



St. Patrick's Day Parade and party prove to be one of the best in recent years

By Mary Ann O'Neil
 "What a Parade!"

Even with the weather a little iffy!

If you happened to have missed the 2012 Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade, you missed a good time. It seems like the parade grows each year, which is great.

On behalf of the Irish Club, we would like to thank each and every club which participated.

The event started off with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department leading the way, followed by Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos greeting the large crowd.

There were several musical groups which walked down World Parkway Boulevard, including the Dunedin High School Scottish Highlander Band, the Dunedin Highlander Middle School Pipe Band and the St. Andrews Pipe Band of Long Boat Key.

Dancers included the Royal Stewart Arms Ceili Dancers and the Stephen Scariff School of Irish Dance.

John McGaughey was the Irish Club's Grand Marshall, and Patricia Fallon, Mary Kennelly and Rose Mulhall held the host Irish Club banner. The procession included former Irish Club presidents Betty Eggleton, Joe Cassidy, Neal O'Brien, Frank McGann and Mike Cooper.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our outgoing President Terry Meyers, who was our club president for the past two years. He rode in the parade with his wife, Susan.

Participating clubs from On Top of the World included, Jesters, Lawn Bowlers, Entertainment Committee, Republican Club, Democratic Club, Canadian Club, Line Dancers, Chorus, Theater Workshop, Nine-Hole Ladies Golf, 18-Hole Men's Golf, Hoosier Club, Snowbirds and Greyhound Club.

Also participating were the Dunedin High School ROTC Color Guard, American Legion Post 238 of Safety Harbor, West Coast Irish Club, Rosy Hattitudes Red Hats, Morris F.



Above, Irish Club Grand Marshall John McGaughey leads the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade down World Parkway Boulevard. Below, the Line Dance Club rocks the pavement. More coverage on pages 32-33.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Dixon Jr. Marine Corp League, Flanagan's Irish Pub, Dunedin-Clearwater Elks Club, Morton Plant Clowns, Sunset Point Barber Shop, and Morton Plant and Care Lift vans.

A big "Thank You" to all, including those who provided transportation and helped out with floats. A special "Thank You" to Parkway Maintenance for keeping the road clear.

At our annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 2, Jim O'Neil, who is the incoming president, presented a Belleek Pitcher to Terry for all of his hard work and leadership during his stewardship of the club.

Our club had a very busy and successful season with shows, dinner dances, horse races, cultural day at the Florida State Fair, St. Patrick's Parade, and last but not least, our annual picnic.

Now it's time to say "safe travels" to all of our members who will be heading back home for the summer months.



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Community census update includes going door-to-door to collect completed forms

Your Association is required to conduct a census of residents for the purpose of ensuring compliance with our status as a qualified age-restricted community.

The extensive canvassing of the community has given the Board a fair insight into the occupancy patterns in your community.

Generally, we had an excellent return on the census cards sent out in late 2011. Others have responded to the census questions by email, which is also acceptable.

Currently, we stand at just over 69 percent responded, a lower response than we had hoped for at this time. We are going door to door now and making contact with any resident who has not yet responded.

In terms of trends, of the 69 percent who have responded, over 99 percent is over age 55.

Approximately 128 responded without a birth date. Whether this is due to vanity (we promise not to tell) or simple omission, it requires further follow-up on your Association's part.

We do note that 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.

Bearing in mind the minimum term of rental 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.

The resale markets continue to be improving, albeit a lower price points. This is an inevitable result of the oversupply of homes and condominiums in Florida and elsewhere. Remedying that is a function of 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 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 30-50 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.

Maintenance Update

Painting and waterproofing is scheduled for the rear elevation of Building 92 on April 4. All start dates are approximate.

Roof replacement work on Building 12 has a projected start date of April 15 (weather permitting) and mansard replacement is scheduled for Building 57.

Floor replacement is scheduled throughout the month of April in the following buildings: 21, 22, and 28 are

scheduled for replacement of vinyl tile on the third floor center core; 24 on the first and third floor center core; and 23 on the second floor center core.

Please use caution around the work areas!

The installation may progress slower than expected, based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures.

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 or ongoing construction projects include Building 29 SE Tower/Cupola restoration (should complete by mid-April).

Building 17/U66 and building mansard - fire damage repairs begin; sidewalk panel replacement will be ongoing, and work will begin on Building 50 fascia and I-beam renovation. This last project will span approximately four months and be completed in phases from mid-March through late June.

Parking lot stall number restenciling will be an ongoing project, as will be water meter box number re-

stenciling.

Stormwater improvement projects are in the works with the repair of under drains at Building 83, Building 82, and Recreation Center No. 2 parking lot entrances. The installation of a drainage swale between Building 69 and Building 70 will also commence in late April. Please be careful while driving or walking in the area of these projects.

A representative from the management company will be making inspections for hard-wired smoke detectors in Buildings 1 thru 32 and Building 38 thru 45. This is an ongoing project and you will be hearing more about this in the near future. Additionally, new light fixtures are being installed in all building laundry rooms.

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 grouping, tends to grow out of control over time and are just too much for a resident to care for.



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Exercise outdoors - enjoy our weather

Spring has arrived, although the winter was so mild that it felt like spring almost everyday.

It has been great weather to enjoy the outdoors. Walking is a great exercise and promotes better health. It's also a great time to play some golf, tennis, shuffleboard, lawn bowling or enjoy our beautiful swimming pools.

Our new dog park on the west side will also be a great way for you and your pet to enjoy the outdoors.

Many folks moved to Florida to enjoy the great outdoors, and, of course, that should include taking a leisurely drive to one of our fantastic beaches or beautiful parks. Just get out side and enjoy the beauty of Florida.

Our Theater Workshop group put on another great show this year. Everyone really appreciates all their hard work and many hours of rehearsals, and we look forward to their show



again next year. We thank them for their dedication each year.

There are still some great events this month so be sure and check the calendar page for dates and times and come out and join in the fun as we bring this spring season to a close

We invite all residents to join us at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted

Coffee on the second Thursday of the month at about 9:30 a.m. for free coffee and donuts. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. with some announcements, followed by a half hour of free entertainment, presentations by local companies, and drawings for door prizes. You could be a winner, but you must be present to participate.

At the Good Neighbors April 12 meeting we would like you ladies, if you so desire, to decorate a hat and wear it for our Easter Hat Contest. It can be a pretty hat, a silly hat or a far out hat. It will be fun and they will be judged. Come join us.

Summer is somewhat quieter at On Top of the World as many of the activities cease until fall, however, the ceramic class will continue all summer. Ceramics offers a great channel for your creative abilities. Many of you probably believe you have little or no creative

skills, but believe me, most people do. We welcome experienced individuals, as well as beginners, to the classes and we will help you to create a lovely finished creation.

On Tuesdays, join us anytime between noon and closing at 5 p.m. Fridays we meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and you are invited to join us anytime during the day.

In the summer, most people have a little more free time, so if you have a few spare hours try our scrapbooking class. Maybe you would like to organize your old photos so you can enjoy them or give them as a gift to relatives or friends in a lovely scrapbook.

If you would be interested in scrapbooking, call the Activities Office, 799-2734, and ask for Nancy. I will discuss a date and time that interested residents can meet. It's really very rewarding when you see the finished scrapbook.

Toastmasters has come to On Top of the World!

Do you want to learn the art of speaking, listening, thinking and leadership?

The Tampa Bay Women Speakers Club is now meeting at On Top of

the World.

These women create a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which to learn these arts and skills. Membership is open to all

women for a nominal fee. Everyone is welcome as a guest.

The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:15-8 p.m. at the East Activity

Center downstairs in the Yellow Classroom, across from the library.

For more information, please contact Lisa Seward at linxu2me@gmail.com.

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NOTICE

**Important bulletin for all residents
of On Top of the World**

A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. **WATER INTRUSION** is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an **ACRYLIC URETHANE** or **POLY URETHANE** sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Management company is cleaning - how about you?



An unusually mild winter has allowed the management company to get a jump start on spring cleaning.

This is the time of year when we recommend unit owners conduct a spring cleaning of the storage rooms. While it certainly isn't a task most people look forward to, especially with the golf courses and beaches beckoning, the results of a little time and effort are worth it.

Many of the buildings are now sporting clean, organized and equitable storage rooms. If you need direction in how to organize your storage rooms, please visit Jean in the service department. She can make an appointment for inspection services to visit your building and provide guidelines.

Handyman Services

I cannot stress enough the importance of hiring licensed and insured contractors, especially when work within your unit involves electricity and/or plumbing.

As Kenneth Colen reviewed in his article last month, if you reside on the east side of Belcher Road and you have a washer /dryer, it was installed without approval or guidance from the Association. We highly recommend you have a licensed, insured, electrician and plumber inspect your washer and dryer installation before it becomes a problem.

Emergency References

I want to take this opportunity, while the majority of our owners are in residence this month, to remind you to update your emergency references and contact phone numbers.

Emergency references and emergency contact phone numbers are collected at the time of your interview, and for many of you, that information is well over 10 years old.

We urge you to update this information. In the event of an emergency, involving your unit at On Top of the World or in the event of an emergency situation involving you, the Association needs current emergency contact information.

If you are a part-time resident, please notify the Association and the Service Department with contact information for the key holder of

your unit.

While an emergency situation may not originate in your unit, an emergency situation may impact your unit. You will find the necessary emergency contact form in this month's newspaper as well as the East Activity Center Service Department.

Landscape services

The fast approach of spring, combined with a mild winter, are the perfect ingredients for a challenging landscape season.

Please keep in mind all proposed plantings in the common areas must be approved by the Association. Landscape crews are currently addressing landscape material in excess of 4 feet tall, plantings on water meters and water lines, and invasive or incompatible landscape.

Stump removal is continuing throughout the community as well as thinning of overgrown landscape areas.

Landscape areas not actively maintained by respective unit owners are also being addressed.

Enforcement Matters

The Association is working diligently on enforcement matters in regards to underage residents and tenants, and we are starting to see the results of our efforts.

The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as an age restricted 55-and -older community. The Association rules do not allow persons under the age of 17 to reside in the community. If you are aware of any units in violation of this age restriction, please notify the Association in writing.

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.
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- 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.



OTOW Greyhound Club representatives got an early look at the new dog park in March and seemed to enjoy it. On four legs, from left to right, are Sabrina, Corona, Jasper and Beauty. Also enjoying the moment were Rob Young, Jennifer Rothe and Bill Sharpsteen.

Dog Park is Open!

Grand Opening celebration set for April 20

By Doug Kates

Looking for something to do with your dog - an activity which would include exercise, socializing and enjoying the outdoors - then head down to the new On Top of the World Community Dog Park.

The OTOW dog park opened in late March and a Grand Opening celebration will take place 11 a.m., Friday, April 20.

OTOW Chairman Kenneth Colen said this will be a day well worth the wait.

“At On Top of the World in Ocala, the dog park has been one of our best amenities,” he said. “We’ve noticed a lot of people with small dogs will get out and socialize, let the dogs exercise and have a lot of fun.”

The Clearwater version is expected to provide the same results. The park is divided into a section for large dogs and a section for small dogs. There is a pavilion to provide shade, benches for resting, and plenty of running room for dogs. There are also water stations.

Dogs are encouraged to bring their favorite toys and play inside the gated play area.

And there is room for park improvements in the future.

The dog park is available to On Top of the World residents and guests only. It is not open to the public and is not open to any other pets, except dogs.

The park will open at dawn and close at dusk. Pets must be accompanied by a handler 17-years-of-age or older. Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult. No glass is allowed inside.

Pets must be brought to the park on a leash, and must continue to be leashed until inside the play area. Gates must be closed behind anyone entering or leaving.

Handlers must clean up after their dogs.

No aggressive dogs will be allowed. Owners are liable for their dog’s behavior. Owners must repair any damage their dog causes to the park. On Top of the World assumes no liability for using the park. Users will assume all risks using the facility.

At the Grand Opening on April 20, refreshments will be served and prizes will be given away during raffle drawings. Among the businesses which will be represented will be Barks and Bubbles Mobile Pet Grooming, and Pets Supplies Plus, both sponsors of this newspaper’s 2011 Pet of the Year Contest.

The OTOW Pet of the Year, Barklee, is expected to greet residents to the park as will members of the On Top of the World Greyhound Club.

The dog park is located on the West Side, next door to the Palm Acre Real Estate offices. People driving to the park should use the parking lot area closest to the park and not spaces used for the offices.



Salvation Army Easter Service April 8

By Carl R. Leiby

Traditional Easter music will fill the East Activity Center auditorium Sunday, April 8.

The Salvation Army Band and Chorus are returning to On Top of the World at 7:30 a.m. to bring everyone beautiful music in a time-honored tradition. This beautiful and meaningful service has been enjoyed by many people over the years.

Captain Zach Bell, Salvation Army officer and pastor, will bring a message, and the band and chorus will provide the glorious Easter music.

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 will decorate the stage, to be taken to OTOW shut-ins following the service.

The Good Neighbors, the Entertainment Committee, and the Civitan Club invite you to enjoy coffee, punch and doughnuts following the service.



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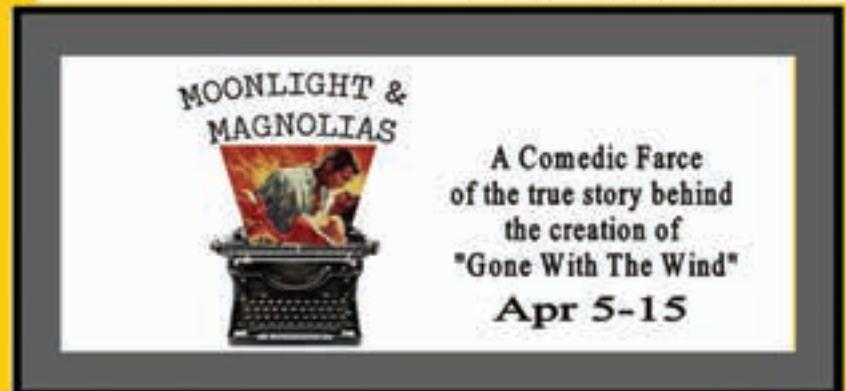
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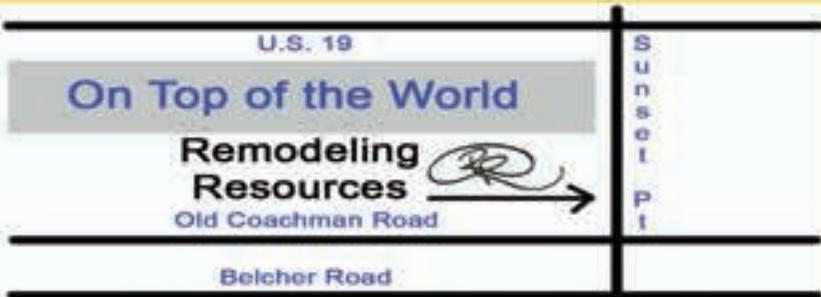
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Last-minute tax tip information

Q. I am totally confused as to what the federal estate tax figures are. Can you give them to us?

A. Sure I can. In 2012, the annual gift tax exclusion is \$13,000 per year per person. In 2012, the lifetime estate tax exclusion is \$5,120,000, but in 2014 this changes back to \$1,000,000 with a 55 percent rate unless Congress acts to change it.



Q. As income tax time is approaching, can you give us an idea as to what does not have to be treated as income on an IRS tax return?

A. Before I begin a response, I need to give you two disclaimers:

(1) **DISCLAIMER:** you need to consult with your own tax advisor in regard to what, if any items, should be or should not be reported on your income tax return, or, for that matter, whether you even need to file an income tax return.

(2) You might be reading this after the tax deadline for filing 2011 IRS returns, so I hope that you've already discussed this with your tax advisor.

Now, with those disclaimers: From IRS Tax Tip 2011-25, here are some -- but not all that are listed on the Tip -- common examples of items not included as taxable income:

(a) Child support payments, gifts, bequests and inheritances, workers' compensation benefits, compensatory damages awarded for physical injury or physical sickness; cash rebates from a dealer or manufacturer.

Some income may be taxable under certain circumstances, but not taxable in other circumstances. One of

these items that should be of interest is life insurance proceeds, which were paid because of an insured's death are not taxable unless the policy was sold to someone and that person received the proceeds on the death of the insured.

Having said this, and once again, reminding you of the disclaimer I have stated, as a general statement, most of the income you receive is considered taxable.

Keep in mind, however, that for those persons whose income does not reach a certain level, no matter what income they have, it may not be necessary to file an income tax return.

Q. What are the Medicaid rates?

A. Here are some of them, but keep in mind that there are different figures that depend on many factors that are too complex for me to discuss in this column.

For 2012, the maximum community spouse resource allowance (that's what the non-nursing home spouse can keep) is \$113,640.00.

The new income cap is \$2,094 per month. The minimum monthly

maintenance needs allowances for 2012 are a minimum of \$1,838.75 and a maximum of \$2,841. You should always consult with your attorney — preferably an elder law attorney — in order to make sure you understand what these numbers actually mean and how they might apply to you.

The fact that I have given you these numbers may have none, some or a lot of application to your specific situation, but you won't know that until you sit down with your attorney.

Q. When it comes to living trusts, I have seen the terms "Settlor" and also "Grantor" and the terms "Living Trust," "Inter Vivos Trust" and "Irrevocable trust."

Can you explain these?

A. The words "Settlor" and "Grantor" are used interchangeably to denote the person or persons who have established a trust for someone's benefit. I prefer the word "Grantor" because that word is found in the Internal Revenue Code to refer to such persons.

The term "Living Trust" and the term "Inter Vivos" trust refer to the same type of trust — a trust that was created during the lifetime of the Grantor. The term "Inter Vivos" trust is seen in the Internal Revenue Code.

An irrevocable trust is a type of trust that is created for some form of sophisticated tax or disability planning. In an irrevocable trust, property is transferred or conveyed from a Grantor to the trustee of that irrevocable trust and after the conveyance, the

Grantor typically loses the ability to access the trust principal, although it may be permissible to have the trust's income paid to the Grantor.

Q. We already know that you will not endorse any candidate for any office, but we are wondering if you might clue us in as to for whom you, personally would vote?

A. I would vote for George Washington or John Adams or Thomas Jefferson or Abraham Lincoln, but none of them appear to be running for election this year.

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Finally, I get to see Toronto win



Before our Canadian Snowbirds head back north for the spring, I need a favor.

You see, several years ago, my brother and I were eating dinner at Gilligans in downtown Tampa prior to a Toronto vs. Tampa hockey game.

During the meal I met a group of Maple Leaf fans who were vacationing just so they could take in a Toronto hockey game in Tampa.

The Canadians were very friendly and when they learned I was a die-hard Leafs fan, they were proud to know there was at least one Toronto fan living in the Tampa area.

Dinner ended and after a few minutes everyone went their separate ways to get to the forum for the puck drop.

Amazingly, shortly after my brother and I sat down to watch the game, that same group of Canadians ended up walking in and sitting in the



Toronto's Matt Frattin (39) takes a shot on goal against Tampa Bay on March 15. Defending the play for the Lightning were Brett Clark (7) and Dustin Tokarski (40). (Photo by Doug Kates)

exact same row.

It was like a giant reunion all over again. We were sharing high-fives, toasting our Canadian-brand beverages and cheering the Leafs during player introductions.

Unfortunately, the rest of the night turned out to be a party pooper instead of a party atmosphere.

You see, I had seen Toronto play

in Tampa about six different times prior to meeting this group of Canadians, and all six times the Maple Leafs lost to the Lightning.

My big mistake was telling the Canadians about my bad luck, because shortly into the game, Toronto fell behind, then further behind, and eventually lost the game big-time.

Unfortunately, as soon as the

Leafs fell behind, my new "friends" started to give me dirty looks. I can't remember the final score from that day, but Toronto took a beating and I got the blame.

"Next time we're in Florida, stay home!" one of the Maple Leafs fans said to me.

"Maybe you should become a Lightning fan," another fan said.

Alright. Alright. The Canadians had a reason to be upset, especially since they traveled so far to see their beloved Leafs play, but it shouldn't have been my fault? Right?

Fast forward to present day.

I am glad to report that this past March I attended another Maple Leafs game with my brother and this time Toronto defeated Tampa 3-1.

I was so relieved!

All I could think about was getting a message back to Canada that my losing streak was over and for all those hockey fans to come back down and give the Leafs another try.

So, for all the On Top of the World Canadians who will be going home soon, if during your trip you see someone with a banner in their front yard that says "Doug is a Curse" or "Doug Jinxed our Leafs," please let them know the curse or jinx is over.

They can take those banners down now. Thank you!

Press Association Appreciation Luncheon Qualifiers

The following people wrote at least three stories for the OTOW News newspaper and attended at least three meetings from May 2011-March 2012. They will be honored during the annual Appreciation Luncheon, Thursday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Golden Coin restaurant.

If your name does not appear on this list, but you think it should be, contact Doug in the newsroom before the luncheon. Anyone not on the list can still attend the luncheon, but must pay \$10 for their meal. Money will be collected at the door.

Walter Balderson	Dana Garlick	Cele Radeloff
Arlene Bergen	John Grasso	Ann Rost
Howard Bergendahl	Dave Hart	Dawn Rubio
Tom Brennan	Jane Haynes	Cecile Sangiamo
Diane Cavanaugh	Alma Hudson	Barbara Sundberg
Gloria Glifford	Val Kastner	Katarina Topesh
Elaine Gotler	Doug Kates	Gloria Walz
Leonard Gotler	Theresa Kawalec	
Yvonne Courtney	George Kolitsas	Invited Special Guests
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Press Association will have three night meetings during 2012-13 season

The 2012 Press Association Appreciation Luncheon will be taking place 1:30 p.m., April 5, at the Golden Coin Restaurant - one of this newspaper's advertisers.

Any reporter who has written three stories and attended three meetings will be a guest of On Top of the World. Anyone who didn't qualify may still pay their own way.

In planning for this month's Appreciation Luncheon, editor Doug Kates told the Press Association on March 1 that a change needs to be made in the monthly meeting schedule. The Appreciation Luncheon takes place to honor those who have contributed in both the print and the meeting aspects, but actually shuts out those who cannot attend afternoon meetings. Currently, the Press Association only has one night meeting, which, if attended as the only meeting for the year, does not qualify an individual for the luncheon.

Doug told the Press Association it would only be fair to add two more night meetings, so everyone has a chance to attend three meetings and qualify for the special recognition - not to mention, learn valuable information shared at each meeting.

Doug presented a plan to the board which would start the 2012-13 season with afternoon meetings



Press Association

on May 3, Aug. 2 and Oct. 4 before a scheduled 7 p.m., Nov. 1 meeting, which will double as a workshop.

Dec. 6 would be an afternoon holiday luncheon paid for by reporters.

Jan. 3 would be a 7 p.m. meeting, Feb. 7 would be an afternoon meeting, March 7 would be the final night meeting of the season, and April 4 would be the 2013 Appreciation Luncheon at a time and place to be decided later.

The Nov. 1 meeting and Jan. 3 meetings have been tentatively set for the Veranda Room. The March 7 meeting has been tentatively set for the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The board will decide at the Appreciation Luncheon whether to approve this meeting schedule. The Press Association season ends April 5. The first meeting of the new season is May 3.

In other news, Doug said there were 113 elements in the March newspaper, which is a huge credit to every-

one on the staff who made a contribution. One element can be a story, or a photo, or a newspaper page dedicated to one subject, such as the poetry page, bulletin board page or crossword puzzle. To submit 113 elements for one newspaper is quite an achievement and Doug said the entire staff should be proud.

Doug also announced a change in policy for submitted stories. In the past, writers have never been able to include information about people who have passed away, have moved into nursing homes, or are very ill. But a new requirement will prevent writers from mentioning if someone has an illness - whether it's a current illness, or one that has been overcome.

"It's just not necessary to inform the world that one of our residents has an illness - either past or present," Doug said. "Put yourselves in their shoes. Would you want the world to know you have a health problem?"

In the past, it has been OK to write about someone recovering from an illness or to request letters and cards for someone coming home from the hospital. The new policy prevents those health issues from becoming public information.

With the 2011-12 season coming to an end, the Press Association

board opened the floor for election of officers. Yvonne Courtney said she would stay on for an eighth season as president and Jackie Dooley said she would stay on for a second year as vice president. Gloria Walz announced she will not return as secretary, but Dana Garlick accepted a nomination to take her place.

The 2012-13 board will become official at the Appreciation Luncheon meeting.

Lastly, as an experiment, OTOW News is replacing the monthly crossword puzzle with a picture search puzzle, which will share a page with the Pet of the Month feature.

The photo search will have two almost identical pictures side-by-side, with up to 10 minor differences the readers will have to discover.

As a test, the Press Association gave it a practice try on March 1, and the concept appeared to be enjoyed by all.

Doug said, "Few people have ever come up to me and said, 'that was a great crossword puzzle in last month's newspaper.' So, as an experiment, we will see if anyone enjoys a photo search any better.

The next meeting is May 3 and the Press Association will not meet in June or July.

News staff takes on a challenge

In March, the On Top of the World Computer Club hosted a class just for OTOW News reporters.

The goal of the class was to show reporters how easy it is to submit their stories via the Press Association's new Web site and drop box.

The class also offered an opportunity to reporters who have never used a computer before or wanted to improve their current skills. Instructor Bob Evans started with the very basics.

Newspaper editor Doug Kates said the goal was to get reporters excited about typing their own stories and submitting copy themselves. The goal is to someday have every story submitted on a computer.



Attending the computer class were Theresa Kawalec, Gloria Clifford, Dawn Rubio, Tom Brennan, Carol Muntzenberger, Esta Schwartz and Barbara Sundberg.



Spring Brunch

Easter means two things around here. First, a special holiday with good food and family. Second, goodbye to a lot of our Snowbird friends.

I thought I'd share some recipes for either Easter morning or a last hurrah brunch among friends.

These are nutritious recipes, and that is important when you consider that Easter ranks No. 2 for candy consumption holidays, second only to Halloween. So, before we get down to the recipes, let's enjoy a little Easter fun.

Did you know?

- When taking a bite into a chocolate bunny, 76 percent of Americans prefer to bite off the ears first. 5 percent eat the feet first and 4 percent eat the tail first.

- During the Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps - making Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

- Adults prefer milk chocolate (65 percent) over dark chocolate (27 percent).

- Kids prefer red jelly beans and 75 percent are willing to do extra chores for more Easter candy.

- Exchanging eggs dates back to a springtime custom older than Easter itself in which eggs were given as a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.

- The Easter egg roll on the White House lawn has been a tradition since 1878.

The critically important information above comes from the National Confectioners Association.

Now for our delicious and nutritious recipes...

Breakfast Sausage Casserole

INGREDIENTS

2 pounds bulk sausage
12 slices bread (crusts removed)
butter, at room temperature
2-3 cups grated cheddar cheese
8 eggs
1 quart half and half
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons dry mustard

Brown sausage and drain on paper towels.

Butter a 9x13 ovenproof baking pan. Spread butter evenly on 6 slices of bread and layer in pan with the buttered side facing down.

Add a layer of sausage, spreading evenly, then add a layer of cheese.

Cover the sausage and cheese layer using 6 buttered slices of bread with the buttered side facing up.

Mix together dry mustard and salt. Combine milk, eggs, mustard and salt.

Pour milk mixture over top of bread and allow to stand overnight in the refrigerator.

The following day, bake at 350°F for 1 hour.

Remove from oven and allow 20 to 30 minutes before cutting into serving sized pieces.

Six-Week Bran Muffins

1 box (15 oz.) Kellogg's Raisin Bran Flakes (or any other brand)
 1 c. cooking oil
 3 c. sugar
 5 c. flour
 4 eggs, beaten
 1 qt. buttermilk
 5 tsp. baking soda
 2 tsp. salt (opt.)

Mix bran, flour, salt, sugar and soda in large bowl. Add eggs, oil and milk. Mix well. Refrigerate. DO NOT FREEZE. Put in covered plastic bowls. May be kept for 6 weeks.

Bake at 400 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes in muffin cups (paper lined). Yield: between 60 to 70. Sift dry ingredients together before you mix with the bran flakes.

Lonesome George in a class of his own

George Gobel saved Oklahoma from enemy attack during WWII. Voted as the most outstanding personality by a committee of critics in 1954, Gobel continued to entertain audiences until his death in 1991.

Most noted for his quick quips and one-liners, George appeared on Hollywood Squares for a number of years with Peter Marshall feeding him the lead-inlines.

Gobel enlisted in the Army Air Corps during WWII and served as a flight instructor in Oklahoma. In a 1969 appearance on the Tonight Show, he joked about his stateside service, "There was not one Japanese aircraft got past Tulsa."

He labeled himself, "Lonesome George" and the nickname stuck for the rest of his career.

George was born in Chicago and began his career as a country singer on



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

the National Barn Dance every Saturday night on radio station WLS. He did not switch to comedy until after the war.

Peter Marshall once asked George if it was possible to get an annulment if he could prove that he was drunk during the wedding ceremony. George replied, "Well, I thought about that, but by the time I sobered up, we had been married 24 years."

Some critics compared George to Herb Shriner and Johnny Carson, but in the end they all agreed that he

was in a class all his own.

George referred to his wife as, "Spooky Ol' Alice" and said they had only one argument during their entire marriage, but managed to keep it going for over 30 years.

George once said that if you build a better mousetrap you will catch better mice.

Also when asked what was the most popular place in America that people want to visit, he replied, "It's right down the hall on the right and has a sign on the door."

His TV career lasted from 1954 thru 1960. George died on Feb. 24, 1991, shortly after undergoing heart surgery. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife and three children.

Thousands of Gobel fans visit his gravesite annually in the San Franando Mission Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Water exercises in East Activity Center pool start April 30

By Lillian Ginn

We will restart our annual water exercise on Monday, April 30, at 9 a.m. for one hour.

Everyone is invited. All you need is a swim-

suit and a smile. All the exercise is done in the shallow end of the pool, and you do not need to know how to swim.

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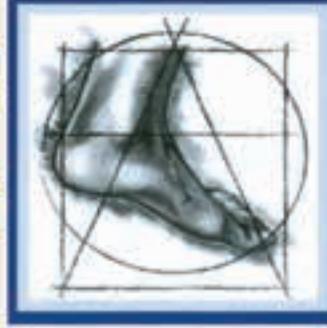
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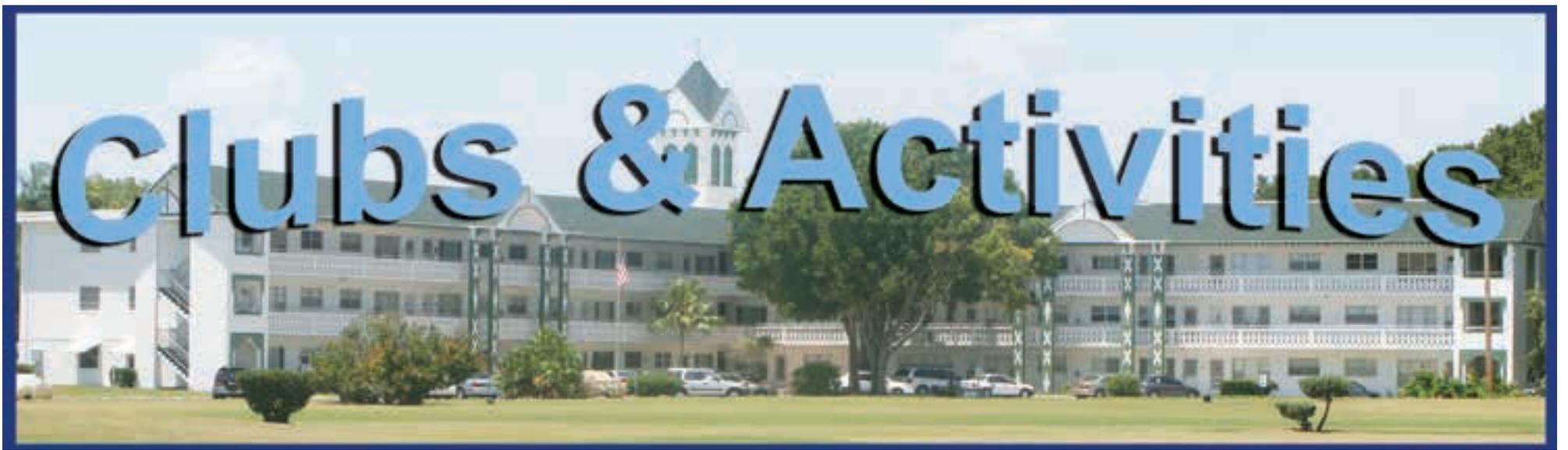
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Pictured above is a combination of oyster plants, spider plants, crotons and geraniums. Each will survive all seasons here. (Photo by C. Wallace)

Make proper preparations before you begin planting

By C. Wallace

Gardening is fun, good exercise, creative, relaxing and rewarding.

If you're thinking about gardening for the first time, or getting back into it, it's smart to remember that you'll be outdoors, in the dirt, around insects, tools, and possibly chemicals.

If you will be out in the sun, you will want to have a hat, sunglasses, sunblock, and a bottle of water. Any time of day, it's a good idea to wear gardening gloves and a shirt with long sleeves. You might like to wear insect repellent. Stay out only a short time in the heat. My favorite gardening time starts in the late afternoon.

Before you plant anything, make sure your first step is getting approval from On Top of the World. Ground outside any first-floor condo is common ground. It is not owned by a first-floor resident. Alterations or additions to the landscape, or landscape materials in the common areas, need prior approval of the Association. Make sure you obtain an Application for Modification for Approval from the Service Department or Online at otowclearwaterinfo.com before you start planting, trimming or removing any tree or shrub.

Next, find your vaccination log and be sure you've had a tetanus booster within 10 years. If not, go get one. This simple thing protects you from the biggest risk of gardening - death from tetanus. Tetanus bacteria lives in soil and can enter the body through even a small cut or abrasion. Three out of 10 people diagnosed with tetanus die from it. The vaccination also protects you from diphtheria and whooping cough, which are transmitted from person to person, not from the soil.

Find out more at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-td-tdap.pdf>

For many of us, the project we start with is reviving a garden that has gone to weeds. For this, you'll need only a few things — something to kneel or sit on, a container for the weeds, and a tool to loosen the roots. Here in Florida, the soil is so sandy that weeds are easy to dislodge and remove, and the simplest three-prong cultivator does the trick.

If you want to improve your garden, but can't get down into it yourself, spread the word among your neighbors that you need a Garden Fairy to help. If you're able and want to garden, but don't have one of your own, look for a garden that needs you, following OTOW procedures and become a Garden Fairy.

Gardens can be beautiful, but make sure you get approval from On Top of the World before starting any new projects. Even if you currently have a garden, make sure you have the proper paperwork which shows it has been approved. Questions? Contact the service desk in the East Activity Center.





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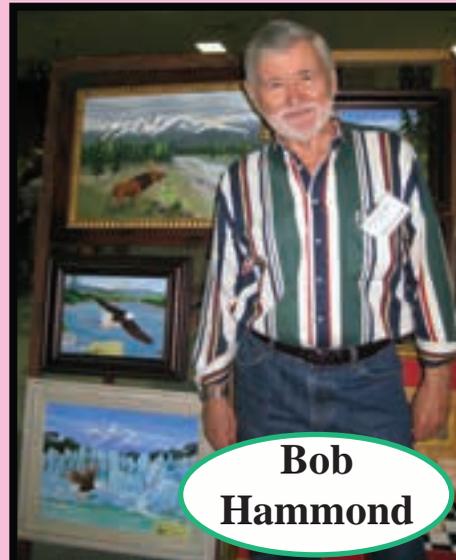
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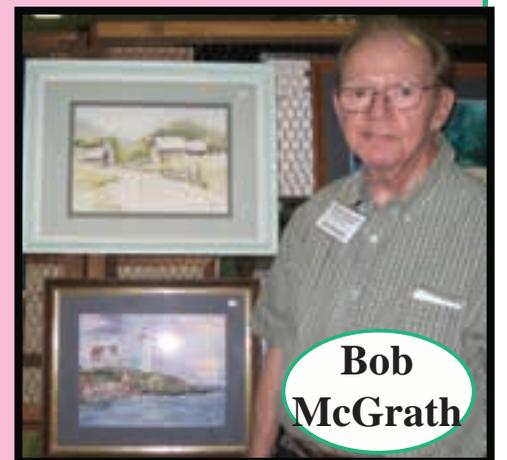
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by Mary Lou Wall

You never know where you'll meet a Hoosier

By Nancy House

Anna and Dan Hyden were playing the On Top of the World 18-Hole Golf Course when Ann Stewart, a Hoosier Club member, introduced herself to Anna while waiting to tee off on the seventh hole.

Ann learned that Anna and Dan were from Kentucky, where Ann had lived before moving to Indiana. Being the friendly person that she is, Ann offered an invitation to Anna and Dan to play in the Hoosier Club Golf Scramble and attend the next club meeting. They accepted, liked the Hoosier hospitality, already knew how to play Euchre, and soon became members.

The Hydens met at Morehead State University, married at 19, and later moved to Anderson, Ind., where Dan accepted a position with General Motors.

Anna recalled, "I still needed 12 hours to graduate when we moved, but it was so exciting for Dan to get such a great job that I didn't care about my degree. I always knew that someday I would finish college."

"My sister was a nurse," she added, "and I had also planned to go into some form of nursing."

After living in Anderson for a few years, Dan was transferred to the Allis-Chalmers Division of General Motors in Indianapolis. Some of his accomplishments, while employed by GM, were a patent in 1973 for a lane changer for automobiles, developing the air valve that controlled the emission levels that would meet the 1977 clean air act, and being the chairman



Anna and Dan Hyden

of the National Standards Committee that set the engineering standards for auto product designs.

Dan said, "After working for General Motors for 34 years, I was ready to retire and give all of my time to a new business that Anna and I were currently developing while I was still on the GM payroll."

Anna had returned to Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis to complete her college degree

as a business major and had become a nursing home administrator.

"She saw the need to provide housing and appropriate care for the developmentally disabled and mentally challenged individuals, so we began purchasing and managing group homes for these people following state guidelines," Dan said. "After eight years of managing the group homes in Indiana, we contracted with the state of Florida to bring our company to the



Hoosier Club

Tampa area to provide case managers who would work with like individuals."

"Only college graduates, with experience, were hired by our company to work in the group homes," emphasized Anna.

"Finally, in 2005, we retired and moved to OTOW to enjoy playing golf, going on cruises, boating, traveling with our grandchildren, and making new friends," both stated together.

Every morning the couple work their own crossword puzzle from the newspaper and in the evening they go to a Website to make two copies of the same puzzle. They do it separately and then compare answers.

They now own a home in Morehead, Ky., but can claim to be Hoosiers since they lived in Indiana for 40 years. They learned to play Euchre during lunch breaks while living in Indy and are happy to have found the Hoosier Club, which has helped them feel a part of the community and make new friends.

The next Hoosier Club meeting will be the annual picnic on Thursday, April 5 at Phillippe Park beginning at noon. Attendees should bring a covered dish and plan to have some fun.

Art season winds down in April - resumes in November

By Jean Doane

We are coming to the end of the 2011-2012 season with the next meeting on Friday, April 13, at 1 p.m.

This will be a meeting to approve the officers for next fall, and a social with pizza and salads.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can estimate how much food we need. Give Jean Doane a call at 727-725-2328.

The party will be in the usual A room off the ballroom in the East Activity Center.

Everyone was pleased with the attendance at the Art Show. We thank you for your interest and presence. It was great to have Nicole Germain win the "Peoples Choice" award for her very lovely oil painting of a white house and flowering yard. It meant a



Art Guild

great deal to her to have her painting chosen from all the wonderful entries at the show.

Our next meeting will occur on Friday, Nov. 9. Consider joining if you want to pursue your creativity side.

A drawing class, which meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m., will end for the summer, but will begin again on Nov. 1. John Fier will again teach and give us a unique opportunity to try our hand at drawing.

What's Your View?

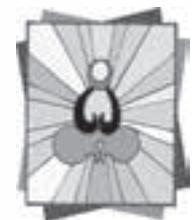
By Bob Reis

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



Philosophy Club

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.

Parade doubled as the morning exercise



Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

On March 10, several members of our line dancing group enjoyed the great weather and wonderful turnout for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade here at On Top Of the World.

We marched, danced and handed out beads along the parade route. It was not only a lot of fun, we also got our exercise in for the day!

The OTOW Line Dancers want to extend a huge thank you to the Irish Club for organizing the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We also want to thank everyone who participated. It was the best!

Line Dancers held a "Spring Fling" party on March 27. We shared a meal together at noon followed by dancing at 1 pm. Our social committee members, Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley planned this event.

We welcome all of you to join us



The line dancers, who participated in the parade, are pictured above. They are, from left to right, Georgia Jensen, Julie Narancich, Jim Hilterbrandt, Helen Crombie, Victoria Chang, Cele Radeloff, Jay Chang, Marie Terranova, Lynn Anzalone, Virginia Butler, Hope Hrysenko, Mary Spearman, Pat VanHise and Linda Hilterbrandt. Thank you line dancers—you were great!

every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium. Beginner lessons take place

the first half hour and are very helpful.

Please join us and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!

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Incoming president already shares automotive engineering knowledge



Fixers Club

By John Koning

It goes without saying that On Top of the World boasts many beneficial amenities and unique features rarely found in other communities.

One of those is our state-of-the-art wood shop, run by the Fixers Club.

However, the best part of the wood shop is not the machinery it houses, but the many talented and interesting people it attracts.

One of those people is Ray Tabor.

Ray is the Fixers' president elect. That means next year he will be the leader of the pack. It's an appropriate description borrowed from the 1964 pop classic by the Shangri-Las.

Although Ray might not be a motorcycle maniac like the guy in the song, he has buried the needle in his 1956 Mercury Phaeton Montclair with its heart-pounding V8 Lincoln engine.

Ray is an automotive guy from headlights to tailpipe. This husband of 52 years, father of four, grandfather of six and great-grandfather of four, has Pennzoil running through his veins.

Ray spent a few years on the oil rigs in Kansas before moving into the automotive world. He spent 35 years honing his automotive skills on a staggering array of cars. Among them were four 1930 Model "A" Deluxe Roadsters, a 1930 Model "A" Phaeton fold down soft top, and a 1934 Rolls Royce four-door convertible.

He also turned a 1949 Mercury from a nasty green color into a beige work of art with chocolate brown skirts, french-style headlight bezels



Ray Tabor inspects the progress of his latest project. The solid oak model was inspired by a 1943 Ford Jeep

and twin tear drop spots.

You might ask, "what can an auto body man offer to our wood shop?"

The answer is, plenty!

If you have ever examined a bad body job, you will appreciate the craftsmanship and attention to detail required to produce a flawless finish and those silky smooth lines.

Now, Ray brings that same care and precision to the OTOW Fixers Club as he taught in automotive night school.

Lucky us!

**Heading North? Remember You Can Read
This Newspaper Online: otowclearwaterinfo.com**

OTOW residents encouraged to take an art class - perhaps learn how to draw greyhounds?

By Bill Sharpsteen

Our Greyhound Club meetings continue this Thursday, April 5, at a special time of 9:15 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room!

Anyone who lives at On Top of the World is encouraged to sign up for a special art class, the first annual "By My Own Design / Art Workshop."

Come join Linda K. Evans, design artist and art educator, as she takes students, regardless of skills and training, through a special step-by-step class that will end with your own finished work in a frame.

Even if you can't draw a stick figure, you'll find that using form and color is fun and rewarding!

One of her original pieces, The Three Paroahs, is in the July 2011 edition of OTOW News. Look on page 30. (Did you know back editions of



Greyhound Club

our newspaper are online?)

The link for her artwork is www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/pdfs/news/2011/OTOW_News_CLW_JUL_2011.pdf

For Linda's class, you may choose from an array of design motif templates and learn an easy technique that can be used again and again to make your own note cards, craft and quilt designs ... and for the greyhound enthusiasts, there are even hound designs.

Just come ready to learn some

new ideas, and most of all, to have fun. The class is \$45 per person. These 2 1/2 - 3 hour sessions will be held in the Veranda Room on April 5 with two sessions at 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Class size is limited to the first 16 responding and paying for each class. Please reserve your spot at www.lindakevans.com. Click on, By My Own Design for registration and PayPal. For payment by check, please e-mail Linda at artontheriverstudio@yahoo.com or call 802-773-8277. You may also give a check to Bill by calling 727-797-7977 to make arrangements.

The links are all included and also available at www.lindakevans.com. Linda states.

Linda says, "I see the line, pattern and color of nature's wonders within the beautiful architecture of their bodies. They amaze us with their ability to be lighter than air, fragile -

yet powerful in their stride.

"We, who love them, see them everywhere and are most at peace in their presence. As an artist, I've been aware that we don't create in a vacuum. Inspiration takes many forms. Sometimes the best ideas come when others are engaged in the process. That's why I love to teach. The opportunity to guide others in their own voice is a rare privilege, and for me the best art of all."

Our ninth annual Birthday Bash and Greyhound reunion was held April 1 in Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. Details will appear in the May edition.

Call Bill today 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!

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Before you head north, review the summerize checklist on page 6



Exercise group exercises right to celebrate with food!

By Barb Sundberg

A simple "thank you" hardly seems adequate to extend our sincerest gratitude for the wonderful luncheon at First Watch on March 8, and generous gifts extended to Julie Narancich and myself by the East Activity Center's 8 a.m. exercise class.

Pictured above is our wonderful group of ladies who are interested in staying fit and healthy.

In the group at left is Ruth Polur (seated) and standing (left to right) Taeko Tucker, Edie Ryczek, Helen Martini, Barbara Hamel and Sue Mellott. In the group at right are, (seated

and kneeling) Jean Counts, Leda Scognamiglio, Dolly Newcome-Kemp, Donia Stadler and Pat VanHise. Standing are Carol Babini, Barb Sundberg, Norma Bastidas, Brid Mitchell, Nora Kazanovich, Theresa Bosio, Nancy Reid, Joanne Wallend, Sue Cotton, Verna Privitera, Ann Assalian, Julie

Narancich, Temma Gotfrit and Margaret Forde.

A special thanks to Margery Cruise, Jane Haynes, Kitty Kane, Myrna Oakley and Mina Osborne. Even though they were unable to attend the luncheon, please know you were missed!

From games to food to the parade, Canadian Club members had a blast this season

By Marnie Carr

It is that time of year when most activities wind up for the season and we start to focus on returning home.

It will be hard to leave the beautiful beaches, sunsets and our American friends behind. With anticipation, we look forward to reuniting with family and friends.

Remember, even though you are away from On Top of the World, you can always browse through the Canadian Club Website to see pictures that were taken over the past year. Don Jones, our Webmaster, has maintained a great Website @ www.otowcanadianclub.com.

The Canadian Club has always had a wide range of activities to keep so many members interested. Gisele Goyette, our registrar, has reported that we now have 491 members. The club is composed of 313 Canadians, 178 Americans, four from England and one from Ireland. These numbers reflect our inclusive philosophy.

As usual, our club has been very busy. The Thursday night social card games have been well-attended.



Thanks to Rob and Jill Orchard, and Grace Meeham and Tom McKee for coordinating these evenings.

Bridge season finished with a potluck dinner and social games with wine and snacks. These games will resume again on Nov. 29.

Our annual golf tournament was held on Sunday, Feb. 19. Thirty-five teams competed for this year's bragging rights. The winners were Edgar Belliveau with teammates Jean Miller, Leo Germain and Betty McKay.

Second place was decided by a tie-breaking putting competition. Bob Dew, Bob Osborne and Les Meszaros were the winners and "officially" finished second.

Van Bradley, Shirley Gibson, and Mo and Wally Boudreau finished third.

In keeping with the friendly nature of the competition, the three teams all received prizes of equal value. The winning team was awarded individual trophies at our annual Spring Fling and have had their names added to the championship trophy.

Events like this are only possible with the work of lots of volunteers. Bruce and Cathy Mills would like to thank the 26 folks who made the tournament possible and the Canadian Club would like to thank the Mills for organizing another successful golf tournament.

Thanks to Rene Careau and volunteers, the Spring Fling and awards night was held on March 9. The successful event was attended by 270 people who danced to the music by DJ Gary Cradick. The room was decorated in spring flowers and colours. Everyone enjoyed fresh pizza and salad served by Catering Specialties. In keeping with our tradition, trophies were presented for the lawn bowl and golf tournaments. The 50/50 winners were Jane McIntyre, Ernes Piton and Cecily Lestage.

On Saturday, March 10, the vibrant red and white of the Canadian Club complimented the emerald green of the Irish during the OTOW Irish Club annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Our stunningly decorated cavalcade of convertibles and golf carts set the tone for the obligatory merriment this festive occasion requires.

The gaiety of the marchers distributing green throw beads along the route reinforced the entertainment. Scooped by children of all ages, these trophies are a reminder of the Canadian Club's commitment to fun.

The parade ended at the East Activity Center where many of us stopped for a complimentary hot dog and cold beer. Thanks to Andy McEvoy who coordinated this event.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe trip home and a happy healthy time when we are apart. Also, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped so diligently this season to make my role as president a pleasant experience. In the fall, we will gather once again to resume our Florida lifestyle.

Jesters welcome in new officers April 4



Jesters

By Fran FitzPatrick
President

The Jesters Appreciation and Installation Dinner is on April 4, where new officers for 2012–2013 will be sworn in.

The following is a list of incoming officers: John Kannaly, president; Marvin Flam, first vice president; Tom Belezarian, second vice president; Linda Gooch, treasurer; Dorothea Michael, assistant treasurer; Sherry Ivey, secretary; and Donna Ryan, assistant secretary.

We extend kudos to this year's board and the team behind-the-scenes which made it happen. We start with our dynamic creative duo, Evelyn and Marvin Flam, who worked year-round to write, direct and oversee every aspect of this year's successful production.

We thank the sound and lighting people, Marvin, Evelyn, Victor Figueroa, Bob Skidmore and Rich Hayes.

We thank Ocean and Laurel Dekker for ably helping Stage Manager George Shenkel and Sylvia Shlemon



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**John Kannaly,
president**

**Tom Belezarian
vice president**

get everyone on stage so efficiently.

We thank costumed Jesters Adele Friedlander and Ann Talner who welcomed guests.

We thank camera people, Mary Lou Wall and Richard Fleig for capturing it all on video and photos, and Penny Costa whose make-up artistry made everyone look "beautiful."

Come see us for your DVD of "A Really Big Show."

We thank Leo and Hazel Kelly for supervising the monumental tasks of ticket sales, and feeding the cast.

We also thank: Gary Carlson, Beryl Holtzinger, Alice Markus and Millie Varrasso for selling tickets at the show; Opal Bowin, Lil and Herb Cervinka, and Doris Prekopa for handing out programs; Cele Radeloff and her 'girls' Audrey, Hortense, Arla and Barbara; as well as Max and Joanne,

Dave Shlemon, Ednamae and Wally, and Lois Wirkus for taking tickets; and Dorothy Carpenito and Mary Allen who counted them.

We thank Margaret and Larry Markey of the Entertainment Committee for covering the reserved seats.

And, we gratefully thank our audience for their support.

Let's Get Together ... JEST FOR FUN

Last month, but plenty of activities - two trips and appreciation party

By Walt Copeland

We experienced a wonderful trip to Savannah, Ga. on March 11 for three days.

Our first evening we enjoyed a boat tour with a superb buffet, followed by entertainment.

The second day we toured the city by bus and dined at the Pirate House for lunch.

Thereafter we visited the shops on River Street, and then dined at Mrs. Wilkes Restaurant. The food at both restaurants was plentiful and excellent.

We also toured Jekyll Island and dined at one of three restaurants. This was another nice experience.

We are rescheduling another trip next season for those who missed this one.



Pennsylvania

Our annual picnic was this past March 29. It was catered and was followed by free bingo, games and prizes for the winners.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 5, at 10 a.m. in the lower card room.

We're closing in on our fantastic trip to New Orleans. Please see our itinerary sheets for details. It departs on April 9.

Then on Thursday, April 13, at 5 p.m. we will host an appreciation party for members only. We'll have entertainment and dancing after our meal. Tickets are not transferable. You must have your membership card and your ticket for admittance.

Our final event for this season will be a gambling trip to Immokalee Casino on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22. Cost will be \$79 per person, double occupancy, and \$109 for a single. You receive \$30 each day in free play plus \$5 each day toward meals. So your net cost for a double is \$9. We're staying in a three-star hotel (Holiday Inn).

We'll miss all of our many friends from here and up north, but look forward to being back with you on Thursday, Oct.

4, for our first meeting next season.

Please note our Welcome Back party will be on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. in the auditorium.

We're also scheduling a trip to Biloxi in November, staying at the Beau Rivage.

Last, but not least, is our annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 9, for the Island Way Grill's famous champagne brunch. This will be followed by gifts for every household and then excellent entertainment. Please note the brunch is available till 3 p.m. You must be a club member to attend this party as we always sell out.

Connie and I wish you all a very healthy and happy summer. Just in case, we can be reached at 315-487-1681, our home.

Two day-trips planned this month

By Pat Zorland
and Roxie Maggio

Our Feb. 2 meeting was well attended. There were more than 25 people.

Our new secretary, Audrey Jones, canceled the day trips she had put together due to the death of her daughter. When she is able, she will put together a few new day trips.

Nancy, from Advantage Travel, presented some day trips, and overnight trips for our consideration:

1-April 11 – A day trip to Fort Myers for a cruise on the Captain JP (River Cruise).

2-April 19 - a day trip to St. Armand's Circle and Tommy Bahamas for lunch.

3-Dec 8-13 - the sixth annual American Cancer Society Cruise on the RCCL Jewel Of The Seas, sailing out of Tampa.

On March 24, some of us will have gone to Myakka Ranch to see the Lipizzan Stallions perform (Dancing Horses), followed by an Amish Buffet. Watch next month's article for a review of the day.

Roxie Maggio and Trudy Miller cruised the Eastern Caribbean in February. They sailed to the Bahamas, St. Thomas and St. Maarten on the



Roxie Maggio, left, and Trudy Miller pose with a belly dancer.

beautiful new Carnival Ship "The Dream." This ship holds 5,000 people and a crew of 1,400. The service was impeccable and the amenities were great. There were shows each night, games and activities throughout the day, and the food even included a Jewish deli with Pastrami and Corned Beef.

"I've sailed Carnival and Royal Caribbean



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and Costa before, but this ship is by far so-o-o-cool," Roxie said.

St. Thomas, however, was disappointing as it was very old and run-down, hilly and the locals drive on the left hand side of the road down very narrow streets. Nothing memorable.

St. Maarten, however, was so much nicer, clean and upgraded with lovely shops and excellent jewelry prices.

Plan on an Eastern Caribbean cruise soon. Our next meeting will be on April 6 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. See you there.

Contact Shirley at 726-4619 for more information.

Residents attend tablet computing class

On Top of the World Computer Club is considering the creation of a Special Interest Group open to all OTOW residents interested in tablet computing.

Currently, 19 percent of U.S. adults now own a tablet computer. Researchers suggest users prefer using the tablet to traditional computers, print publications or television for consuming the news.

News ranks as one of the most popular activities, along with email and applications. About 77 percent use their tablet daily, for an average of about 90 minutes.

Tablets are selling strong, finding their niche between mobile phones and laptop computers. Since prices have dropped and applications for tablets are growing, these gadgets have a bright future for years to come.

If you are interested in learning more about this class, contact Bob Evans at 799-1410.

A special 'thank you' to everyone who donated books

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 that all we would only have room for are the names of our generous donors.

Therefore we will continue as we have 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.

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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 begins to freeze.

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Money comes in many different forms as expressed by (left to right) Tony Scheifen, Bruce Bandini, Nanette Rudolph and MaryLou Speers.

Moneybags' loss was Theater Workshop's fortune

By Merle MacDonald

"Rest in Peace," Dooley M. Bags.

(Moneybags in case you missed the connection.)

Dooley M. Bags made his fortune working his way up from the coal mine. He spent and lost his money investing in burlesque, and he shared his money with all of us as the curtain closed on his life and on our Theater Workshop show.

As we lay Dooley to rest wearing his tan shoes with pink shoelaces, his polka dot vest and his Panama hat with the purple hatband, we would like to thank all who helped to make the show a success.

Although we can only leave you



Theater Workshop

with Dooley's donation to UNICEF, made in your name, we still want to thank the ushers, ticket takers, the

lighting and sound crew, the backstage helpers and especially you, our audience. Without you there would be no show.

A pizza party for cast and crew in the Veranda Room followed the final performance as the houselights dimmed on this year's production.

Now preparations are already being made for Theater Workshop elections to be held at the April 4 general meeting in the West Activity Center at 7:30 p.m.

The proposed candidates for office in 2012-13 are: Brad Day, president; Arlene Kilpatrick and Merle MacDonald, vice president; Susan Little, secretary; Lilli Scheifen, assistant

secretary; Paige Johnson, treasurer and Pat Kangar, assistant treasurer.

Please be sure to attend this important meeting and cast your vote.

Installation of the new officers will take place at a dinner. The time, date and location is still to be decided.

If you are interested in being part of the action next season, do consider joining Theater Workshop. We may not have our general meetings during the summer months, but that doesn't mean we do nothing.

In past summers we have had some fun, themed-parties and fund raisers, so come check us out and plan to join us in the fun and in the fall.

Season ends with members pizza party

By Gary J. Gates

April is now here and for many of us, with no activities in May, this will be the end of our present season and the last news report from the Italian American Club until September.

I would like to thank your board members for all their help in keeping this a fun time.

Our treasurer, Tony Sulmont, secretary, Ceil Marchand, vice presidents, Peter Marchetti and Maryann Fontain, and our new board member Louis Dimino, thank you all.

And the fun continues.



Italian American

April 12 will be our traditional picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and all the fixings. There will be games and prizes, which will be

held at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor, Shelter 7, down by the water, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Cost for members is \$3 and non-members is \$5.

April 18 will be for club members only – a pizza party with coffee and soda. We will need a headcount prior to the party. Members must buy \$1 tickets before April 18. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

This end-of-the-season party will be the board's thanks to all members of the club. Have a safe and healthy summer, and we will see you in September.



Join the Polar Bears for water exercises or tea

The On Top of the World Polar Bear Club will end its winter season on April 27, but there is still plenty of time for healthy, enjoyable water exercises.

Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to participate.

The club will meet April 1-27 from 9-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center heated pool.

The Polar Bears are also inviting residents to join them for tea, 2:50 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, at the Wildflower Cafe in Clearwater. Cost is \$21 per person, which includes soup, tea sandwiches,

scones, fresh fruits, desserts, tea and coffee with tax and tip included.

Reservations must be made by April 9. To make a reservation, see Elsie Jane Anderson at the swimming pool during Polar Bear hours, or call 727-797-1168.

Potluck Easter dinner set by club for April 8

By Dave Beaven

April will be a busy month for the Lambda Club.

In addition to our usual monthly cocktail party and our movie night, we have some special happenings on the schedule. For specifics, go to our Webpage. Hope to see you there!

An Easter Sunday potluck dinner will be held Sunday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center kitchen. This is a chance for our members to bring something special to share. Don't forget Easter eggs! This event will replace our normal Sunday brunch.

One of our members is working on a special event, through his church, to benefit RCS Grace House – an organization that assists homeless families in Clearwater. The event, Splash of Jazz, will be Saturday, April 17 from 7-10 p.m. at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Tickets are \$25.

The UV Rays is a vocal group and will be doing a Cole Porter program at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clearwater, where some of our members attend. The program is Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group



that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and 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 our gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we also welcome 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 second Friday at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room downstairs.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Upcoming activities include kayaking and movies

By Katarina Tepesh

Our club has a new kayak and with it we are exploring the best places to go to enjoy serenity and crystal clear water.

Recently our journey took us to Sunset Beach, a fairly small, non-commercial beach, which is still free-of-charge and located in nearby Tarpon Springs.

Club members also recently enjoyed a classical concert by violinist Itzhak Perlman at the Ruth Eckerd Hall. The performance consisted of mostly pieces from composer Franz Schubert and Johannes Brahms, including famous Hungarian Dance No. 5.

Baby Boomers had a blast dancing at "Billy Jacks" during Happy



Baby Boomers

Hour in March. "Billy Jacks" is a well-known place, not only for great music and dancing, but also for good food reasonably priced.

During the month of April, club members will watch exceptional mov-

ies during Tuesdays at Two Film Programs at the Dunedin Public Library. Shows include, "Midnight in Paris" on April 3, followed by "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" on April 10 and "J. Edgar" on April 17.

Since we have several movie buffs in our Baby Boomers group, we will take turns meeting at each other's homes to watch our favorite movies. In addition to BYOB, we also ask to "Bring your own Movie."

Some of us attended a Computer Club lecture by popular Jordan Eudy on "Moving Music Files." Knowing Jordan socially made it even more interesting.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for us OTOW owners to

meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within Tampa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all volunteer group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and OTOW-TV Channel 96.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore, we are meeting on April 4 and April 19 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room, followed by a happy hour at the Varsity Club or Cody's. For more information, send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com.

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Your contact list should have the name and phone number of at least one family member, plus a phone number where you can be reached when you are not living at OTOW.

Research doesn't have to be recorded in a book

By Anne B. Watkins

Most of the time, we genealogists are accused of being interested in only dead people, but our member James Rollins proved to be one exception to the rule.

James treated us to a piece of living history, in both showing his family in the act of searching out family artifacts, and also by performing a rousing accordion solo of his own composition. The song told about his wife, the dark-eyed girl, and her over-protective French-Canadian father, a little ditty that I'm sure will be handed down through the family for generations to come.

James' "Research Team" consisted of his cousins, and when they got their heads together and went on the road in Cousin Merlin's Caddie, the team churned up all kinds of family information that hadn't been known in its entirety to any single one of them.

Unseen letters, mysterious grave-markers, hand-hewn homesteads, a runaway husband, a sailor who liked his grog, neatnicks and their opposites, all were grist for the mill when this group started digging through the materials they found, ranging geographically from Maine to New York, and even out to sea.



Family History

James has a background in graphic art. This is the second video he has done for us. Until now he has honed his craft into a truly professional production.

We all agreed that a video format was probably the wave of the future, replacing the old family scrapbook: it made the Rollins cousins come alive, from the opening scene shown driving down a Maine road, to the closing credits, where the family was listed as the cast of characters.

And most of all, it was a joy to see James grow in the knowledge of his ancestry and the recording of its history, as when he first came to the group only a couple of years ago, he was like so many of us, not knowing where to start!

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 9 from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center classroom No. 1.

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Lengthy practice season ended with spring show dedicated to Broadway tunes

By Dana Garlick

The last three months of practice and preparation concluded with our performance of Broadway Memories on March 31 and April 1.

In addition to favorite tunes from Rogers and Hammerstein's first Broadway show, "Oklahoma," we performed a collection from South Pacific, a favorite from Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat, Cabaret, A Chorus Line and Gypsy.

We combined songs from not only Broadway, but also films that have captured the music of Broadway in their story line.

That's Entertainment! for you (a little pun there), and we hope you enjoyed our show.

In addition to the choral presentations, several members shared their talents. We were thrilled to have Arlene Kilpatrick back again. Bernee Krause and Carolyn Siegrist sang favorite tunes by Stephen Sondheim and Cole Porter.



Chorus

The chorus men shared A Whale of a Tale, and the choral women reminded you of The Way We Were. The audience was the "Lucky Stiffs" when one of our brand new members, Nancy Wright, sang Times Like These.

During these past months of practice, we learned much about the tunes, the importance of rhythm, and the drama under the direction of Beth Kendall. Our parts were learned with the patient accompaniment of Betty Dethmers.

While I was selling tickets at the East Activity Center last month, Bob Skidmore sat down at my table. I had

written his name in this column many times to thank him and the other fellows who help with light and sound, but had never met him.

He's been volunteering with the lights crew for over five years, and pointed out the new lights we have for the stage are there because of the work of Good Neighbors and the Entertainment Committee.

In the past, Chorus has received contributions toward our expenses from them as well. We really are so fortunate to have these needed donations. People often do not know what is involved in putting on a show or a performance. It's not just the practice. Materials have to be purchased. Pianos have to be tuned. Equipment, often very complex and expensive, must be modified, upgraded, sometimes replaced. The tickets we sell help some, but never enough for all the things we need.

Bob and I agreed that we are indeed very fortunate to have such sup-

port.

The Entertainment Committee and Good Neighbors always need volunteers as well. Anyone who has experience with sound or lighting should contact them.

We had a wonderful time getting ready for and participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is always fun to get together and to see the other groups and clubs as well. It was a fun morning. Even our puppies had fun!

Now, Chorus is about to take a break from the practices and the performances and join together for a meal at the Sunset Grill, one of many sponsors of the chorus.

We are so grateful to them as well as the other businesses who have donated to us, and especially all of our neighbors and friends who have come to hear and to enjoy and maybe to sing, too.

We begin practice again in October and hope some will join us.

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In his spare time, this mechanic, farmer and agronomist can make a nifty quilt

By John Koning

Here's some trivia for you. What do you call a male seamstress?

The answer is a tailor or a sartor. My answer is Ed Foland.

While Ed might not be a tailor - a person who fits clothing for people - he is a sartor.

The word sartor comes from the Latin word meaning "to patch" and Ed has been doing a lot of patching lately.

If you look at Ed's hands, you will notice they are not delicate hands. They are mechanic's hands, thick and strong. They are hands that heave 100 pound tractor weights and wrestle impact wrenches.

Surprisingly, they are also quilting hands.

Ed is a farm boy born and raised on 240 acres of rural Missouri. His family grew crops for sale and consumption, had a cow for milk and butter, chickens for eggs, and a few head of beef cattle to get them through the long Missouri winters.

As Ed grew, he developed an interest in anything mechanical and he was exposed to the nuts and bolts of farm life from early on.

He loved to dismantle anything that would come apart, and, most times, would manage to get them back together, with the notable exception of a pocket watch, which he inadvertently turned the inner spring into a slinky toy.

Cameras and photography were, and still are, a hobby for Ed. He bought his first camera while he was still in high school and his collection of antique cameras grew to between 40 and 50. He even lugged his camera to Vietnam while he served his country, perhaps as a way to bring some sanity to a hostile environment.

Afterward, it made sense that the Missouri farm boy, who grew into an agricultural chemical scientist, would eventually begin collecting large mechanical workhorses as he traveled from farm to farm.



Ed Foland with a quilt he made from old denim shirts.

(Photo by Dolly Foland)

If a farmer mentioned that he was selling his old tractor, Ed was there to take it off his hands. He would promptly dismantle it, repair it and give it a second life.

But, how in the world does an agronomist make the leap from restoring tractors to quilting?

The answer is, "gradually."

Ed's mother, Martha Fay, was a quilter, who was featured in Newsweek magazine.

When she passed away, Ed

and his wife, Dolly, finished several of her quilts and gave them to Martha's grandchildren.

Ed officially took up the mantle of sartor when he decided to sew a new liner to replace the worn out original in his beloved leather jacket.

With Ed's history and penchant for making "stuff," it was a natural step to begin quilting with denim, also known as redneck satin.

If you think he made the leap

on his own, think again. Ed has a highly qualified coach in his corner. Dolly is an accomplished seamstress, with hundreds of county fair ribbons awarded to her for the clothing she hand makes for her grandchildren.

Ed's quilt was finished and dated Feb. 2, 2012, to commemorate his favorite holiday - Groundhog Day.

Why, you ask?

Ed only knows!



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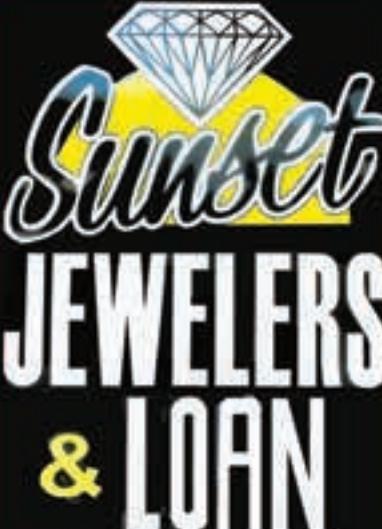
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The Snowbirds line dancers put on quite a show during the St. Patrick's Day parade. In the front row, from left to right, are Arline McNutt, Cathy Bunt, Dixie Sammon, Dolly Foland, Debbie Champ, Pat Koning, Lois VanDeBogart, Temma Gotfrit and Kim Arling. In the back row, from left to right, are Carol McAllister, Claire Bruyere, Sixten Larson and Ron Martin. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Send-off party put hips to the test

By John Koning

Do you remember the days of bobby socks, poodle skirts and saddle shoes?

How about drive-in diners, Peggy Lee and the awesome '59 Super 88?

Judging by the turnout for our Oldies but Goodies Party, many of us do.

On March 23, the East Activity Center was rockin' to the beat of Sam Cooke and swaying to the soul of Etta James, thanks to our friends Tim and Lotte of "At Large."

There was gyrating like you haven't seen in 30 years and folks were



Snowbirds Club

testing their replacement hips to their limits.

Most of all, there were folks just having fun and feeling a whole lot younger than their numbers.

And for what?

The stock answer is to wind up another season of Snowbirds Club activities and wish our northern Snowbirds safe travels, but, in reality, most of us just like good food and great music.

Those of us who must head back north appreciated the great send off.

This year all of us had extra cause for appreciation because everyone who attended our farewell party received a free, full-color map of On Top of the World. It fits nicely in your glove box, purse or back pocket. It will even show you how to get to your computer class or yoga session.

By the way, there are many Snowbirds Club members who never migrate. They live here all year round. We call them the lucky birds. They carry on doing Snowbirds Club activities all summer long, when crowds are light and travel is easy.

Stop by the East Activity Center Monday and Thursday mornings and check out our activities or pick up a complimentary map for yourself.

Hats off to the Irish Club for another amazing parade. If you can't be Irish, you can always be Irish for a day!

Keep a can of hair spray in your vehicle this month

A man is driving on the highway when he sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He tries to avoid hitting it, but the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. He pulls over and gets out to check, but he sees the Easter Bunny is dead.

He feels so bad and starts to cry. A beautiful blond woman driving by sees him and pulls over to ask what's

wrong. He tells her he accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed him. She tells him not to worry. She goes to her car and pulls out a spray can, walks over to the dead Easter Bunny and sprays the contents of the can on him.

The Easter Bunny jumps up, waves its paw and hops down the road. Ten feet away he stops and waves again. He does this several times until

he hops out of sight.

The man is astonished and runs over to the woman and asks, "What did you spray on the Easter Bunny?" She shows him the label on the can. It reads: "Hair Spray Restores life to dead hair and adds permanent wave."

Happy Easter! Hope the Easter Bunny is good to everyone!



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

Club recognized Women's History Month



Democratic Club

By Rosemarie Totaro

The On Top of the World Democratic Club picnic took place on March 23 and had a combination of politics, good food and fun entertainment led by Bart Gooch.

It was an important function because the picnic raised dollars for the upcoming election.

Also in March, our club was represented in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Nationally, the month of March was celebrated as Women History Month. The celebration signifies the growth and participation that women have gained in their rights for equality in the job place and voting.

Across the nation, State and Congressional members have filed bills that may impact women's rights. This has activated women into action.

There are Women for Obama groups formed in Clearwater and across the state. Our group is organizing with Jean Count as Chair. The Women's Committee will meet to address these concerns. This includes health care ac-



In the St. Patrick's Day parade, the On Top of the World Democratic Club showed support for disabled veterans, especially those living right here in this community.

tions and costs.

The total number of women in the Florida State House is 42 out of 160 members. The House of Congress has

74 women out of 435 members. In the Senate there are 16 out of 74.

Our April meeting will introduce candidates who have declared their in-

tent to run for office. Our club will meet on Thursday April 22, at 2 p.m. Call Hal at 238-4980 or Rosemarie at 797-7927 for information.

Answers to March crossword puzzle

ACROSS

1. Electricity
5. Dancing
7. Ringling
8. Books
10. Postcard

11. Nineties
13. Detroit
15. Hurricane
19. Cincinnati
10. Annually
21. Australia

23. Hurry
25. Four
26. Merlot

DOWN

2. Toilets
3. Paino

4. Orea
5. Dating
6. Railroad
9. Schnauzer
10. Pirate
12. Vertigo

14. Geological
16. Curacao
17. Scientology
18. Culinary
22. Cheat
24. Pier

For the spring and summer, OTOW News is going to try something different. The monthly crossword puzzle is being replaced by a photo search puzzle, which appears on page 47. If you want the crossword puzzle back, drop off a note at the OTOW newsroom. If you like the new puzzle, let a staff writer know.

More than 150 pounds of fruitcake sold

By Carl & Betty Leiby

Claxton Fruitcake sales is a major fundraiser for all of the work the Civitan Clubs do around the world. Over 150 pounds were sold to OTOW residents who are connoisseurs of the very best cake. Thank you!

Civitans also have "Candy Boxes" in many restaurants. Please look for them and contribute. These funds help directly with the outstanding work

accomplished at the world famous Civitan International Research Center.

New members are always welcome. A visit to our Tuesday evening meetings twice a month will convince you.

Civitans are proud of their annual financial commitment to two local schools serving the handicapped. The contribution, "unrestricted" funds, is made the first day of school.

Members enjoy helping our Civitan Challenger baseball team parents by serving their commitment in the concession booth at their league games. These parents act as team coaches, pitchers, catchers and sometimes baserunners for the players. There are six teams in this very special league.

Call Carl & Betty Leiby for more information. 791-3861.



Civitan Club

Delivery people needed for spring and summer

By Carl & Betty Leiby

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.

Meals on Wheels can give assistance to residents arriving home from the hospital and in need of help with



Meals On Wheels

meals. A caring neighbor will come to check on them Monday through Friday. Our On Top Of The World cli-

ents really love their volunteers. They bring delicious warm meals. The meals 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.

That colorful Neighborly Care Bus you see driving through our complex will take 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 services, phone the Neighborly Care Network at (727) 573-9444. To volunteer for this rewarding service at OTOW, call Carl & Betty Leiby at 791-3861.

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Comedy, musical and bonnet decorating contest are some highlights in April

The Entertainment Committee appreciates your positive comments about the events we've been able to bring to you this year.

And we're not done yet.

This month we have two exciting shows. The first is "Comedy Night with Ted and Pat," on Thursday, April 12.

Ted Holum is a Chicago native whose animated comedy style has brightened the TV screen on past TV shows such as Johnny Carson's Tonight Show and Phil Donahue, and today is a popular performer on cruises.

Pat Capuzzi is a consummate down-to-Earth entertainer, who has often appeared in Branson, and in Las Vegas with Englebert, Al Martino, Jer-



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ry Vale, and Bobby Rydell, to name a few.

The second show is a musical to be performed April 15 at our Sunday-In-The-Park by talented students from Countryside High School. Come applaud their efforts and enjoy this fun

musical which features familiar 1950s and 1960s classics.

We appreciate your coming to the dances and this month we're pleased to have Flashback at our Easter Parade Dance on Saturday, April 14. Don't forget that this is our Easter Bonnet Contest Night. So, guys and gals, decorate your hats and take part in the parade and come prepared to have fun.

At our April 28 "April In Paris Dance" we'll have Sax 5th Avenue to play as you dance the night away. Again we remind you that we've added more line dancing to enhance your evening's fun.

We invite you to travel with us on the Jolley Trolley, Thursday, April

26 at 11 a.m. to the Rays vs LA Angels Game. The cost of \$39 will cover the game and transportation. It's also Senior Prom Day at the Trop so stop by and see Brad Day for details about this day of fun.

It is also time to remind half-season ticket holders to renew by June 1 to keep the same reserved seat for the fall lineup. After that date, your reserved seat for a show or dance may be sold to another resident. Keep in mind that you may purchase tickets for any EC event now.

Visit us at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to reserve your place at the events we've designed with you in mind.

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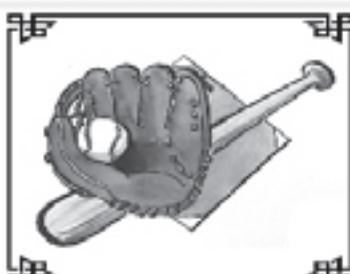
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**SAT
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Gary and Gloria Sayer win Jack & Jill title

18-hole Ladies League

By Pat Eastman

Our annual Jack and Jill Tournament was held on Feb. 7 with 72 couples participating.

The weather was cloudy and cool, but every group was able to complete their round of golf and return to the picnic area for lunch and liquid refreshments.

Special thanks to all the ladies who volunteered and assisted in putting this tournament together -- especially Sheila Meneilly. They all did yeoman work to help make the day run as smoothly as possible. We also want to express our profound appreciation to the men's league for their help and recommendations.

The Results

Flight A: First Place Gary and Gloria Sayer. Flight B: First Place Bob Young and Dot Graham. Flight C: First Place Dick and Terri Mikszenas. Flight D: First Place Clarence and Marie Hebert.

Closest to the Pin No. 15 Donna Osborne, No. 16 Don Rice.

On March 6 and 13, we had the annual Handicap Champion and Club Champion Tournament. The results will be announced later.

After golf on the 13th, a delicious lunch was served by Jay Schwallie, Muriel Salo, Bob Osborne, Elaine



Helping out with the luncheon are, from left, Jay Schwallie, Muriel Salo, Bob Osborne, Elaine Ellis, Donna Osborne and Agnes Doyle.

Ellis, Donna Osborne, and Agnes Doyle. During the lunch, Rita Rudderham and Mary Smith sold tickets to the League's Spring Luncheon.

Other Results

March 6: Flight A low gross - Pat Eastman, low net - Becky West and Juanita Witham. Flight B low gross - Sherry Ivey, low net - Thelma Jacobsen. Flight C low gross - Sudesh Dug-

gal, low net - Veena Lal, Carol Cook, Pauline Jones. Flight D low gross - Fussyo Kado, Billie Pineau, low net - Gail Ducharme.

Feb. 28: Flight A low gross - Pat Eastman, low net - Maureen Stewart. Flight B low gross - Gloria Sayer, low net - Donna Osborne. Flight C low gross - Nanette Rudolph low net - Pauline Jones, Marie Hebert. Flight D

low gross - Veena Lal, low net - Eleanor Arnold.

Feb. 21: Flight A low gross - Pat Eastman, low net - Dale McMinn. Flight B low gross - Gwen Lemke, Nancy Lo, low net - Betty McKay, Flight C low gross - Diane Moxley, low net - Dee Wisslead, Flight D low gross - Veena Lal, low net - Rose Mulhall.

New officers elected - new fees start May 1

By Mary Ann O'Neil

On March 13 we had our last meeting of the season and we thanked the outgoing officers for their time and guidance.

A special thank you was given to Fran Pitman for her year of service as president.

If anyone is interested in helping out on various committees, please contact one of the officers.

During the summer, our directory for 2012-2013 will be updated. If

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

you are a new league member or have changes to your contact information, please contact Ellen Gilbert before leaving for the summer.

Just a reminder that membership dues have increased to \$30 for the year. Yearly dues for golf begin, May 1 and ends April 30, 2013. Please pay your dues to Bev Huber at our Spring

Luncheon on April 5.

For those of you who are heading up north for the summer, have a safe trip and wonderful time with family and friends. And remember to keep those clubs swinging!

The new slate of officers for 2012-2013 are:

Mary Ann O'Neil, president
Connie Saylor, vice president
Barbara Sensale, treasurer
Char Flach, secretary

Try our new photo search puzzle on page 47



April 3, 2012

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Several tournaments held, including some that took a while to finish

By Shirley Rutherford

Our club championship triple tournament was finally completed in February after being rained out earlier.

This was a close tournament and the final winners were Jackie Bedard, Bob Miller and Ray Allard.

Runners-up were Marj Kells, Cathy Mills and Mario Altieri. The drawmaster was Brian Bedard.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, a Hall of Fame Tournament was held in Clearwater with several On Top of the World bowlers participating.

Winners were Russ Tees, Dave Murray and Cathy Mills. Congratulations!

From March 1-2 we held a Singles Tournament. In spite of the hot weather, the winner was Dave Murray. Runner-up was Nicole Pelletier.

Lawn Bowling

Consolation round winners were Norm Chandler, Bob Laplante and Brian Bedard. Drawmaster was Paul Evans.

On Sunday, March 4, our Novice Club Championship Tournament was held.

There were 11 entries, and after a knock-out three games, it came down to Pat MacLeod and Paul Juneau, who went into extra ends before declaring Paul the winner.

Congratulations! Drawmaster was John Williams.

On Monday, March 12, after 10 weeks, the Monday League Tournament came to a close.

Winners were Dorothy Gil-

lis, Cathy Mills and Greg Middleton. A potluck dinner will follow at a later date. Drawmaster was Wendy Colquhoun.

Jitney Results

Saturday, Feb. 18: Winners were Edgar Hachey, Betty McWhirter, Pauline McKinnon. Runners-up were Brian Bedard and Bob Laplante.

Friday, Feb. 24: Past Presidents Dinner and Dance. Approximately 170 bowlers and guests in Mexican attire dine and danced at "Fiesta Night."

Many thanks to Jocelyne Laplante and her crew for the beautiful decorations. Winners of the 50/50 draw were Mr. Dean, Jocelyne Laplante and Cecily Lestage.

Saturday, Feb. 25: Winners were Jackie Bedard, Paul Juneau and Nicole

Pelletier. Runners-up were John Williams and Mario Altieri.

Wednesday, Feb. 29: "Dogpatch" came to OTOW lawn bowls as the first "Sadie Hawkins Tournament" was held followed by a delicious BBQ.

Thanks to chef Bob Laplante and his helpers Jocelyne Laplante and Sue Barrett.

Winners were Brooke Reid and Clarence Poirier. Runners up were Mo Boudreau and Dave Murray. Drawmaster was Tom Barrett.

Saturday, March 3: Triples winners were Joan Dickson, Rick Carr and Agnes Doyle. Runners-up were Trevor Colby, Christine Miller and Janet Hanley.

Doubles winners were Paul Juneau and Mario Altieri. Runners-up were Bob Laplante and Cathy Mills.

OTOW softball players prove that getting out-hit does not always lead to a defeat

By Don Grabowski

Broward Factory A/C Service scored in every inning to defeat Scott's Pharmacy 20-19.

An eight-run inning by Scott's made the game close, but did not deter Broward's win.

Lenny Segal had four hits including a home run, Dave Murray chipped in with three hits including a home run, and Joe Malley and Jim Pollock were also strong with four hits apiece.

For Scott's Pharmacy, Bill Bennett and Pat Kennedy had five hits each. Glen Ohl had four hits and Bill Arkins had four hits, including a home run.

SOFTBALL

On Top of the World 16 Broward A/C Service 11

Despite getting outhit 31-26, OTOW won the game 16-11.

Broward was runless in the first four innings. In the last three innings they scored their 11 runs.

Leading Broward hitters were Carm Costa with five hits, Bob Stoddard with six hits, and Paul Fice with a home run.

OTOW was led by Lenny Segal with five hits, including one home run. Pat Kennedy and Frank Hickey also had timely home runs. Interesting ending for a well earned OTOW win.

Scott's Pharmacy 25 OTOW 24

Scott's Pharmacy pulled out the game in the last inning. They scored five runs and kept OTOW scoreless.

Gut play by OTOW kept the game close. Although outhit 38-30, Scott's offense was delivered by Lenny Segal with four hits including a home run, and Frank Hickey with three hits, including a home run.

For OTOW, Pat Kennedy and Bob Rittner had five hits each. Bob Stoddard had five hits, including a home run. Bill Arkins and Greg Zimmer had five hits each. All players contributed to this close game.

Tommy's Produce 23 OTOW 22

This 23-22 battle was anyone's to take.

Team Produce kept OTOW from scoring the maximum runs allowed in two of the innings. That was the difference.

Dan Marnette had four hits, including a home run, and Lenny Segal had five hits. Adding four hits were Hugh Quirk, Bob Rittner, Bob Stoddard and Ken Graham.

The losers kept close with Paul Fice's five hits and Guy Bertuzzi, Carm Costa, Trevor Dixon and Joe Farrell with four hits each.

Good action game to watch.

Happy Easter! - from the staff at OTOW News



Jimmy Stewart wins Club Championship

By Pete Milner

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association teed off during the first round of our annual club championship tournament.

The weather was perfect for golf, and all participants were confident that they all had a chance to win in their respective flights.

A great day of golf ended with 40 golfers qualifying for a Thursday playoffs.

The following golfers are this year's winners.

Championship Flight – 1st Jim-

Men's Golf

my Stewart, 2nd Richard Kuplen. A Flight – 1st Eddie Hansen, 2nd Don West. B Flight – 1st Phil Smerz, 2nd Bill Sharpsteen. C Flight – 1st John O'Shea, 2nd Gary Patrick. D Flight – 1st Roy Thompson, 2nd Les Mencilly.

Congratulations to our 2012 champions.

Thanks also to all the golfers who worked hard to make our annual

tournament fun and successful. Little is ever said about the guys who volunteer every week to do all the little things that make it so easy to sign up and check in. Thanks also to the guys who serve us food and beverages every month and clean up afterwards. You are appreciated by all.

There will be no league play on Wednesday, April 11, as that is the day we acknowledge our league champs at our annual luncheon. It will be held noon at the East Activity Center. See Dana for tickets.

Phil O'Smerz and Ken O'Nield

looked good in green as they represented the OTOW Men's League in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Please pay attention to our scoreboard for upcoming events. Remember to keep your head down and sand your divots.

By the time we have our Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament in May, our Snowbirds and other winter friends will be gone for another season. Have a safe trip back to wherever you came from, and we will be waiting for you to return home again in the fall.

Golfers preparing for four-player scramble and match play seeds

The Thursday Golf League is well into its second season and we have been fortunate to have had a mild winter.

Drew and the greens' staff have provided us with a beautifully maintained course.

This year's match play championship started the third week in March. A new event this year will be a four-person best ball scramble, which will be held in April.

The weekly competitions have been close races for the top three spots.

Congratulations go to the following winners of the weekly tournaments.

Week 12 winners were: First place, Gilda Gambacurta; second place, Rich Ziembicki and third place, Bob Maynard.

Many skins were won: Kim Norried, Gilda Gambacurta, Jack Huerter and Dennis Trauffer had one each. Paul Meyers recorded two.

Week 13 winners were Bob

THURSDAY GOLF

Odle, first place; Bill Gambacurta, second and Paul Meyers, third. Dennis Trauffer, Bruce MacPherson and Tom Ramstock won one skin each. Vance Wilson and Paul Meyers had two each.

Week 14 results had Bruce MacPherson taking the first place prize, Bill Gambacurta second place and Rich Ziembicki third place. Sixteen Larsen, Don Hahs and J.T. Norris had one skin each. Bo Craddock recorded two skins.

Don Hahs was the week 15 champion, Ian Miller finished in second place and Don Baker took third. Skins were difficult to win; only three were recorded - Ron Parham, Rich Ziembicki and Paul Meyers

Each week points are awarded according to how the players finish that week. Accumulated points at the end of the season will determine the league champion and seeding in the match play tournament.

This year's point's race for league champion has seen the lead change several times and there is currently a tie at the top with Bob Odle and Bruce MacPherson with 30 points. They are followed by Paul Meyers 28, Vance Wilson 25, Bob Stoddard 21, Don Baker 20, Gary Bronson and Ian Miller 19, Bill Gambacurta 18, Kim Norried 17 and Dan Morey with 16 points.

Play begins each Thursday at 11 a.m. The league plays by USGA rules. Men play from the extended blues and both men and women play to a par of 67.

The Thursday League is open to all OTOW residents, male and female.

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining can contact Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolff@aol.com

Picking up guest passes

Golf is free to all On Top of the World condo owners.

However, guests must purchase a pass at the OTOW/Palm Acre Real Estate sales office before teeing off. Guest passes are \$20.

Passes are sold during regular business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.

A resident must be present when a guest pass is purchased and the resident must have an up-to-date activity card.

A guest cannot play without a pass.

Condo renters may also use the golf course, but must purchase a pass for \$15.



*They may be cute. They may be friendly.
But please don't feed the squirrels!*



Test and improve your mental abilities by playing pool on Wednesday nights

By Gail DuCharme

Are you interested in keeping your mental faculties alert?

Do you also like people, fun, socializing and the opportunity to challenge yourself?

One benefit of games of skill is that they are a means of exploring one's own capabilities. Games encourage a player to look at, understand and experience aspects about themselves.

Billiards is one of those games.

Here at On Top of the World, pool is considered a que sport that requires mental skill and physical hand-and-eye coordination.

Learning to play the game of pool can affirm one's mental and physical health and develop confidence in one's abilities.

While having fun strategizing, a player sees how her thinking comes into play as she plans where she wants the cue ball to be for her next shot.

Pool is very much a mind sport. In fact, I would go as far as to say it is a mind-skill game where one's mental acuity is much more significant than the physical.



Que't Billiards

If you have ever watched any of the professional pool games on TV, you know that rarely does a player sink just one ball. One ball sunk with precision and accuracy sets the tone for multiple successful shots that effectively result in several balls being sunk exactly where they were intended.

These skills were certainly at work during the month of March. A three-week Scotch Doubles Tournament was played. After two weeks, the result was a three-way tie for first place. Three teams each won seven games.

Unfortunately at this writing we do not know the winners of the three-way tie. Next month's issue will not only report the winners, but will also highlight some of players and the

Joe Doire captures wins in 8-ball and teams with Denny Balderson a victory in Scotch Doubles

Joe Doire ended February with a win, started March with a win and didn't stop there.

In Men's Billiards action, Joe finished with three victories last session, including one he had to share.

In eight-ball action, Joe took first place on Feb. 27 in the B Flight, followed by Howard Wilson in second place and Norm Theriault in third place. One week later, Joe was moved up to the A Flight, but still held on for his title. This time Carl Hebinck was second and Pat Elliott was third.

The session started out on Feb. 20 with Allen Pier winning the A Flight, Tim Rush second and Herb Jordan third. In the B Flight, Norm Theriault was first, followed by John Shearer and John Fier.

On Feb. 27, Andy Suhar won A Flight with Denny Balderson the runner-up and Terry Baker in third.



Men's Pool

On March 5, Bob Ellis won B Flight with Terri Wittman the runner-up and John Fier in third.

The next two weeks had four new winners. Pat Elliott won the A Flight on March 12. Allen Pier was second and Norm Theriault was third. In the B Flight, Ian Hunter was first, Terri Wittman was second and John Fier was third again.

The finale saw Denny Balderson take first in the A Flight, Tony Baker take second and Allen Pier take third. In B Flight, Mario Rodriguez was the

Club thanks former secretary

The Ladies Que'T Billiards Club wishes to publicly acknowledge a special person for her dedication and hard work the first two years of our existence.

Barbara Sundberg jumped in early on when we lost our first secretary in 2009. Not only did Barbara take on the job of secretary for the first year (2009-2010), but she also agreed to be secretary the second year (2010-2011).

Thanks to Barbara's diligence, the club easily set up night games, making name badges for each person, creating forms for the necessary tournaments, taking notes at the quarterly meetings, and many unrecognized tasks of being secretary.

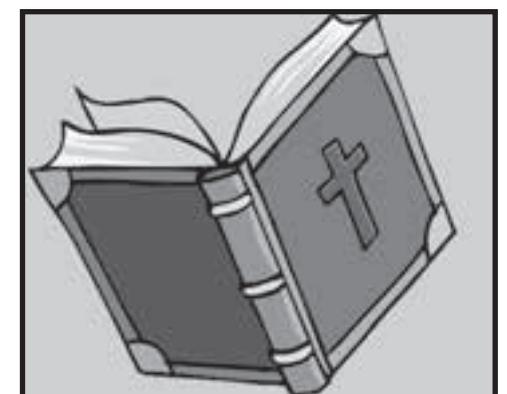
Barbara also began writing the monthly news article for the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club. Barbara is one of those persons who goes beyond the requirements of the job. I give a huge "Thank You" to Barbara Sundberg for her dedication, warmth and ability to make people feel welcomed to our club.

shots that required mental and physical accuracy. Nice work ladies!

We give a warm welcome to Liz Thompson who joined our club this

month. Liz has already demonstrated her great hand-and-eye coordination.

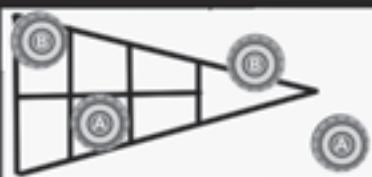
She has won a few games and helped her partners in competition.



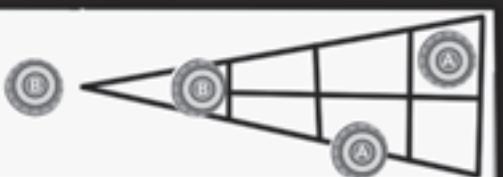
OTOW Bible Study

*is moving its meetings
to the East Activity
Center Veranda Room.*

*From now on, our
meetings are 6:30 p.m.
every Tuesday in the
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SPORTS




Becky Balderson takes a shot on the On Top of the World tennis courts.

New tennis president is a rookie - but don't tell her partners that!

By Laura Evans

Today we introduce the new president of the On Top of the World Tennis Club, Becky Balderson, the girl on the court with the ponytail and infectious laugh.

Becky is the newest addition to the women's league. The first day she joined the club, it quickly became apparent she had been playing for years. Five minutes into play, we were fighting to be her partner. She really moved on the court...all the time. She returned balls that seemed unreturnable.

When asked about her ease of playing tennis, Becky would reply, with a hint of mystery, "if you have a natural athletic ability, you can play any sport."

Turns out, we were all shocked to find out it was actually her first day on a tennis court!

Becky's natural ability developed as a young child. She admits, "I was a little spoiled by my dad." He encouraged her to succeed at sports, and Becky's favorite motto as an adult was, "It is not your ability that counts. It is your choices."

Along with her father's guidance, Becky became encouraged to question any authority that hampered her sports quest. Becky wouldn't accept boys telling her, "you can't play, you are a girl." However, Becky's first encounter with defeat came at the age of 10 when her mother insisted that she stop playing football with the boys. Becky couldn't understand why. She questioned her mom, "Is it because I am better at football than they are?"

Even Becky's top supporter, her father, couldn't convince her mother to let Becky continue. Yet out of this defeat at a young age, she achieved a greater gift - the ability to see both sides of an issue.

The following years she played and excelled at basketball, field hockey and baseball. She always makes sure her choices involve challenges. She hated track, it was too boring. She loved pole-jumping, it was a challenge.

Becky carried these challenges all the way to her career in law as a paralegal. For 42 years she challenged, observed both sides of an issue, and often played the advocate at the law firm.



By Dominic Contorno

Congratulations to John McIntyre for his hole-in-one.

John made a big one on the sixth hole of the 18-hole course. That hole plays close to 236 yards. I'm sure the guys he was playing with were real impressed with that drive.

John used a driver to make the great shot. L. Antonucci, R. Sampson and L. Druery were playing in that group on March 6. I haven't heard of anyone else making a hole-in-one on the sixth hole for at least 12 years. Great shot, John.

Congratulations are in order for Dave Mathewson.

Dave was playing with friends, Bob Evans and Ralph DeVoe, when he scored his first career hole-in-one.

The ace took place Feb. 6 on the second hole of the nine-hole course. Dave was using a 7-iron.

Congratulations are in order for Pat Fell.

Pat recorded a hole-in-one on Feb. 27 at the 15th hole. It was a great 9-iron shot he won't forget.

Witnesses were Jim Priot, Pat Mahony and Dan O'Sullivan.

Craig Ergang used a pitching wedge for a hole-in-one on March 11.

Craig was playing with Bill Bennett and it should be a shot remembered for a long time. Let's hear about another one soon.

Correction

Pat Fallon recorded a hole-in-one on Dec. 5 just three holes into play on the 18-hole course.

Pat used a 3-wood on the 160-yard, par 3 hole. Witnesses were Patrick Mulhall, Dan O'Sullivan and Pat Fell.



Do you know the official rules for horseshoes? OK then - how many points is a ringer worth?

By Jerry Rice

This month we are covering some of the rules published by the National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA).

Rule 1 states that the court will be a level rectangular area 6 feet wide and a minimum of 46 feet long. A north-south setting is recommended.

The 6-foot by 6-foot area at each end of the court is the Pitcher's Box and it is composed of two parts. One is the pit and the other is the pitching platform.

The length of the pit is between 43 and 72 inches and its width is between 31 and 36 inches. The pitching platforms, on each side of the pit, shall be 18 to 20.5 inches wide and at least 6 feet long. The stake shall be centered in the pit with at least 21 inches from the front and rear. The fronts of the stakes are 40 feet apart. They shall be

Horseshoes

1 inch in diameter and no shorter than 14 inches and no higher than 15 inches above the pit level and both shall have an approximate 3-inch lean toward each other.

Clay, sand, dirt and synthetic compositions are all legal (we use clay). The minimum is 4-inches deep (8-inches is recommended). Side by side courts shall be 10-feet apart (12-feet is recommended). Every pit should have a backboard that is 4-feet behind the stake and at least 1-foot high.

Rule 2 addresses the playing equipment, the horseshoe. Any official (legal) horseshoe must be sanctioned and approved by the NHPA and must

pass the following maximum weight and measurement standards. A shoe shall not weigh more than 2 pounds, 10 ounces, shall not exceed 7-1/2 inches in width, 7-5/8 inches in length and on a straightedge touching the points of the shoe. The opening of the shoe must not exceed 3 1/2 inches.

Rule 3 addresses the pitching distances. Juniors must observe 27-foot foul lines. Open men and seniors must observe 37 foot foul lines, except for the physically impaired who may be given permission to observe the 27 foot foul lines. Elders may observe the 27-foot foul lines.

Methods of Scoring: There are two official methods of scoring in the rules. One is the cancellation method. This is the traditional method familiar to most players and is used in practically all tournaments. Ringers or shoes

of equal value pitched by opposing players in a frame cancel each other and points by the best remaining shoe are counted. The first player to score 50 points wins the game. This method of scoring can make for a very long game. That is, if I pitch double ringers and you pitch double ringers neither of us gets a score.

The second method is "count-all" and this is the method used by our club. A specific number of shoes pitched make a game and 40 shoes is a game for us. Each Tuesday and Thursday we play two games. If I pitch double ringers and you pitch double ringer, we both earned six points. Learners count one point, as does each shoe that is within 6-inches of the stake and is not a ringer. Each ringer counts three points. The person with the most points after 40 shoes is the game winner.

Bowling

By Lil Ginn

Feb. 1

High game - Barbara Harkins 185, Marge Jacobs 180, Gerri Corcoran.

High Series - Barbara Harkins 470, Marge Jacobs 468, Jerri Corcoran 457.

Pins over average: 73-Gerri Corcoran.

Splits: Donna Smerz 5-10, Madeline Nawrocky 2-5-7, Nancy Kennedy 3-10, Liz Buckley 3-10.

Feb. 8

High Game: Marge Jacobs 205, Linda Gooch 190, Lil Ginn 165.

High Series: Marge Jacobs 560, Linda Gooch 450, Liz Buckley 423.

Pins over average: 98 Marge Jacobs.

Splits: Jackie Kail 4-7-10, Liz Buckley 3-7-10, Mary Ann O'Neil 2-7, Glenda Greenman 2-7.

Feb.15

High Game: Marge Jacobs 178, Donna Smerz 173, Mary Beth Hufty

168.

High Series: Marge Jacobs 504, Donna Smerz 449, Shirley Bowers 442.

Pins over average: Gerri Corcoran and Marge Jacobs 36.

Splits: Mary Ann O'Neil 5-10, Gerri Corcoran 9-10 3-10.

Feb. 22

High Game: Mary Kennelly 180, Madeline Nawrocky 172, Marge Jacobs 163.

High Series: Nancy House 437, Mary Kennelly 436, Madeline Nawrocky 434.

Pins over average: Maurer Altono 71.

Splits: Loretta Macaluso 5-10, Madeline Nowrocky 2-7.

Feb 29

High Game: 177 Nancy House, 172 Gerry Corcoran 155.

High Series: Lil Ginn 465, Nancy House 445, Shirley Bowers 434.

Pins over average: Lil Ginn 60

Splits: Sherry Ohl 3-10, Donna Smerz 4-5-7, Glenda Greenman 4-5-7, Liz Buckley 3-7-10

Shuffleboard

Shufflers enjoy another month together before heading home

By Marge Sivek

We know that some of our winter visitors will be heading north this month. We wish all of them a safe trip and an enjoyable summer. We will see you in the fall.

If you have had a chance to go by the shuffleboard courts on a Monday or Thursday afternoon, you will see that all the courts are filled with shufflers. We have been blessed with so many new people this winter and we have really enjoyed it.

Several of the shufflers went to breakfast on Monday, March 12, at the Farmer Boy restaurant to enjoy each other's company. We will be saying goodbye to some of the shufflers that go back to Canada in April.

The following people won three games in February:

Feb. 2 - Bill Young, Virginia Butler, Bob Rittner

Feb. 6 - Doris Brown, Dean Darby, Ed Stenger, Bill Young

Feb. 9 - Kasy Linkewich, Bill Young, Paul Santacroce

Feb. 13 - Doreen Paine, Shirley Gibson, Bill Young

Feb. 16 - Doris Brown, Virginia Butler, Paul Santacroce, Jose Pereira, Ann Lockard.

Feb. 20 - Bob Rittner, Marge Sivek, Joan Wilson

Feb. 23 - Virginia Butler

Feb. 27 - Virginia Butler, Bob Rittner, Ann Lockard



BULLETIN BOARD

Stamp Club

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 17. The OTOW Stamp Club will be meeting in the Sunrise Room over in the West Activity Center from 1 – 3 p.m. If you have any questions concerning your stamp collection, please give Jim Sundberg a call at 847-951-2284.

Bonesavers weight training exercises

Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

For further information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.

Men's prayer group

Any Christian men interested in forming a prayer study group are asked to contact Jay Basinger at 386-4447. The initial gathering will be at Jay's condo, 7 a.m., Wednesday, April 4. This is not an official OTOW club. Your suggestions are welcome.

Yoga

Yoga with Ann meets 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

Wear something comfortable. Bring a mat. Cost is \$5.

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For more information call 724-3864.

Dancing using the Rungo method

Rungo Dance meets Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There are newcomer, intermediate and advanced levels. Have no worries, if this is a challenge we can assist with that very easily.

If you have any other questions please call 727-741-3337.

Morning exercises start at 8 a.m.

Ladies, come join us every morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym room. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and a cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also bring your hand weights to our weightlifting/strength training classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.



On Top of the World residents, meet Gizmo, a toy pomeranian, and so very sweet.

Gizmo is a Siboney Building resident, who greets everyone and every dog he sees.

Gizmo doesn't bother the squirrels or rabbits, but he will let anyone get to know him and will allow anyone to pet him.

He is a very good boy and loves watching our annual parade!

Gizmo is owned by Doris Prekopa.



Gizmo

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month." Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter. 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 (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!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

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When is a barn not a barn? Why, when it's a lovely birdhouse designed and built at OTOW

By Tom Brennan

Here at On Top of the World we have many “good neighbors” and then we have some “very good neighbors.”

Jerry Rice fits into the last category. When he was asked by Donna Lehman, “Whom should I get to build a birdhouse that looks like a barn with a silo but light enough to mail up north?” he didn't hesitate and just said, “I'll take care of it.”

Let's start at the beginning of how this all came about. Donna was visiting a friend who lived in a modest house on the bank of a river in Indiana. The rains came and the river rose, flooding the house and many birdfeeders.

The damage was so bad that the house had to be torn down; her friend moved to a new home in Columbus, Ind. Donna was looking over the devastation and noticed many of the silos in the area were still standing among the wreckage.

She got the idea of a birdfeeder shaped like a silo. Doesn't every silo sit next to a barn?

Jerry came to the rescue. He built a 7" x 7" x 8" birdhouse. He even put steps inside the barn so the birds that are too young to fly can view their world outside. He used three coats of polyurethane for the roof to insure waterproofing. To give it a fresh barn look he used two coats of red and white paint. There is a trap door on the floor that can be opened for housecleaning, and the silo is a feeding station.

Jerry is an executive board member of the Hoosier Club, a member of Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers, and a writer for the Horseshoe Club. He and his wife Bonnie share their condo with “Savannah,” a 6-month-old black Labrador retriever.

A tip of the hat to Donna for her ingenious idea, and to Jerry for his kindness and expertise.



OTOW resident Jerry Rice is shown with the barn-themed birdhouse he designed and built for a friend of Donna Lehman's in Indiana. Her friend was flooded out and lost most everything, including many bird feeders.

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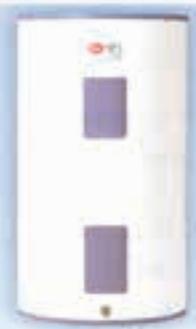


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Described by his wife Addie as a quiet man, Leon Mandel has led a far from quiet life. During his 88 years, he has had a successful career and numerous hobbies that have extended into many leadership and helpful roles in his 20 years living at On Top of the World.

Married now for almost 68 years to Addie, he met her originally at a "Sweet 16" party.

He was in World War II and is one of the few survivors of the Battle of the Bulge as a member of the 106th Infantry Division that was all but wiped out in that famous battle.

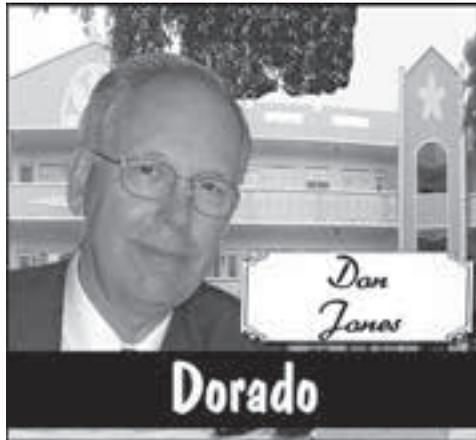
After the war, his career as a court reporter in New York led to many interesting experiences, as he recorded everything that was being said in the court room with a stenotype machine at over 200 words per minute.

He served as president of his professional organization called the Federation of Shorthand Reporters.

One of his great stories resulted as an offshoot of that career. Leon went to New York Philharmonic Orchestra conductor Leonard Bernstein's home for a meeting to take down everything that was said.

That was an exciting experience for him because he has been a very avid collector of music. He still maintains a collection of thousands of recordings of opera, classical music and jazz.

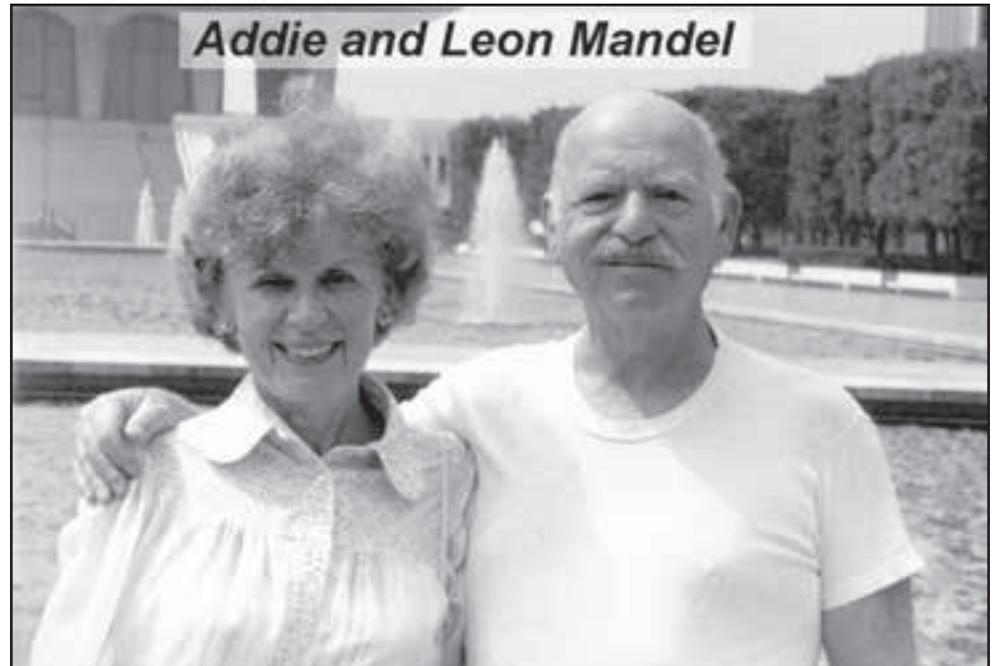
His other hobbies have included photography. He developed many of his multiple thousands of pictures himself in his own darkroom.



Leon Mandel in 1939

Drawn to OTOW when Leon and Addie drove along Belcher Road and noticed the interesting building tops, they moved into their apartment at OTOW some 20 years ago.

The community has benefitted from his ability on stage in Theatre



Addie and Leon Mandel at OTOW

(Photo by Don Jones)

Workshop, where he performed for 10 years and served as the club president for two years. Many will remember Leon's participation in the comedy skits.

He, with a few others started the OTOW Philosophy Club over 15 years ago. Leon served as president of the Dorado Building for a year in the 1990s.

These days, Leon likes to spend his time reading. His wife, Addie, tells me that he can read a book in one day when he decides to do it.

He is an interesting conversationalist who, when he starts to talk, has a great many stories and facts about himself that are very interesting. They reveal a sensitive man with a deep interest in



Leon and Addie

(Photo by Don Jones)

family, the arts, people and the world around him.

I enjoyed my conversation with him and I am glad to write about Leon Mandel as the April featured resident of the Dorado Building.

Leap Year birthday bash was hosted for those born in Feb.

If you can't be thankful for what you have, be grateful for what you have been spared.

I hope everyone was spoiled rotten for Valentine's Day. My neighbors, Ileen and John O'Grady, have a garland of lighted hearts in their front window every Valentine's Day. How pretty it really is. At night to see the lit up lights warms the heart and sets the mood for the holiday. Very romantic!

Jim and Maureen went to Kissimmee for four days and visited with Maureen's aunt from North Carolina and her cousins and other family. They had a great time, just hanging out at the pool. They also went out to eat a couple of times, but also did some cooking in the apartment.

Jim and Maureen visited a couple of outlet stores and discovered the flea market, which is a big thing there. Some you could spend a couple of days going through.

Maureen said they watched the Daytona 500, but her cousin, Ryan Newman, did not win (finished 21st), but it was exciting with all the crashes.



Here is a little news about the "February Valentine Birthday Leap Year Luncheon" on Feb. 29. As this is a special year and February is the special month that adds an extra day, we celebrated this event that only happens in Leap Year every four years.

Of course, February is the most romantic month in the year, so we celebrate *l-o-v-e* on Valentine's Day. We sang "Happy Birthday" to four people whose birthdays are in February.

Lee provided her neighbor Avona Carroll with a wonderful big cake shared by all. The birthdays were Anglia Bazza, Avona Carroll, Nancy Williams and Virginia Butler, a guest from another building on Australia Way W.

A prize was given to the winner of the contest "How did you meet your Sweetheart" The free lunch was won by Angela Bazza. It was a close contest between Angela and John O'Grady.

We met at Kally K's. We were seated in a private room and the food was excellent. We recommend it for our luncheons.

Hope everyone celebrated "wearing of the green" on St. Patrick's Day and enjoyed the parade.

As I was waiting in line behind an older guy at Wendy's recently, I heard him ask for his senior discount. The girl at the register apologized and charged him less. When I asked the man what the discount was, he told me that seniors over 55 get 10% off everything on the menu, every day. Hmm... Dunkin Donuts gives free coffee to

people over 55. If you are paying for a cup every day, you might want to start getting it free. Publix's five percent off every Wednesday (55 and older).

I have pages and pages of this stuff; I will put some in every month.



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There are 70 sextillion (70,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000) stars in the universe (give or take one or two). Our own Milky Way, a typical giant spiral galaxy, includes at least 100 billion stars in its diameter.

The Hubble Space Telescope has found there may be 125 billion galaxies in the universe. Our solar system is made up of a star (the Sun, one of the 70 sextillion), eight planets, 144 moons, a bunch of comets, asteroids, space rocks, and several dwarf planets such as Pluto.

The eight planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Earth is the only place in the universe, at present, where life is known to exist (kind of makes us unique, doesn't it?).

On average, it is estimated there are 25,000 species of fish in the ocean, 350,000 species of plants, almost one million known species of insects, more than 4,000 species of mammals, 5,500 known species of amphibians, 8,800 known species of birds, and more than 6,500 known species of reptiles.

The Earth has five oceans, and 13 seas. Depending on the source and date, there are as many as 195 independent countries in the world today. There are 19 major world religions which are



subdivided into a total of 270 large religious groups. There are currently 6,700 existing languages in the world.

Every second five people are born and two people die. On Oct. 18, 2012, at 4:36 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, it is projected the Earth will be home to 7,000,000,000 people.

Now, after digesting all that, think about this. There is only *one* God! Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things, but in terms of ideals. Here's wishing all my fellow Ottomaniacs a very happy Easter holiday (April 8).

Other dates to keep in mind this month: April 1: This is the day we're reminded what we are the other three hundred and sixty-four; and April 15:

America has the highest standard of living in the world. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford it. Just keep in mind, you don't pay taxes — they take taxes.

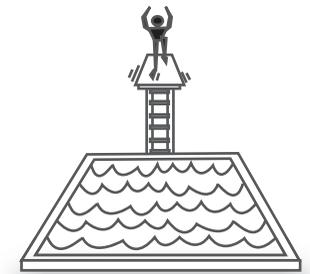
There are five rules to remember in life.

1. Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Rolls Royce than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy, but always remember his #%A@*# name.
3. If you help people when they are in trouble, they will remember you when they're in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve all your problems, but neither does milk.

Many of my neighbors don't realize how truly rich they are. They have silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, crystals in their kidneys, sugar in their blood, lead in their ass, iron in their arteries, and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas.

April is a month of transition. Baseball season is in full swing. Spring is flexing its muscles. And Canadian geese are recalibrating their GPS systems, taking the second half of their roundtrip flight north.

Have a great month everybody!



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- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Successful annual golf party resulted from untiring efforts of hard-working volunteers

Hats off again to Trish Burch for doing such an outstanding job of putting everything together for our annual building golf party. She was ably assisted by Karen Johnson and Joyce Marsden. Where would we be without you, Trish?

There were two teams tied for first place, and a tie for second place as well. The first place winners were presented with golf balls and the second place teams won golf tees. Everyone, whether or not they played, was fed hot dogs and ice cream. Who could ask for anything more?

We are proud of Tammy Edwards, who was hired by the Pinellas County



Sheriff's Department as an ARMS person. Don't get nervous — it stands for Automated Record Management Specialist. Good luck to Tammy.

It was my pleasure to hostess a tour and luncheon at the Safety Harbor Spa. The talk and tour were both informative and enjoyable; the luncheon in the lovely Athenian Room was absolutely scrumptious.

We are looking forward to our annual building picnic, which will be held Saturday, April 14, on the grassy rear lawn of the building. It is our way of saying a farewell for the season, as our Snowbirds head north.

Quote of the month: "You may be disappointed if you fail, but doomed if you don't try." (Beverly Sills)

We wish all Granadans a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover.

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Capistrano residents enjoy the Jamaican fare recently at Rumba's

This year's picnic held at home rather than at Philippe Park

First we want to thank Pat Zorland for all the years she wrote this column. You are truly a star!

Capistrano Building residents have been very busy of late. Recently, a small group went to the Rumba Restaurant for a truly Jamaican lunch and good conversation.

On a recent Sunday, the building held its picnic. We had voted not to go to Philippe Park this year, rather opting for easy-to-prepare hot dogs and hamburgers. It was an "everyone bring something" kind of event. We even played horseshoes, with bean bags pretending to be horseshoes. To make it more exciting, we split up into teams. Anita and Tony were the winners. Thank you Don and Patti for organizing the picnic.

Our next big event is a trip to the Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Theater. We are all going to see the play called "What is Susan's Secret."

On Memorial Day we will be hosting "A Day at The Races," in the Sunrise Room on the West side.



This has become a popular event and attracts folks from all over OTOW.

Our current board is: Tony Sinopoli, president; Lyn Mandolesi, vice-president; Jim Thomas, treasurer; Julia Contella, secretary; Marvin Maziarz, building reporter.

We welcome Iris Ashworth's daughter who is visiting from Brazil.

Ed. Note: The OTOW News thanks Pat Zorland for her work as Capistrano building reporter. We wish her well in the future.

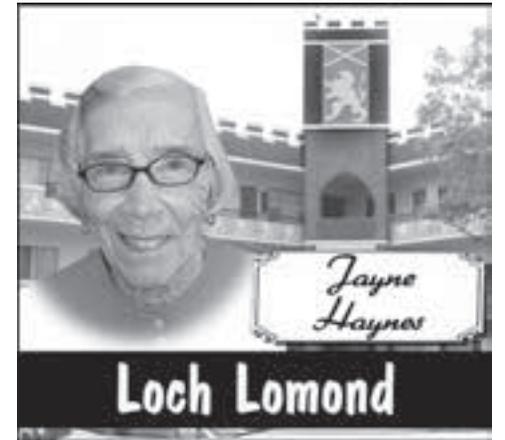
Wedding bells highlight party

I think you'll agree that we On Top of the World drivers have a lot on our minds as we approach either the Belcher Road or Sunset Point Road gates on entering or exiting the complex: do we have the green light, the turn light, how long will we wait, will we be able to clear the left-turn light to escape "sticking out" on Belcher Road?

Can we remember to relax a bit and smile and wave at the friendly security person who presides, hot or cold, at these accesses to home?

One Loch Lomond resident who did remember to smile and wave was Mike Smith. Linda Wilson was the welcoming security guard who appreciated the acknowledgement and occasional coffee; and further acquaintanceship has led to, as the Soaps say, "the next level," and a wedding, right here at Loch Lomond.

The lovely yard between Jamaica Street and Israeli Drive on World Parkway Boulevard was the locale of our second annual St. Patrick's Day "Corned Beef Brisket, Veggies, Cabbage, Your Beverage" party. It was also going to be the site of Linda and Mike's wedding. Debby and Bill Davie and the movers and organizers who really rally to produce a party have been at it again. Thanks!



At this writing, Linda and Mike were to have a Justice of the Peace from Pinellas County on site to perform the 1 p.m. ceremony. Some of Linda's former fellow security guards planned to be present, as were approximately 70 fellow neighbors, all wishing them the very best. I hope to have more on their lovely wedding next month.

We have enjoyed several significant social events this winter season, and it's caught us by surprise that so many are readying to leave on their seasonal journey.

Our monthly "4th Tuesday" Lunch Bunch has resumed and will continue all year, so watch the bulletin board for all sorts of goings-on.

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- Art Shows
- Art Library
- Art Classes
- Refreshments
- AOM Competition
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Here is current information on OTOW awning installation

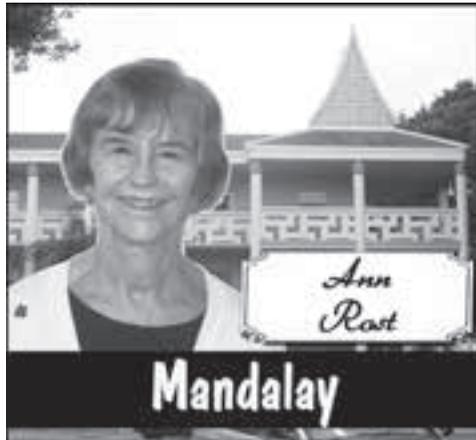
"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things: Of shoes and ships of sealing wax, and of clamshells and kings."

Oh, okay, that's not the exact quote. And there was no discussion of clamshells in Wonderland. But the time has come to discuss clamshells in "OTOW-Land," as spring turns our thoughts to outdoor living.

Clamshells, those metal awnings which project over the back patios of so many On Top of the World apartments, are no longer legal. They don't meet current Pinellas County wind resistance code. Alternatives are available to owners wanting to replace existing awnings, or to install a cover for the first time.

A very attractive aluminum patio cover was just installed behind an apartment across the street from the Mandalay building. It is generating quite a bit of interest and some questions among our residents.

In search of answers, I visited the OTOW service department. They advised me that two types of patio covers are now being approved: fixed



aluminum roofs on posts, and ones made of retractable canvas. Maximum permitted size is 10 by 26 feet.

Information is available at the service desk located in the East Activity Center, where the required Modification/Alteration packets are also on hand.

Additionally, approved construction companies advertise in this newspaper.

If desired, fencing can be installed as part of the patio package, or separately by a fencing company. This can add to the eye appeal of the patio.



Two awnings shown here. On the right is the home of John and Ellen Fier. At left is the home of Les and Sheila Meneilly.

Examples of both styles can be found scattered through our community. As mentioned, a new flat roof patio cover can be viewed from Sumatran Way. Next-door neighbors on Philippine have chosen retractable canvas. These can be seen from the rear of building 85.

As explained by owner Sheila Meneilly, she likes having the ability to unfurl the canvas as desired, and feels that the slant offers the best protection from the morning sun (photo above).

There are many choices available

in patio covers as to size and style, and prices vary accordingly. Estimates obtained by telephone for a basic 10 by 14 foot retractable awning or aluminum cover run from \$2,250 to \$2,800 respectively.

For many, spring means planting flowers and dusting off the grill. For others, it may mean considering options for a new patio cover. It seems there is something for everyone.

A happy little doxie dog is now enjoying the fresh air of his fenced patio on Sumatran Way!

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Impressed with roof renovation workers

First of all I would like to thank all the people who sent me cards, candy, flowers and goodies, and those who called me and visited me. I also want to thank my neighbors who are helping me by taking my papers and trash to the trash room. You're a great bunch!

My family and I finally had "Christmas" near the end of February. We celebrated at my son's house. He kept all his decorations up, including his tree and the lights on all his bushes. He had everything lit for "our" Christmas. I'm sure his neighbors thought he was crazy having everything lit in February.

The next week he took down my tree and decorations and they are finally packed away for another year.

I want to thank Jackie Dooley for writing my February España article. As to the March article, Jackie brought me her laptop computer. I'm sorry that I blew it by not getting my story into the news office in time.

Many things have happened since I was away. By now everyone is back in their usual parking places and back to



their regular routine, now that the new roof renovations have been completed on our building. I understand that it was a long ordeal, but pleasant, and you all made it through without a hitch.

As a first floor resident, I was pleased to hear that the workers moved the patio furniture out onto the lawn daily and returned it. I was told that the workers were thorough with their clean-up.

I was very impressed when I heard that they cleaned up nails and other debris in the yard as a safety measure for all our pets.

Jackie and Tony Manfredi have returned from West Palm Beach where they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February. They spent the week with Jackie's sister and brother-in-law and were very pleased that Jackie's cousin and his wife, from Staten Island, N.Y., spent three days with them too. The anniversary dinner was held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. They all enjoyed the week reminiscing about old times.

Lill and Herb Cervinka had the pleasure of their son, Rick, and daughter-in-law, Donna, from Wisconsin for a three-week visit. They have been a great help and were happy to enjoy our beautiful weather.

The Cervinkas also became great-grandparents (again). The daughter of their daughter and son-in-law had a baby girl in January.

Now that it is April, I want to say "bye" to our Snowbirds. Have a great summer and we will all await your return in the fall.



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Tom and Esta-Lee Schwartz with one of Tom's Paintings

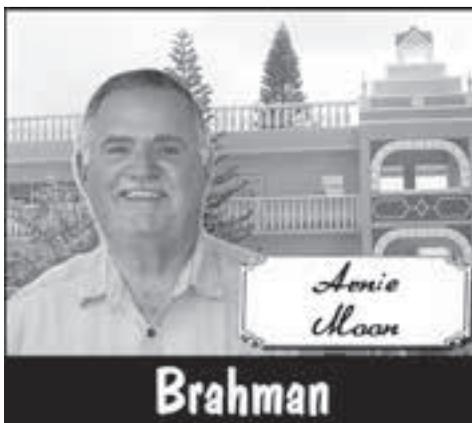
Brahman correspondent turns over reign as reporter

Meet Tom and Esta-Lee Schwartz, who became residents here last August. They moved here from Palm Harbor, but have had 19 moves during their lives together.

They were born and raised as neighbors in Philadelphia, Pa. Tom was a friend of Esta's brother and took a shine to her. They dated for about two years before getting married, and have been together for 47 years now. In the interim, they raised three children and lived in Indianapolis, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Ann Arbor, Mich., before moving to Florida in 1993.

Tom is a Realtor® with Prudential Tropical Realty. He has been in sales for most of his life, starting out selling contact paper in a territory that encompassed most of the Midwestern U.S. His hobby is working and exercising. He claims that he has been "semi-retired" since he was in his twenties.

Esta retired in December, 2010, as a service manager with Blue Cross after a 30-year career in the insurance



industry. She has enjoyed hobbies of making her own jewelry and refinishing furniture in the past.

She has volunteered to be our new building reporter and will be taking over next month. If you have any building news, you can contact her at 420-6091 or e.schwartz@aol.com.

Welcome, Tom and Esta!

Ed. Note: *The OTOW News thanks Arnie Moon for his work as Brahman building reporter and wishes him well in the future.*

Reporter moving, but not far

By now most of our building residents know that the Stiffles have left the building. We bought another unit here in our community, in Austrian Alpine, which is directly across from the East Activity Center. Please don't lose contact with us.

I read in our newspaper that residents Jack and Sheila Bolster have become American citizens. Congratulations to you both and, of course, welcome. Jack and Sheila are wonderful neighbors and have been exemplary members of our community.

As always, I will gladly continue to write articles for Old World Spanish. Please e-mail information to me at OHpink2@aol.com or call me



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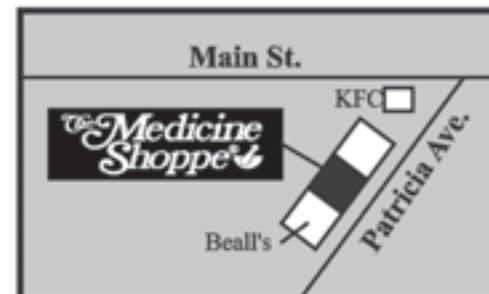
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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at OTOW News (Part 35: April, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- A true history “On Top of the World” was being sold at the Veranda Shoppe for one dollar.
- Restaurants visited by the OTOW bus this month were The Bank, New Orleans Oyster Bar, Sea Wake Inn, and Bavarian Gardens.
- Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers opened a new tool room adjacent to the Lapidary Room and were in the process of building tool bins.
- For walkers, runners and bicyclists, new roads of Florentine Way and Franciscan Drive were each 8/10 of a bumpy mile round trip.
- The recent Defensive Driving Course sponsored by the OTOW chapter of AARP was so successful that another one was requested and scheduled in the Recreation Building. The cost is one dollar per person.
- On April 6–7, the OTOW chorus presented “A Night of Nostalgia” With Lerner and Loewe and others. Included were selections from “Camelot,” “Brigadoon,” and “My Fair Lady.”

We'll be back soon!

101-year-old featured resident still enjoys summer gardening

Passover and Easter both occur this month. Enjoy whichever holiday you celebrate.

It is that time of year again! If you have lived in our building for a number of years, you most likely will know this lady. I have written about Loretta Gilkey in my column for the past few years. She lives with her daughter, Carole Lacey.

They spend winters in Florida and summers in Mineral Point, Pa. The Pittsburgh Steelers is her favorite football team!

Carole hosted a large birthday party when Loretta celebrated her 100-year birthday. Last year it was a quieter celebration at the 101st birthday. This year, our “Eveready Bunny” will be 102 at the end of April.

Loretta has slowed down just a bit, but she still enjoys going out to dinner with Carole’s golf buddies and some ladies in our building.

Loretta has three remaining children. She has two sons and her daughter Carole. There are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well. Loretta also has a couple of siblings that are still living.

Loretta loves to plant a vegetable garden every summer in her Pennsylvania home. And of course, there is a flower garden to maintain. She gets outside with the use of a cane and enjoys



Loretta Gilkey, at right, is shown here with her daughter, Carole Lacey, left.
(Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

picking wild mushrooms in the fall.

Loretta, we congratulate you and wish you another year of good health and happiness.

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LOVE

By Alma W. Hudson

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Every year is a lesson
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For us to go forth.

How lucky we are
When we're blessed with love
And to know it is a gift
That's given from above.

ANOTHER ART

By Madeleine Wanda

Reading has always been a must in my life
It's a pastime and always a pleasure,
One learns so much of other peoples' lives
And how to judge, not unjustly, but be clever.

I see places and faces and all sorts of places
As I sit in my chair and read a good book,
Time goes swiftly by, sometimes I dream
And I sigh!



FAMILY NIGHT

By Alma W. Hudson

Sunday night at home
Brought out our family love
As we gathered around
And sang songs from above.

My beautiful Mother
With her hands on the keys
Would never miss
Playing all the melodies.

Then my Daddy joined in
On his special violin
And the daughters' voices
Surely did begin.

We sang and sang
Had the greatest fun
The evening meant so much
When all was done.

How grateful I am
For those few years
Mother and Dad were called home
Amid all our tears.

The main lesson we learned
From those beautiful people
Was to keep our priority
Always upon the steeple.



LET'S PRETEND

By Madeleine Wanda

Let's pretend I have a friend
Who's very good for me,
We like to walk and sometimes talk
Of things that used to be.

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Try the pool for exercise

“As The Flowers Bloom.” Wow, it is spring already. Time really does fly when you are having so much fun!

I have been exercising in the pool with the class and having a wonderful time. If you like, join us at 9 a.m. in the East Activity Center pool. I will say they do work you out.

Our building luncheon for March was at Rumbas, a great time was had by all and the food was excellent.

Oh and by the way, don't forget about our rummage/bake sale April 14 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Why not donate something you are tired of, or bake something delicious to sell? All of the proceeds will go to our building fund. Call Geri, Dana or Lorine if you are interested.

This reporter is signing off for now — talk to you all next month.



Get out and meet new Fujiwara neighbors

I feel sorry for those who have “nose” problems. The orange blossoms and sweet jasmine are absolutely filling our ozone with delicious smells.

Not to mention the tantalizing smell of corned beef and cabbage on St. Patty's day. My nose, for one, is always clear thanks to the pollen contribution here in sunny On Top of the World.

Welcome to our new neighbors, Sally Spzat, Tom Bates, and their little Boston terrier Buzz. All three of them are cute, but Buzzy gets the prize. Stop by and say hello to them.

Joan and Mario Altieri are busy little beavers updating their apartment and painting everything in sight. I was afraid to ask about their decorating scheme over there, but one evening I saw them hanging a sheet where their back window should have been and watched it blow in the wind most of the night.



I'm happy to report that the window is in place again and I am able to sleep sound once again. Stop by and say hello to them also. We're happy to have them in our building.

Janis Catapano is making quite a name for herself playing bingo at the OTOW Singles Club. Her winnings bag is bulging big time.

The lights blaze brightly 'til all hours of the night on Wednesdays

when Shirley Windisch, Bernice Tapper, Jean O'Brien, and Bernice's daughter play cards. They enjoy an evening of fun, good snacks, and friendly camaraderie.

I understand they go into withdrawal when a game has to be cancelled.

We are so proud of our new flagpole and flag which was recently installed on the Finlandia side of our building. If anyone is interested in putting one up at your building, contact our Building Captain, Char Donato, for specifications, rules and procedures. To date, she has received several inquiries and is happy to share information. God Bless America!

Oh dear, is that thunder I hear? Nope, just my tummy growling. Have a great lunch everyone — remember to keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.

Ladies' Feb. luncheon one of the best ever

Our February luncheon at Spoto's in Dunedin was one of the best ever. We had 18 ladies present, which included two guests. These were Ginny Tousignant's friend, Jan Grobe, who was visiting her from Michigan, and our once upon a time resident, Bonnie “Energizer Bunny” Elliott. Bonnie, who now lives in upper New York, was making her annual visit with Jan Guyton.

Our camaraderie began with a rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday” sung to Judy Boley. Can't give out her age, as you wouldn't believe that she is a day over “29.”

Ginny T. introduced our new resident (now living in the condo formerly owned by Iris Ladell), Virginia Upton, whom she referred to as Virginia No. 3, with herself being Virginia No. 2 and I, your reporter, as Virginia No. 1.



Ginny also gave us a bit of interesting news. She scored a hole-in-one at Sterling Links recently. Way to go, Ginny!

We have another new resident, Maureen Davis, who is living in the former home of Homer Maxwell. Maureen hails from Manhattan, N.Y. Once the unpacking is done she hopes

to join us in our building activities and other fun things to do.

Weather permitting, we still gather under the oak trees about four in the afternoon. Although described as Happy Hour, alcoholic drinks are not required. We call it happy because we enjoy great conversation and laughter.

We give our most hearty thanks to Maryann Larson, who has through the years either repaired or replaced our flag when needed. Those of us who live on the east side of our building especially enjoy seeing “Old Glory” waving in the breeze.

Thanks also to Linda Rozenbergs, who was our reporter for the past few months, giving me respite from the many years I contributed the news of our building to the OTOW News.

Lastly, be sure to check the bulletin boards for upcoming events.

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Building captain is honored at Irish Club dinner dance

Thanks to all my neighbors for the compliments regarding last month's newsletter.

Our February lunch at the 60's Diner was attended by 14 residents who all seemed thrilled that our monthly dining club has resumed.

Among those present were sisters, Elsie and Phyllis, looking amazing as always.

Julie Hofmeister mentioned that she's collecting building dues for 2012; so if you haven't already done so, pay up.

Bill and Debbie Benzinger arranged the March luncheon on Thursday, the 22nd at the Village Inn. You'll hear more about that next time. April will be a core picnic, always popular with Emerald Isle.

Marshall and I attended the Irish Club dinner dance on March 2 where one of our own, building captain Liz Buckley, was honored. She received a beautiful plaque for all her volunteer work with the club as well as a lifetime membership. Way to go, Liz!

Mike and Joyce Donnelly were at our table along with their friends. Mike and Joyce are currently enjoying a visit from Joyce's brother and wife, but by the time you read this I believe they'll be back in New Jersey.

Carol Pittinger was up North visiting for a while, but she's back. Husband Dave enjoys walking his



dogs along with Nancy's dog and lo-o-oves his golf game.

Marshall and I are delighted to announce the engagement of our son. The prospective bride and groom live in Atlanta and are planning a September wedding here in Philippe Park.

We're all keeping an eye on Marie's dog, Toby. He seems to be getting back to his old sweet self.

The trash room looks and smells 100 percent better with the new cans in place. Please remember that the room is for garbage only and not for items you want to get rid of. (I wish).

All our Snowbirds are enjoying the gorgeous (winter?) weather, along with those of us who are here year-round.

The other day they cut down the tree at the entrance to our building. It was old and sick and it had to go. I hope a nice palm is planted in its place.

See you next time.



(L to R) Departing resident Georgia Nardo with friends Kathy Bertuzzi and Dorothy Jones.

So long, Georgia Nardo

Our neighbor, Georgia Nardo (photo above) is moving to New Port Richey to be near her family. We wish Georgia happiness in her new dwelling. We will miss Georgia but she promises to come back to see us often.

Georgia was born and raised in Pinellas County. The Nardo family is the original owner of the condo. The condo will continue to be in the Nardo family. Her stepson will be living there.

Last month our neighbors, Ron Marten and his fiancée, Lois Van De Bogart, were the front page lead article of our On Top of the World News. It was a beautiful Valentine's Day story of how they met.

Ron and Lois had a perfect Valentine's Day. Their wedding was performed on that day at the East Activity Center. Ron and Lois look so happy. We usually see Ron and Lois on the golf course or riding their bikes. If you see them, offer congratulations and lots of happiness.

We all should be aware of the laundry room hours which are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please try to be courteous about the use of the laundry room and do your wash during those hours. If you have your own machines, please do your wash at times that you don't disturb your neighbors.

If you have any news or interesting stories for our building article, please



leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board. I hope all our neighbors and families have a wonderful Easter.

News from our Building Captain, Gerri Jaeger: Thank you to Cliff, Heinz, Sherry, George and Helen for helping clean up the storage areas. A special thank you to Fabrezio for taking the trash to the dump. Please do not leave any items other than normal trash in the trash room. We have no way of disposing of it.

Please note that old electronics can be taken to the Hercules recycle site on the last Wednesday of the month. The site is right past the Hercules Post Office. Let's work together to keep our building neat and clean.

We have a number of new residents in our building. Let's give them all a big welcome!

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Let's hear it for this Orizaba centenarian

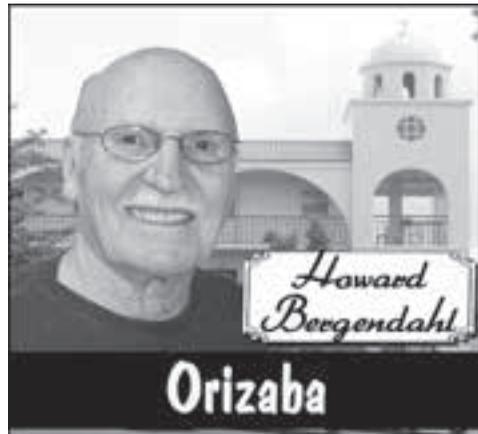
Break out the Smucker's jar! A longtime resident of the Orizaba Building is about to join the centenarian club. Fannie Battista is closing in on the 100th anniversary of her birthday. (See accompanying photo.)

Residents (headed by Helen Sutkowi) will gather at the Clearwater Country Club on April 18 to honor Fannie, and to celebrate with her. (Her actual birthday is in May but we will celebrate in April so as not to conflict with any family plans).

A signup sheet is on the bulletin board so sign up quickly. Fannie is well known to all of our residents and most are shocked that she is going to be 100. Fannie is one of the best dressed gals around and that probably is a result of her years in the fashion world of New York City.

Every Monday Fannie is a regular at the OTOW Bingo game in the East Activity Center and can be found on Fridays playing poker in the West Activity Center. I understand that her winning record is quite impressive.

The trip that Fannie made from growing up in New York to running a successful clothing business to being a wife and mother will all be highlighted at the gathering plus much more — don't miss it. Fannie may also bless us with some tips on the secrets of her longevity.



April is a month of ups and downs with the celebration of Easter and Passover but it is also the month when income tax returns have to be submitted. I think that there should be an age limit for paying income tax and that age should be whatever I happen to be!

I came across an old comic book the other day. It was a Dick Tracy episode and everyone was enraptured with the futuristic wrist radio that Dick wore. It was unheard of at the time and most people thought that it would never be an actuality.

What would those people think about the electronics we have now? We can watch television at home or walking down the street. We can talk to people on a telephone that has no cord (or party line). Trips to faraway



Orizaba resident Fannie Battista, who turns 100 in May, will be honored here in April.

(Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

places are common and travel times have been reduced tremendously. I went out as a child to play and my mother didn't hear from me for hours. Now, with cell phones, everyone is in contact constantly. What's next?

This is going to press before the monthly (March) luncheon at the Bahama Breeze, but from the amount of people signing up it will be a great outing. Flo Gracia has promised a good time for all.

A potpourri of visits, trips and dining dates

EASTER EGG

*No matter how dressed up and dyed
It's still the same old yolk inside.*

I wonder if any of my readers still dye eggs for Easter. I always loved having all those eggs for egg salad sandwiches. I now just boil and eat them. But the memories of Easter egg hunts of children and grandchildren are special.

I'm looking out the window above my desk at the beautiful new green leaves on the trees against the azure blue sky. It is a wonderful reminder of God's gifts of nature. I live on the third floor with the squirrels and the birds and love those trees.

So glad someone has taken over selecting a place for a get-together for the building. I missed seeing and dining with all of you. We went to Chopsticks Restaurant on March 17. That left the corned beef and cabbage to all the true Irish and avoided the crowds.



Thanks, Betty and Connie, for making the arrangements.

Connie Valentin reports that, following a cataract procedure, Eugenio can't believe how much more beautiful the world is with 20/20 vision. I had a friend who said that afterwards she couldn't believe how much green there was in the landscape; she thought it had all turned grey.

Patty Glover is having her 90th birthday this month. I can't wait until

she tells us all about her big day.

Ruth LaHoy's flying granddaughter was back visiting for a few days. Ruth says she is going on an overseas run in the future so she can visit other continents.

My son-in-law is back home in Connecticut. He left the 31st. He finished painting my bedroom and the other projects that had accumulated.

He was able to enjoy several spring training games including taking me to Lakeland to watch our first love, the Detroit Tigers versus the St. Louis Cardinals. He also treated me to "Fiddler on the Roof" at Ruth Eckerd Hall the night before he left.

He is a special son-in-law. I'm so glad our late daughter Jennifer found him. Now I'm back to talking to myself...

When you read this we will already be through one-third of 2012. Have a joyous Easter and don't eat too many chocolate Easter eggs!



Annual party was success

It seemed that February was going to be a busy month for the Mallorca Building, but some of the events that were planned were canceled for various reasons. However, what we did, we had a great time doing!

My very good friend and teaching colleague for almost 20 years, Loretta, and her husband Pete, from Lowville, N.Y., visited for a week. Thankfully we had decent weather so they could rest up and "charge their batteries."

By mutual agreement we really didn't do too much, but we really enjoyed the hot tub at the west activity center and the pool at the east activity center. As we recalled our week, we decided we did the S's: sleep, swim, sun, spa, shop and sip. It was a good week, and Loretta will be here again in April.

Debby and Bill Benzinger from the Emerald Isles Building and Jim and I hosted our annual Mardi Gras party. There were about 35 party-goers from both buildings and other guests who gathered to once again eat and enjoy each other's company. Bill made his famous sangria, and everyone brought something delicious to eat. Wendy and Wally Colquhoun won the best mask/costume contest. It was another fun evening!

The St. Patrick's parade was delightful, which seems to get bigger every year. Kudos to all those who were involved!

Happy Easter and happy spring to all!

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Trip to Vinoy found renovations in progress for a new look

Hi, I'm back. Thank you, Doris Turner, for taking over the trip to Vinoy. Sophie Pechin set this nice program up, but being under the weather kept Sophie from running it. Doris said even though it rained, the following girls went and had a great time: Katie Marsh, her friend Doris Turner, Olive Earley, Barbara Namil. Unfortunately only one was from our building.

It was a two-hour tour. Lots of history. They witnessed the renovation of Vinoy. Its future looks great. The lunch was super. No problem parking and a great time were had by all.

What a busy February! I wound down with going to a wine and cheese gathering celebrating with the second-floor families who returned to their condos after the building fire. They needed this. Maybe we'll have another one when the last two condos are finished.

Attending besides myself were Bill and Tina Bingham, Gary and Mickey Planton, Lois Dahl, Jo Williams, Joyce Cherson, Chet LeVay, Laurie Cole, and



Len and Alice Terenzi. A few of them appear in the photo at right. Wonder what happened to Mickey at the close of a great night?

I celebrated my birthday at my daughters' in New Port Richey with family. I was told of my grandson's achievement as an EMT volunteer for the Hernando Fire Dept. He goes to college and works full time as a Pharmacy Tech. He's busy with school for paramedic training in the fall. He couldn't make the dinner; he had to



Some of the Rural French residents displaced by the recent fire celebrate their moving back in. From left, Tina Bingham, Chet Levay, Laurie Cole and Lois Dahl.

work at CVS. His sister, a graduate of Virginia Tech went back to take classes to be a Pharmacist. We had her and also our great-grandson for dinner.

Dog owners: Curb your dog and please pick up after them.

Remember, don't think about getting insurance. Do it!

Any building news? I need someone to take next month's trip – call me! Be good to one another. God bless, vote, and complete the census card.

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A big Americana welcome to a few new building residents

The Americana Social Club wants to extend a warm welcome to several new residents including Joyce Fritzen, Dianne and Paul Merchant and Jean Nicolaus.

The Americana is a fun-filled place to live and we look forward to all of you enjoying the festivities, including the BBQ/picnic on April 11 from 4 p.m. until...? Get used to checking the bulletin boards for other activities both in this building and at On Top of the World in general.

Marge Mayer and her friend, Shirley Klein, joined the Snowbirds Club on a Valentine cruise out of Tampa on the Royal Caribbean lines. In Cozumel, they took a bus tour to see the sites of this popular Mexican town.

They went to the museum and gardens in Discover America Park and to a tequila factory where they sampled several kinds of tequila (lots of laughing and singing on the return trip back to the ship!)

Marge then had a little luck for a while at the casino, but of course, wound up giving most of it back.

They were unable to dock in Tampa for several hours because of heavy fog, so they were served lunch by the cruise line. Happily, they finally made it into port. Everyone agreed they had a great time.

I had a grand President's Day weekend with a visit from my son and his wife and three grandchildren, who came all the way from Long Island, N.Y.



They arrived in time to see me on stage in the final Jester's show. Then on Monday, after attempting to visit "Winter" the dolphin at the Clearwater Aquarium, but finding it too full (it was a school holiday that day), we doubled back and enjoyed a picnic lunch at Philippe Park.

The grandkids had a ball walking along the beach throwing shells into the water, climbing the Indian Mound and exploring the super playground in the park.

Tuesday morning we got an early start back to the aquarium and finally got to see Winter and the rest of the exhibits of turtles, other dolphins and various other types of sea life.

Our last Monday of the month luncheon was held at Lucky Dill. Catherine Gray made the arrangements and about 25 of us enjoyed this get-together.

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Brothers' visit makes for a fine mini-vacation for reporter

Last month I was lucky enough to enjoy a visit with my three brothers and their wives, along with two cousins and their spouses. We had a beautiful day to sit out doors while the fellows went golfing.

When they returned we had a barbeque and I entertained our guests with pictures from our last trips. This visit has become an annual event and we hope it continues for many years to come. See photo at right.

Herbert and Inge Greicha arrived from Austria and have been enjoying visits with many of their friends, golfing here at OTOW, as well as many of the surrounding golf courses, and shopping and walking along the beach.

Dorothy Churchill enjoyed the production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" at the Francis Wilson Playhouse with friends. She said



it was a wonderful presentation and we should all take advantage of this local theatre.

Birthday wishes are extended this month to Ron Magnussen on April 4 and Bob Anderson on April 17. Hope each of you enjoys your special day!

Reporter Barbara Sundberg seems to enjoy being surrounded by her three brothers, Ben, Bruce and Bryant Brand during their recent visit to OTOW. (Photo by Jim Sundberg)

Seasonal activities are surely in full swing

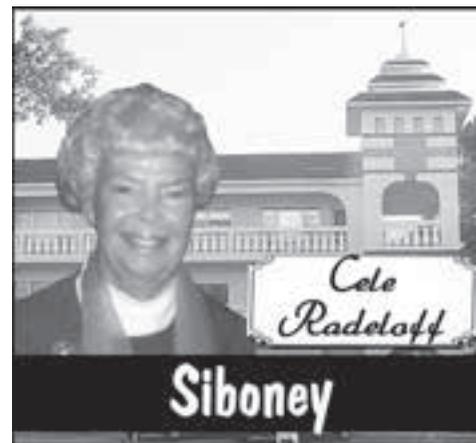
What a busy month! All the clubs are going strong, having their parties and dances. The buildings are planning luncheons, picnics, core parties and day trips; our On Top of the World newspaper seems to be getting larger and larger.

All the shows, Jesters, Theater Workshop, Chorus and the Suncoast Symphony, were so entertaining and we thank everyone involved for their hard work. Isn't it wonderful living in such a terrific and active community?

Here in the Siboney, the Chinese auction, Valentine's Day breakfast, core party, luncheon at Rumba's, were all well-attended and we thank Rita Tombari for making the reservations.

The core decorations, with a green Irish theme, were put up by Paula and Craig Ergang. They make us feel good when we enter the building. Many thanks!

I'm grateful to Barbara and Bob Stone for inviting Peg Dugan and me to Mandy Patinkin's performance at Ruth Eckerd Hall. We were impressed by his



musical repertoire and beautiful voice.

Bob and Barbara have been ushers at Ruth Eckerd for many years and Bob has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, off and on, for about 10 years. They are presently building new homes for needy people in Pinellas County. They are hoping to build 52 homes in the next two years at Fuller Street and Betty Lane, off Sunset Point Road.

You can register on line with your PC and show up any Saturday from 8

a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is eligible for most of the jobs. You can refuse any job you feel you cannot do and will be assigned something else – from cleanup to painting, to nailing, to roof work and studs and partitions. Come out and help.

They recently built two homes (three-bedrooms, two-baths) complete in seven days. About 400 people helped out. Ride over to Betty Lane and see the new homes they have built. Thanks, Bob, for your participation with Habitat for Humanity. They do great work!

Mary Jane DeVoe made a delicious cake for our monthly building meeting. Agnes Krepelka and Cele furnished the sugarless cookies.

Our Easter dinner will be on Sunday, April 8, at 2 p.m. Watch the bulletin board and sign up. Everyone is invited. Bring your decorated hat.

Next building meeting is April 25. \$5 dues are now due.

Watch out for those April Fool jokes! Happy Easter – Happy Passover!

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 6:30 p.m. (new time) 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.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

Once again, note the new meeting time of 6:30 p.m.

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Featured resident was born in Limerick, lived in Shannon

By Cecile Sangiamo

No one gets around as much as Al O'Connor, whether crossing the sea, having coffee on deck with the Osmond Brothers or traveling in the airplane cockpit of his flight days before September 11th.

Did you catch him in the latest Jesters show aiming bow and arrow at one of the Dancing Swans or marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade?

Some mornings he can be seen stopping at the Coffee Corner for a cup of Joe. In his life before coming to live in Florida, he performed in 15 Broadway shows as part of the Theatre Club of Limerick and Shannon in Ireland.

Among his list of musicals are "The Merry Widow," "Anything Goes," "Kiss Me Kate," "Irene," "Guys and Dolls," "Country Girl," "Desert Song" and "Show Boat."

The group was made up of all locals and called themselves The Cecilian Society (after the patron saint of music). Al's favorite show was "My Fair Lady," where he played one of Doolittle's sidekicks.

Al was born in Limerick and had his schooling in the mid-west of Ireland, where he made lifetime friends with whom he keeps in close contact, either here in Florida or back on the "Old Sod."

Al loves to play golf, so when his buddy Pat Sheehan came Stateside

for vacation, they teed off at 22 golf courses around the area. Sports are a favorite pastime for the Irish and Al is no exception!

Besides golf, he won many badminton championships, both in singles and doubles.

Al served as Director of the Limerick League of Ireland Football Association.

The senior O'Connors raised their six children: four boys and two girls, Al being the baby of the family. Their 16-room Georgian style home was near the center of the town.

Dad maintained the family with his specialized trade as a clothing cutter. Never one given to drink, he had a firm smoking habit which was permanently cured by a rise of two cents in the tax on cigarettes. He threw the pack into the fireplace, said, "that's it," and never touched another smoke.

Life at home was lively with all those kids. During the war, things were scarce all over the region, although they always had enough to eat. Mom managed to find a little more to make up a pot of food which one of the boys was assigned to bring to a nearby needy family.

Al went to a school run by the Irish Christian Brothers who governed the boys with firm discipline and classical leaning. He remembers one Brother in particular who was a hard taskmaster.



Featured resident Al O'Connor mans a spotlight during one of the many OTOW productions in which he has participated since he moved here.

After he graduated, Al entered the world of tourism and enjoyed that career for over 10 years, sometimes doubling as a chauffeur/guide for visiting dignitaries. He often conducted tours for many Irish-Americans who came seeking the origins of their ancestors.

While in Killarney during one of his tours he met his future

wife, Mary. His first trip to the United States came as part of his efforts to promote tourism to Ireland. During the war, an army base was established at Shannon, which is now a major airport.

Slow development grew after war's end, making Shannon the first new town created in Ireland in 2,000 years.

Al became the Manager for the Shannon Town Center in charge of security, rentals, and development. An opportunity arose to build the town's only gasoline station so Al, with partners, leased the property and ran the gas station with the help of Texaco.

After 10 years Al retired and sold it to his son, Darragh, who added a deli and car wash. A reproduction of the Texaco sign can be seen below.

His other children are daughters Clodagh and Sinead. They live in Ireland and England and have presented Al with a total of six grandchildren.

Meeting featured an extra-special potluck

Our scheduled fall meeting was held with bated breath, and a goodly number of residents attended. We apparently did not influence all of our newcomers to come out of hiding and get acquainted with the older, more experienced folk.

Our tables were all ready for us early birds (thanks to our amiable chairman Laurie Wookey) to which we added small pots of African violets.

We appreciated Marella Cassells' warm welcome to all who came bearing their potluck offerings and then a blessing for our meal, which was enhanced with lasagna (two kinds) for a change of menu from the past and covered by our treasury.

Laurie explained the need for new officer volunteers. Yours truly again appealed for contributions from our residents for news for this column.

Mary also suggested that we have a doggy get-acquainted event after Easter as many newcomers have moved in with their puppy companions and we can enjoy getting to know them as well. Barbara Hamel has agreed to



co-chair this occasion along with her "Connor." Six others signed up, too. More about this will be posted on the bulletin board.

Marella wrote me a good bit of her news for January but too late to get it in for March. Now she reports to me that she plans to go to Winter Park later this year to pick up a college classmate, and they will drive to Macon, Ga. to attend their 60th year reunion at Wesleyan College (the oldest college in America founded as an all-girl, four-year college.) ("That's right. We graduated in '52 from the 'Oldest and Best', as it says

in the Alma Mater.")

Their only hope is that they will not be the only ones from their class to return for the celebration. They will then drive to the Atlanta airport to see the friend off to Florida, and Marella will stay for a week with family.

We are happy to see the three Bandemers back among us. They were late due to a very busy summer and fall last year. Their youngest grandson graduated and became a Certified Paramedic, who soon was married in a huge wedding at a country club and honeymooned in Costa Rica.

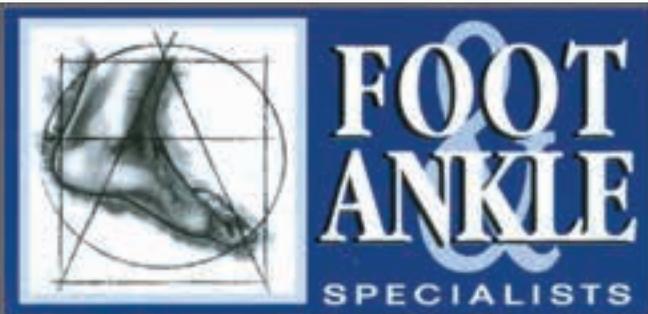
Gary loves to run errands and helps out whenever a need is made known to him. He looks forward to Monday evenings to play bingo, of course.

We are glad to have Norman Jacques back on the scene. We also welcome Ron Land to join Kay and Don and our Saratoga family.

Barbara and Bob Hamel's daughter is visiting with her friend, an NYU graduate student. She looks forward to receiving her MSW degree from the University of Connecticut in May. The Hamels' friend of 40 years will soon be here with her husband to visit.



Al O'Connor's business sign from his gas station in Shannon, Ireland.



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We have a new Sunshine person. Julie Miller will be the one to call when you know of a member of our building who is ill. She will be sending out cards to cheer them.

Barbara Sensale and Rachel Tranchemontagne went on a five-day Royal Caribbean Cruise to Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico, with the Snowbird Club in February. Joining them was Rachel's daughter and son-in-law from New Hampshire.

In the photo at right, they are shown in Costa Maya, Mexico, holding "Sophie," a three-month old tiger. Sophie lives in a Mexico City preserve and is only allowed to be displayed with people for another two weeks. The photo at far right shows them with their ship in the background.

The gals had a wonderful time, traveled on a catamaran and spent a day on the Passion Island beach. The food was so wonderful, Barbara gained her lost five pounds back. Seems like that's always easy to do on a cruise!



Barbara and Rachel with "Sophie," a 3-month-old tiger, in Costa Maya, Mexico



Rachel Tranchemontagne and Barbara Sensale on their five-day Royal Caribbean cruise. They are shown here in front of their ship at a Mexican port.

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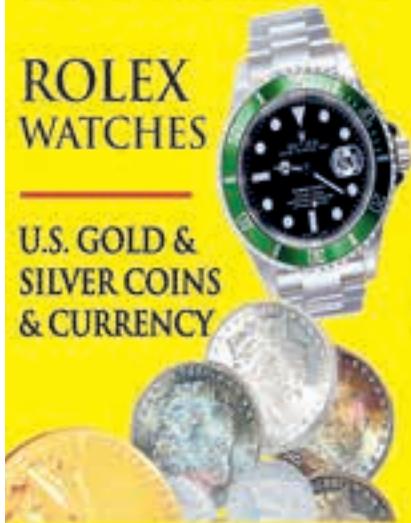
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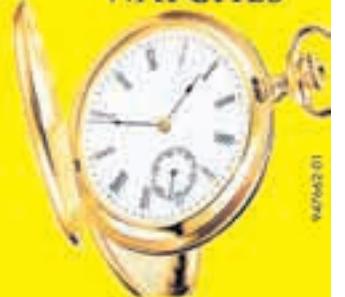
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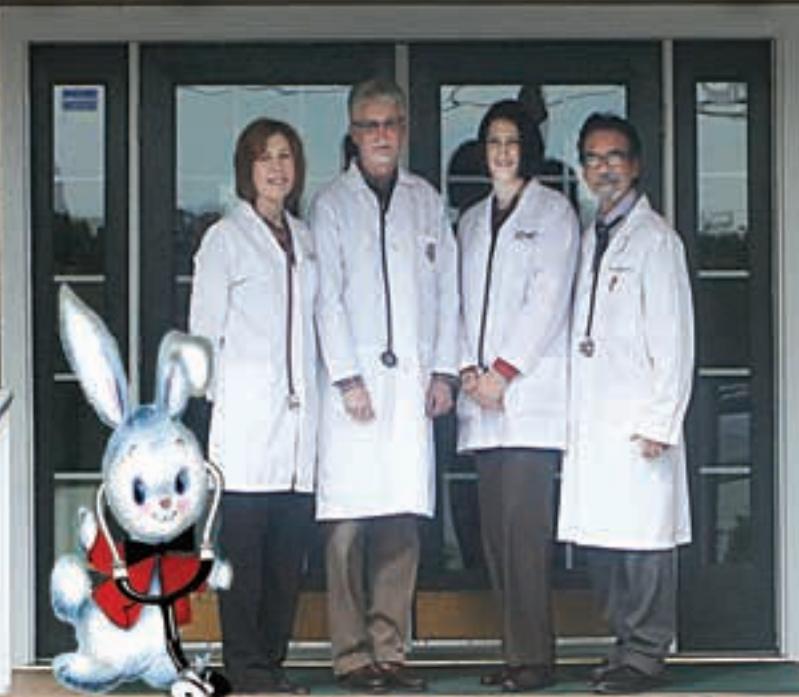
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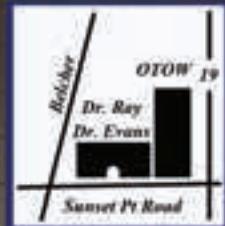
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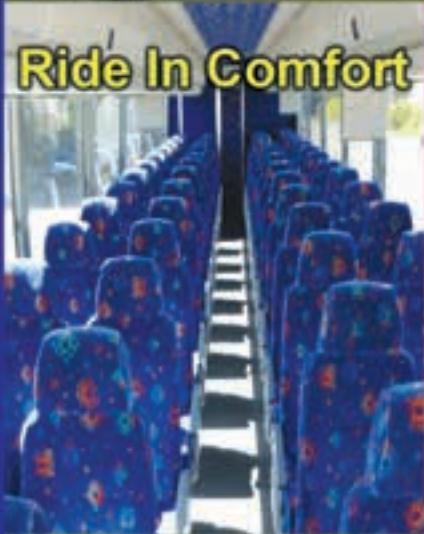



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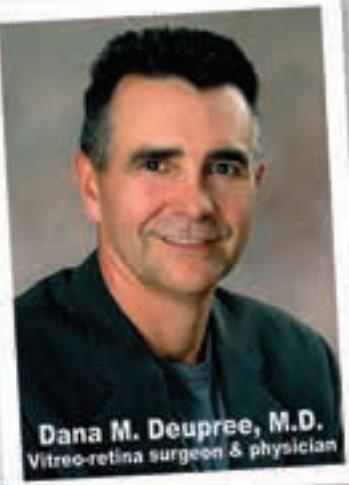


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Featured couple have different backgrounds, similar interests

Hi, neighbors. How in the world R U? Do you know Susan and Gary Carlson? Well, if not, it's time to meet them. They come from Erie, Pa., where they still spend their summers.

Susan was raised with one sister and two brothers in the small town of North East, Pa., which happens to be in the northwestern part of the state, on Lake Erie.

This section of our country is known as the "fruit belt", extending eastward into New York state. There are apples, peaches, blueberries, strawberries and grapes to be picked. Some people say this grape country rivals Napa Valley.

Susan's father was a "gentleman farmer." He had a small vineyard and a field of hay, with cows, pigs, chickens and a goat. Susan can testify that it's much easier to milk a cow than a goat. Reason: the cow will stand still!

Susan attended Erie Business Center where she majored in accounting, which led to her 40-year banking career.

Gary's great-grandparents were born in Sweden. His grandfather came to America and settled in Cheboygan, Mich., a town of many Swedish immigrant farmers. German was spoken in the homes. Gary's father didn't learn to speak English until he entered high school.

Growing up, Gary had three brothers and a sister. He tells me that



from age 12 to 17 he worked many jobs. He sold newspapers, delivered bottled milk, pitched hay, picked crops and worked for Dow Chemical, to name a few.

After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army, served three years and then went to college under the G.I. bill. He earned his B.A. from Michigan State and a Masters from Northwestern in Illinois. His degrees brought him into the banking industry.

Susan has been coming to Florida since 1972 and Gary since 1980. They met at a dance. When the band was playing "May I have this dance for the rest of my life," Gary asked Susan to dance. Gary says it was "a good sign." They were married March 23, 1985 in the Lutheran Church of the Palms in Palm Harbor.

They came to On Top of the World in 1998. They are new



Swedish Traditional featured residents Gary and Susan Carlson.

to their Swedish Traditional condo, which they share with their two cats, Angel and Annie.

Susan and Gary are a very active couple. You'll see Gary on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the fitness center "working out" and then selling tickets during the Jesters and Theatre Workshop shows.

Susan is a dancer in these two shows and models for the Entertainment Committee's "Sunday-in-the-Park" fashion shows.

It's no surprise to learn that Susan studied ballet and ballroom dancing

and attended modeling classes at the "Seventeen" (the magazine) Beauty Workshop as a young girl. And it's obvious she loves to dance!

Thank you, Susan and Gary, for a fun interview. We'll see you around the campus (sometimes on your bicycles).

Susan says if anyone stops by for a visit in Erie, they'll be served fresh Amish "apple dapple cake" and coffee. Sounds yummy!

Answer to question in the December issue: A 30-year-old man wants to wake up married. How about a 40-year-old man?

Building decorator lauded

Building Captain Jim Sheppard presided over our meeting held March 3. Connie McDonald, our treasurer, read the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Dues may be paid to Connie; they remain \$10 per year.

Charley Coffin received a round of applause for his efforts in decorating the building for the holidays. We did not enter the decorating contest; however, we could have given the winners a run for the gold! Our sincere thanks to Charley for a job well done.

Since everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas party at Spoto's, it was decided it would be held there again this year. Date to be announced.

Our building is due to be painted this year. This means that if your car is parked in the lot close to the building, please be sure that you or someone you feel comfortable with can move your car if you cannot be available to do so. If not moved, your car may become color-coordinated with the building!

It was mentioned we might try luncheons again if enough interest is shown. It would be a fun and a nice way to catch up with your neighbors, and for



this reporter to get some news.

We all want to thank both Jim and Connie for their many years of dedicated stewardship of our building.

Bill and Pat Johnson celebrated their 48th Anniversary at Casa Marina Resort in Key West. Missy their cairn terrier vacationed with a family friend while Minni Me the kitty enjoyed having home to himself with the sitter.

Pat said they met as youngsters in Stone Harbor, N.J. Our congratulations and warm wishes to Pat and Bill!

If you have any news please drop it off at my unit. The coffee or tea will be on.

Above-normal participation at recent building activities

Thanks to great weather, our residents have not been bundled up in their condos huddled in front of the electric heaters nor have they been hiding in air-conditioned rooms dreading to venture out into the heat — they have been joyfully attending our monthly lunch/dinner events.

In the past three months, we have had record-breaking attendance at all of the functions, from the potluck business meeting, to Kally-K's where we celebrated Ruth Hickman's 90th birthday, to the March dinner at Cheddar's. I'm thrilled at your interest and your participation. Please keep it up.

That participation did not wane for the American Gothic Golf Day held in late March on the 18-hole golf course. We were even joined by our next-door neighbors from the Victorian building. There were birdies and bogies and a good time enjoyed by all. A pizza party followed at CiCi's, where there were no winners or losers.

Now, after patting you all on the



back, don't let me down for the "Bye-Bye Birdies" picnic. Elaine and Bob Ellis will once again host the picnic on their patio and in the backyard behind their condo. All residents are welcome. Please bring a chair, your beverages, and a dish or snack to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. The time and date will soon be posted on the bulletin board; keep an eye on it.

Our monthly summer lunches will probably commence in May.

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Regina Dietrich

Feb. 1 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	2230
Chet Czczot	1670
Feb. 2	
Julie Solfronk	3600
Verna Olson	3290
Feb. 3 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4140
Jane Child	2790
Feb. 6	
Marilyn Miller	2150
Nancy Savelle	1120
Feb. 6 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4130
Chet Czczot	2750
Feb. 9	
Roland Wigley	4360
Bunny Posan	3930
Feb. 10 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	2940
Chet Czczot	2450
Feb. 13	
Regina Dietrich	3290
Nancy Savelle	2650
Feb. 13 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4890
Chet Czczot	2390
Feb. 15 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4150
Jane Child	2260
Feb. 16	
Nancy Savelle	5280
Marilyn Miller	4050
Feb. 17 (PM)	
Chet Czczot	4000
Sergio Pistella	3950
Feb. 20	
Naoma Harper	3770
Nancy Savelle	2680
Feb. 20 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	2780
Jane Child	2150
Feb. 23	
Roland Wigley	3360
Marilyn Miller	3190
Feb. 24 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4210
Jane Child	3210
Feb. 27	
Nancy Savelle	2790
Regina Dietrich	2710
Feb. 27 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4200
Jane Child	3110
Feb. 29 (PM)	
Virgil Meyer	2770
Sergio Pistella	2610



Feb. 1	
3060	Ann Gerhling
2460	Elsie Toth
Feb. 8	
3150	Fran Peck
2450	Sherry
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2960	Sherry
2700	Ann Gehrling
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Feb. 22	
2980	Sherry
2470	Muriel Landau
Feb. 29	
1940	Elsie Toth
1580	Ann Gehrling



**EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec**

Feb. 14	
6880 (1st Place)	Jeanne Sanders
6190 (2nd Place)	Pat Gilchrist
Took All Tricks	Julie Hofmaster, Dick Gordon
Feb. 17	
7060 (1st Place)	Marge Garvey
6920 (2nd Place)	Madelyn Thome
Double Pinochle	June Sweeney, Marge Garvey
Took All Tricks ...	Frank Spero, Dick Gordon
Feb. 21	
6950 (1st Place)	Gene Karlin
6600 (2nd Place)	Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle	Joan Wolf, Gene Karlin, Chet Czczot
Feb. 23	
6520 (1st Place)	Joan Mannarino
6470 (2nd Place)	Diane
Double Pinochle	Al Lacher, Joan Mannarino
Feb. 28	
6710 (1st Place)	Kay Nelson
6480 (2nd Place)	Ann Reed
Double Pinochle	Kay Nelson, Clayton Hancock, Joyce Harvey
Round House	Rose Oshaben
Took All Tricks	Kay Nelson, Ruth LeHoy
March 2	
7450 (1st Place)	Peggy Kane
6610 (2nd Place)	Madelyn Thome
Took All Tricks	Jan Jankowski, Frank Spero
March 7	
7670 (1st Place)	Bertie Lewis
6840 (2nd Place)	Peggy Kane
Round House	Helen Gonzalez, Elwyn Legg
March 8	
6900 (1st Place)	Elwyn Legg
6780 (2nd Place)	Joyce Harvey
Double Pinochle	Joyce Harvey



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**WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis**

Feb. 23	
6720 (1st Place)	Chet Czczot
6630 (2nd Place)	Eileen Brust
Double Pinochle	Eileen Brust, Alice Langgath, Bill House, Ann Reed
March 1	
6660 (1st Place)	Alice Langgath
6550 (2nd Place)	Russ Zurkan
Took All Tricks	Pat Gilchrist, Ann Reed
March 7	
6390 (1st Place)	Bertie Lewis
6330 (2nd Place)	Frank Staffieri
Took All Tricks	Nancy House, Alma Zurkan
March 15	
5960 (1st Place)	Gin Upton
5920 (2nd Place)	Chet Czczot



Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays	
Walter Balderson, Director	
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)	
Wednesday, Feb. 22	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson, Rita Marshall, Jackie Frenette
E/W:	Marie Hebert, Thelma Jacobson, Charlie McKague, M.A. Sinnenberg
Saturday, Feb. 25	
N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle, Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
E/W:	Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge, Julienne Workman, Kay Ralston
Monday, Feb. 27	
N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle, Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine, Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
Wednesday, Feb. 29	
N/S:	Rita Marshall, Jackie Frenette, Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
E/W:	Hilda Platte, Betty Hayhurst, Charlie McKague, M.A. Sinnenberg
Saturday, March 3	
N/S:	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer, Nita Akers, Beverly Gibbo
E/W:	Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge, Dottie Daly, Mary Ann Sinnenberg

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(Duplicate Bridge continued from previous column)

Monday, March 5	
N/S:	Rita Marshall, Jackie Frenette, Howard Laufer, Diane Laufer
E/W:	Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann, Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch
Wednesday, March 7	
N/S:	Joan Moore, Pat Van Hise, Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
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E/W:	Hilda Platte, Grace Meehan, Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Monday, March 12	
N/S:	Diane Laufer, Howard Laufer, Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Nita Akers, Liz Bohl, Betty Sagun, Hilda Platte
Wednesday, March 14	
N/S:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman, Rita Marshall, Jackie Frenette
E/W:	Liz Bohl, Maxine Swanson, Dottie Daly, Mary Ann Sinnenberg
Saturday, March 17	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness, Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
E/W:	Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen, Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
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3	May Blair
4	Kay Nelson
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2	Ron Murray
3	Kay Nelson
4	Maxine Murray

Live music turned annual meeting into something special

Thanks to being under the weather, your reporter was not able to write an article last month. This was unfortunate, because there was a lot to share about Rancho Del Mundo's annual meeting, held earlier on a lovely Sunday afternoon in the East Activity Center.

Pizza was the menu with a wonderful salad and desserts provided by attendees.

The most important piece of business discussed concerned the need for our building to have a Chairperson. Tony Sulmonte and Mae O'Brien have shared this position for many years. Mae has stepped down and we are in need of someone to fill her shoes. Thank you, Mae, for your faithful service over the years!

Kudos to the following Wing Captains: Eleanor Plank, first floor (Denmark) side; Mae O'Brien and Frank Skeith, third floor (Australia), and Cathy Patterson for taking care of our Bulletin Boards for all these years. Cathy, you are an amazing person!

It was music to our ears! Before and after our business meeting we were serenaded by our wonderful Sergio Pistella on accordion, Beverly Schray on keyboard and Bob Peek



with his own golden pipes. They played all the "oldies but goodies" and we soaked it all in.

We can only imagine the planning and practice that goes into getting ready for our annual event. We hope they are willing to come back for an encore in 2013! Thank you, Sergio and company!

I am wondering if there is anyone out there who would be interested in gathering building news for our monthly newspaper. I love writing the articles, but due to my work schedule I am neither inclined nor do I have the time to gather news.

I'm always available by phone to receive news: 725-9527. Call me.

Parade was well-represented

What a good time we had at the St. Patrick's Day parade! Our building was fortunate to have three of our residents in the parade – Rose Mulhall and Diane Cavanaugh with the Irish Club, and Nancy Geyer representing Ladies Golf. You all did a great job.

Nine of us gals met for lunch at Bon Appétit Restaurant on March 6. At least two of the women had never been there, so they really enjoyed the waterfront venue.

Then on the 10th, about 20 residents got together for a surprise birthday party for Nancy Geyer. Husband Pete managed to keep Nancy occupied elsewhere while we all sneaked in with our gifts. I don't want to start any ugly rumors, but when I asked Pete if the party was his idea, he said no, that upon advice by his attorney he knew he had better do this. Yeah, right! Also, I hear that Anna and Tommie Myers were involved in the conspiracy. We all had a fun time.

John and Marilyn Jernberg returned from a 10-day cruise to Panama. They traveled with three other couples, and went part-way into the Panama Canal which Marilyn and John both said was very interesting.

Then they went on to Aruba, Cartagena (Columbia), Costa Rica, Jamaica and back to Fort Lauderdale.



While they were gone, their tenth great-grandchild was born, a little girl, whom they hope to see very soon.

A lot of the clubs at On Top of the World will wrap up this season with lunches or picnics in April before the great migration to the North. We always miss our Snowbirds and eagerly await their arrival in the fall.

Happy Easter to all!

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Exciting rescue at sea was unforgettable part of cruise

Don and Edna Saville of On Top of the World became the proud great-grandparents on Jan. 27 with the arrival of a bouncing baby girl (7 lbs. 8 oz.). See photo. Congratulations!

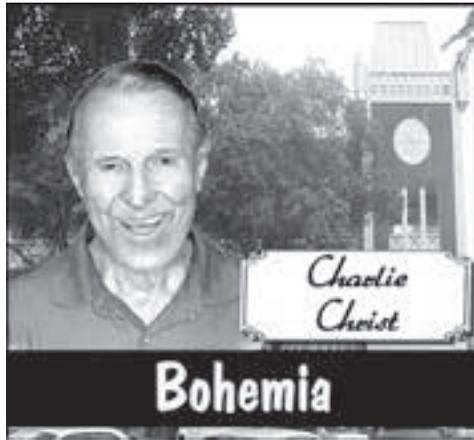
It appears that our very first cruising experience was a smashing success! The big story was a surprising rescue at sea when our ship, the *Norwegian Star*, answered an SOS from a sailboat, the *Hokulani*, registered in Hawaii. It seems the skipper forgot to store a spare generator and his main mast was broken. We picked them up 62 miles west of Cuba (see photo). The Coast Guard had to scuttle his boat afterwards.

Some 38 of us spent an enjoyable week at sea. "We visited the Mayan ruins and had lunch with a Mayan family. It reminded us how extremely fortunate we are to be in the U.S.A. with running water and indoor plumbing," reported Mary and Ray Connoly.

"I want to thank the *Norwegian Star* personnel for the wonderful way they treated my disabled son," commented Dolly Kemp.

You'll have to ask for the details about what they remembered when imbibing at Senor Frog's or Carlos Charlie's, and maybe the same goes for the ladies who watched the "Ship-in-Males" a group of entertainers similar to the Chippendales. Their story went something like "what happens on the ship stays on the ship," but I've learned there are some pictures.

Jim and Paula Schelling made out playing bingo while, I understand, a few



Don and Edna Saville's new great-granddaughter, born Jan. 27.

like Maxine and Jerry put in some late hours at the casino.

Jim Kemp "loved the nice big shower and enjoyed the company." Jim and Sandy Ropp had a cook's tour of Belize and Honduras, when their son-in-law showed them around. It seems he lived there for a number of years in his past life.

Many commented favorably on their trip to visit and swim with the dolphins on Cozumel.

There was unanimous agreement from those who participated in the



The *Hokulani* being assisted after it became stranded off Cuba. Passengers on the cruise ship mentioned in this column had a "front-row seat" to the rescue activity.

karaoke night that it was a fantastic experience to listen to.

Some of us checked with the Mayans regarding the "end of the world" prediction based on the Mayan calendar. The calendar ends every 50 years, which will be 2012. So, the Mayans told us this doesn't necessarily mean the end of the world, because they will just come out with a new calendar which they have done every 50 years since the beginning of their calendars. So, draw your own conclusions, but they didn't seem too worried about it.

In summary, all seemed to agree on the dining in deluxe restaurants or buffets, the variety of entertainment, the comforts of the ship, and the

splendid service. So the inevitable is now happening. Paula tells me "we are planning for the next one."

Remember our "hump days" on Wednesdays, folks. Paula reports there was really a good crowd at the Ivory Mandarin in Dunedin last week. You also might think about the best form of exercising: walking. That's done with our Bohemian Walkers Club every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning around 7 o'clock. I tried it twice and found it very stimulating, social, and satisfying. Try it with someone in the club at first. They would be glad to share the exercise with you and tell you all about it. You'll be glad you did and benefit from the experience, I assure you!

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Residents enjoy activities galore at OTOW

Casa Verde has talent! If you saw the recent Jesters show, you were entertained by John Kannaly, Linda Carter, and Joanne Marick. All of these stars are residents of Casa Verde.

What other talents are there in the building? Ray Cooper is a great organist; in fact, he plays at the Salvation Army Church up the road on Belcher. He also sings duets at the church with his lovely wife Meryln.

John Mikles played the euphonium until recently. His wife, Anne, plays the piano and organ and she likes to paint for her own enjoyment.

Steven Giddings plays the drums and Jack Smith plays percussion instruments. His wife Jean has a beautiful voice and sings with the choir.

Pat Kiddoo and Peggy French play the coronet. Peggy also plays the piano and she was a vocal soloist. Her husband Wally plays the baritone.

Barb Sbordon is quite an artist; she has had her work shown in various galleries in the area.



Mary Dicke is great at putting craft items together, and Jean Wilson and Jo Settle are expert quilters.

Ed Stefan and Fred Maisolle make jewelry. In fact, Fred teaches a jewelry class on Fridays from 9-12 right here at OTOW. He also plays tennis and golf most weekdays and bowls two days a week. Ray Woolsey is also a tennis player.

Paul Zuckerman has a broad background in golf. He has played in Scotland 10 times and in Ireland

six times. Dottie Ott teaches water aerobics from May until October. She has been doing this at OTOW the past 10 years.

I just had my first child's book published since moving to On Top of the World. The title is "Brenden Plays Soccer."

Four of our residents: Roy Ott, Mary Dicke, and Jean and Fred Wilson volunteer every Monday at the West Activity Center, where we go each year to renew our activity cards. You can see Mary trimming the computer-generated cards as they get ready to be laminated. She has been there, unless she is traveling or ill, since 1981.

Lani Trahan, Jane Lee and Jan Jacobs volunteer at Mease Dunedin, Morton Plant, and Mease Countryside.

And Jan Jacobs volunteers five days a week at Mease Dunedin Hospital.

Like I said, Casa Verde *does* have talent!

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OTOW "Mystery Buildings" Report

These Irish residents show their hospitality at the Moor Building

This is another in a series of reports from buildings that have not had a regular OTOW News reporter in a very long time, if ever. Feature writer Diane Cavanaugh will visit a different "mystery building" regularly and report on its activities.

By Diane Cavanaugh

If you are looking for "Irish Hospitality" and lots of smiles, then visit the home of Michael Stack and his lovely partner, Ellen. Michael and Ellen both reign from Ireland, and then settled in New York State.



Prior to meeting some 10 years ago, both were married previously; Ellen having two children and five grandchildren, and Michael having four children and nine grandchildren.

The couple moved to our friendly On Top of the World six years ago, but have maintained for 32 years the "Stack's Lamp Post Hotel and Pub," in the Catskills. Michael added a driving range in 1997.

His children have their own careers, but help on weekends as bartenders and for special occasions.

Michael originally started in America as a blacksmith. When an opportunity in construction opened in the Bronx, he signed on working on the Narrow Bridge in Staten Island, the Cross Bronx Expressway, and 55 Water Street.

Ellen was a "Domestic Engineer" loving and caring for her children. She obviously did a great job, as her children call

her every day! Her son is with the Manhattan Police force of NYPD; her daughter is a nurse at Montefiore Hospital.

The couple's condo looks like a "model home" after its renovation. From the tile flooring, custom bath vanity, and marble kitchen counters and breakfast bar that Michael crafted. When the project was completed they invited 70 of their "closest friends and neighbors" for a feast, featuring music by "The Danny O'Brien Band."

Ellen enjoys the pools and going to the beach. She models a great tan, and has the look of a healthy happy woman, content with her life and herself.

Michael enjoys golf and they both love to waltz.

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Chetnik resident is indeed a man of many talents

In the February issue of the OTOW News, there was an article in the Fixers Club column about the club's secretary, John Koning, who not only is an expert carpenter and cabinet maker, but was a firefighter. He also designed the fixers and Snowbirds web site.

What is most impressive about this multi-gifted man is that he has written 10 children's stories and has published four of them. John has credited his wife Pat as actually the co-author of his books.

Nowhere did it mention what building the Konings live in. We are very proud that they are Chetnik residents.

Lil and Murray graced us with their presence at the February building luncheon at Queen's. How wonderful of them to celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary with us. We congratulated them and wished them many more happy years.

The Zolkowers said that Leon and Gladys Turner, formerly from Chetnik, and also at Mease Manor, send their regards to all. Mary Kearney brought her granddaughter from Orlando to the luncheon as a guest. There were 18 of us.



Donald Eisenhardt, from Ocean City, N.J., is down to watch the Phillies games. His wife Karen is still up in New Jersey working.

The McKays have a revolving door at their condo. In February, Betty's daughter visited from Grosse Pointe, Mich., for a week. She is a school administrator and also a professional artist. In early March, Betty's son and his family visited from Riverview, Mich. Shortly thereafter, her granddaughter and hubby from Greenville, S.C., visited for a few days.

Our building dues are only \$10 this year. Cash or a check (made out to Chetnik Bldg Fund) can be given to me or Muriel.

Seems like nearly everyone is involved in an activity or two

There was a good turnout at the Irish parade. Several families either marched or observed annual Irish parade: Hazel and Leo Kelly, Eileen and Joe Davidson, Carol and Charles Hersh, Mary and Frank Grealish, and Esther and Alan Connin. Some of us continued to the parking lot for a complimentary beer and hot dog.

We all wish Dot Thomas well and miss seeing her around our building.

Keeping busy, Helen Morris continues to crochet, knit, making quilts by hand and creates ceramics to paint, especially her favorite fairy with wings. She shares all of it with her children, grandchildren and friends. She favors mostly fiction writers and still "burns the telephone wires" especially to her former home in Massachusetts.

Charity begins at home, actually in our building, where Charles Hersh occasionally helps lifting heavy objects for needy neighbors.

Sidney Roth submitted poetry sample to a local library to compete. Let's keep our fingers crossed that he wins.

Gail and Ken Nixon entertained a friend from Canada and visited local tourist spots. They, along with Arlene and Herb Rosenberg, as well as Nancy Swift are seen daily walking their dogs and stopping for a friendly chat.

For a number of years, Janet Hanley has helped raise greyhounds; she also volunteers as an usher at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Aggie Matthews relaxes on her front porch and waves from afar with



her daughter and son-in-law visiting daily since they live across the street.

Judy and Larry Ishida are doing major renovation to fully enjoy the comfort of their home.

Rita and Amy from Connecticut and New York are regular visitors to their mom, Shirley Rosenberg.

Attending St. Petersburg College, Lynette Balogh is studying computers and taking business courses.

Along with my friends, I saw a fantastic performance of "Duquesne University Tamburitzans" at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center. With music, songs and dances of Eastern Europe, the Tamburitzans celebrated 75 years of performing.

Chosen on the basis of outstanding talent as well as academic achievement, each of the 40 student performers receives a substantial grant-in-aid to study at Duquesne University toward a degree.

New flags for building; old ones to be properly retired

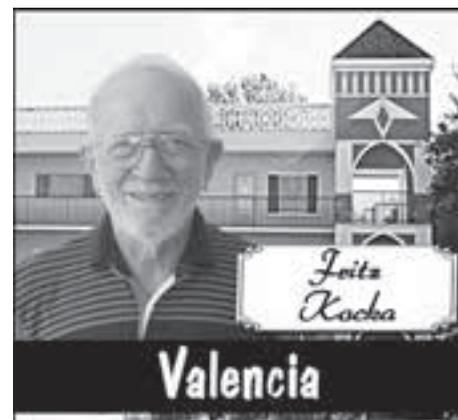
It is that time of the year again. Before some of you fly back to your summer homes, check out your storage area. Make sure your area is identified with your name and apartment number.

The worthless items such as jars, cans, coat hangers, old window blinds, and etc. should be disposed of. All of us need to revisit this area and clean up the mess. "Get'r done."

The ladies went to lunch at the Galley in Dunedin on March 8, and the men went to Bob Evans on U.S. 19. All had a fine time.

For those who have not noticed, we have new American flags flying over the Valencia. Feel proud. The wind took its toll on the old ones. The old flags were taken to our local fire department for proper retirement.

Our "fly away" pizza party was held at the second floor core March 13. Some 50 residents were in attendance. Pizza was supplied by Country Pizza Inn, the Klondike bars from Publix. The libation was supplied by owners' preference.



All those in attendance should congratulate each other for having such wonderful friends and neighbors, but you know how lucky you are.

Dottie Love was one of the models in the Sunday-in-the-Park March 11th fashion show. Go, girl.

It is nice to see the new garbage containers. Thank you, thank you. Keep in mind the containers marked newspapers do not mean cardboard, plastic or trash. Also, turn out the light when you leave the room.

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Building's St. Pat's party saw 50 Azoreans in attendance

March certainly came in like a lion, especially throughout the Midwest. I am grateful to be living in a more gentle area of the nation — at least during March.

Around here the Irish get pretty excited in March. All kinds of special parades, parties and green doodads for sale. Lots of happenings at the Azores, too.

Early in March some of the Azores ladies attended the Phi Beta Psi fashion show, which gave the R.O.M.E.O.s an excuse to hit the trail for lunch. The guys tried Lucky Dill, but a long waiting time discouraged them only momentarily as the alternate plan was put into effect and a great lunch enjoyed at Molly Goodheads.

The evening of March 8 was the Azores spring business meeting, with 38 residents attending. Captain Bob Kelly brought the meeting to order with a quiet time to remember Joe Caso. Bob then had Doris O'Meara read the



minutes of our last meeting and Diane Eggleston gave the treasurer's report — both accepted without change.

Other highlights of the meeting included the surprise honoring of Dolores Parham for her many years service as our Sunshine Lady. She received flowers and a gift card to Cheddar's Restaurant. Carmel Tomich became our new Sunshine Lady. Congratulations to you both.

Captain Bob outlined coming activities, adjourned the meeting. Cookies, coffee and visiting rounded out the evening.

On March 15 it was time for serious partying: our Saint Pat's party with all the trimmings. The Sunrise Room was decked out in green; music and songs were furnished by Steve Middneta — a great job. Corned beef and cabbage with all the other fixings was catered by Marguerites Cafe.

There were 50 in attendance including our resident leprechaun, Walter O'Meara. We even saw a few of the more gifted give us a jig — or was it the Irish whiskey? A fabulous party enjoyed by all.

The March 19th bag lunch was moved from the third floor to the second floor because of repairs. It wound up at Gordon and Jean Fowlie's place. Everyone brought their own bag lunch and drinks — just a nice small gathering to visit and develop a sense

of community. Thank you Maryann Staffieri for another great idea!

March 29 found a pretty excited group of Azoreans boarding the bus for the Hard Rock Casino. All were loaded with funds for investing in the many opportunities available at the Hard Rock.

The casino is so pleased to see folks interested in their establishment that they offer a free bus ride and a little seed money to help a fellow get started. All returned at 10 p.m. with stories of what almost happened. Better luck next year!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for upcoming events such as the April BBQ cookout and more adventures of the R.O.M.E.O. s.

Ava Smith has done an excellent job of fleshing out my earlier report of our building's recent group Caribbean cruise on the Carnival *Legend*. Look for her story and a trip photo next month.

Let's welcome our new Royal Chateau reporter

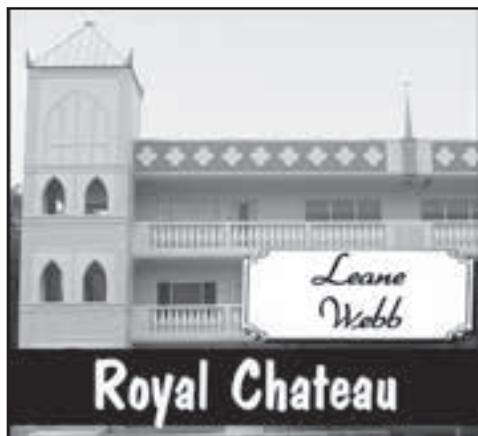
Howdy, neighbors! Leane Webb here, and I'm your new On Top of the World newspaper correspondent for Royal Chateau. I'm looking forward to passing all of your exciting contributions on so all your neighbors will know about the interesting things happening in your life. A big thanks to Marilyn Lane for being our reporter for so long.

Please place your contributions in the receptacle at the bulletin board in the first floor lobby. Your building committee has been energetically working to make Royal Chateau the friendliest, busiest place at which you've ever lived.

On March 5, Marilyn Lane graciously opened her home to us, and we had an election of officers. Co-chairs are Jean Gitlin and Linda Myers; secretary is Deborah Dlugose; and Eileen Hawk has agreed to continue doing the fine job she's done for a number of years as treasurer. (If you haven't already paid your building dues for 2012, please stop by Eileens's and she'll gladly accept your money!)

Wing captains for the East side are Lois Linnett and Mary Fielder. West side captains are Marilyn Lane and this reporter. We also discussed replacing the box for outgoing mail and the upcoming painting of the mailboxes and package lockers.

On Feb. 29, the ladies gathered at Olive Garden for a Leap Year luncheon. They always take such good care of us,



and this was no exception.

Thanks to Marilyn Lane for providing the lovely notebook favors and to Linda Myers who brought a special dessert for each lady attending. She made yummy muffins, each baked in a pretty white cup with saucer and spoon. Some of the muffins were already eaten even before orders for lunch were taken!

March 14 saw many of the residents enjoying an early St. Patrick's Day dinner at Kally-K's. Another luncheon for the ladies was held March 28 at Red Lobster; more about this event next time. Be sure to watch the bulletin board for more fun activities in the coming months.

Happy Easter and Passover to all of you. See you next month!

Ed. Note: The OTOW News thanks Marilyn Lane for her work as Royal Chateau reporter and wishes her well in the future.

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MEDICAL MATTERS – MEDICAL MATTERS: Quality Sleep A-Zzzzz :
Marietta B. Bibbs, BA, RPSGT, offers ways to sleep better. Refreshments. Tuesday, April 24, 2 to 3 p.m.; call to register: 724-3070; Free

TEA & TOPICS – Caladesi Memories : Terry Fortner, granddaughter of pioneer Myrtle Scharrer Betz (1895-1992) shares family stories of the pioneer lifestyle and history of the Scharrer Homestead on Caladesi Island; Monday, April 30; 2 to 3 p.m.; Refreshments served; Call 724-3070 to register. Free .

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

APRIL 1 - 30

1	Sun	3:00 PM	A	Chorus Holiday Concert
2	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
3	Tues	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
3	Tues	5:00 PM	A	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Rally for the Cure Dinner
3	Tues	10:00 AM	C	Shriners Meeting
3	Tues	5:00 PM	S	Toastmasters - Tampa Bay Women Speakers
4	Wed	6:00 PM	CL1	Baby Boomers Movie Night (every Wednesday)
4	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
4	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Theatre Workshop Meeting
5	Thurs	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
5	Thurs	9:30 AM	V's	Greyhound Club Portrait Class
5	Thurs	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Chris Turpin Show
5	Thurs	10:00 AM	C	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
5	Thurs	1:30 PM	Golden Coin	Press Association Annual Appreciation Luncheon
6	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
6	Fri	1:00 PM	A	Good Neighbors Appreciation Tea
6	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Singles Travel Club Meeting
6	Fri	6:30 PM	CR & K	The Gamers
7	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Game Night
8	Sun	7:00 AM	A	Easter Sunrise Service
8	Sun	12:00 PM	K	Lambda Club Easter Brunch
8	Sun	2:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Easter Potluck
9	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Blood Pressure Screening
9	Mon	10:30 AM	Starlite	Entertainment Committee Meeting
9	Mon	12:30 PM	CL1	Family History Group
9	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
10	Tues	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
11	Wed	7:00 PM	V's	Jesters Meeting
11	Wed	12:30 PM	A	Mens Golf Awards Luncheon
12	Thurs	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
12	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Comedy Night with Ted & Pat
12	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Aquainted Coffee
13	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
13	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
13	Fri	5:00 PM	A	Pennsylvania Club Appreciation Party
14	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
14	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
14	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Rainbow Club Meeting
15	Sun	5:00 PM	K/CR & C	Cellitti Annual Golf Tournament
15	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
15	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny (Free)
16	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
17	Tues	5:00 PM	K & CR	Bible Study Potluck
17	Tues	1:00 PM	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
17	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters - Tampa Bay Women Speakers
18	Wed	6:30 PM	S	Hoosier Club Game Night
18	Wed	6:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
18	Wed	9:30 AM	S	Ladies 18-Hole Golf General Meeting
19	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
21	Sat	4:00 PM	S	Espana Building Picnic (in case of rain)
21	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
25	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
25	Wed	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
26	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
27	Fri	6:30 PM	CR & K	The Gamers
28	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
28	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
29	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny (Free)

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



*Passover Begins
Friday, April 6
at sundown*



*Easter Sunday
is April 8*



*Earth Day is
Sunday, April 22*

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 11:30..... Contract Bridge
 1:00 P.M. Crafters Group (2nd Monday)
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)
 5:00 Jim R's Poker
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 9:00 Chess Club
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00 Library
 12:00 Ceramics
 12:30 Oil Painting Class
 1:00 P.M. Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00 Line Dancing
 1:00 The Music Group
 3:00 Italian Speaking Class
 5:00 Min's Poker
 5:30 Dominos
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Bid Euchre
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00 Bible Study Club

West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. 9-Ball Tournament
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Zumba
 9:00 Tai Chi
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Tap Dance Class (Beginner)
 11:30..... Tap Dance
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 P.M. Painting Pals
 1:00 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 5:30 Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:00 Baby Boomers Movie Night

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. Mahjong
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00 P.M. Bob B's Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 12:30 Euchre
 12:30 Writers Ink
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard

2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)
 3:00 Italian Speaking Class
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:30 Canadian Club Game Night

West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 9:00 Snowbird Line Dancing
 12:30 Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning
 1:00 P.M. 8-Ball Matinee
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Hula Hoop Exercise Class
 12:00 P.M. Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 1:00 The Music Group
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00 Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 P.M. Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

4:00 P.M. Putting



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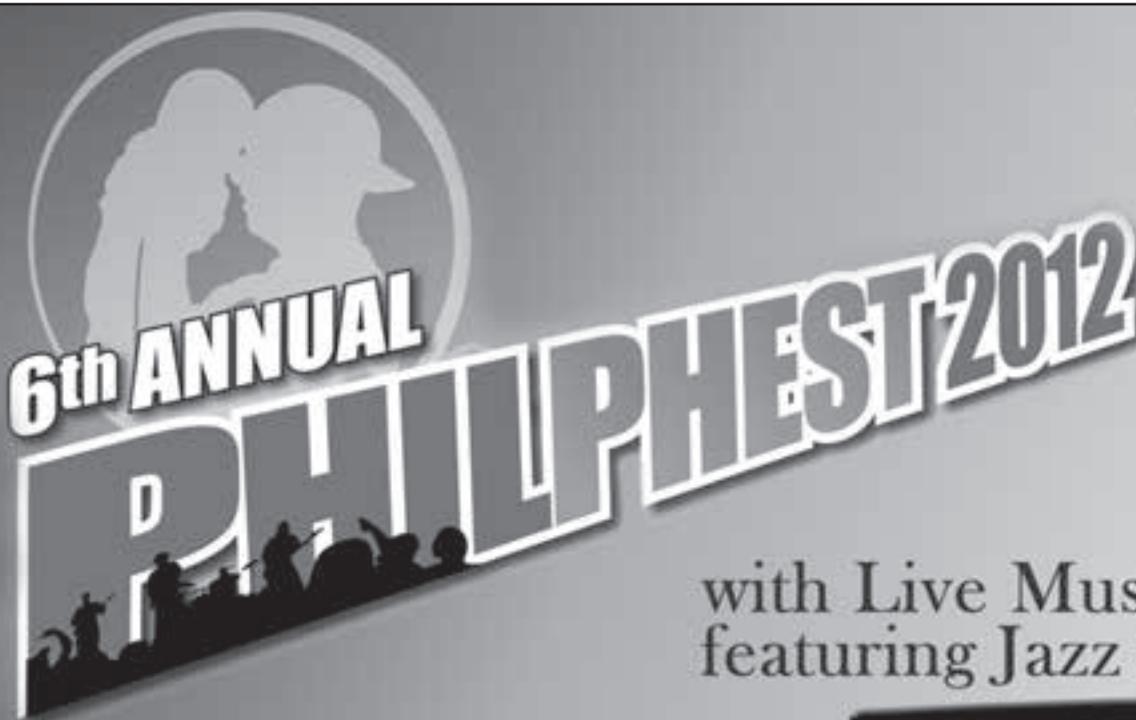
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Thursday Afternoon

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LOST & FOUND

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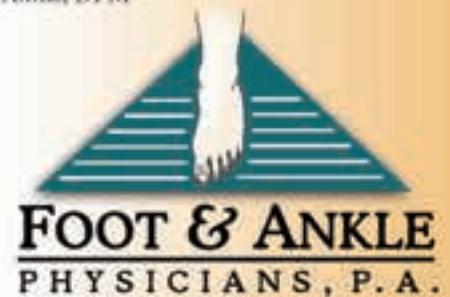
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*Michael Andriola, MD - Neurologist (on staff at Morton Plant Hospital)
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Use of Natural Therapies to Reduce Symptoms

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