular Art-

ist Guild meeting on Friday, March 11.

These winning paintings will be displayed in the lobby of the East Activities Center for at least one month. If you haven't seen them, it is definitely worth your time to make a point to do so.

Virginia Ruegger was the presenter at our last regular meeting on March 11. She is a local artist who is connected to the Dunedin Art Center. She has classes there and is a very creative, encouraging instructor. She went to a lot of work to give us an opportunity to try our hand on a Japanese paper that has a finish on it that does not absorb watercolor. You must let it

dry for possibly as long as 24 hours. Mixing the colors on the paper is an interesting process in and of itself. The name of this paper is yupo.

We had a great time and appreciated the opportunity to try working on this very unique paper.

Our next and last meeting, until November, will be on Friday, April 8, at 1 p.m. at the EAC in Room A off the ballroom. We will be having an election of new officers as well as a pizza party.

We will also have an interactive effort to make a beautiful or interesting painting (possibility of both). We hope to have a great turnout and will see you there!



Seated from left to right are Andy Suhar, Lou DiFabbio and Barbro Nielsen. Standing from left to right are Jack Johnson, Jim Sundberg, Hans Nielsen, Mary Henry, Gloria Mitchell, Jean Doane and Charlie Doane.

Pool shark turns 91

By Barb Sundberg

On March 1, Lou Di Fabbio celebrated his 91st birthday.

Lou enjoyed cake and coffee in the Sunrise Room with some of his friends (pictured above). Jack Johnson had celebrated his birthday just a few days earlier, so we relit the candles and sang "Happy Birthday" again.

Lou hails from the Windy City, so we had an instant connection since Jim Sundberg and I were both born and raised in Chicago.

Lou has resided in the Loch Lomond building for more than 20 years. He is an accomplished artist and member of the Art Guild, Men's Billiard Club and Golf Club.

I have enjoyed playing billiards with Lou whenever he gets away from his other activities. I have learned much from his pool skills and sincerely appreciate his patience over the last year as he tries to help me slow down and take a deep breath before I start banging the balls around the table!

When the Snowbirds leave, more volunteers are needed

By Carl & Betty Leiby

Ask my Meals On Wheels volunteers why they deliver meals and they will have a variety of reasons, but basically it is because it is "very rewarding."

Meals on Wheels will give assistance to residents who are arriving home from the hospital and need help with meals. A caring neighbor will check on them Monday thru Friday.

Our On Top of the World clients love their volunteers. The volunteers bring delicious warm meals, which are planned by a Neighborly Care Network dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and often a dessert are included.

Our Snowbirds are going home, so additional volunteers are needed to help deliver meals to our homebound neighbors. The time required is from 10 a.m. to noon. The clients enjoy meeting new neighbors who help in this very special way.

The FBI is now requiring volunteers to give their fingerprints, but the



Meals On Wheels

Neighborly Care Network is making this as painless as possible.

The colorful Neighborly Care bus is now taking residents to Dunedin to join other seniors for lunch and a social time of entertainment, cards, bingo and music.

Service to take seniors to Senior Day Care, and transportation to doctor's offices is also available. The Neighborly Network has many additional services available as skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides.

For information, phone the Neighborly Care Network at (727) 573-9444.

To volunteer for this rewarding service at OTOW, call Carl & Betty Leiby at 791-3861.

Parade Photos on pages 36-37

(left to right,
top to bottom)

OTOW Chorus

The OTOW Republican Club

OTOW Hoosier Club

OTOW Line Dancers

A Snowbird Leprechaun

OTOW Lawn Bowl Club

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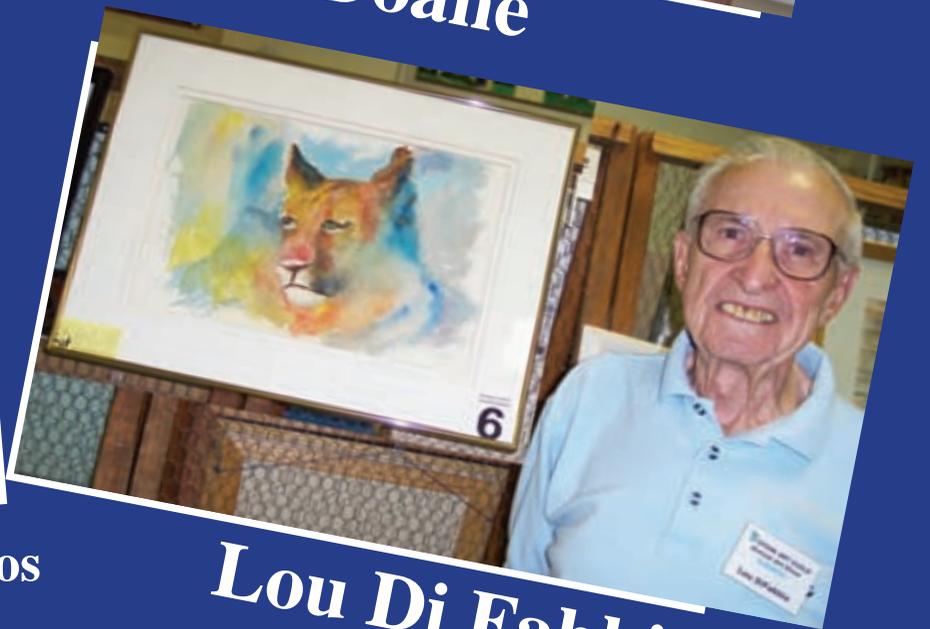
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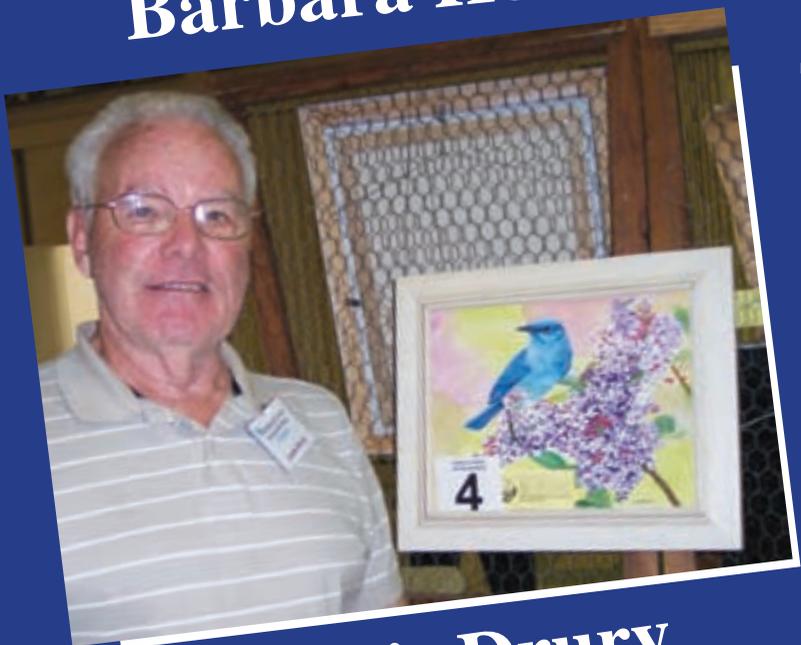


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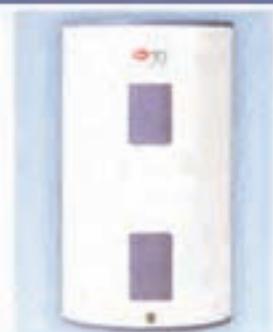
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Snowbirds 'At Large' at St. Patrick's parade

By John Koning

It is such a thrill for the Snowbirds Club to participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade that we try very hard to put our best Irish foot forward.

That's why, for the last couple of years, we have hosted Tim and Lotte Bernard, of At Large, to showcase their amazing musical talents on our parade float.

We love this wonderful, wacky couple because they represent, in music, what the Snowbirds Club represents in our membership – talent, diversity, fearlessness and an infectious sense of humor and zest for life.

If you haven't heard Tim and Lotte play, you really "ain't lived," as they say. If you're in the mood for Frank Sinatra, Carlos Santana or John Mayer, Tim won't let you down. No, not by a long shot.

If you've got a hankering for Stevie Nicks, Aretha Franklin Celine Dion or Etta James, Lotte brings it. Be still, my heart!

Tim and Lotte are a class act with an illustrious entertainment partnership that began on the cruise ship Europa. They have circled the globe



together and now they entertain thousands of music lovers right here in our own back yard. Lucky us!

Each of these talented musicians developed their sound individually before they met, but, if you watch their spontaneous interaction, you realize

they were made to complement each other, like Romeo and Juliet, like Fred and Ginger, like Ed and Dolly.

Now, I'm not expecting you to take my word for all this. After all, musical tastes are as varied here at On Top of the World as the building facades.

Go to <http://www.bernardwest.com/flash/songs.htm> and let Tim and Lotte do the rest. Click on the little play button, located under the song list and then sit back and enjoy a varied sampling of At Large music for about 10 minutes. You'll be glad you did.

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Did you like the 1920s?

Come listen to the 20s again during our April concert

By Dana Garlick

Charleston! Flappers! and Razz-A-Ma-Tazz!

All coming your way the first weekend in April.

The On Top of the World Chorus will be performing 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 2, and 3 p.m., Sunday, April 3 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Come for the fun and the music, most of which was written in the 1920s!

Where we live was inspired by the song "I'm Sitting on Top of the World," a popular song written by Ray Henderson, the lyrics by Sam M. Lewis and Joe Young, and published in 1925.

Our men are gearing up for their rendition of Toot, Toot, Tootsie a popular song written by Gus Kahn, Ernie Erdman and Ted Fiorito, also in



From left to right are Russ Clark, John Lewis, Rod Barberstock and Jim Zylstra.

the 1920s. Al Jolson made that a very popular song in his day.

John Lewis, Jim Zylstra, Rod Bargerstock and Russ Clark, our very own barbershop quartet, said they will be singing, MY WIFE ? ? ? ?. What is up with that?

John says the song was written by Charles Tobias and George Benet in 1929, so the time is right for the theme. But it sure has me wondering.

In addition to the choral performances, some of OTOW favorite singers will be featured. Bernee



Chorus

Krause, Ginny Mucci and Arlene Kilpatrick will perform. We are so lucky to have these already-very-busy ladies in our chorus.

We appreciate all the work they do in other performances, choruses and choirs, and then they make time for us as well.

Come join us Saturday or Sunday and have some fun listening to favorite tunes of the Twenties or music that was inspired by that very special time in our American history ... Charleston! Flappers! and Razz-A-Ma-Tazz!

New board already working on 'Really Big Show' for 2012

By Sherry Ivey

I sure don't like to begin this column with an apology, but that I must do.

I forgot to thank some very important members of our cast who appeared in the Jesters' show "Broadway Revisited" in February. So, my thanks go out to Barbara Sensale, who was our lovely spokesperson and pink panther; Adele Friedlander and Bruce Bandini, who were the welcoming Jesters; and Ella Mae Crow, who is the last of the founding members of the Jesters. I thank them all for their efforts and assure them the oversight was purely unintentional and we love each and every one of them.

The March 9 general meeting was the last meeting of this season. Soon our Snowbirds will be flying to their northern nests and we will miss them. However, we hope they will stay long enough to join us for our annual Appreciation and Installation Dinner/Dance which will be held at the Clearwater Country Club on April 3. Thank you Betty Eggleton for making all of the arrangements.

At the general meeting, our most important item was to elect new officers for the 2011-2012 season. I present to you the newly elected officers and Board of Directors: Fran Fitzpatrick, president; Marvin Flam, first vice president; Arlene Kilpatrick, second vice president; Donna Bittner, trea-



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Jesters

to be presented in February 2012 with the title "A Really Big Show."

Thanks to the Irish Club for providing our float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 12 and to Betty Eggleton who assisted with the arrangements.

Also, thanks to those members who came out and participated in the parade.

Congratulations to Mike Kaplan, who was named a lifetime member of the Irish Club and was on the reviewing stand along with our own Barbara Sensale. It was a fun and beautiful day.

Finally, here is a message from Fran Fitzpatrick, our new president. "If you would like to become a member and get involved in the fun, contact me at 723-0375 or email me at ac1325@aol.com, or stop by the East Activity Center on a Monday or Thursday morning to say hello. We invite one and all to come on out and we promise to make you a star."

Please don't forget, the Jesters are "Jest For Fun."

surer; Mike Kaplan, assistant treasurer; Mary Lou Wall, secretary and Brad Day, assistant secretary. Sherry Ivey stays on the board as past president.

The new board officially takes

over on May 1 and I wish them all the best in the world. It's a sometimes-daunting task.

The new committee is already at work creating our next production

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Hello On Top of the World residents.
Thank you for your support and attendance at our great shows last month.

If you attended our Liberace performance, you saw a big hit and were fortunate to see his last show before eminent retirement.

This month we have John Timpanelli performing for us on April 7, at 7:30 p.m. John is a very talented artist who can do everything from Opera to Pop to Doo Wop. He has performed in Las Vegas, the Catskills, Atlantic City, cruise ships and concert halls. Be prepared to enjoy our last show of the spring season with some truly fine music.

Our first dance for April will be on April 9, entitled "April Love," bringing in 'Sax 5th Ave' with their fabulous Sax player, Al Urban. They will play all your favorites. You can try to stump them with your requests.

And then, to top off a great month of entertainment, on April 23, we are bringing in 'Flash-back' for Our Easter Dance called "Cute Easter Chicks." So ladies, wear your finest as we will have a fashion contest for the dressiest outfit there - plus our dance contest, prizes and surprises.

We are excited to announce that for the first time The Suncoast Symphony Orchestra will be appearing here at the East Activity Center on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$8. The orchestra is a member of the Pinellas Arts Foundation, whose members donate their time. We look forward to the start of what we hope will become a great annual tradition.

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Contact Brad Day 953-8930 or Ac1392@aol.com for questions.



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**SAT
9**



SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8
"APRIL LOVE DANCE"
 MUSIC BY SAX 5TH AVENUE

**SUN
10**



SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2 PM - FREE
PATCHINGTON FASHION SHOW
 REFRESHMENTS - 50/50

**SAT
23**



SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8
"CUTE EASTER CHICK DANCE" EASTER
 MUSIC BY FLASHBACK PARADE
CONTEST

**WED
27**



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Bill Higgins wins OTOW men's golf league Club Championship for fifth time in last seven years

By Jim O'Neil

Spring is on the way and On Top of the World golfers have been greeted with sunny skies and warm temperatures.

The golf course looks and plays great and league play has never been better.

The league has been very active over the past month with the Club Championship Tournament and a Scramble "best shot" Tournament.

On Feb. 24 Bill Higgins won the Club Championship for the fifth time in the last seven years, with a combined two-day score of 127. This is truly a remarkable accomplishment.

On Feb. 16 all league members participated in a "best shot" scramble. At the conclusion of the tournament, members enjoyed pizza and beverages.

On Feb. 23, Bill Sharpsteen made a hole-in-one on hole No. 15 with a solid 9-iron during league tournament play. Playing partners Chauncey Starkey, Jim McHugh and George Goldstein witnessed the shot. Well done Bill!

On March 4 Jim Ahern made a hole-in-one on hole No. 18 with a driver. The feat was witnessed by his playing partners Bob Young, Bob Dew and John Shearer.

Men's Golf



Bill Higgins

On April 13 the annual Men's Golf League Awards Luncheon will take place in the center ballroom of the East Activity Center at noon. Awards will be presented to the club champion and runner-up, and the first and second place finishers in each flight.

Over the years, much has been said about the game of golf. Mr. Will Rogers, the famed American cowboy and humorist, once said "Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf."

Until next month, make playing golf a priority.



Above are Chauncey Starkey, Jim McHugh, Bill Sharpsteen and George Goldstein after Bill recorded a hole-in-one. Below is Jim Ahern, who also had a recent hole-in-one.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Championship Flight

First-Bill Higgins, Second-Jim Stewart.

"A" Flight

First-Tom McMinn, Second-Ken Nield

"B" Flight

First-Francis McGuire, Second-Jim Archey

"C" Flight

First-Phil Smerz, Second-Bill Sharpsteen

"D" Flight

First-Dana Bruggema, Second-Jerry Watlington

BEST SHOT SCRAMBLE

Walkers

First-Al Gallant, Tom Gerkin, Joe Hubenig, and Joe Nagel

Second-Norbert Mercier, Joe Gerardi, Jack Austin, and Larry Jones

Riders

First (Tie)-Fred Drew, George Sprague, Bill Barrett, and Gary Watt

First (Tie)-Paul Getz and Dana Bruggeman

April 21 is bring-a-friend and have-fun-golfing day

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

Our Flight tournament was held on Feb. 8 and 15, winners will be announced at our annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 7.

Recent Flight Results

Feb 22: Low Gross/Low Net - Flight A - Dee Cellitti, Ellen Gilbert and Doris Prekopa.

Flight B - Peg Dugan, Theresa Gates, Fran Pittman, Marge Sivek and Verona Titus.

Flight C - Laypa Buck, Mary Ann O'Neil and Rachel Tranchemontagne.

9-Hole Ladies Golf

Flight D - Bev Huber and Claire Racine..

Birdies: Judy Ishida on No. 3 and Ellen Gilbert on No. 5.

Congratulations ladies!

On Tuesday, April 5, many of our golfers will be participating in the Rally for the Cure Tournament on the 18-hole course. If you are not participating in this tournament, there will be fun play on the 9-hole course, but no

awards will be given for that day.

Thursday, April 21 is "Bring a Friend Day." Check with your friends and see if they would be interested in coming out for a day of golf. There will be no scoring on this day, just lots of fun, fun, fun.

Did you know that on the lunar surface, the amount of energy expended on a 300 yard drive would, if it were possible to swing so freely in a spacesuit, send a golf ball a distance of more than a mile? That's because the moon has one-sixth the gravity of earth. Hummm, very interesting!

Hole-In-One

Congratulations to Tim Hurley, a guest on the On Top of the World golf course, who recorded a hole-in-one while playing with resident members Paul Meyers, Allan Teal and Richard Krazawitter.

Tim used a 5-wood on the fifth hole on the 18-hole course. It's not often a guest celebrates an ace here.



Pictured above are the Singles Tournament winners from March 9. From left are Ellen Frederick, Rashanee Turner and Kay Mahoney.



Pictured above are the Scotch Doubles winners from March 16. From left are Kay Nelson, Judy Garvey, Terry Drake and Kay Mahoney.

Kay Mahoney picks up Singles and Scotch Doubles titles

By Barb Sundberg

On March 9, the Que't Ladies Billiard Club held a singles tournament.

First place went to Rashanee Turner, second place was taken by Kay Mahoney and third place went to Ellen Frederick.

We played a Scotch Doubles Tournament on March 16 with Kay Mahoney and Terry Drake taking first place, Judy Garvey and Kay Nelson



Que't Billiards

taking second place and Helen Crombie and Ellen Frederick taking third place.

Congratulations to all the ladies

who played in both of these tournaments.

Ladies, if you are interested in learning the game of pool, improving your hand and eye coordination, bring your activity card and come join us Wednesday evenings in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Free instructions and the necessary equipment are available with the help of Frank English, founder and instructor, Andy Suhar, program coordinator,

and Terri Wittman, instruction coordinator. Warm up time is from 6:30 – 7 p.m. followed by various programs.

Judy Garvey is president of the Que't Ladies Billiard Club, Ellen Gilbert is our vice president, Barb Sundberg is our secretary and Margo Lindsay is our treasurer.

Members at Large are Mary Henry and Kay Mahoney. Helen Crombie and Reva Heymann are alternate Members at Large.

Allen Pier highlights last month with two 8-Ball titles and one Scotch Doubles title

Allen Pier had a very successful month in the Men's Billiards Club.

Allen ended the month of February with back-to-back wins in the Monday Night 8-Ball League, and teamed with Hugo Orantes to win a title in Scotch Doubles.

In 8-Ball action, the opening week saw Bart Gooch take second in Flight A and Herb Jordan take third. In Flight B, Andy Suhar was first, Joe Ventimiglia was second and John Shearer was third.

In week two, Herb Jordan was second in Flight A, followed by Tony Baker. In the B Flight, Joe Ventimiglia was first, John Fier was second and Jack Johnson was third.



Billiard Club

In week three, Flight A had its first new champion. Herb Jordan was first, Hugo Orantes was second and Joe Ventimiglia was third. In Flight B, John Fier was the champ, Andy Suhar the runnerup and Gary Dolph third.

The final week saw Norm The-

riault take the A Flight title, with Bob Eads second and Herb Jordan third. In Flight B, Ray Diguilio became the fourth different winner. Joe Ventimiglia was second and John Fier third.

In Scotch Doubles, Allen Pier and Hugo Orantes won their opening week title over the team of Andy Anderson and Bill Robertson.

In the consolation final, Larry Wells and John Shearer teamed up to defeat Tony Baker and Ray Diguilio.

In week two, Marc Schell and John Shearer captured the title with a victory over Larry Wells and Denny Balderson.

In the consolation final, Herb Jordan and Bill Robertson defeated

John Fier and Joe Ventimiglia.

In week three, Denny Balderson and Bill Robertson became the third different winning team of the month. They edged Ray Diguilio and Ernie Kilcup.

In the consolation final, Herb Jordan and Tim Rush teamed up for third. Tony Baker and John Shearer were fourth.

The final Scotch Doubles Tournament of last month saw its fourth different champions. Mario Rodriguez and Norm Theriault defeated Herb Jordan and Denny Balderson.

In the consolation final, Tim Rush and Joe Ventimiglia defeated Ray Diguilio and Bob Eads.



Many late rallies fell just short

By Don Grabowski

This month's On Top of the World softball games were ties, low scoring, or blowouts, but exciting to watch.

Ask our fans who showed up for our annual Wife's Breakfast event.

Scott Pharmacy 11 Dimmitt Chevy 11

In a game shortened by our time limit on the diamond, the score ended up a tie.

Dimmitt Chevy jumped out to an early lead with a five-run inning. From that point on, Scott players played good defense and scored in bunches.

Scott's Sam Macaluso and Pat Kennedy had five hits each. Bob Ritt-

Softball

ner, Bill Atkins and Gregg Zimmer had four hits each.

For Dimmitt, Frank Healy had five hits. Guy Bertuzzi had five hits with a home run.

Dimmitt Chevy 18 Broward A/C Service 16

Broward A/C scored six in the last inning and still lost.

It was a scary last inning for Dimmitt, which was comfortably ahead going into the last inning. Dimmitt players watched as a bundle of singles brought the score within two

runs. Then, suddenly, a dazzle of defensive plays won the game.

Scott Pharmacy 13 Dimmitt Chevy 11

Dimmitt Chevy scored six runs in the last inning, but it was not enough as they lost by two.

Scott players out-hit their opponents 24 to 14. Pat Kennedy and Bob Stoddard both had three hits, with a home run.

Murray Tolasnik, Trevor Dixon and Tony Caputo slugged out three hits for the Dimmitt team.

Scott rose to every occasion to kill Dimmitt rallies.

Dimmitt Chevy 16 Scott Pharmacy 15

This game was won by Dimmitt Chevy, but was not as close as the score indicates.

Only a seven-run inning by the losers made the score look close.

Scott players were out-hit 31 to 17. Three Dimmitt doubleplays cost Scott scoring opportunities.

For the winners, Tony Caputo had six hits, Guy Bertuzzi and Bob Rittner had five each, Bill Arkins and Gregg Zimmer had four hits, and Bob Fields had three hits.

For the losers, Frank Schollter had four hits, and Howard Huff and Frank Hickey each had three hits.

Putting Club

By Blanche Mahrle

Feb. 13 ACES TOTAL

Evelyn Wagner	5	32
Virginia Bowles	3	34
Sophie Pechin	2	36
Blanche Mahrle	2	36

Feb. 20 ACES TOTAL

Virginia Bowles	0	36
Evelyn Wagner	1	38
Jim Lutz	0	39

Feb. 27 ACES TOTAL

Virginia Bowles	5	35
Tom McMinn	1	37
Dale McMinn	1	37
Bruno Moro	0	37
Jim Lutz	1	38

Pat Eastman wins Club Championship

By Cathy Mills

The highlight for last month was the handicap tournament held on March 8 and March 15.

Pat Eastman won the Club Championship with a two-day total of 131. Way to go Pat!

The A Division was won by Christine Miller with Kim Norried in second place.

Jana Packer won the B Division with Sudesh Dugal coming in second.

First in the C Division was Wendy Colquhoun. Joan Moore came in second.

In the D Division, Elaine Stretavski came in first with a three-way tie for second between Elaine Ellis, Jacki Woloszyn and Elaine McDonald.

The overall winner of the handicap tournament was Donna Smerz with a net score of 108.

Congratulations to all of the ladies who participated. It was a great two days!

We concluded the tournament with a lovely lunch under the trees.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf League

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day.

Well it is hard to believe but we will soon be saying goodbye to all the Snowbirds for another year. For those who are still going to be here, you don't want to miss the Rally for the Cure tournament on April 5. This tournament is for a very worthy cause and we encourage everyone to take part.

Our next general meeting will take place on April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunshine Room.

Weekly Awards Feb. 22

Flight A: Low Gross-Pat Eastman.

Flight B: Low Gross-Donia Stadler; Low Net-Val Varnell Low Net-NatSue Dawson.

Flight C: Low Gross-Margaret Hachey.

Flight D: Low Gross-Dottie Meissner; Low Net-Kay Saterlee, Terri

Mikszenas; Low Net-Dorothy Pelicone

March 8

Flight A: Low Gross-Pat Eastman;

Flight B: Low Gross-Sudesh Duggal, Jill Orchard; Low Net-Cathy Mills, Christine Miller; Low Net-April Glenn.

Flight C: Low Gross-Donna Smerz.

Flight D: Low Gross- Elaine Stretavski, Sheila Meneilly; Low Net-Joan Moore; Low Net-Donna Berg

March 15

Flight A: Low gross-Pat Eastman.

Flight B: Low Gross- Ann Wilson; Low Net-Christine Miller Low Net- Jana Packer.

Flight C; Low Gross- Donna Smer.

Flight D; Low Gross- Elaine Stretavski; Low Net-Wendy Colquhoun, Donna Meszaros, Cindy Schell; Low Net-Elaine McDonald

Bowling

By Geri Corcoran

February brought out the best in Marge Jacobs with games of 209, 168, 165, 163 and three high series' - 470, 476 and 497.

Lil Ginn scored a 196 en route

to a 501 series.

Mary Ann O'Neil bowled games of 157, 167, 121 and 184 with series scores of 455 and 468.

Jackie Kail followed with games of 180, 199 with series scores of 455

and 465. Nancy House had games of 159 and 164 with a series of 455. Geri Corcoran rolled a 152-181-457.

Additional high games were Millie Keeling 168, Sandy Sanborn 160, Madeline Nawrocky 163, Shirley

Bowers 159 and Mary Hoyt 154.

Splits converted were by Millie Keeling 5-7, Ann Talner 5-7 and 9-10, Louise Menear 5-7 and 5-10, and Liz Buckley 3-10 and 5-7.



Bowlers celebrate Mardi Gras

OTOW lawn bowlers take first at Clearwater tourney

By Shirley Rutherford

The final game of the OTOW Canadian Open was held Thursday, Feb. 17, with the following winners.

1st. Bob Saunders - skip; Norm Chandler - vice and Mario Altieri - lead.

2nd. Brian Bedard - skip; Betty Dean - vice and Jocelyn Laplante - lead

A barbeque lunch was served by Chef Bob Laplante and his helpers.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Winners of the jitney were:

1st. Thelma Jacobsen - skip and Janet Hanley - Gabriel Taillefer - Lead

2nd. Hal Jacobsen - vice and Pauline McKinnon - lead.

Saturday, Feb 19

Our OTOW bowlers did us proud by coming in first at the Clearwater Hall of Fame Tournament.

Winners were Ralph Ross - skip; Marj Kells - vice and Dave Murray - lead.

Congratulations.

Friday, Feb 25

This evening we boarded an imaginary plane bound for New Orleans and the Mardi Gras.

Guests wore colorful costumes, paraded around a dance floor and ate a delicious Cajun dinner.

The evening was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Brian and Jackie Bedard for all their work putting this event together and also to Marj Kells for the beautiful theme decorations.

The 50/50 draw winner was Carol Lacey.



Dave and Pat Murray celebrate Mardi Gras with fellow lawn bowlers.

Saturday Feb. 26

Jitney winners were:

1st. Edgar Hachey - skip; Paul Evans - vice and Jocelyn Laplante - lead.

2nd. Rollie Lapointe - skip; Bob Laplante - vice and Maureen Stewart - lead.

Wednesday, March 2

Novice Tournament for bowlers with five years experience or less.

Drawmaster - John Williams.

1st. Mario Altieri; runner up Christine Miller and semifinalist - Joan O'Connor.

Other winners were Rick Carr; Carol Lacey and Pat McLeod.

Congratulations!

Lawn Bowling

March 3rd and 4th

Club Championship 4-3-2-1 Mixed Tournament was held thanks to Drawmaster John Dean.

The Trophy Winners were:

1st. Edgar Hachey - skip; Paul Evans - Vice and Betty Dean - lead.

2nd. Peter Koukoutsis - Skip; John Williams - vice and Patricia McLeod - lead.

3rd. Ron Jones - Skip; Brian Bedard - vice and Christine Miller - lead.

Saturday, March 5

Jitney results.

1st. Wally Colquhoun - Skip; Mario Altieri - lead.

2nd. Mack Rutherford - Skip; Janet Hanley - Vice and Ray Allard - lead.

3rd. Ron Jones - Skip; Patricia McLeod - lead.

Monday March 14

Everyone became Irish today as the annual St. Patrick's tournament was held followed by a delicious lunch of Irish stew and goodies. Thanks to Pat Murray and her helpers.

The drawmaster was Tom Barrett.

And the winners were:

1st. Marg Hachey - skip; Betty Dean - vice and Christine Miller - lead.

2nd. Jackie Bedard - skip; Jean Miller - vice and Patricia McLeod - lead.

3rd. Bob Saunders - skip; Betty McWhirter - vice and Bob Laplante - lead.

Winners of the 50/50 draw were Edgar Hachey and Bob Laplante.

Trophies presented at OTOW tennis banquet

By Joe Spahalski

The annual On Top of the World spring tennis banquet and presentation of tournament awards was held at the Clearwater Golf and Country Club on March 24.

Trophies were awarded to the following people for first place:

Men's Singles - Bill Carey.

Women's Singles - Jeanne Smith.

Tennis

Half Court Men's Singles - Vic Collier.

Men's Doubles - Fred Hibbs and Woon Young Ryu.

Mixed Doubles - Angie Georgiou and Charlie Mills.

Women's Doubles - Paula Er-

gang and Angie Georgiou.

The executive committee will be ending their very successful reign in November. We should give a high-five to President Val Varnell, Treasurer Jack Varnell, Secretary Audrey Jones, and Tournament Director Dean Baker for the outstanding jobs they did this year.

Tennis participation is up this year. In fact, many times we had more players than courts, so the extras went

to the public courts in order to play. Hopefully, the West Activity Center courts will be completed by this fall in order to accommodate all the players.

We ask someone to step forward this month to be on the nominating committee for next year's committee. Election of officers will be held at the fall meeting on Nov. 15. A slate of officers should be ready before that meeting.

A group 'thank you' to everyone who donated books this season

By Joan Tannahill

Recently we have been remiss in thanking all you wonderful donors who have been so great at keeping our regular shelves and our sale shelves full.

We wish we could thank each and every one of you with a proper thank you note, but with our limited budget we feel we should spend our money on new books rather than stamps and stationery.

Listing each donor in this column would also be wonderful, however, there are months when so many of you are so generous, we would only have room for the names of our generous donors.

Therefore we will continue as we



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have done for several years and thank all donors as a group and just let you know how much we appreciate the fact

that you do think of us when you have books you no longer wish to keep.

Please remember we are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. and we are so happy to receive your donations during those hours.

We want to wish our Snowbirds a safe trip north and we will look forward to seeing you next fall.

Remember, if you buy some of our sale books to take back with you, they can be discarded as you complete them and you don't have to worry about losing them.

Those of us who live here year round are a little envious of you who get spring down here then again as you get up north. Have a great summer and come back before the northern precipitation freezes.



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

Classified Ads

The following were actually taken from classified ads in newspapers:

Free Yorkshire Terrier. 8 years old. Hateful little dog. Bites.

Free Puppies: 1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

Free Puppies: Part German Shepherd, part stupid dog.

German Shepherd 85 pounds. Neutered. Speaks German. FREE.

Found: Dirty white dog. Looks like a rat...been out awhile. Better be a reward.

Snow Blower for sale: Only used on snowy days.

Cows, calves never bred: Also 1 gay bull for sale.

Nordic Track \$300 hardly used, call Chubby.

Georgia Peaches, California grown - 89 cents a pound.

Nice parachute: Never opened - used once.

Joining nudist colony! Must sell washer & dryer \$300.

Open House: Body shapers toning salon. Free coffee & donuts.

For sale: One-man six-woman hot tub.

FOR SALE BY OWNER

Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica - no longer needed. Got married last month. Wife knows everything.

Gas cloud clears out Taco Bell.

Reporters Needed

On Top of the World News has about 40 buildings which do not have building reporters.

That means news, events and activities for those 40 buildings never make it to the press.

Do you live in a building without any news or photos in the newspaper?

Why not consider becoming a writer for the 2011-2012 season?

All you have to do is write a minimum of three stories a year. Stories can be about building functions, building luncheons/dinners, or about the people who live there.

To find out if your building needs a reporter, call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216, Monday-Thursday, 12-4.



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

We also have "Open Discussion" meetings. With this format you have the opportunity to suggest a topic of special interest to you.

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

Answers to March crossword puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Wallflower
- 3. Casino
- 5. River
- 6. Brazil
- 9. Alphabet
- 10. Art
- 11. Ice
- 13. Pirate
- 14. Prisoners
- 17. Red
- 18. Gorilla

19. Kimonos

20. Tennis

DOWN

1. Walkway

2. Fling

3. Cranberry

4. Orange

7. Read

8. Ontario

12. Honduras

14. Pianist

15. Brahman

16. Focused

18. Gators



BULLETIN BOARD

**Heading North?
Don't forget to
summerize!
(see page 6
for checklist)**

Pool exercises

By Lillian Ginn

Pool exercises will start our annual summer program on Monday, May 2 at 9 a.m.

Come join us. All the exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool and you don't need to know how to swim.

You'll have some fun, make some new friends and be doing something good for yourself. Give us a try - you'll be glad you did.

Learn Spanish in Mexico

A trip is being planned to travel to a school in Merida, Mexico, for anyone who wants to learn Spanish in an actual Spanish school. For details, call 1-207-449-2641.

Bone Savers

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower level next to the library.

We do exercises with hand and ankle weights to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises.

For more information call Libby at 669-1486.

Stop getting rusty - try Butterfly Tai Chi

As we age, we often lose mobility and feel like the tin man in the "Wizard of Oz." In fact, this "rusting" can start at any age. This happens when we stop using our bodies fully.

There are two reasons why we lose mobility. First reason, calcium deposits that normal usage of our body would wear off, build up in our joints. The second, our liquid systems function less when we are sedentary. This causes our joints to get more brittle and stiff.

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Tai Chi movements require the body to rotate about 95 percent of the ways it can be rotated, thereby working out the potential deposits regardless of where they may be hiding.

Butterfly Tai Chi currently has three beginner classes at On Top of the World. We meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center exercise room (near the Library). If you have questions, call Ruth, certified Tai Chi Instructor at 726-0336.

Have you been reading OTOW News?

Answers to this puzzle will appear in the May edition. Answers to the March puzzle are on page 48.



ACROSS

1. In February, Catherine Von Goeke was the Artist Guild Artist of the Month. What was the name of her painting? (55)
3. Espana's Sheila and Les Meneilly recently took a trip to Asia. This is one of the countries they visited. (49)
5. One of "The Platters" who sang at OTOW on Feb. 10. (33)
7. When you hire a contractor, make sure they are licensed and _____. (6)
8. Chorus has a new musician. Ron Dittus will be playing what musical instrument? (31)
10. If you think your future grandson might grow up to be a mountain climber, this might be an appropriate name? (44)
13. The Gold Coast Greyhound Association had a branch office in Clearwater and a new one in what Florida city? (26)

16. Jerry McQuinn is 90 years old and longest active charter member of what OTOW club? (29)
17. The guest artist at the March Artist Guild meeting specialized in _____ abstract watercolors. (32)
19. French word for "fat." (51)
20. The Pennsylvania Club recently sent two bus loads of residents to which Florida Key? (29)
21. What would be the perfect name for a child, who's father worked in an iron mill? (44)
22. OTOW News editor Doug Kates says these make the perfect gift for someone up north who complains about the snow. (9)
23. This is a term which means black and white, instead of color. (19)

DOWN

1. When Canadian Club members visited Tampa Bay Downs in January, what was the name of the No. 3 horse in the eighth race? _____ Jazz. (17)
2. This OTOW resident loves to chase squirrels and

- lizards, but has yet to catch one. (47)
3. On Top of the World resident Phil Uzan's primary occupation. (1)
4. This could be considered a form of exercise. (4)
6. NY/NJ Club members had an affair in January. What was the official fruit? (28)
9. The Snowbirds Club visited what city in Georgia last month? (35)
11. The On Top of the World golf course has 12 new _____. (40)
12. Before settling down at OTOW, what was Carmelo Costa's profession? (42)
14. OTOW line dancers believe their activity will extend one's _____. (25)
15. Martin Preston may not be a famous name, but he impersonates a singer who was very famous. Who? (38)
18. Hollywood personality Martha Raye had a rather personal nickname, "The Big _____." (11)



Harley is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Back in England, these dogs were bred to be lap dogs and Harley absolutely does it with finesse.

Harley is Mr. Social in our section of On Top of the World.

He will actually turn around and stare if you pass without greeting him.

He loves everyone



and makes each greeter feel like they are the

only one who is impor-

tant to him. Many walkers, who see Harley, will leave with smiles

on their faces. Harley also has his own mailbox outside the door. He checks it each time he enters or exits his home. He admires people who leave him treats and is always looking forward to finding one in his box.

Harley is owned by Danita Marchbanks from Southern Colorado.

Do you know someone who wants to be the Pet of the Month?

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month."

Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter the contest.

One pet will be featured each month.

To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information on why you think your pet should be chosen as our monthly celebrity

(maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of

Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: bootss@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!



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Got to be some kind of record: Six sisters gather here each winter for months of fun

By Thomas Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world RU? Hollywood has “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” and here at On Top of the World we have “Six Sisters for Six Months of Fun” every year. I met them on a Wednesday afternoon in Flo Barnes’ condo. Can you imagine how lost I felt with all six of them talking (and laughing) at the same time. The odds were against me!

The sisters are the daughters of Waymon and Luella Shepard, and they come from Fort Fairfield, Maine. There is plenty of snow up there, which explains why the girls were so athletic and active in skiing, tobogganing and ice skating. Here at OTOW they make use of the pool, golf courses, shuffleboard and tennis courts. Some do oil painting and practice their Spanish.

Why did they leave the cold north and come to the hot south? In 1976 their mother moved to St. Petersburg. By 1998 she had four daughters living in Florida. The beautiful thing about this family is that the ladies live for each other’s company, and when they’re not together they’re on the phone with each other planning their next get-together.

They keep busy by sharing meals, coffee time, sports, shopping and just having fun. They enjoy days spent in Dunedin, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs.

Together (they are always together) they have a family of 18 children, 42 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Here are some highlights of the sisters which I managed to put together.

Chris (and husband Darrell) McNeal have been married 60 years, three of those in Puerto Rico. They have a son living in Japan.

Shirley O’Neal is in the “Blue Book” of Who’s Who in New England because of her educational achievements. She also had her own band for many years and performed in the



The Six Sisters: Front row (L-R): Charlene MacKenzie, Shirley O’Neal. Back row (L-R): Chris McNeal, Flo Barnes, Bonnie Howell, Selina Hamlyn.

Maine/Rhode Island area. She is the “baby” of the family.

Bonnie Howell has had an exciting life since husband Don was in the U.S. Air Force. They lived four years in Spain and four in Iran. They worked and traveled in Europe, the Middle East, and the good old U.S.A.

Selina Hamlyn says she enjoys “challenging” men to a game of golf. Also, she told me of her son’s plans to sail his 40-foot “Freedom” single-handed from Cape Cod to the Caribbean. Good luck on your voyage!

Charlene MacKenzie and husband Jack (a minister) live in St. John, Canada.

Flo Barnes, the matriarch of the group, was the first female baseball player in her grammar school. She went from baseball pitcher to tennis player. She currently has a booth at the Oldsmar

flea market (B-35), and says to stop by and say hello. She also is a volunteer in the OTOW Gift Shoppe.

Charlene and Jack live in Canada, and Shirley lives in Taunton, Mass. Flo and Chris live here at OTOW year-round. In addition to their condos here, Bonnie and Don have a home in San Antonio, Texas, and Selina has a home on Cape Cod. They gather here every winter for four to six months and cherish their time together. How lucky they are!

The girls have hosted a New Year’s Eve party at the clubhouse for several years, and it has been a blast. This year about 50 of their friends joined them. How great it is for these sisters to have such wonderful companionship and love to surround them daily. May they continue to be “six sisters for six months of fun” for many more years to come!

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Resident is heading toward 101 years old

Happy Easter and Passover.

Dale and Richard Stackhouse enjoyed a visit from their son, daughter-in-law and grandsons. The weather cooperated just enough for a trip to the beach (photo below). The little guys love playing in the sand. They also made a few visits to our pool.

Dale and Richard want everyone to know about the "Splash Park" in



Dale Stackhouse's visitors enjoy one of the area's local beaches. (Photo by Dale Stackhouse)



Marguerite Laskowski

Roman Byzantine

Dunedin. The park is off Michigan Ave., just west of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, and is great fun for little visitors.

Also, the fantastic playground at the Long Center on Belcher is a nice place to take young children.

Loretta Gilkey will celebrate 101 years at the end of April (photo at right). We celebrated her 100th in grand style last year. Congratulations Loretta. Keep up the good fight!

"Till We Meet Again."



The lovely lady in this photo is Loretta Gilkey, who will be 101 years old this month. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)



Cecile Sangiamo

English Tudor

Important condo vote upcoming

During the winter season, Dana and Gary Burgett had a four-day visit from relatives who flew in from Ohio.

Their principal activities, besides finding good places to eat, were playing many rounds of golf and spending hours of relaxation at the beach before returning home.

We are thankful to Dana for scouting out the best source for the decorative flower containers that are now beautifying our hallways. Those are just some of the many expenses covered by the small dues that we pay every year.

We were happy to welcome some new residents to our special life here during our semi-annual meeting, which building representative Eloyd Baldwin convened March 2. Many matters pertinent to life in our community were covered. Twenty-two residents were present as we discussed storage room rules. We were reminded that there were eight dues still outstanding.

Eloyd stressed the importance of filling in the ballots to reject reserves as well as the vote to keep this as an over-55 community. Eloyd offered maps of the entire complex, and Van agreed to provide him with a list of all the residents.

We can thank Barbara, Dana and Helen for the coffee, juice and donuts which rounded out the meeting.

Some of you saw the Jesters show where two of us (myself and Ann Kilcup), performed. Ann was one of the felines in the "Cats" number, and your reporter was in a duet about "Hernando's Hideaway." Ann's husband Ernie lent his technical expertise to the operation of the sound booth.

Take the plunge and see how busy you can be by participating in all the activities here at OTOW.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and Passover season.

Kudos to a guy who goes the 'extra mile'

April showers bring May flowers (and hopefully our warm Florida weather we have been missing).

It is wonderful to see everyone out and about. The winter's cool weather has been replaced by warm sunshine, a lot more daylight, more time for walks on the beach, going to dinner in the daylight, tops down on convertibles and a couple of bikinis at the pool.

Our Austrian Alpine-ers have been busy. They had a wonderful bus ride over to the Island Way Grill and enjoyed an early dinner. Food was great and conversation even better.

Grace Hodek enjoyed a three-day visit with the Snowbird club to Key West. They had a wonderful time.

I would just like to give a huge "thank you" to a gentleman in our building who goes out of his way to make our building a great place to live. His name is Jim Trentow (also



Kathy Ahrens

Austrian Alpine

our building president). He arranges many of our great get-togethers and our meetings in the lobby and always ready to give a helping hand to anyone in need.

He still jogs in the morning and stays very physically fit. Thanks again, Jim, from all of us for a job well done!

Also, thanks to everyone for the cards and food sent to me during my illness. I will never take my health for granted.

To end my column for this month I'd like to say, "Remember folks, old age is a gift!" As you get older, it is easier to be positive and care less about what other people think. You have earned the right to be wrong.

It's OK to get old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I'm not going to live forever, but while I'm still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worry about what will be.

I feel blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn grey and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep groves on my face.

So many folks have not laughed... Please everyone, live life to the fullest. Live, love and laugh!

We at Austrian Alpine would like to wish everyone at OTOW a Happy and Healthy Easter and Passover.

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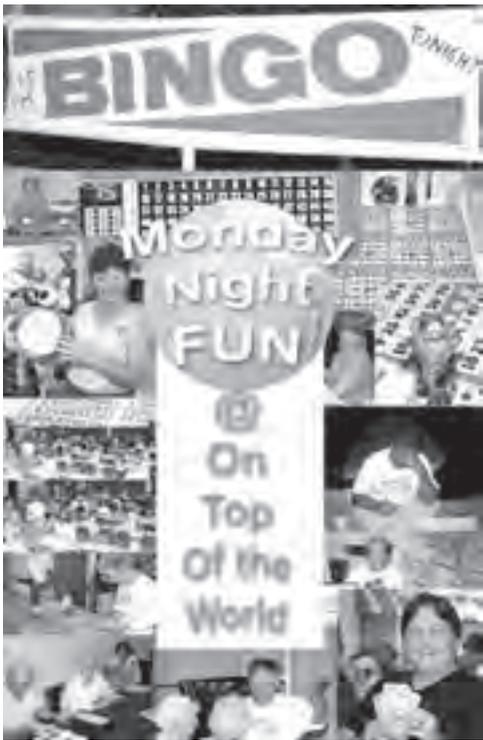
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Congratulations to new building president

Forget about the free lobster tail/prime rib/all you can eat and drink pig-out sponsored by the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce the first Friday of this month.

Forget that your taxes are due by April 15th. Forget that the Titanic sank at 2:20 a.m., also on April 15th (oh, the irony). Forget the fact that the Canadian goose has started migrating north once again (so soon?).

No, this month we're celebrating Barb (not Barbara, Babs, or Barbie) Darby, our new Building President. "Hail to the Queen." Along with HRH Barb, we also welcome Helen Durante, Secretary, Dolores Reilly, Treasurer, Joyce Hunter, Social Director, and Dove Lubin, Robin Sprankle, Jo Deveroux, and Betty O'Leary, as Wing Captains. Add Rita Meyers for Hospitality, and Jo Deveroux (again) as Advisor. All we're lacking is a King and a Court Jester. Any volunteers?

Recently I had the pleasure to meet with our new president, a truly gracious and energetic lady.

After I knelt and kissed her ring, I learned how sincere she feels about our building and its residents (us).

Allen Winston

Ottoman

Getting together for more social functions is a high priority of hers, whether it be a cake sale (a great idea, but then so might a spaghetti and meatball dinner sale), restaurant outings, a white elephant sale (where would we put them?), a monthly "bunco" night, a pizza party, or even parasailing over Tampa Bay, if enough people were interested.

For the building, some terra cotta urns at both street-level entrances, painted blue to match our building's trim. The point is, we have a president anxious for us to become involved with one another through building activities and projects, and is willing to donate her time and energies towards those goals. If you have a pet project or idea, contact Barb (I always thought building T-shirts would be a good idea).

One-hundred percent participation

in any activity or project is unrealistic, even when there are no personal expenses involved. But, as with any building, we do have a hard core of residents who wouldn't mind attending a show at Ruth Eckerd Hall, or enjoying the Island Way Grill's cuisine while overlooking the water, or going on that crazy pirate boat at Clearwater Beach.

All we need are people to help organize these outings, and I believe we have them. Best case scenario: we have a great time together. It's what being a neighbor is all about. It's one of the reasons we chose to live here.

Doing nothing is like treading water. Sooner or later you're going to drown. I know it's easy to criticize without finding a solution to a problem, or sitting in an overstuffed chair, just inhaling and exhaling all day long. But our minds need stimulation just as our bodies do, and joining together with neighbors and friends goes a long way towards achieving those goals.

So, President Barb, welcome from all your fellow Ottomaniacs. We look forward to your leadership, guidance, initiative, direction, and sovereignty.

Couple presents album of building history photos

This is the month when we celebrate the holidays of Passover and Easter but as usual we have to take the good with the bad and pay our income taxes. The only good part of paying tax is that you have to make some money to pay tax.

I had a great deal of feedback about the pizza party held last month and all of it was complimentary. I would like to say at this time that I was the chairman of the get-together but my committee made it a success. John and Elizabeth Kokenyesi, Mike Szekley, Andy and Joan McEvoy, Jackie Blair, Rosemary Flaherty and Flo Herman all contributed time, salads, desserts, etc.

I am undoubtedly forgetting someone but that happens all the time. I do know that Elizabeth said that her Hungarian pastry was good for everything, even the common cold.

Helen and Walt Sutkowi presented a photo album that contains pictures of building events covering several years and youthful pictures of many of our residents. We are looking for an appropriate place to display the album so all can enjoy it.

Filip George recently travelled to Romania for the celebration of his mother's birthday. She has reached the 100th anniversary of her birth, a real milestone.



Howard Bergendahl

Orizaba

Filip, along with Jack Herman, had an interesting experience when they were stuck in the elevator one Saturday evening for about an hour before the Fire Department responded and rescued them. They should have had a deck of cards to pass the time!

Bob and Bernadette Rittner were acting like proud grandparents while being visited by their daughter and grandson, and well they should. Bob had to miss a Wednesday breakfast but gladly carried his grandson, Theo, out to show him to the rest of us. It was the happiest that I have seen Bob.

Tip for the day: Do something nice for someone else and don't tell anyone about it.

One child's letter to Santa was, "Please don't bring me any new clothes."

Happy birthday to Mary Peck, Jackie Blair, Bob Rittner and Jack Soll: Have a great day and many more.

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- Jo Ann W., age 78

Time to enjoy the good life and great weather at OTOW

Our community does not have the weather and war issues that are crowding the press and television news reports elsewhere in the world. We have instead very minor problems that we solve on a daily basis and many opportunities to celebrate our life in this fine community in glorious sunny summer-like Florida weather.

Spring is the time for spring cleaning, and the residents of the Dorado building have been hard at it throughout the past month. A small committee headed by Jim Collins has tackled the cleanup of the third-floor storage areas; other residents have tidied their areas on the other two levels.

Good news — our new Dorado mailboxes are either on the way or already installed. At the time of writing, the boxes have only to be delivered and installed.

Peter Milner, who has been in charge of the project, told me of the steps. The manufacturer had to be paid and then make them, the installer had to take measurements



and be called when they are delivered. Even-numbered mailboxes are on the Philippine Side and odd numbers are on the World Parkway side of the building.

The mailboxes will ultimately provide a fresh new look and convenience. Thank you, Peter, for your work on this.

With the spring cleaning of the storage areas, the recent completion of our exterior painting, and new lights in the core, Dorado residents are feeling some satisfaction with the winter endeavors.

The past month has been one of visitors, ball games and potluck suppers



Dorado residents Tom and Pam Maynard (center couple) celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with friends in Safety Harbor.

as we wind up a busy winter and spring season of OTOW activities.

Congratulations to Tom and Pam Maynard who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with dinner and a party in Safety Harbor with family and friends (see photo above).

Dorado residents celebrated another successful winter season with a "Farewell to Snowbirds" potluck dinner in the OTOW Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center.

Some of the Dorado residents

attended a Toronto Blue Jays spring training ball game and, during the school break, Canadian visitors came to visit Dorothy and Don Jones.

Let us take time to "smell the roses," plus the hibiscus and all the other blossoms as they return and we celebrate our good fortune to be living here.

Safe travel to our Snowbirds, and good health to everyone over the summer.

Popular covered dish luncheon in the core set for April 16

Here we are again with the latest news. Did you know that we are getting an escalator in our building? We don't know exactly when but...

We heard that John Lovasz is not allowed on the golf course anymore. Why? He gets a hole in one on every hole.

Mike and Joyce Donnelly's dog is expecting puppies. When? Soon.

Debby and Bill Benzinger have changed their names to Kay and George.

Joe Heller is so in love with greyhounds that he's decided to adopt them himself from here on.

Liz and Bill Buckley went to Biloxi and won the lottery. But they're keeping it a secret.

Glenda and Marshall Greenman also won the lottery. They're moving to Paradise, but not to worry — Glenda will keep writing every month.



Charles Kubal received an offer from Jack LaLanne to teach stair climbing.

Cathy Faulkner bowled a perfect 300 game.

Andrew Klein sold all the empty apartments in OTOW and is retiring to Las Vegas.

LaVerne Iorio is trading in her Prius for a Caddy. I hear LaVerne is going into the star fruit business.

Marshall Greenman, who is now in the OTOW chorus, was told they

have too many basses, so he's singing soprano. Anything for the cause!

Sorry, hope I didn't mislead anyone. Happy April Fool!

On the saner side: Apologies to the Benzingers for misnaming them. They actually are Debby and Bill.

We had a small but enthusiastic group at the February lunch. Our son was in town and joined us. He was so impressed he volunteered to do the May lunch. He and LaVerne enjoyed comparing mileage on their respective Priuses.

Several people from the Emerald Isle turned out for the St. Patrick's Day parade. It was fun to watch our neighbors walking and riding in the parade. We wanted to have the March lunch at an Irish restaurant since it was on St. Pat's Day, but couldn't get near one. We had a great crowd at Farmer Boy with some green touches.

The OTOW chorus is performing on Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m. This is your last chance to buy a ticket. Don't miss this exciting performance by one of our residents who just happens to be hubby Marshall Greenman.

Marsh also participates in the OTOW writing group on Thursday afternoons. Look for his story elsewhere in the paper. I guess I need to start a fan club for him!

The plan for April is lunch in the core. It will be on Saturday, April 16, so mark the date on your calendar. The admission price is a covered dish, and everyone who has joined us in the past knows that we put on a great spread. Joyce and Mike Donnelly will be our hosts on that day.

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John Kannaly

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Post-parade party attended by 50 Irish or wannabees

March started with the safe return of John and Dolores Parham from a vacation trip with a bit of an unexpected adventure. John and Dolores flew to Sydney, Australia in late February. They toured the many wonders of the city, and then boarded the Star Princess to cruise New Zealand. They headed for the northern island and Christchurch.

The second day at sea, the devastating earthquake hit – sudden change of plans. They did visit other cities on the northern island not affected by the earthquake.

They finally completed their tour on the southern island, visiting the cities of Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin. Except for the sea getting rough, the trip proved to a fantastic adventure.

We at the Azores were thinking of John and Dolores as we watched the TV reports. Glad all went well for you.

March seems to be a month where our planet Earth is letting us know that it is releasing its stress. Many minor earthquakes and then the big one in Japan. Sy Mackey and many Japanese friends had long waits for phone service before they could reach family in Japan. Fortunately, they got good news. Hope the shake-rattle-and-roll is over for a while.

The Wednesday evening following the St. Pat's parade, the Azores held its annual St. Pat's party. Approximately 50 residents and friends gathered for corned beef and cabbage, Irish music, Irish ballads and Gordon Fowlie kicking up his heels doing an Irish jig. That man is sure light on his feet!

The Tuesday night poker game continues to be the private ATM for Walter O'Meara. The day after last week's game, Walter and Doris left town



Russ Heiserman

Azores

for a quick driving trip to Pensacola. I'm sure that his poker winnings helped pay for the high-priced gas along the way. They have returned, and Walter is ready for next Tuesday's game...

On March 24, the Azores spring meeting was held in the Sunrise room. Some 40 residents attended. The primary purpose was to schedule the spring cookout and discuss building issues. Bob Kelly presided, Doris O'Meara read the minutes of our last meeting, and Diana Eggleston submitted the treasurer's report. The business meeting adjourned, and cookies, coffee and fellowship followed.

On the last Saturday of March, several Azoreans followed Gordon and Jean Fowlie to the horse races. All arrived with great expectations. We had a super lunch and the opportunity to win some really big money. While the opportunity was there, it seemed that most of us continued to miss, just by a horse or two. Just wait till next year!

Petie Fornuto's son visited during his spring break. She also enjoyed visits from her grandson and his wife. She is expecting her son's visit in April.

Watch the bulletin board. You "Whack-a-Ballers" report to the golf course on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Japan is in our thoughts

After the massive earthquake and tsunami, Japan is experiencing spiraling humanitarian, economic and nuclear crises.

A couple of our residents lived in Japan and Okinawa during their husbands' military duty. Jane Cavanaugh's two daughters were born in Japan during their four-year stay, while Nancy Swift's daughter was born in Okinawa, where Nancy taught the English language.

We wish to welcome Agnes Matthews to our building. Nicknamed "Aggie," she relocated from Largo to be near her daughter and son-in-law, who live across the street. During our short chit chat, we quickly established her mother being born in Slovenia, about 20 minutes from my birthplace of Rogatec.

I'm celebrating my own biggest holiday on April 6, the date my family arrived in America in 1968. Without question, this is the most important date in my life, and I will be waving our American flag with pride and gratitude.

The hair and the hare were interesting topics lately. Nancy donated her two long ponytails to a worthy cause, "Locks for Love." The hair is used to make wigs for cancer patients.

The hare (rabbit) that came to visit for three days managed to enter the first-floor residence through the rear door while it was open for an A/C technician.



Katarina Tepesh

Contemporary

Hares are very quick and cunning. "Bunny" found many places to hide during his stay. It liked night-time frolicking, especially on the hostess's bed, jumping up and down, rolling and putting its face within inches of hers, as if it were asking her to play. This was supposedly a wild rabbit.

On the third day, search and rescue was achieved. Bunny was caught and carefully returned to the OTOW backyard.

Carol and Charles Hersh are enjoying bicycle rides around OTOW and recently took a trip south to visit the Keys.

Helen Morris is a regular at bingo and most OTOW shows, as well as Singles Club activities while learning how to make jewelry.

We enjoyed the Saint Patrick's parade with our building captain Larry Ishida, Eileen and Joe Davidson, Mitzi Hoffman, Mert Roth, Glennis and Arthur Dunfee and others.

Thanks to Judy for the St. Pat's decorations, and for organizing ongoing lunches for our residents to enjoy and socialize.

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Picnic coming up April 13

Marie and Fred Ehler are hosting the "First Annual Spring Picnic" on Wednesday, April 13, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on their new covered patio area and shaded yard.

They will provide hot roasted turkey for all in our building and will provide some seating. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board with more information, so please sign-up as soon as possible (but no later than the 11th) whether you will bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert so that planning can be solidified by each person involved.

You are required to bring your own place setting and beverage. In case of rain, the event will take place the following day. Everyone from the building is welcome. We look forward to meeting and seeing our male and female Nagoya neighbors and forging closer relationships in a fun atmosphere.

Kudos to those from our building who performed in the Jester's "Broadway Revisited" shows February 18-20. Will Sunblad performed an outstanding solo, "Broadway Baby," while both he and his wife, Mary Sunblad, danced.

Marie Terranova sang a beautiful song, "Summertime," from *Porgy and Bess*. She attended Julliard's School of Music in New York City and sang professionally since age 12. Marie's talented son inherited her abilities and sings tenor in concerts in the Tampa Bay Opera.

Judy Meith and her mother, 95, took a seven-day cruise on the Royal Caribbean's *Allure of the Seas*, one of their newest ships. Highlights onboard were the birds singing in Central Park, walking along the boardwalk, Johnny Rockets Restaurant, the Aqua Theater and water shows.

They shared many great memories and enjoyed the many shows while



Cheryl Reese

Nagoya

traveling to their destinations in the western Caribbean.

Did you know? If you are looking for a great way to treat yourself, friends, visitors or relatives while not breaking the bank, the John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota is free to everyone on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is revolving, quite impressive and extensive, so you can go more than once.

Also, if you do not enjoy night driving, but enjoy going to the movies, you can attend Dunedin Library's, free, recent and excellent movie choices. They are shown every Tuesday at 2 p.m. The library is located at 223 Douglas Avenue. Call 727-298-3080, Ext. 224, or check their web page at dunedingov.com; click on Library, Adult Programs for the schedule.



Bulletin board decorator honored at building meeting

Our March monthly meeting was a very successful ice cream social. The meeting started off with the ice cream (and all the trimmings) so as not to have the ice cream melt.

The meeting then followed after about 45 minutes of socializing and eating the dessert. A special "thank you" was given to Louise Lodder for all of the bulletin board decorations that she manages to come up with each month.

After the meeting ended, we had a lot of fun and plenty of chuckles and laughter playing a few games and awarding prizes to the winners. Everyone seemed to have a great time and all left the meeting with smiling faces.

It seems like many of us are having visitors these days. Could be a lot of people up North are really tired of the cold and are coming for visits.

The Lals have finally arrived. Also, Martha Wanzer has returned to the cold of New Jersey. Lynn Mandolesi had company from Rochester, N.Y.; Tony A. and Anita C., also from Rochester, came for a visit and stayed for the ice cream social.

Pat Zorland

Capistrano



Capistrano residents at a recent building meeting are (L-R) Barbara Huttig, Ruth Mazelin, Walter Mazelin and Leon Huttig

Some of our winter residents are starting to watch the weather and trying to decide when it would be safe (weather-wise) to return to their homes in the north.

Plans are now underway for our annual Picnic in the Park. I will cover what happened in the next edition of the paper. If you had a birthday in March, Happy Birthday to you!

Hearing/Vision screening change for April 18

Free vision and hearing screenings are usually held at the East Activity Center auditorium starting at 9:30 a.m. on the third Monday of every month.

Please note that the hearing screening will still be offered April 18, but the vision screening will **not** be available on that date.

Persons interested in a free vision screening can make a personal appointment by calling Robin at 784-FREE (3733).

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HAPPY EASTER

By Alma W. Hudson

Easter is around the corner
The beautiful holiday of the year.
How fortunate for all of us
We have so many here.
I hope it will be meaningful
To all in every way.
My love goes out to you
Have a most spectacular day.



A WISH

By Alma W. Hudson

And now, I'd like to make a wish and hope it will come true
I'll wish for every lovely thing — I'll wish them all for you.
I'll wish to hold your hand in mine — I'll wish to have you know
That where life's pathway leads you, there too, I'll wish to go.
And as the days and years slip by, becoming all too few
We'll live life's joys together and always remain true.

APRIL

By Madeleine Wanda

Don't be an April Fool
Try and play by the rules,
Just remember Abel and Cain
It was Cain who created that shame.
It's better to watch the April showers
That bring beautiful May flowers,
As you all mature the graces you'll gain
You'll love your brother, not like Cain.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

By Alma W. Hudson

It wasn't September, October
or November
But, oh, it was no doubt
A day to remember.
A day in the springtime
On that special April day
With our wonderful Easter
Not very far away.
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To start right in singing.



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“By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before.”

- Edwin Elliot

All Members of the Gourmet Club want to wish Debbie Slutsky a fond farewell. She was a treasured member and we will miss her.

Another Warren Saga: “On the Go Again...” The Warrens volunteer here and there, and “here,” in this instance, is WEDU-TV which hosted its latest annual “sojourn,” so-called because each year the station focuses on a different part of the world.

This year’s sojourn was to “South Africa” — an elegant, strictly black-tie/gown-ed affair held on Feb. 12 at the historic, interesting, glamorous and gracious Vinoy Hotel in St. Petersburg.

Featured was everything African — particularly South African — from the decor, the music, the drums, the dancing and singing (and lions making fierce noises on large-screen TVs) to the delicious and varied African cuisine served with a variety of wonderful South African vintage wines!

There were auctions with interesting African-themed items



**Sally
Simmonds**

Swiss Alps Chalet

And much interest on the part of all attendees, including the Warrens.

They said it was a dreamy evening, indeed - whether or not you’ve ever been to Africa!

I recently met a couple from Wotton Bassett, England. You may say, where in the world is that? Well it is about three miles from Royal Air Force Base Lyneham, England. I married an RAF officer and moved to Wootton Bassett, England, to be with him in the 70’s.

Wootton Bassett was just another quaint little town in England that I fell in love with. When my husband and I left England I never thought much about the town.

The couple that I met told me about a tradition that has started in Wotton Bassett since the Iraq war — it made the hair on my body rise.

RAF Lyneham Air Force Base is where British soldiers who have lost their lives fighting in Iraq are brought to be processed.

The hearses drive through the streets, and little by little, the townspeople all came out to pay their respects. By now this has grown into hundreds showing up to show respect.

The people of Wootton Bassett line the streets throwing flowers and singing. The ceremony that grew up in Wootton Bassett is as simple and moving as the coffins themselves, wrapped only in the Union flag.

As the hearses approach, the tenor bell of St Bartholomew’s Church begins to toll. Business stops while shoppers and shopkeepers join the crowds lining the pavement.

When the cortege reaches the war memorial, the president of the British Legion says a single word — “Up” — to mark the moment when ex- and serving members of the forces should begin their salute. “Down,” he says 60 seconds later, as the hearses move on.

I am very proud to have lived in that sweet little village.

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 1 tsp. Ground cloves
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 1 tsp. Szechwan peppercorns
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 1 tsp. Oregano
 1 tsp. Marjoram
 1 tsp. Thyme
 1 tsp. Basil
 1 tsp. Rosemary
 1 tsp. Sage

Cinnamon Sugar
 7/8 cup Granulated sugar
 2 Tbsp. Ground cinnamon
 Tamarind Paste
 1 tsp. Dates
 1 tsp. Prunes
 1 tsp. Dried apricots
 1 tsp. Lemon juice

Chili Powder
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 1 Tbsp. ground cumin
 2 Tbsp. oregano
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Couple enjoys whirlwind trip

It seems Rick and Dana Garlick are happily reclining on their couch, recuperating from a weeklong visit with their granddaughter.

They had a great time, but they truly now know why people have their children when they are young. Shhhhhhh — it’s nap time!

Some of the girls of our wonderful building had their monthly luncheon. I can sincerely say the food was great and the company, as always, was even better.

The “Top of the World Bookworms” had their first meeting in February. The book chosen for our book club was *The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love* by Joan Medlicott. The book was a big success and we all related to the Ladies of Covington.

Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 7, at Dana Garlick’s house. The book chosen is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. We will discuss the book and any club business that needs to be addressed.

Cheryl and Carl Lindback spent Thanksgiving at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., where their son-in-law is an instructor pilot and their daughter works on base. Oh, and of course, their dachshund, Duke.

Cheryl and her daughter helped make and pack up over 650 bags of

Gerri Brown

French Renaissance I

Christmas cookies for the airmen on base without family. Then they were off to Denver, Colo., to spend Christmas with their other daughter and her pooch, Jack.

They enjoyed the cold weather and beautiful Washington Park, where they got plenty of exercise. Their daughter and son-in-law joined them after Christmas for snowboarding at Keystone. They drove up in a blizzard, which gave them great snow to snowboard, and what fun they all had!

You know, I am exhausted already, but they drove down to New Mexico, and then back to Mississippi to see the kids again.

Then it was off to New Orleans to watch both daughters run in the Rock and Roll Marathon. Both beat their personal records. While in New Orleans, they celebrated St. Valentine’s Day and Cheryl’s birthday, where she enjoyed the beignets at Café du Monde. Wheeee, what fun they had!

This reporter is signing off....

Welcome Paradise Reserve reporter and building news

This is the first article representing the Paradise Reserve section of OTOW in a long while. This reporter will continue to ask residents for pertinent information they would like to have published.

• Utopian Drive

Fran and Vern Hipkins are world travelers. They went on a 20-day Royal Caribbean cruise to Eastern and Western ports. In September, they will be going on the new ship, *Oasis*, again for seven days. Their daughter and son-in-law will accompany them.

They also have another son and daughter-in-law who have three children. The Hipkins have been married for 66 years.

An interesting note: They have been to Hawaii 40 times!

• Camelot

Fran and Al Kroll are expecting their daughter and 5-year-old granddaughter to move down and stay with them. She is from Holbrook,



**Roxie
Maggio**

Paradise Reserve

Long Island. Fran and Al have been married 58 years.

• Shangrila

Howard and Sandy Huff moved here from the south end of Clearwater, and have been married 38 years. Their son is serving with the Upper Peninsula Coast Guard. Their grandson will be visiting the end of the month. They love it here at OTOW and find the people to be very friendly.

If you would like to be represented in the May issue of the *OTOW News*, please contact me at 474-5040.

Fashion show was a big hit

There is a saying, "April showers bring May flowers." We don't have to wait until May, as the azaleas and crepe myrtle are in full bloom now and are very beautiful.

Frances Baicich and her daughter, along with Jean Barnhart and her friend Phyllis Horaz (from the Spanish building), myself and friend Adele Aleresky (from the Valencia building), and Mae Hansen all attended the Fashion Show on Feb. 19, sponsored by the OTOW Singles Club.

The clothes were furnished by Bon Worth, and the models were members of the Singles Club. Dessert was served, and everyone had a pleasant afternoon.

The St. Patrick's Day parade was great, as usual. We, in the Moorish Building, are lucky as the parade goes down Brazilia Drive. All we have to do is walk to the end of the driveway and see it all. Thanks to the Irish Club for this event!

Richard, Barbara and Terry Redmond took in the Florida State Fair;



**Margaret
Doran**

Middle East Moorish

they liked it so much they returned for a second day. Sam Childress took care of their dogs, Max and Rascal. Rascal is getting along in years, so he is now taken down from the third floor to the grass in a stroller. Way to go, Rascal!

At press time, we have 40 residents signed up for our core picnic that will take place on April 9 at noon. If you haven't signed up, be sure to do so as we are giving a send-off to our winter residents.

Please use the white news box located under the building bulletin board to let me know about your trips and visitors. It would be a big help in putting this article together. Thanks.

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Backyard cookout follows golf scramble

This was a month for visitors and a golf scramble for our building.

Rita and Jim Ruderham hosted a barbeque in their backyard after our first golf scramble of the year. Golfers and non-golfers alike from both Mallorca and Monaco enjoyed the great food and the fun atmosphere.

Les Meneilly won a prize for being the closest to the pin, and, according to Dick Kuplen, the team comprising of Vito Conforti, Sheila Meneilly, Werner Springer, and Ludwig Schlitt tied with the team composed of Terry Kuplen, John McKinsey, Les and Dottie Meissner, each with a score of 29. Congratulations to all those who participated!

Our good friends from northern New York, Loretta and Pete Keys, visited us for a couple of days, after staying with her aunt and uncle in Lady Lake. While Loretta and Pete



**Maureen
Finguerra**

Mallorca

were here we went to the Clearwater Aquarium, where we saw "Winter" and learned about her remarkable tail (tale). Very interesting.

My brother Dale and his wife Diane, from Oswego, N.Y., and their daughter from Georgia, visited with Ginger Currier.

Dale and Lyndsay returned home to work, but Diane was fortunate to be able to stay the rest of the week with Ginger. They had a good time shopping, and a highlight was a trip

to the Chihuly Glass Museum. They were both quite impressed with the talent displayed.

Mary and Eldon Smith's granddaughter and her friend from Canada visited for a week. The girls had a wonderful time while they were here, going golfing, parasailing, shopping, and spending time at the pool as well as at the beach. They also went to Sea World. They will have lots of great memories of this vacation!

Mary and Eldon also entertained friends Frank and Carol from Newfoundland, and Dianne and Harold from Halifax. It was a busy month for the Smiths!

Welcome back to Mary Beth Devine and to Helen Pawlikoski!

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to all!



**Fritz
Kocka**

Valencia

Time to get out and about

Don't forget to file your 1040 tax report for 2010 by April 18. The IRS smiles every time they open their mail and a check falls out!

The Girl Scouts still have a few cookies for sale. It goes for a good cause. I happen to have a few boxes of chocolate mints already in the back of my freezer.

Baseball spring training is over, but we still have a couple of parks that will get you out of the house. The Oldsmar race track and St. Pete Derby Lane are in full swing. You may have recognized some of the dogs that were in the St. Patrick's Day parade at OTOW on March 12. It was a fun day.

The ladies' luncheon was held March 10 at Lucky Dill Deli in Palm Harbor. I understand no one refused the cheesecake. The men also went to lunch that same day, but all we could find open was Hooter's on Gulf-to-Bay.

Our St. Pat's dinner was held at O'Keefes' on March 17. A good time was had by all.

Mama sez: Never fry bacon when you are naked.

We're into springtime now, so enjoy it all

At 7:04 a.m. on March 20 was the arrival of the vernal equinox (first day of spring in 2011). It varies from year to year but is welcomed by all.

The scheduled bake and bargain yard sale took place on March 19 and was successful because of volunteers who helped price items, distributed notices on other building bulletin boards, who helped on the day of the sale and many brought yummy baked goods. Thank you one and all!

The monthly outing was Saturday, March 26 at noontime to the Chinese Buffet on Gulf-to-Bay. All who attended enjoyed the buffet and its variety of dishes, drinks and desserts.

Selena Klimowicz and Luisa Traficante enjoyed birthdays in March. Congratulations to both.

Residents were notified that on Wednesday, March 16, a Hazardous Waste Container would be set up at the West activity center parking lot.



**Edna
Androvette**

English Gothic

Notification was placed on the bulletin board that listed what you could bring and what not bring. We hope folks took the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items on that date.

Ann Notarangelo informed the group that she and her husband, Louis, have recently gone with Life Alert. She will try to arrange a speaker from Life Alert to make a presentation at our April meeting.

Again, our thanks to Betty Benvenuti for how nicely our mailroom was decorated for St. Patrick's Day.

We look forward to her talents in decorating for Easter. We appreciate all she does to make our building look spiffy for all the holidays. Residents receive many compliments from folks who pass through our building.

The yearly dues of \$10 are now due. If you have not yet paid, please make out a check to Helen Lane, Treasurer. She lives on the Columbia side.

Please call me or stop by if you know of anyone who is ill and I will make sure a card goes out to them.

If you have any news you want included in the paper, I am only a phone call away – 386-5725.

The celebrations of Passover and Easter are very special; the array of beautiful flowers, especially the daffodils and hyacinths lift everyone's spirits. This is a lovely time of the year to stop and smell the flowers and count your many blessings.



Reporter gets lucky at jewelry party, wins raffle

Hi, I'm back. Thank you for all your well wishes and cards, especially those from Betsy, Norma, Florence, Levi and Diann.

The enclosed article didn't make it in time for publication last time. I went to a jewelry party, here, hosted by Lidia, Monica and Fay, where I saw many of my friends (see photo at right).

What a menu they served: from desserts to cheese, crackers and many more yummy treats. Fay's homemade jewelry display I couldn't resist. Even raffles, one of which I won!

Call me for an interview if



**Gloria
Clifford**

Rural French

you have news, visitors, trips, building picnics or other happenings to report.

Speedy recovery to Len Terenzi, Leona and Margaret W.

Be well, be good to one another and God bless.



These jewelry party attendees had a fine time, with jewelry, snacks and raffles.



**Arnie
Moon**

Brahman

His fish fry entrees are fresh-caught

At our last building meeting, the residents voted to collect a \$10 assessment from unit owners to pay for some beautification projects in and around our building. Wing Captains will be coming around over the next month to collect. Unlike many of the other buildings, we do not have an annual assessment.

Arnie and Rosanne Moon hosted a Friday evening fish fry in March with fish from the Gulf that Arnie caught on several fishing trips. Those attending brought side dishes. All cash donations went to Suncoast Hospice.

On Tuesday, April 5, we will have a potluck dinner in the second-floor core to get together for fun, and to see our Snowbirds off for another year.

Softball teammates and wives enjoy cruise

Our neighbors, Guy and Kathy Bertuzzi had a wonderful vacation. They went on a cruise for seven days out of Port Canaveral.

Many of Guy's softball teammates and their wives went with them on the *Norwegian Sun* (see photo at right).

One of the stops was St. Maarten. Guy and Kathy had a timeshare in St. Maarten years ago. They went quite a few times until a severe hurricane destroyed the dwelling they stayed at. It was their favorite vacation spot.

The exciting fact about the trip was that Guy and Kathy shared many of their favorite island spots with their friends. Some of them went with the Bertuzzis' to the Dutch and French sides.

Their first stop was Marigold Beach on the French side. Kathy had one of her favorite foods, Escargots. The next stop was Orient Beach, which is clothing optional.

Guy and Kathy said they had lots of fun, good company and great food on the cruise.

Richard Maxwell and Gerri Jaeger returned from their trip to Olympia, Wash. They spent time with their grandchildren and loved every minute.

Please remember to periodically check the bulletin boards in the lobby.



**Arlene
Bergen**

Rila Renaissance

There is usually important news from our building captain and On Top of the World Association.

I would like to have an article from our building to submit every month. I cannot do that if I don't get news from our neighbors. If you have any news for our column, please leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board. News could be about a new neighbor, a birth, a new pet, a fascinating and interesting story or a great recipe.

I would like to do a feature story on any one of our neighbors who are interested. Just let me know. Many of our neighbors have fascinating stories to tell.

I hope all our neighbors and families have a wonderful Easter.

Many of our snowbird neighbors will be leaving in April to go back home. We wish you a safe trip and look forward to your return.



A few OTOW softball teammates and their wives on a recent Caribbean cruise.

Building Captain Gerri Jaeger will be having a pizza party before our snowbird neighbors go north. Please watch the bulletin board for a posting of the day and time and sign-up sheet.

Thank you to everyone for doing a great job of keeping our trash room clean. Remember to recycle the cans.

It's a happy 18th anniversary for España

The España building is celebrating its 18th anniversary this month. The first residents began moving in about the middle of April, 1993.

Almost everyone had moved in by the end of May. As you know, we have 54 apartments in our building, of which only 16 are still occupied by original residents.

Who are these original residents? In the northeast wing are four: Nancy Savell, Jackie Powers, Jackie and Tony Manfredi and Dee Cotter. In the northwest wing are five: Ruth and Jim Osborne, Minnie Orsburn, Donna and Fred Crouse, Ken Russell, Connie Wells and me.

In the southwest wing are two: Millie Anderson and Catherine Haubenreich. In the southeast wing are five: Liliane and Gerry Anderson, Lill and Herb Cervinka, Lou Marchi, Phyllis Shapack and Wally Peters.

Lou Marchi was the España's original treasurer. Ken Russell and Herb Cervinka helped lay out and paint the condo numbers on the storage rooms' floors, and I designed and prepared the telephone directory, changing the color each year.

During these 18 years, the original residents have seen many changes and events such as some people changed windows, some added roll-a-way



**Clare
Pebworth**

España

shutters, others added awnings. A decision was made as to the design for the painting of the balconies and stairs, shrubbery was planted, huge trees on the lake side were taken down, our first building association meeting, our first Easter when we had a big bunny wearing a hat, and Easter baskets on the floor in a fenced-off area in a corner of the lobby.

One Halloween we had a life-sized mannequin dressed as a witch, and one spring the first floor residents on the lake side put silk geraniums around all the trees and watched as the walkers came up and bent down to smell the flowers. We had fun.

We remember our first Christmas when each resident was asked to bring a decoration for the tree. That year we had Christmas lights on the building, courtesy of Connie Wells' daughter who, as a gift, sent us many strings of lights. We remember the Christmas

party in the lobby when it was so windy and cold that we hung sheets and blankets over the entrances. That was the last "Lobby" Christmas party.

If you would like to see how the España grew and aged, we have a scrapbook filled with pictures, and that book is usually at the monthly meetings. Come and take a look.

Yes, we have seen many friends leave us, but we have had such lovely people join us. We are also lucky that most of the España residents are year-round residents. España is our home; OTOW is our neighborhood, and we have the reputation of being a very friendly building. That says a lot for all of España's residents. We are now going to start our 19th year. Happy birthday, España!

Several times this past year I have told you about Marge Griffith's granddaughter, who was sent by a Washington, D.C. law firm to Tokyo to practice international law. Yes, she was there during the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, and she is okay.

Her office is at the Tokyo airport. Due to illness on March 11, she was on sick leave and was in her 16th-floor apartment when the quake struck.

Marge was able to speak with her via the computer. Times may be tough for her right now, but at least she is okay.

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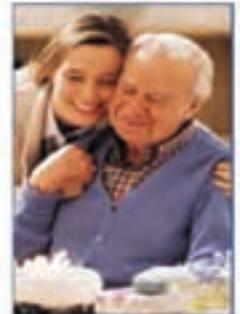
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If you missed seeing the parade, Ed and Dolly Foland photographed the entire parade and you can see the photos at www.snowbirdsofotow.com. Click on the big blue photo button, then click on the Picasa photo album, then click on St Pats parade, then click on slide show.



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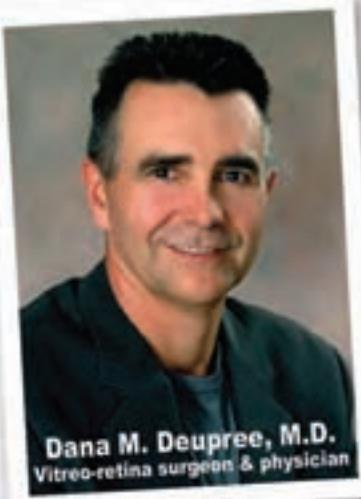
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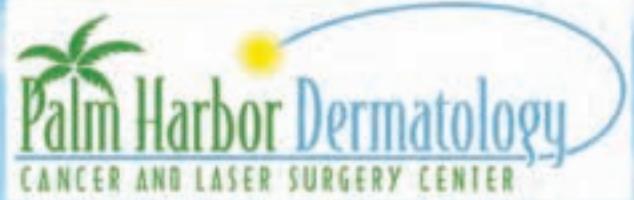


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Noted dancer was friend of this reporter

We're a little short of news this month, but we are looking forward to our fall building meeting and hope to do better next month. Anyway, we are asked to write up more interesting stories that appeal to the readership in general.

The Wookeys had visitors here from Canada, whom they met many years ago, Amand and Nancy Myklebost. He had come in 1964 from southwest Norway where he recalls as a child the German soldiers who were billeted in their town during their occupation of Norway in WWII.

She grew up in County Durham, Sunderland, on the River Tyne. While here, they took in their first cruise of six days, and before it was over had decided on a second one. Their points of call included Key West, Grand Cayman and Jamaica. Their weather was wonderful.

We enjoyed getting acquainted with them at a recent social dinner at the Golden Wok China Buffet in Largo. About 30 of us indulged ourselves from the abundant choices of menu plus our own wine.

Barbara and Norman Jacques took a four-day break to their home in Rhode Island to attend the wedding of their grandson at the end of March.



Mary Ellis

Saratoga

Our building has three good reasons to praise and thank a few special people in our midst: First, our new building caretaker Deborah. We notice her conscientious work in and around our hallways and grounds. She has requested several ways we can help improve the garbage room. Then we have a much better outgoing mail box due to the effort and efficiency of Sandy Johnston. We are all pleased as punch, Sandy!

And finally, our thoughtful chairman, Laurie Wookey, and our treasurer, Paul Thompson, worked on the replacement of the two raggedy flags flying on both sides of the building. Now we can be more proud of our citizenship. Kudos to both of them.

My birthday was celebrated over several days! First, the Sunday at my

parish coffee hour attracted a hundred or so who gave me the joy of a real 90th bash! The Sunday school children sang three songs, with movements I suggested; my grandson played the traditional song solo followed by the choirmaster who accompanied it for all to sing; and then the huge cake was cut by my daughter for the children to distribute. Again, my Wednesday ballet class surprised me with refreshments and gifts.

My heart was shocked to learn that Betty Garrett, a childhood and school friend, one known by many of our generation because of her career in musical theater, films and TV, has just left us at age 91 in Los Angeles. Betty taught her usual musical comedy class at Workshop West, the non-profit organization she helped found, on a Wednesday night and died of heart failure on Saturday morning.

Her husband, Larry Parks, was a star nominated for an Academy Award as best actor in "The Jolson Story." This was followed by the House Un-American Activities Committee calling him up to admit to his having joined the Communist Party for a few years.

When studying ballet in New York City, I was Betty's guest at the theater and at her home. Betty was hospitable to me in L. A. and San Francisco.

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Leona Anderson	3890
Naoma Harper	3820
Feb. 7	
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Julie Solfronk	3600
Feb. 7 (P.M.)	
Sergio Pistella	3060
Chet Czczot	2250
Feb. 10	
Naoma Harper	3310
Nancy Savelle	3290
Feb. 11 (P.M.)	
Chet Czczot	3600
Kathy Schamel	3100
Feb. 14	
Julie Solfronk	3680
Marilyn Miller	3370
Feb. 14 (P.M.)	
Sergio Pistella	3050
Lois Brown	2160
Feb. 16	
Sergio Pistella	3830
Kathy Schamel	2560
Feb. 17	
Nancy Savelle	3850
Regina Dietrich	3850
Florence Fingerhut	3100
Feb. 18 (P.M.)	
Chet Czczot	4650
Sergio Pistella	2830
Feb. 21	
Nancy Savelle	3880
Naoma Harper	3500
Feb. 21 (P.M.)	
Sergio Pistella	3520
Kathy Schamel	3940
Feb. 23 (P.M.)	
Sergio Pistella	5210
Kathy Schamel	3700
Feb. 24	
Marilyn Miller	3460
Florence Fingerhut	3210
Feb. 28	
Florence Fingerhut	4180
Naoma Harper	2960
Feb. 28 (P.M.)	
Sergio Pistella	6310
Kathy Schamel	3690
Feb. 16	
2660.....	Virginia Bowles
2490.....	Jane Hatlevik
Feb. 23	
4460.....	Elsie Toth
2970.....	Ann Gehrling
March 2	
3390.....	Mary Powers
2660.....	Ann Gehrling
March 9	
3060.....	Ann Gehrling
2390.....	Jane Hatlevik



Muriel Landau



EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec

Feb. 8	
6480 (1st Place).....	E. Frohloii
6470 (2nd Place).....	Yolanda DaRoe
Double Pinochle.....	
Eleanor Golka (2X),	Dick Gordon
Took All Tricks	
Gwen & Bruna	
Feb. 10	
6570 (1st Place).....	Barbara Hogan
6510 (2nd Place).....	Marilyn Helmrath
Double Pinochle.....	
Marilyn Helmrath,	Bertha Boyer (2X), Jackie Powers
Feb. 15	
6690 (1st Place).....	Bertie Lewis
6700 (2nd Place).....	Barbara Hogan
Double Pinochle.....	
Julie Hofmaster,	Alice Langguth, Al McKay
Took All Tricks ...	
Ella & Sam, Ella & June	
Feb. 17	
6420 (1st Place).....	June Sweeney
6260 (2nd Place).....	Eleanor Golka
Double Pinochle.....	
June Sweeney	
Took All Tricks ..	
Kay Nelson, Dick Gordon	
Feb. 22	
6330 (1st Place).....	Helen Gonzalez
5820 (2nd Place).....	Peggy Kane
Double Pinochle.....	
Eleanor Golka,	Denis Rosendle, Peggy Kane
Took All Tricks	
Maxine Murray &	Peggy Kane, Bruna Moro, Jackie Powers
March 1	
7430 (1st Place).....	Ann Reed
6880 (2nd Place).....	Joan Wolf
Double Pinochle.....	
Joan Wolf	
March 3	
6490 (1st Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
6460 (2nd Place).....	Dick Gordon
March 8	
7100 (1st Place).....	Lou Notarangelo
6840 (2nd Place).....	Al Anderson
Double Pinochle.....	
Don Whitney,	Kay Nelson
Took All Tricks	
Rose Oshaben (2X),	Ann Reed, Jackie Powers,
Marge Garvey, Julie Hofmaster,	Paul McCoy, Ed Frunzi



WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis

Feb. 17	
6640 (1st Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
6520 (2nd Place).....	Pat Gilghrist
Feb. 24	
7790 (1st Place).....	Alice Langgath
6970 (2nd Place).....	Ann Reed
Double Pinochle... Alice Langgath, Clayton	
Hancock, Doris Edwards	
March 3	
6490 (1st Place).....	Alice Langgath
5880 (2nd Place).....	Alma Zurkan
Took All Tricks	
Pat & Ed	
March 10	
6870 (1st Place).....	Clayton Hancock
6680 (2nd Place).....	Alma Zurkan
March 17	
6590 (1st Place).....	Pat Gilghrist
6280 (2nd Place).....	Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle.....	
Pat Gilghrist	



Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays

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(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Wednesday, Feb. 2	
1.....	Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen
2.....	Betty Hayhurst, Grace Meehan
3.....	Gloria Ferris, Dot Graham
4.....	Carmen Dixon, Rachel Hebert
Saturday, Feb. 5	
1.....	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
2.....	Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
3.....	Cobie Stimming, Rainer Stimming
4.....	Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Monday, Feb. 7	
1.....	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
2.....	Marnie Carr, Tom McKee
3.....	Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen
4.....	Myrtle Fulton, Reg Fulton
Wednesday, Feb. 9	
1.....	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
2.....	Jean Rhame, Pat Van Hise
3.....	Marnie Carr, Tom McKee
4.....	Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays

(Continued from previous column)

Saturday, Feb. 12	
1.....	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
2.....	Carmen Dixon, Rachel Hebert
3.....	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine
4.....	Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Monday, Feb. 14	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W:	Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
	Charles Welch, Bunny Welch
Wednesday, Feb. 16	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
	Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
E/W:	Thelma Jacobson, Marie Hebert
	Jean Rhame, Pat Van Hise
Saturday, Feb. 19	
N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
E/W:	Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann
	Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Monday, Feb. 21	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
	Mary Lou Ferguson, Jackie Frenette
E/W:	Rita Marshall, Nita Akers
	Betty Sagun, Ella Van Dorn
Wednesday, Feb. 23	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Betty Johnson
	Renee Fishman, Miriam Liberman
E/W:	Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
	Pat Van Hise, Jean Rhame
Saturday, Feb. 26	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
	Harry Schloen, Adele Schloen
E/W:	Betty Hayhurst, Charlie McKague
	Julienne Workman, Kay Ralston

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EAST SIDE – Thursdays
Diane Bigelow – Maxine Murray

Feb. 17 Winners	
1.....	Ron Murray
2 (Tied).....	Virginia Bowles,
	Barbara Richards, Dick Gordon
3.....	Joyce Engelbert
4 (Tied).....	Norma Neiland,
	Arnie Engelbert, John Richards
Feb. 24 Winners	
1.....	Dick Gordon
2.....	Ron Murray
3.....	Helen Gordon
4.....	Virginia Bowles
March 3 Winners	
1.....	June Sweeney
2.....	Marvin Bruning
3.....	Ron Murray
4.....	Joyce Engelbert
March 10 Winners	
1.....	Helen Gordon
2.....	Ron Murray
3.....	Dick Gordon
4.....	Marvin Bruning

Reporter has been busy catching up on all the news

April is upon us – April showers bring May flowers and also Passover and Easter. These two important religious holidays are occurring late this year: a moveable feast depending on phases of the moon — a rather complicated formula. Blessings to all!

Much “moving and shaking” at the Gables, lots of visitors recently. Charlie Santarsieri had his sisters, Rosemary and Bridget. They enjoyed the warm sunny weather, unlike what they experienced in Virginia and New York. They had to leave early due to their father’s hospitalization. We never had that dinner date, but will work things out next year.

Doris Brown had her grandson and his wife visiting from Canada for two weeks. Doris was happy to have them with her for the visit. Almost forgot — her son was here for a week also.

Joan Ersalesi had a surprise visit from her daughter, who was here for a week. She did some gardening to pretty up the front and back patios. Joan’s daughter, who resides with her, had a friend visit from Pennsylvania for 10 days.

Sherry and Glenn Ohl enjoyed the week-long visit of their daughter, her husband and two grandchildren.



**Margaret
Copland**

The Gables

Sherry and her granddaughter were up early one morning to see the sunrise at Safety Harbor; they watched beautiful sunsets almost every evening from the Gables.

Mitzi Jorgensen’s daughter came from Wisconsin for a week of a working vacation, traveling back and forth to Tampa each day and enjoying the comfort of her mother’s apartment instead of a hotel room in Tampa.

The Dvoraks returned after an extended holiday visit up North. Family concerns had them staying longer than they had originally planned.

Jan and Joe Trkovsky had a trip back down here from Illinois. Upon reaching Atlanta, they were stranded for three nights parked at a gas station because of a snow-ice storm. After the first night, they were able to walk ever so carefully to a nearby hotel for two more nights before returning

to our more favorable weather.

Can’t forget to mention the cruises that Angel and Rick Helton and Alma and Russ Zurkan enjoyed soon after returning to Florida in January.

Due to my two-month “sabbatical” from writing, I couldn’t report in a timely fashion, but the ladies of the Gables enjoyed our monthly luncheon outings, first at Pssghetti’s, where one of the chefs showed and explained to me the workings of the magnificent gas-assisted brick oven used for baking pizza and other dishes. The inside looked much like an igloo with temperatures reaching as high as 750 degrees.

Our March luncheon was quite an event, with two birthdays to be celebrated: those of Irene Marshall and Margaret Copland. We met at the Island Outpost on Dunedin Causeway. Mitzi Jorgensen made a delicious cake complete with balloon candles, which we all enjoyed after our lunch and the singing of Happy Birthday.

Later, at dinner, Margaret was feted by her brother, John, who was here from Doylestown, Pa., for a week of Phillies spring training games.

My son and his wife joined in the celebration at Sea Sea Ryder’s in Dunedin. It can be said that I was “well birthdayed” on the 7th! My brother said

I should say I was just celebrating my 41st for the second time...

Irene Marshall, the other birthday girl, was surprised by a celebration at her church the previous Sunday. Her daughter, along with help from grandsons, other family members and Jim, planned this really wonderful occasion for about 80 friends, complete with photographic posters of Irene’s life from babyhood to the present time.

All for now until next month. Remember a smile and good word to your loved ones and neighbors, and be looking for the yellow flowers out on Belcher Road. They are due to return to add beauty to our everyday life.

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House guests from Sweden

Dorothy Churchill is one busy lady. Her sister, Ann Pflieger is visiting from Little Rock. Two nieces, Joyce and Judy along with their husbands from Michigan paid them a surprise visit. They shared a lovely lunch at The Safety Harbor Spa which they all enjoyed very much and made it a day to remember.

Thanks, Dorothy, for always sharing your news with us!

Jim and I entertained his cousin, Barbro Nielsen, and her husband, Hans, from Sweden for almost three weeks (see photo). We took in the Chihuly Hot Shop and Glass Exhibit, the Dali Museum, a trip to Plant City for their famous strawberry shortcake, walks along the beach, Clearwater Beach sunsets and relaxing by the pool.

A special thanks to the Tennis Club for giving Hans the opportunity to play tennis each morning with them again this year. Barbro and Hans have been visiting us each February or March for the past three years and each year the Tennis Club has welcomed Hans. He asked that I express his sincere gratitude for welcoming him.

Birthday wishes go out to Ron Magnussen on April 4; Bob Anderson will celebrate his birthday on the 17th. Happy Birthday Ron and Bob. Enjoy your special day!



Barbara Sundberg

Yoshimitsu



Jim Sundberg, Barbro Nielsen (Jim's cousin), and her husband, Hans Nielsen.

'Phillie Phanatic' picks out Americana resident at game

Everyone had a really good time at our annual Valentine's Day party that was held on the second floor core. Winston Pineau made his famous punch. Everyone brought finger foods to pass around.

I just learned from Catherine Gray that she is a season ticket holder for the Phillies spring training at Bright House Stadium. Her daughter and son-in-law from Tucson recently visited her because her son-in-law was competing in a golf tournament in nearby Naples.

While they were here for the tournament, they all went to a Phillies game where the "Phillie Phanatic" picked Catherine as his dance partner. Too bad this wasn't one of the spring training games that was televised nationally.

Catherine then made arrangements for the end of March monthly lunch, this time at Diner Sixty West. About 26 of us attended. There was a fun drawing for a gift certificate for a return visit that was won by Joyce Engelbert.

Kay Gill took the floor to honor musical neighbors in the Americana including Betty Ross who sings with the Dunedin Community



Carol Muntzenberger

Americana

Chorus, which recently put together a terrific concert.

Betty is also a member of the OTOW Chorus. She also pointed out Ken Jenner, who was honored last year as the longest regular member of the OTOW Chorus, Beverly Schray who is a member of the jam session group that meets regularly in the Activity Center, and Carol Muntzenberger (yes, that's me) for her appearance in "Broadway Revisited," the recent Jesters show. Kay feels this was a good start to helping all of us to become aware of the many talents our residents have. She would like to continue next month with some other achievements by others in our building.

Plans are now taking shape for our annual potluck picnic and BBQ. Full report will follow after that event.

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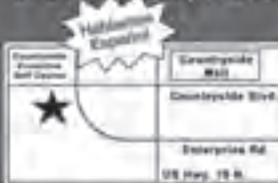
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Core party was surely something to laugh at

I love entering our Siboney building and seeing the beautiful green decorations put up by Paula and Craig Ergang. They're so bright and cheery and you smile – until you collect your mail with the many requests for donations! I believe I'm on everyone's list.

We had many activities last month starting with 34 of us attending breakfast at First Watch where a very nice couple treated me. Many thanks!

Our building meeting was very informative and we held the Chinese Auction.

Then our core party produced the funniest material so far! The jokes were great and it was like "Can You Top This?" Thank you Ethyle Lee, Audrey Jones and Doris Prekopa. And let's not forget the surprise of the afternoon. Bob Evans and his extemporaneous contribution. The food was delicious!

Lunch at the Diner Sixty West brought out a good group. They all enjoyed the food and you can have breakfast items at lunchtime. Only it's a long way home, but you can stop at Sam's Club.

Arla Gossiaux has her son and his wife visiting, as they're in the process of re-locating from Michigan (cold, cold



**Cele
Radeloff**

Siboney

Michigan). If On Top of the World had a condo with a three-car garage, they'd move here. Our loss!

We have many talented people in our building. Did you read the story on Carmelo Costa? He was a Golden Gloves champion and nowadays, is a terrific softball player. I always teased him about taking the stairs two-at-a-time. "Youth," I'd say.

Then there's our own Skip Heller who tends the garden in the rear and collects the grapefruits you find in the core rack. Enjoy!

Another talented neighbor is Laura Evans. She not only writes the Tennis column, but has created a Workshop Seminar "Better Not Bitter." It will be interesting and challenging.

Then there's Paula Ergang who, in the Siboney Ladies Golf Tournament, helped her team win with the

tiebreaker. Also, with a terrific partner, Angie Georgiou, won the Women's Doubles Tennis Championship. Congratulations!

We had a very lively and informative Press Meeting discussing the scam (described in the March issue, p. 5) and the directive from our editor that we should not mention grandchildren's names.

The Jesters show and Theater Workshop were so entertaining. Wonderful, wonderful shows put on by our talented neighbors.

We had a glorious day for the Irish parade. It's so nice to have people come out and cheer us along the way. We love to see children, plus the hot dogs and beer really made our day! Thank you, Line Dancers, for your participation.

We're having our Pot Luck Easter dinner again, so check the board and sign up. Why stay home alone when you can enjoy this nice get-together — plus delicious food?

Don't forget to attend the Chorus Concert. It's going to be great. I have tickets.

Watch out for those April Fool jokes! Happy Easter — Happy Passover!



**Sue
Morse**

Fujiwara



The Fujiwara "Flea Market Queens"

Meet the 'Flea Market Queens'

Shown in the photo above are Janis and Marge, the "Flea Queens" of the Fuji Building at the Recreation Center Flea Market in March. The proceeds will provide our food for our annual flea market under the old oak tree. Watch for the date on the bulletin board.

I am sorry to say I will no longer be able to do the news for our building due to other obligations. Call me if you have any questions or visit the *OTOW News* office at the East Activity Center.

Ed. Note: The staff and volunteers of the *OTOW News* thank Sue for her years of service to the newspaper. Good luck in the future.

Visitors enjoy spring training

It looks like the sunshine and warm weather are here to stay. The roofing project seems to be complete, so things have quieted down from a noise standpoint. Activities are in full swing — it is great to see so many happy vacationing faces and meet sons, daughters and grandchildren we hear so much about all year.

Our building had its "Welcome Warm Weather" picnic with 30-plus in attendance. Jan Guyton's son and daughter-in-law grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for the gang; others brought a variety of delicious desserts and side dishes. This was a great opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors, many of whom will soon be flying the coop to their northern homes.

Virginia McGinnis's daughter and son-in-law were down for a visit to organize things at their new condo.

While in town, they showed their loyalty to their beloved Phillies, played a few rounds of golf and spent quality time with Mom while also taking note of areas of interest around their new home away from home.

I am happy to report that Ralph Wells has recovered and has Happy Hour back in full swing to take advantage of the beautiful weather. Sometimes you don't fully appreciate the things someone does until they are away. Thanks, Ralph, for all you do.



**Linda
Rozenbergs**

New World French

Bev and Ron Huber have been staying busy with family members visiting from New York and Pennsylvania. Their youngest son was here for four days, and they were able to see a show at Ruth Eckerd Hall among other activities. They also enjoyed visits from another son and his daughter from Albany, N.Y.

Fran and Joe Valenti's beautiful granddaughter was here from Michigan for five days to spend time with her grandparents. We, along with Tony Millek's sister, also from Michigan, spent a wonderful day at Honeymoon Island. I completely agree with Dr. Beach who says it is one of the most beautiful beaches in the country.

Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the core for upcoming building activities. All are welcome to participate in the Ladies Lunches and picnics and, of course, Happy Hour. Please let me know about any activities or events that you would like to share in this column.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Every third Tuesday we meet downstairs in the Craft Room next to the kitchen. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

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New residents keep busy with golf, bridge, grandkids

My recent interview with Jan and Duane Hinrichs found two more busy people. They are from Marion, Iowa.

They have four children and five grandchildren; therefore, you will often find them in the bleachers, attending the sporting events of the grandchildren. Recently they took all five of them on a trip to Branson.

They both enjoy duplicate bridge. They also play golf and were in our building tournament last month. Here at OTOW, they belong to the Canadian Club.

Previously, Duane was a financial planner and Jan a credit union manager. On a day when I was locked out of my condo, he helped me to get in. Thanks, Duane!

Recently, Mary Pineau had a hole-in-one on the 4th hole of the executive course. She was golfing



Gloria Walz

Modernage

with two other women and was using her 8 iron. Did you know that America spends over \$630-million yearly on those little white balls? Where do they all end up?

We are told to wash fresh fruits and vegetables, but the wash we buy can get expensive, so instead, use this recipe for cleaning fruits and vegetables: 1 tsp. Baking soda, 1 cup water, 1 cup vinegar, squirt of lemon juice. Mix in a spray bottle and use it to spray on kiwi, corn on cob, onions, etc.

The pretty flowers of April

April showers bring May flowers — an old adage from the North Country. I have seen so many beautiful flowers and flowering trees around us. I'd like to ship them north so they could enjoy them too.

Just getting used to daylight savings time. I do like the beautiful evenings but you can have the dark mornings. But as my farmer dad used to say, "The cows don't know the difference, so why change?"

Carol Anne Futej's grandson came home from Korea and will now be stationed in upstate New York for a year at least. Carol is glad he is back in the U.S.A.

Alice Markus says that after she had a cold month in Chicago area, and with surgery and rehab, she is glad to get home to sunshine and her friends. And we are so glad to have her; she is walking all over again.

Betty and Larry Hayhurst's granddaughter and friend were down for four days, and their grandson came in from Orlando. Betty says the weather was cool, so they went to the shops in Dunedin and had a wonderful visit.

Connie Valentin and Betty Hayhurst went to the State Fair. Connie said her bad back started showing signs of giving her trouble, but they were given massages on a miracle-working machine chair and "wa-la-la," the pain was gone for the rest of the day.



Val Kastner

Melbourne

My son-in-law and his brother and sister-in-law stayed overnight on their way to a cruise to Belize and environs. I enjoyed having them. And they enjoyed a trip to the pool and lake on the West side.

Son-in-law came back after the cruise for a couple of days of R&R before going back to the snow and work. He always is a bright spot in my life. I call him "my other son."

Have you seen the new bench on the Irish Lane side? They are all so pleased to get it and would like you to sit down on your way through the core.

Was so glad to see so many of you out for the dinner at Georgie Boy's. Watch the bulletin board for the next outing.

April is a busy month this year with the festivities of Passover and Easter ending up a glorious month. May you all enjoy your family and friends on these special days.

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Building golfers vie for tournament honors

Hope you all celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style. Rich Hayes took the celebration seriously and is in the construction process of adding a "patty-o" to his condo.

Hats off to our building golfers, Frank McGuire, Marc Schell and Dick Mikszenas, who advanced to compete against each other in the finals for OTOW's men's league golf tournament. Although there was no shame in the final scores, Frank McGuire was the victor winning first place in the A Flight. Congratulations Frank — well done!

Marc and Cindy Schell were very busy last month entertaining many house guests and also finding the time to practice and prepare for this year's Theater Workshop show. Cindy's sister Marquita Peterson, friend Dave DiRaddo, Cindy's mom Helen Peterson all from Fairport, N.Y., and Marc's sister, Marcia Schell, from Ringtown,



**Terri
Mikszenas**

Englander

Pa., were all here to enjoy the beautiful weather we've had this winter season.

Unfortunately, they all had to leave before watching Cindy volunteer as Stage Mom and see Marc perform in the show.

Others visiting during the popular "house guest season" included Maureen McGuire's sisters from Ocala, Mary and Nick Spinos' son from New York, our friend Blanche Haynes from Poinciana, Fla., and our sister-in-law Gabriele Miksen from Lynn, Mass. and Lithuania.

We've named our guest room "Seldom Inn" because even when our company is there, we are always on the road with them sightseeing, beaching, shopping or dining. It's such a busy season and it gets a little hectic, but I think we would all agree we love having our friends and relatives visit!

Hope everyone is planning to attend our building's pizza party on April 4. It should be a good night for food, fun and friendship. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

Absolutely loved turning the clocks ahead and getting the extra daylight in the evening hours, which also leads us into baseball season — my favorite sport to watch! Be cautious on All Fool's Day — did you get caught?

May you enjoy the holidays with friends, family and faith as we celebrate the Passover and Easter season.



**Theresa
Kawalec**

Chetnik

Family had two great reasons to get together

On Feb. 26, Lillian and Murray Zolkower celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and Murray's 90th birthday at a gala sit-down dinner at Bon Appetite Restaurant in Dunedin.

It was hosted by their four children. The entire family attended, coming from Massachusetts, New York, Tennessee, Colorado and California.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, Lillian and Murray hosted brunch for the family at The Island Way Grill. How wonderful for families to have such happy occasions. We wish the Zolkowers many more healthy and happy celebrations!

Betty and Al McKay had visitors from Riverview, Mich., for the first week of March. Betty's son and his wife and her mother stayed at a hotel on the beach and together they visited John's Pass and also played a lot of pinochle.

Wish I had more building news for you, but you need to get in touch with me for that. Will have some info about our St. Patrick's Day building luncheon of Corned Beef and Cabbage at the Acropol Restaurant in next month's column. Happy Easter and Passover to all.

New couples are busy moving in; can soon enjoy our many area spring activities

We extend a warm Granada welcome to new residents James and Judy Edwards from Cecilia, Ky., and Betty and Tom Gerbin from Indiana.

Every time I opened my core door recently, I met Jim carrying cartons into their new condo. He will surely need a vacation soon! Betty and I met in the laundry room as my husband carried my laundry basket in for me. We had a pleasant chat for awhile, and then Betty left carrying her laundry basket up the steps. Ahh, to be young again... We sincerely hope both couples will enjoy their time in the building as much as we do.

Pat Dalziel has written her memoirs, and she had a copy printed

Arlene Berger

Granada

up for each family member. It is a wonderful idea, which enables all your loved ones to know many hitherto unknown things about you. I have been writing my memoirs for 15 years, but have not yet printed up copies for my family.

We are so fortunate that there is so much available to us in this vicinity. One week alone, we attended a classical concert in Ruth Eckerd Hall one day,

followed by a Dukes of Dixie concert the next day (also at Ruth Eckerd), followed by a tribute to the late, great Ella Fitzgerald by Sonny and Perley at a free concert at the Palm Harbor Library the next day.

Each was wonderful in its own way. I am writing this having just returned from the Largo Cultural Center, where we were entertained by Mickey Finn and his band. Before heading north, we have tickets for the Free Fall Theatre, American Stage and the Frances Wilson Playhouse.

Be sure to attend the building picnic April 2. Until next time, remember that people who are wrapped up in themselves, make a small package.

Recent events had something for everyone

Sports, a picnic and the arts highlighted February and March here at American Gothic.

The building's annual Golf Scramble was held March 27 on the 18-hole golf course at OTOW. A pizza party followed at CC's in Clearwater, and all residents were invited. The winners will be announced in the May issue.

Our "Bye, Bye Birdie" annual backyard picnic was held on March 26. This event is generally a send-off for our Snowbirds who are returning north for the summer. It was a bit early this year because the host and hostess had to depart earlier than usual.

As always, fun was had by all as we played games and ate hot dogs,



**Merle
MacDonald**

American Gothic

hamburgers and a wonderful assortment of appetizers and snacks provided by our residents.

Our very own Elaine McDonald became a celebrity on Feb. 23. She won a private-box suite for herself and 12 friends to attend a Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game. In addition, each guest received an autographed hockey stick.

Since it was also her birthday, her son sent a cake that was served to all. Incidentally, the Lightning won!

A luncheon reunion Feb. 23 reunited former residents Tim Paterson, Ruby Hissong and Trudy Urso with present residents. It was a surprise "bon voyage" for Fern Jennings, who will soon be joining them at St. Marks in Palm Harbor.

Eleanor Arnold's niece, Eva Lee, a Connecticut-based artist, was highlighted in the St. Petersburg Times Feb. 17. She has created a six-minute video, "Lux Flux," for the Riverwalk portal using special lighting effects at different times of the day to create a portrait of iconic downtown Tampa.

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APRIL 1 - 30

1	Fri	5:00 PM	A	Pennsylvania Club Appreciation Party
1	Fri	9:00 AM	CL1	Photography Club Picasa Class
1	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Singles Travel Club
1	Fri	5:00 PM	S	Mallorca Building Spring Fling
1	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite Room	AARP Driving Course
2	Sat	7:30 PM	A	Chorus Concert
3	Sun	3:00 PM	A	Chorus Concert
4	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite Room	Snowbird Club Meeting
5	Tues	5:00 PM	A	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Dinner
5	Tues	10:00 AM	C	OTOW Shriners Meeting
5	Tues	3:00 PM	CL1	Italian Speaking Class
5	Tues	6:30 PM	CR	Hoosier Club Meeting
5	Tues & Thurs	8:30 AM	L	AARP Tax Help (Tues & Thurs thru April 12)
5	Tues	8:00 AM	S	Queen Victoria Building Breakfast
5	Tues	12:30 PM	S	The Tennis Girlz Luncheon
6	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Theater Workshop General Meeting
6	Wed	1:30 PM	K	Scrapbooking Class
6	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Rainbow Club Meeting
6	Wed	6:30 PM	V's	Jesters Board Meeting
7	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: John Timpanelli
7	Thurs	10:00 AM	C	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
7	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
7	Thurs	10:00 AM	CR	Book Worm Group
7	Thurs	5:00 PM	S	Blue Ball Couples Dinner
7	Thurs	10:00 AM	V's	Greyhound Club
8	Fri	5:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
8	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
9	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance: "April Love"
10	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
11	Mon	1:00 PM	CL1	Family History Group
11	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
11	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Blood Pressure Screening
12	Tues	3:00 PM	CL1	Italian Speaking Class
12	Tues	1:00 PM	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
13	Wed	11:00 AM	A	Men's Golf League Award Luncheon
13	Wed	5:00 PM	S	Theatre Workshop Installation Dinner
14	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Aquainted Coffee
14	Thurs	9:00 AM	C	Good Neighbors Volunteer Meeting
17	Sun	5:00 PM	K	Cellitti Invitational Golf Tournament
18	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear Screening (no vision screening this month)
18	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Meeting
19	Tues	7:30 PM	A	Irish Club Show: Chris Turpin
19	Tues	7:00 PM	CR	Bible Study
19	Tues	7:00 PM	V's	Republican Club Meeting
20	Wed	7:00 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
20	Wed	6:30 PM	CR	Hoosier Club Game Night
20	Wed	1:30 PM	K	Scrapbooking Class
20	Wed	8:00 AM	S	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Meeting
20	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Hoosier Club Wine & Cheese Party
20	Wed	7:00 PM	V's	Lambda Club Meeting
21	Thurs	2:00 PM	S	Valencia Building Meeting
21	Thurs	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
23	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance: "Cute Easter Chicks"
24	Sun	2:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Easter Dinner
26	Tues	1:00 PM	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
27	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Suncoast Symphony
27	Wed	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
27	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	NY/NJ Club Meeting
28	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite Room	Democrat Club Meeting

CALENDAR KEY

- A Auditorium
- C Card Room
- CR Craft Room
- CL Classroom
- K Kitchen
- L Lecture Room
- R Rainbow Room (W)
- S Sunrise Room (W)
- V Veranda



**First Day of Passover
Tuesday, April 19**



**Earth Day
Friday, April 22**



**Good Friday
April 22
Easter Sunday
April 24**

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Wood Carvers Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Aqua Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Lawn Bowling
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 Contract Bridge
 12:00 P.M. Pinochle
 1:00 Crafters Group (2nd Monday)
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)
 5:00 Poker
 5:30 Poker
 6:00 Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo
 7:00 Euchre

West Activity Center

8:30 Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 9:00 Chess Club
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 12:30 P.M. Mah-Jong
 2:00 German Speaking Group
 5:00 Mah-Jong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 9:00 Polar Bear Aqua Class
 9:00 Lapidary
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 9:30 Lawn Bowling
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 10:30 Beginner Bridge Lessons
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 P.M. Pinochle
 12:00 Library
 12:00 Ceramics
 12:00 Dancercise
 1:00 Oil Painting Workshop
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta

1:00 Line Dancing
 1:00 The Music Group
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)
 5:00 Poker
 6:00 Pinochle
 7:00 Lawn Bowling
 7:00 Bid Euchre (Starlite Room)
 7:00 Bible Study

West Activity Center

8:30 Exercise Class
 6:00 P.M. Maj-Jong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Aqua Class
 9:00 Zumba Gold w/ Mary Caceras
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Photography Club Picasa Class
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Bitter or Better Motivation Workshop
 9:30 Lawn Bowling
 10:00 Tai Chi w/ Mary Caceras
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Cribbage
 11:00 Tap Class (Beginner)
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 Tap Dance
 12:00 P.M. Pinochle
 1:00 Painting Pals
 1:00 Social Bridge
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 5:30 Poker
 6:00 Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 500 Card Game

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 12:30 P.M. Canasta
 6:00 Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que- t Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Polar Bear Aqua Class
 9:00 Lapidary
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Lawn Bowling

10:00 Aerobics
 10:30 Beginner's Bridge Lessons
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 P.M. Pinochle
 12:00 Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:00 Progressive Euchre
 1:00 Writers Ink
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)
 5:00 Poker
 6:00 Poker
 6:00 Pinochle

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 9:00 Snowbird Line Dancing
 2:00 P.M. Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Aqua Class
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Lawn Bowling
 12:00 P.M. Pinochle
 12:00 Library
 12:00 Dancercise
 1:00 Social Bridge
 1:00 The Music Group
 5:00 Poker
 5:30 Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. Chess Club
 6:00 Poker

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 9:00 Lawn Bowling
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 P.M. Putting

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

4:00 P.M. Putting

Folks prepared in advance

We were given over a month's notice by management that March 17 was to be the date of the transfer of our building transformer, an approximately eight-hour job.

In small groups, residents began to discuss how a day with no power would impact our daily routines. Early risers should have time to brew that coffee or tea so essential to beginning an active day. Planning meant checking batteries, portable DVD players, radios, cell phones and battery clocks (remember, Bright House phones don't work during a power outage.)

We reminded one another to take drinks and snacks out of the refrigerator early in the day and place them in the cooler so the refrigerator could be kept closed. No washers or dryers will operate, nor irons. Fortunately, the weather is neither too hot nor too cool at this time.

Any second or third floor resident who depends on the elevator might need to cancel an appointment for that day.

Daylight is now sufficient to allow reading in almost all rooms. Since we have faith that the job would be accomplished within the timeframe suggested, all seemed prepared, but



Jane Haynes

Loch Lomond

there were still a few residents who do not have regular activities outside the building or who depend on the TV for company during the day. And what about a good hot meal?

Once again Bill and Debbie Davie put forth a suggestion offering a yard cookout of brisket, potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage and strawberry shortcake. And Sherrie Laddell, Shirley Swift, Bruce Johnston, Dorothy Graham and several other real parties met and planned activities, games, hula-hoop contests, golf skills, all kinds of skills to be enjoyed on our beautiful corner at Israeli and Jamaica.

Bill is an experienced restaurateur, so he did not seem perturbed when 50+ people signed up. Sorry we can't send pictures and winners since our articles must go to press before the event, but it promises to be the "event of Loch Lomond's" social season. Thanks to everyone!

Pleasurable visit to Dali

Hello, again. There was a building meeting on March 5. Some 23 residents were at the meeting. A motion was made and approved to waive the quorum.

Al and Elsie Jane Anderson took the tour of the fabulous Dali Museum in St. Petersburg. You must see this spectacular building to appreciate why it is called the Glass Enigma. Dali was a painter for 80 years.

There is a good tour guide to explain the paintings to you. Elsie Jane had to restrain Al from purchasing the Rolls Royce parked in the lobby!

To top the day off for Al, he played pinochle and came in first place. He came home with a smile from ear to ear.

Al's daughter visited Al and Elsie Jane. I met her. She is in air traffic control. She is also a great lady and a wonderful cook. I know — I tasted her "Texas caviar."



John Grasso

Polynesian

There is a library on the second floor of Building 9 by the storage room. All residents are welcome to use it. Paul Finn maintains it for all of us in the building. Thank you, Paul, for doing this.

Steve Crosmer works as a truck driver. While he was on vacation he traveled by boat, bus, train and plane to all the mainland 48 states and all the provinces of Canada. He said it was a good vacation.

It is good to be writing for the paper again. I missed last month; was not feeling well. See you all soon. God bless and keep you.

ATTENTION WEST SIDE DRIVERS

As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a **complete stop** before making your turn. **Do not** pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident. Thanks!



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- This service is provided to you at no charge.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with a reservation only. And only at the designated pick-up locations.
- "Special" pick-ups are prohibited.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- If you live on the second floor of a building without an elevator, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the bus staff will carry your bags to your front door. They are strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- Grocery or merchandise bag limits or size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Daily grocery shopping time limit is 90 minutes. Other time limits are posted and announced by the driver.
- If space allows, residents with proper ID may catch a return ride home on the bus. You must get on at the designated pick-up location.
- Residents who appear intoxicated will not be permitted to board the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Due to high rider count, we cannot accept multi-day reservations. Please call one day in advance to reserve a seat. Reservations are first come, first served.
- The reservation phone number is for reservations only. Please leave your name, phone number and the time of the trip to which you want to be added.
- The bus staff takes their directions from management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Service Department.

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FOR SALE

Seven Ron Lee clowns, "signed," on base \$100; several other clowns \$10 each. 793-9348

Mobility scooter for outside use: PaceSaver Plus III, excellent condition, separates for transport, large seat, 20-30 mile range/5.40 mph. 796-3540

Glass-top table, 48" x 30", 4 chairs \$100; glass-top tables, 20" square, 16" high, two for \$15. 724-3156

Two bingo cushions, never used \$10 each. 791-9086

Dell laptop PC, Inspiron 4100; Epson C60 printer w/cable; Epson 1250 scanner w/cable; HP 2300G scanner w/cable, never used. All in good condition w/instructions. Package \$175. 797-8537

Oval table, solid oak, with 4 upholstered swivel chairs on casters, as new \$450. 910-988-0347

Sharp carousel microwave, stainless steel \$25; chandelier \$40 (installation available); adult tricycle, almost new \$150. 723-8837

Nutrisystem, 3-month supply in factory boxes, never opened, \$1,000 value, sell for \$500 OBO. 475-9771

Two baseball gloves \$10 each; large George Foreman tabletop grill \$10; Popeye collection \$20. 723-3121

White iron rod patio table with 4 chairs \$100 OBO. 608-7888 or 474-6887

Golf clubs, bag and bag carrier on wheels. Best offer. 641-0301

Complete art studio for sale: acrylic paints & brushes, some new, heavy easel, wood stand, etc. Must see \$200 OBO. 791-1264

Golf cart, remote control, battery-operated \$400. 797-2450

Free: Mid-size graphite wide-body men's tennis racket with cover; also golf clubs with bags, one men's, one ladies'. 796-1411

Child door gate, dog shipping crates, fax machines, typewriters, laundry hamper, new folding seat, free computer. Best reasonable offers. 669-5433 late p.m.

Enamel coated cast iron grill pan, 9 1/2" square, used once \$5. 724-3156

King-size bed, complete, includes head/foot boards, box springs, pillow-top mattress, excellent condition, must see \$500. 465-4107

10-speed bike, like new, color blue, lightly used \$50 OBO. 718-909-0657

Screen monitor, 20" Acer for desktop computer or DVD player, cable included, barely used \$80; massage shower head in sealed pkg. \$4; manicure solution, unused, new \$30, sell for \$6. 859-547-2225

Futon bed, queen size, light color wood with a medium gold & green cover \$250. 669-8089

London Fog raincoat, zipout lining, beige, size 12, like new \$35. 791-7610

Bicycle, women's 26", coaster brakes, one speed, good condition \$35. 797-6534

Six new ink cartridges & six partially-used cartridges, HP2, all colors, best offer. 460-4414

Set of four small, lightweight wood dining chairs with Shaker woven tape seats \$20. 723-8416

Comforter, reversible, queen or king size \$10; board game "Ultimate Golf" \$10. 726-4571

2 new white chairs & small table, 16" x 16" x 17"H with patio chairs \$6 for all; grocery cart, used once \$15; 2 new aluminum patio chairs, high back \$5 for both. 726-7179

Small Lazy Boy recliner; wall curio cabinet. 723-8215

2-piece couch \$490; 2 lamps \$30; computer desk \$35. 797-1752

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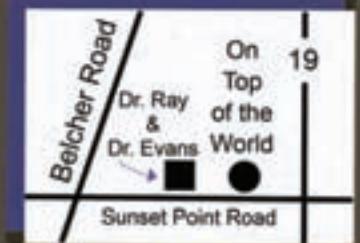
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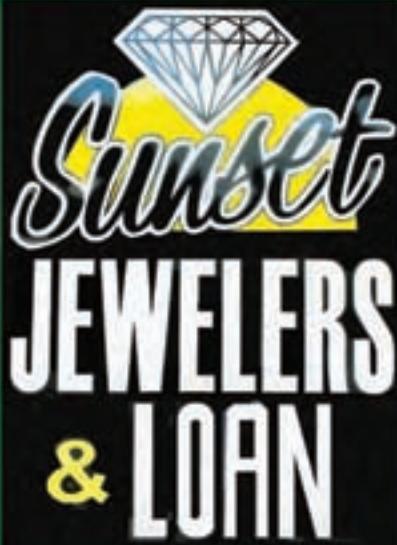
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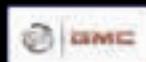
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