



Entertaining Irish Club parade signals end to another winter season

By Mary Skaarer

Once again, On Top of the World honored St Patrick with a wonderful parade down World Parkway Boulevard and I truly believe the good saint himself was smiling.

On behalf of the Irish Club, we want to extend our thanks to everybody who participated in making this event so very special. We could not have done this without all your help.

Special thanks to Chairman Mike Cooper and his committee, who gave of their time to coordinate this parade. Because of your expertise, everything went smooth. "Great Job!"

Leading the parade was The Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, followed by the Dunedin High School Naval ROTC Color Guard Commander School. Our flag bearers, Mike Stack and Mike O'Laughlin proudly carried our American and Irish Flags.

I had the privilege of being the Irish Club Grand Marshal, while our club banner was carried by Patricia Fallon, Mary Kennelly and Rose Mulhall.

The St Patrick's "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" white banner was carried by Margaret Forde and Noreen O'Shea, who marched to the music of the Dunedin High School Scottish Highlander Band. Other music was provided by the Dunedin Middle School Pipe Band and St. Andrews Pipe Band from Long Boat Key.

Individuals and groups from outside On Top of the World, who were recognized, included Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, American Legion Post 238, the Mason F. Dixon Jr. Detachment 54 Marine Corps. League, the Ronald Reagan Republican Club, West Coast Irish Club, Stephen Scariff School of Irish Dance and the Morton Plant clowns.

Numerous clubs from OTOW



Irish Club Parade Grand Marshal Mary Skaarer leads the start of the 2013 parade, followed by the host club. For more photos see pages 24, 25, 34, 35 and 55. (OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

were present with their very clever signs and banners. Thanks to the following clubs for your participation: The Jesters, Theatre Workshop, Entertainment Committee, Lawn Bowls Club, Hoosier Club, Line Dancers, Chorus, Ladies Nine-Hole Golf, Snowbirds, Canadian Club, Baby Boomers Club, Gold Coast Greyhounds Adoptions and Rosy Hattitudes Red Hats.

Transportation was so generously provided by the following companies: Neighborly Care Bus, Morton Plant Care Vans, Care Lift Vans from Mease Hospital.

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to supply flatbeds for our lovely floats.

On our reviewing stand we were graced with the presence of the Honorable Judge Lauren Loughlin and our three honorees - Frank McGann, and Carl and Betty Leiby. Commentators were Barbara Sensale and Brid Mitchell.

On March 13 our East Activity Center was adorned with Irish lace tablecloths and live daffodils in preparation for our annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. Traditional Irish Music and song rang out all around.

Guests dined on the traditional corned beef and cabbage and danced the nite away.

After a brief intermission, we honored Frank McGann and Carl and Betty Leiby for their contribution of service to the community by presenting them with a plaque.

Our club enjoyed many fun activities this season and now we are coming to the end with our annual picnic on April 8 at Philippe Park - Shelter No. 2. Come and enjoy!

Tickets are on sale Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC.

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Resident asks, 'should we worry about sinkholes?'

Interestingly, we had one resident inquire about sinkholes last month.

I presume the tragedy in Seffner was on this person's mind. To begin with, Seffner has an entirely different geological profile than Pinellas County. From what I understand, Pinellas is on a much older geologic formation.

Sinkhole formation can occur gradually, over time, as rain water percolates through slightly acid soils and contacts underlying limerock formations.

The limerock tends to be of high pH, that is to say alkaline.

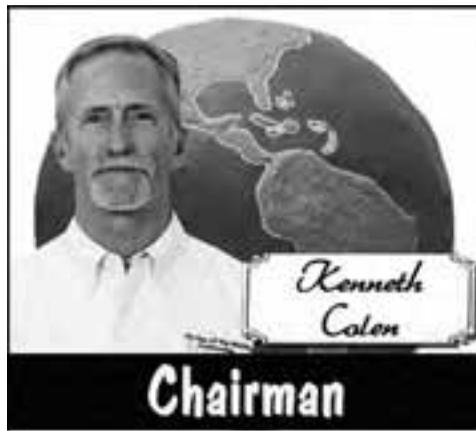
Percolating rain water tends to become mildly acidic and acts on the limerock, dissolving channels in the rock.

Eventually, the weight of the ground may exceed the bearing capacity of the limerock. A collapse occurs as nature and physics balance out the deficit.

This is all normal and much of the reason behind the hills, valleys, and ponds throughout central Florida. The limerock tends to be closer to the surface in that region.

In coastal areas, the limerock is much deeper below the upper soil profile.

The other type of sinkhole is of a catastrophic nature. This type of event is what usually captures the headlines. This happens rapidly and usually without prior warning. Many



times it involves a discharge of water, either over a protracted period of time on a single point, or a very large volume of water concentrated in a specific area.

This can really add up to a great deal of concentrated weight in a small area.

To the exclusion of specific evidence, it is a safe bet the Seffner event was of a catastrophic nature. We will never know the real cause.

As a kid, did you ever put a garden hose into the ground and turn on the spigot full blast? If you did, you may better envision the effect I have described, only to learn that (A) there is a limit to how far you can push the hose into the ground, (B) when you turn off the water, a vacuum will prevent you from recovering the hose for at least a week, and (C) when your sisters tell mom what you did, you will

get a licking.

It is the same effect: you displaced fines within the column of soil and created a void below.

The conclusion here is that residents do not need to lose sleep over sinkholes. Regardless, the Association does include subsidence coverage within the casualty policy.

Maintenance Update

Painting is scheduled for the front elevation of Building 29 in early April and Building 28 waterproofing rear elevations only, later in the month. All start dates are approximate.

Hard-wired smoke detector installation will continue through December 2013. Currently, Buildings 10, 11 and 12 are scheduled for April. The exact dates will be posted in your lobby and by door-hanger notices. Please remember, we need your complete cooperation in providing access to your condo. So far, the work has progressed very smoothly with only a few glitches with access.

Roof replacement work on Building 41 has a projected start date of April 15 (weather permitting).

Floor replacement is scheduled throughout the month of April in the following building: Building 57, second and third floors. 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 80. Walkway spalling repairs will commence in April and continue until completed in late May, weather permitting. Spall repairs on the southwest wing of Building 18A are in process and will continue until completed.

Building inspections and repairs of damaged lintels and sills will be ongoing.

Sidewalk inspections and replacements are ongoing and will be completed on an as needed basis.

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

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

Free blood pressure screening

Blood pressure will be taken 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the East Activity Center Veranda Room through April 2013.

You are also welcome to volunteer during this time. All we ask is two hours of your time.

Free tax help from AARP

AARP representatives will be here to provide free tax help to On Top of the World residents.

The free tax service will begin Feb. 5 and will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 16 in the East Activity Center Blue and Yellow Rooms across from the library.

You must bring all your necessary papers with you.

There is no early sign up through the Community Service Office.

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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***The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but our color ad space will likely sell out before the 15th. Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.**

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- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

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- MAY
#14, #15, #16, #17
- JUNE
#17, #21, #22, #23
- JULY
#24, #25, #26
- AUGUST
#27, #28, #29
- SEPTEMBER
#30, #31, #32, #38
- OCTOBER
#40, #41, #42, #43
- NOVEMBER
#43, #44, #45

(note: Buildings 17 and 43 will be split between two months)

Shown above is the schedule for smoke detector replacement work. If you believe you might not be present or available during your building's designated month, please cut out this form and return the information to On Top of the World. Forms can be delivered in person to the East Activity Center Service Desk or they can be mailed to the address below.

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Please fill out change of address forms and update your emergency contact information before leaving this spring

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

To give you peace of mind, I have included our "Summerize" checklist on page 13 to help you prepare your homes for the hot summer months when you are away.

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

Dealing long distance with water intrusion, and the possibility of mold growth that is secondary to water damage, is burdensome and costly. I cannot stress enough the importance of having a reliable friend or neighbor inspect your unit on a regular basis (no less than once a week). Ask them to inspect all of the rooms and all sources for water intrusion i.e.: under sinks, toilets, HVAC units, hot water heater pan, windows and ice maker lines.

There are many sources for potential water leaks and intrusion. The



most common, by far, is improperly maintained air conditioning units. Make sure you have yours serviced before you leave for an extended period. A poorly fitted replacement window may be another source of water intrusion. Proper window caulking material, acrylic urethane or poly urethane (outlined in previous published bulletins) should be utilized.

If you are like me, you never think about your water heater. Water heater leaks are a common cause of water leaks in OTOW. The tank is not immune from corrosion and rust. If

your water heater is over 10 years old, it needs a yearly visual inspection. If it is over 15 years old, it should be replaced.

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

Emergency Phone Contacts

Now is also a good time to update your emergency contact phone numbers or any outdated phone numbers we may have on file for you. Please submit these forms to the Service Department or the Association prior to your return north. On page 27 is the OTOW Seasonal Resident Address Change Form and Emergency Contact Update Form

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

Water Softeners

Recent building inspections have highlighted an area of concern regarding the installation of water softeners. As outlined in the Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association, water softeners must be resin, not ion exchange (salt).

The installation of a water softener requires an approval by the Association prior to the installation. The application for modification may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office or by visiting online at otowclearwaterinfo.com. At the time the service is disconnected the equipment must be removed from OTOW property.

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**Highlight Photos
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2013 Art Show attended by large crowd of fans with an artistic eye for talent

By Jean Doane

A plein watercolor demonstration by Judy Rogers was the highlight to our club's monthly meeting in March.

Judy is a very skilled, local artist who primarily paints outdoors. In her demonstration, she started with a preliminary sketch and worked with large, flat brushes. She worked the darker areas first and seemed to enjoy experimenting with mixing colors.

Everyone enjoyed watching the painting come alive with depth and color.

Judy does teach classes and gives private lessons as well.

The "Artist of the Month" award went to Barbara Holland who has also won once before this year. Her picture will be available to see in the lobby of the EAC for a month. Congratulations, Barbara!

We have to congratulate Toni Mattz on winning the "Peoples Choice" award at the annual Art Show on Feb. 24. Her winning portrait of an old Tibetan woman, turning a prayer



wheel, was done with pastels and is truly a work of art.

Toni wants to express her heartfelt thanks to all the gracious people who came to support the Art Show and who voted for her pastel painting "Old Woman with Prayer Wheel" for the "Peoples Choice." It's a great feeling to know others appreciate your work. The picture will also be in the lobby of the EAC, so if you missed the Art Show, you will be able to view this wonderful work of art.

Art Guild members believe an astute, sophisticated group of art connoisseurs attended the Art Show.



Barbara Holland, left, was the Artist of the Month for March. Making the presentation is Dale Stackhouse.

Hopefully everyone is looking forward to the show next year.

The next meeting will be on Friday, April 12, at 1 p.m. in the EAC art room, off the ballroom. A pizza party is planned as well as a demonstration by Parrica Gorrow on three-dimen-

sional art, which sounds very interesting. Please remember to sign up if you plan to come so we will have enough pizza. People have signed up to bring salads, dessert or hors d'oeuvres.

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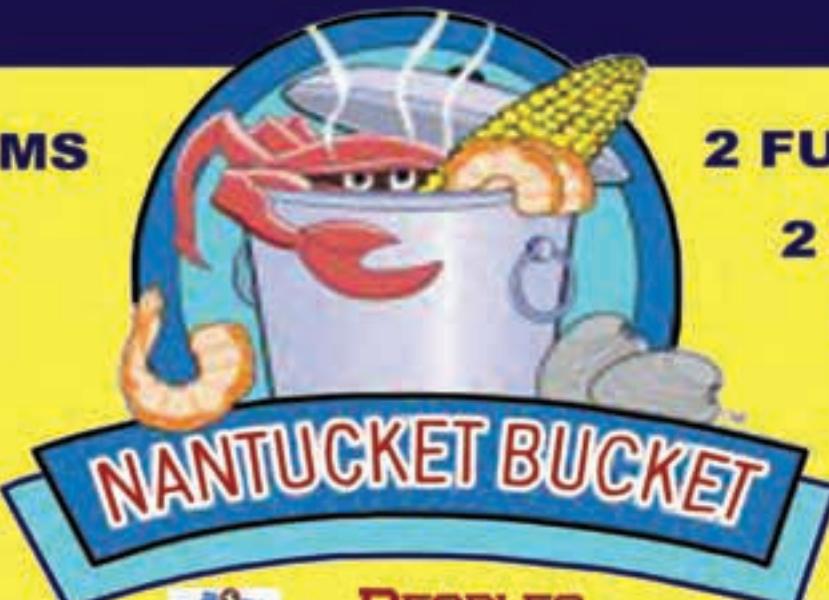


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Q. I am the beneficiary of a trust and from 2013 and thereafter I will be receiving a yearly amount of income from it. Is this income taxable to me or to the trust? That is, do I have to pay income tax on what is distributed to me or does the trust have to pay it?

A. Well, this is not a simple question and it's difficult to answer in a column such as this.

The reason is that the law governing the income taxation of trusts is very complicated. I will give you a very oversimplified answer to your question and even then I do so with trepidation. You must rely solely on your tax advisor to give you the specifics that are related to your particular situation. With that warning, here is my oversimplified response.

If a trust earns income, then someone or some entity has to pay the income tax on that income. Once again, as an over-simplification: if the trust requires that income be distributed, then the income will more than likely be taxable to the beneficiary.

If the trustee has the discretion to distribute income, then the first



money distributed is considered income.

Example: if the trust provides that it is within the discretion of the trustee to distribute income, AND if the trust earns, say \$10,000 AND if the trustee distributes, say \$5,000 to beneficiary X and distributes \$3,000 to beneficiary Y, then X has taxable income of \$5,000 and Y has taxable income of \$3,000 and the trust is taxed on the remaining \$2,000.

There are also capital gains issues, and because they are even more complicated, I am not about to get into a discussion of those, except to say that as a general statement—also over-simplified—capital gains are usually taxed to the trust estate.

However, there are exceptions to that, also.

Q. If I transfer some of my assets to an irrevocable trust, for the benefit of my daughter who is handi-

capped, will I have to pay a gift tax?

A. Sigh. This is my column for difficult questions with overly simplified answers.

First, keep in mind that I have never seen the irrevocable trust to which you refer. Second, I do not know the value of the asset(s) you wish to transfer.

As a general statement, if you transfer less than \$14,000 in 2013, you will not be required to report the gift on an IRS gift tax return. If you transfer more than \$14,000 in 2013 AND if there is only one beneficiary of the trust, then you probably will have to file a Form 709 (gift tax return) with the IRS.

However, unless you have made reportable gifts in excess of \$1 million, there won't be a gift tax to pay.

As I mentioned here, and also in the question above, this is a very oversimplified answer. You must seek the advice of your tax preparer or a CPA or an attorney who specializes in gift tax issues in order to get the correct answer that meets your specific tax situation.

Q. Do you meet clients in Marion County and in Ocala as well as in Pinellas County?

A. Yes! Yes! Yes!. I certainly do. I have many clients in Ocala. I meet them in Ocala at On Top of the

World. I am licensed to practice law throughout the entire state of Florida. My actual office is 7243 Bryan Dairy Road, in Largo, Pinellas County, FL, but I do meet with clients at the On Top of the World Palm Acre Real Estate Company annex in Ocala. It's near Sid's Coffee Shop. Please see below.

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Yogi Berra - the most colorful player to ever wear black and white pinstripes

"Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't go to yours."

That, my friends, is a Yogiism

Now that baseball season is upon us, it seems fitting to write about one of the most popular and colorful baseball players of all time, Yogi Berra.

He was noted for the way he said things, which made no sense, but seemed perfectly normal to him.

Here are a few of his most popular Yogiisms:

"The future ain't what it used to be."

"I didn't really say everything I said."



Walter
Balderson

Inside Showbiz

"If the world was perfect, it wouldn't be."

"When you come to the fork in the road, take it."

"I usually take a two-hour nap from one to four."

"Never answer an anonymous

letter."

"It gets late early out here."

"You can observe a lot by watching."

On why the New York Yankees lost the 1960 World Series to Pittsburgh, he said, "We made too many wrong mistakes."

When asked what time it was, he replied, "you mean now?"

And on Yogi Berra Day in St. Louis, in 1947, he said, "I want to thank you all for making this day necessary."

Yogiisms are described as paradoxical contradictions.

Yogi was born and lived in St.

Louis, right across the street from his boyhood friend and later competitor, Joe Garagiola.

I can remember sitting in the studio listening to Joe tell the most hilarious stories about his friend, Yogi.

Yogi's parents were born in Milan, Italy. His father came to the U.S. by way of Ellis Island in 1909 at the age of 23.

Yogi is widely regarded as one of the greatest catchers in baseball history.

In 1996, Berra received an honorary doctorate from Montclair State University, which also named its baseball field Yogi Berra Stadium.

Tampa Bay Downs jockey Ronnie Allen Jr. helps OTOW reporters improve their interview skills



Press Association

By Ed Foland

Ronnie Allen Jr., a successful bay area jockey, attended the On Top of the World Press Association meeting on Thursday, March 7, at the invitation of OTOW News Editor Doug Kates.

The purpose of this particular meeting was to provide writers with a chance to practice their interviewing skills.

Ronnie has raced at Churchill Downs and it is one of his favorite tracks due to all of the history and southern traditions it represents.

He did point out that he never got the opportunity to race in the Kentucky Derby, but has raced at the famous Preakness.

Even though Ronnie has raced at big name venues, Tampa Bay Downs is his favorite track because this is where he won his biggest purse ever, the Tampa Derby, \$250,000 back in 1993.

Ronnie was quick to point out that he did not get all of the purse. The owner of the horse took a large percentage and Ronnie, his agent, and the trainer got their share. Even after taxes, it was still a really nice purse.

Ronnie never had to make a decision on what he wanted to be when he grew up. He was born into racing



Tampa Bay Downs jockey Ronnie Allen Jr. was the guest speaker at the Press Association meeting in March. From left to right are Vice President Jackie Dooley, President Yvonne Courtney, Ronnie, and Editor Doug Kates. *(OTOW News photo by Arlene Bergen)*

and always knew he would be a jockey.

For several years, Ronnie traveled from track to track to compete in races. He recently decided he liked racing at Tampa Bay Downs so much that he bought a home near the track and races full time during the six-month season. No more traveling for work.

Each race, Ronnie does a lot more than just ride a horse. He is constantly giving the horse commands. In some ways he is much like a race car driver who gives commands with the steering wheel, accelerator and the brakes to get the car into position at the front of the pack at the finish line.

That is the jockey's job too.

Additionally, there are factors in the race that are beyond the control of the jockey. One factor is the firmness of the track. A really fast horse on a firm track is hard to beat, he said. A fast horse often gets out in front of the pack and stays there. But if the track is soft, it is more work for the fast horse and it may run out of steam while a stronger, but slower horse, may have the stamina to overtake it.

When asked if the gamblers in the grandstand could get clues on placing their bets by watching the horses before the race, Ronnie said that the

hyperactive horse that is jumpy and sweaty may not be a good choice - indicating the horse is tense and may not respond well to the commands from the jockey.

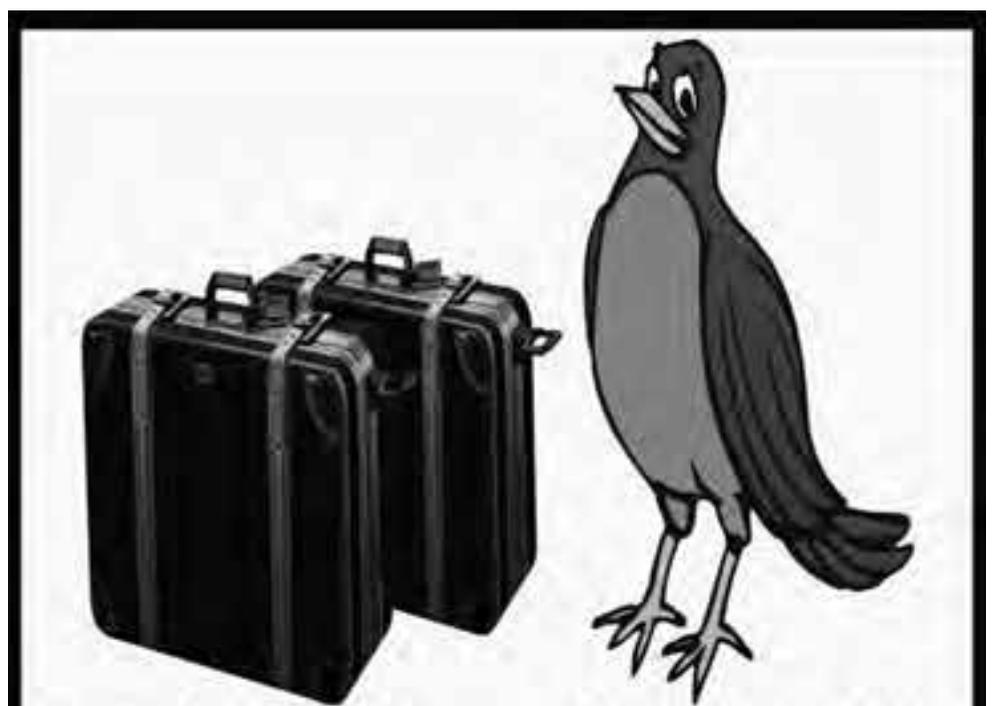
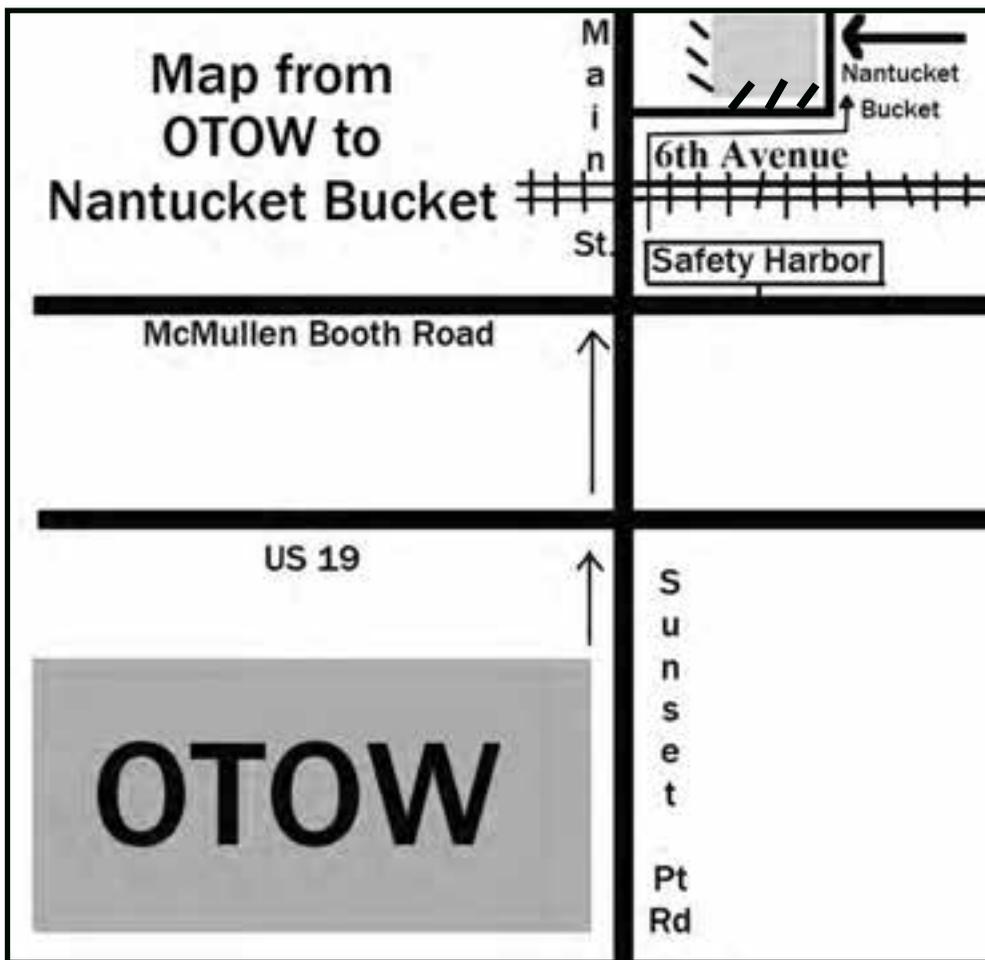
He said look for the horse that appears to be dancing, has a nice even strut before the race, looks relaxed and confident. That horse is more capable of taking key commands from the jockey to position it on the track for the win.

About 30 OTOW News reporters attended the meeting and Doug said he was pleased to see everyone asking questions and taking notes.



Photo by Doug Kates

On March 17, Ronnie Allen Jr. won four races, including the one above aboard the No. 4 horse.



Snowbirds "Summerize" Checklist

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

Appreciation Luncheon set for 1:30, Thursday, April 4

Thirty-eight members of the Press Association have qualified for the annual Press Association Appreciation Luncheon, which will take place 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 4 at the Nantucket Bucket in Safety Harbor.

Reporters, photographers, editors and proofreaders who attended at least three meetings and contributed at least three items in the past 12 months are qualified to attend.

Any member of the Press Association who did not qualify, may still attend, but has to pay a \$15 charge. A \$15 fee also applies to guests of press members.

You must register for the luncheon by noon on Tuesday, April 2, by calling the newspaper office at 799-3216.

Residents attending the luncheon will be treated to a family-style feast. There will be "buckets" of vegetables in a special seafood sauce. You can top your veggies with shrimp or sausage, and there will also be pork and angus sandwiches.

There will be a choice of side dishes, plus dessert.

Outdoor seating includes picnic tables and seating with back supports. There will also be limited space indoors for people who do not wish to be outdoors.

Water and tea will be provided. Other beverages are not included, but are available.



Press Association

See graphic above for directions.

The following is a list of qualified press members:

Walter Balderson	Doug Kates
Arlene Bergen	Theresa Kawalec
Geri Brown	Fritz Kocka
Diane Cavanaugh	Merle MacDonald
Lil Cervinka	Marge Mayer
Gloria Clifford	Terri Mikszenas
Yvonne Courtney	Clare Pebworth
Jean Doane	Cele Radeloff
Jackie Dooley	Ann Rost
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Ed Foland	Esta-Lee Schwartz
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Dana Garlick	George Swiderski
Dave Hart	Katarina Tepesh
Jayne Haynes	Mary Lou Wall
Reva Heymann	Gloria Walz
Alma Hudson	Mary Widman
Val Kastner	

The luncheon marks the end of the season for the Press Association. The next meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, in the East Activity Center card room. Officers will be sworn in for the new season, which starts with this meeting.

Spring is right time for a root beer float cake

special selection from Julie Hipp

Ingredients

CAKE

2 cups root beer (do not use diet)
1 cup dark, unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup (4 ounces) unsalted butter
 cut into 1 inch pieces
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs

FROSTING

2 ounces dark chocolate, melted and cooled
1/2 cup (4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup root beer
2/3 cup dark, unsweetened cocoa powder
2 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325. Generously spray the inside of a 10-inch bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray, or butter the pan and dust with flour, shaking the excess flour; set aside.
2. In a medium saucepan, heat the root beer, cocoa powder and butter over medium heat until the butter is melted. Add the sugars and whisk until dissolved. Remove from heat and cool.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda and salt together.
4. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs until just beaten, then whisk them into the cooled cocoa mixture until combined. Gently fold the flour mixture into the cocoa mixture. The batter will be slightly lumpy, which is OK. Do not overbeat it as it could cause the cake to be tough.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through the baking time, until a small sharp knife inserted into the cake comes out clean. Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool completely. Gently loosen the sides of the cake from the pan and turn it out onto the rack.
6. To make the Root Beer Fudge Frosting, put all of the ingredients in a food processor. Pulse in short bursts until the frosting is shiny and satiny, scraping the sides of the food processor a couple of times. (If you don't have a food processor, simply throw it all into the bowl of a stand mixer or a large bowl using a hand mixer and mix on medium-low until combined and satiny smooth.)
7. Use a spatula to spread the fudge frosting over the cake in a thick layer. Let the frosting set before serving. Store leftovers wrapped well or in an airtight container at room temperature.

*Note: If you are using a dark, nonstick pan, heat the oven to 300 degrees F.

(Recipe adapted from *Baked: New Frontiers in Baking*)

Western New York in desperate need for good news on NFL draft day

I don't know how many Buffalo Bills fans there are at On Top of the World, but it looks like we're finally going to get some good news on April 25.

Everyone knows the quarterback is the most important position on the football field, but every year, Buffalo Bills team management appears to do everything in their power to make sure the team doesn't get a good quarterback in the annual NFL draft.

Everyone knows Jim Kelly. He led Buffalo to four straight Super Bowl appearances in the 1990s.

But Jim's last season was 1996.

From 1997 to the present, the Bills have had 10 different starting quarterbacks and at least 17 different quarterbacks overall, and the lack of having the right guy has led to no play-off appearances since the Jim Kelly era ended - that's worst in the NFL.

Ask any Bills fan, every year we wait for Buffalo to draft a first round quarterback and restore hope that we may actually have a team to cheer for on Sunday afternoons.

But year after year, our hearts are broken when Buffalo starts the draft by selecting a player at a different position. The only exception was in 2004 when J.P. Losman was drafted first at quarterback, but a few years later he was playing arena football. The Losman pick didn't work out very well.



Since 1997 (the first year without Jim Kelly) the Bills' first round draft picks have included three running backs, three defensive backs, two defensive ends, two defensive tackles, one safety, one tackle, one tight end, one cornerback and one center.

Now, you might be thinking, how does a team end up with 17 different quarterbacks when only one is a former first round draft pick?

Trust me. Bills fans are wondering the same thing.

Buffalo tends to pick up quarterbacks discarded by other teams.

Every year, Buffalo fans put a lot of hopes and dreams in the NFL draft. There is actually a research group that tracks who is watching the draft on TV, and each year fans in the Buffalo area are near the top of that viewing list.

That's why it's so frustrating when Buffalo bypasses a quarterback

17 quarterbacks in 16 years and only one was a Bills first-round draft pick

in the first round and takes a player from another position.

The fans and Bills management have always been on opposite pages when the decision comes to pick.

Now our attention returns to the draft this year and it's time to make a critical decision again.

In March, Buffalo cut its starting quarterback from the past three seasons, so this means Thursday, April 25 will be a crucial time for filling that position, Buffalo fans will be glued to their TVs. There are desperate hopes we may finally get our new hero - but at the same time, there's the reality that the Bills could draft a kicker, a punter, or even a cheerleader with their first pick.

Really, it wouldn't surprise me.

Already this year, NFL draft experts have suggested the need for Buffalo to draft a quarterback No. 1, but also point out it's one of the weakest draft pools for quarterbacks coming out of college.

Good time for Buffalo, huh?

While most media agree Buf-

falo must draft a quarterback in the first round, other media reports out of Buffalo report the Bills are looking at an offensive lineman first.

Seriously? A lineman instead of a quarterback?

For those of you who are laughing right now, it's not very funny. The last time I really had anything to cheer about, Bill Clinton was three years into his first term as President.

If your favorite team is someone other than Buffalo, I wish you good luck and good fortune that your team has a good draft.

But at the same time, keep your fingers crossed for everyone watching the draft from Western New York. Buffalo is scheduled to be the eighth team to make a selection.

If you step outside your condo after the eighth pick, you might just hear thousands of people screaming from 900 miles away.

If Buffalo drafts anything but a quarterback in the first round, it will be gloomy in the newsroom on Friday. You might want to stay away.



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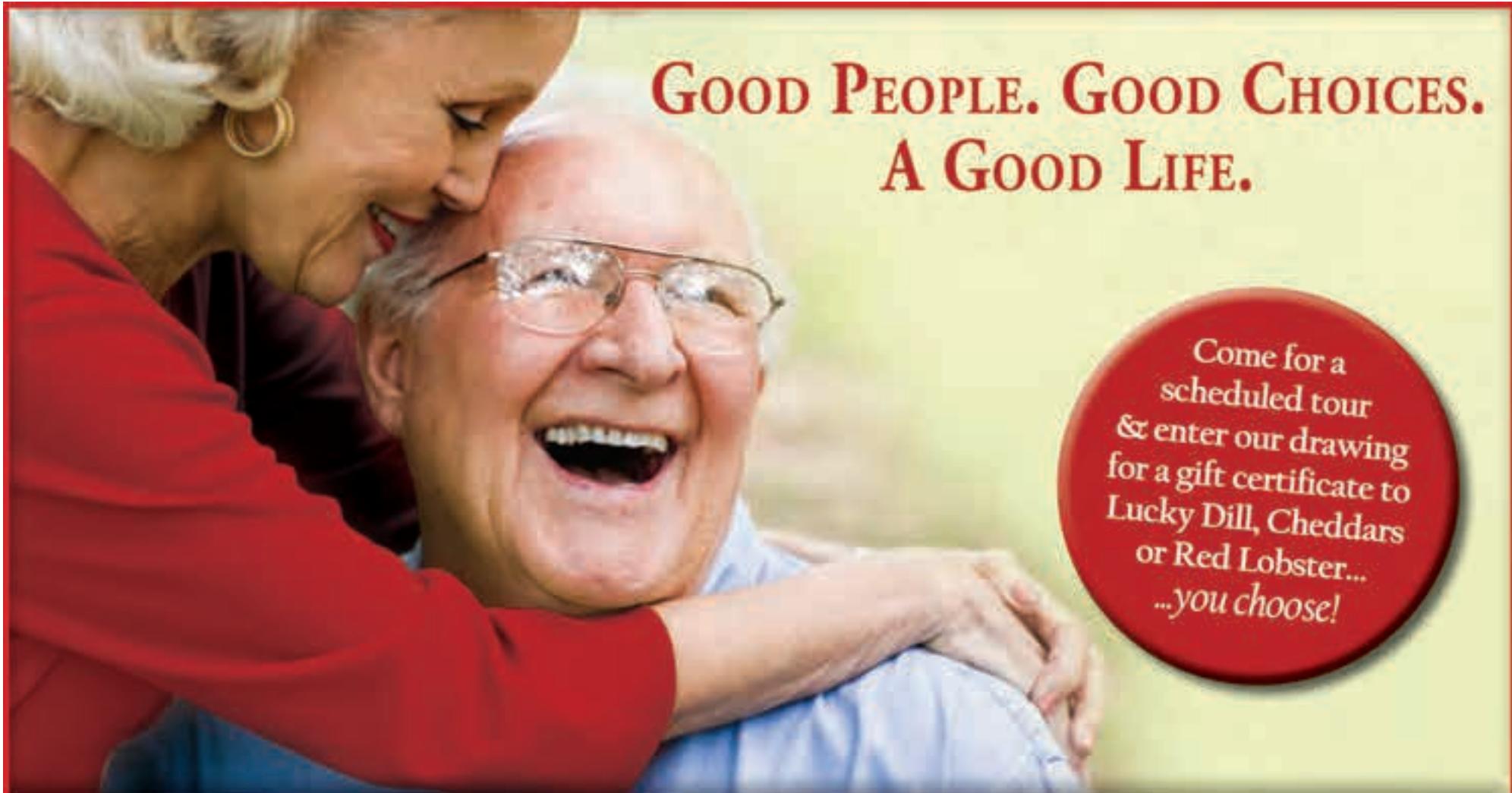


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Above, Barb Mauer shows off some snowmen at the Craft Show.
Below, residents try to make a couple bucks at the Flea Market.
(OTOW News photos by George Swiderski)



Craft show, flea market successful

By Doris Paino

Hello, good neighbors. I hope all is well.

Good Neighbors was extremely busy in March with our annual craft show and flea market.

The craft show was on March 3. It was one of the coldest days of the year and may have held attendance back, but we still had 26 tables full of crafts and most of the exhibitors were pleased with their sales.

We have another craft show scheduled for the fall. Stay tuned to your newspaper and Box Office Web Site for further details.

The flea market was so successful, I am trying to schedule another one in the fall. There are so many activities go on, it's sometimes hard to book a room.

We had 59 tables set up for the March market. Considering all the vendors on hand, it was amazing how smoothly everything went.

We had a steady stream of shoppers since 1:30 p.m. I think everyone was pleased. The only complaint we received was lack of food for sale. We'll see if we can get hot dogs and sandwiches for the next flea market.

Our Snowbird neighbors will begin leaving this month. We wish them a safe journey and a speedy return.

Our big event for April is going to be a straw draw at the Good Neighbors meeting on Thursday, April 11. We have accumulated some nice prizes, so come on out. You can't lose. Also, we are planning on having belly dancing instructions as the entertainment. So come on out and have some fun.

Building representatives, don't forget your meeting at 8:45 a.m. on April 11 before the Good Neighbors meeting. Voice your concerns and suggestions.

As always, support the Gift Shoppe. We are getting several new crafters who make great items.

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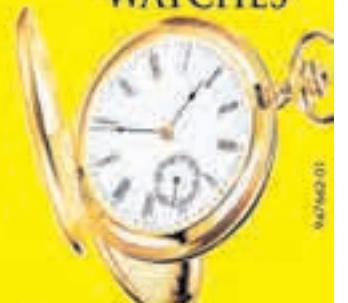
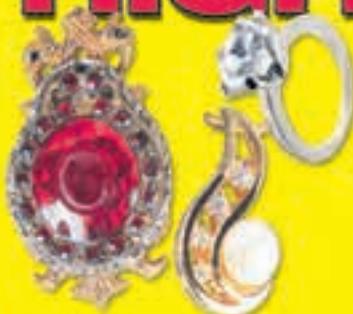
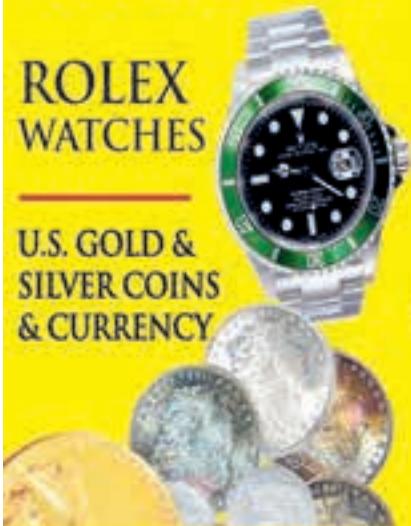
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Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

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"America" is our concert to be performed Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

If you do not have your tickets yet, plan on purchasing them on Monday, April 1, or Thursday, April 4, at the East Activity Center, from a Chorus member, or at the door before the performance.

You do not want to miss this one!

We plan to have a rousing, good time singing beloved songs of this great country.

One of those songs is "You're a Grand Old Flag," written in 1906 by George M. Cohan for his stage musical titled, "George Washington, Jr." The first public performance was Feb. 6, opening night at Herald Square in New York City. It quickly became the first song from a musical to sell over a million copies of sheet music.

Notes from the Library of Congress Website relate the story of the



In the front row are new officers Ilene Bargerstock, Betty Ross and MaryAnn Mercer. In the back row are Dana Garlick, Marilyn Zylstra, Eileen Bekofske and Lillian Santiago.

original lyrics.

George Cohan had an encounter with a Civil War vet, who fought at Gettysburg. They were standing next to each other at a public event when George noticed the man was holding a neatly folded, but ragged old flag. The man said to Cohan, "She's a grand old rag." Cohan thought it a great line and originally named the song, "You're

a Grand Old Rag." However, after meeting with objections from many groups and individuals, he changed it to "You're a Grand Old Flag."

You will have an opportunity to sing this song along with the Chorus, so don your red, white and blue, bring along your small flag for waving, and join the celebration!

Of course, we will have our usual

sing-along time and there will be other songs for you to sing with the chorus.

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Last Hurrah Party set for April 3



Pennsylvania Club

By Walt Copeland

Miriam McCarty, vice president of the Pennsylvania Club, was recently on a Carnival Dream cruise and had a great time.

She approached me one night after dinner and said she and her friends had such a wonderful time that she wished she could ask Santa Claus for even more future good times.

Suddenly, Santa appeared.

Santa said, "Sit on my lap and your wishes will come true – provided you continue to sell tickets for the Pennsylvania Club on Mondays and



Miriam McCarty asks Santa for many more exciting seasons with the Pennsylvania Club.

Thursdays."

Santa then said, "tell your friends their wishes will also come true if they

buy tickets for Pennsylvania Club functions on Mondays and Thursdays."

With that, Santa left and wished

them many more happy years to come.

You never know who you will meet when you travel with our club.

Remaining events for this season include our "Last Hurrah Party" on April 3 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We will travel to see the "Sailors Circus" in Sarasota on Saturday, April 6, followed by lunch in the Dutch Heritage Amish Restaurant (included) for \$59 per person.

Then on Friday, May 3, at 4 p.m., we'll enjoy an evening at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater. Following a delicious buffet, we'll be treated to a humorous comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods." Cost is \$35 including tax and tip. Transportation is not included.

Our next and last meeting will be April 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlight Room. Future trips will be discussed. This club is for all On Top of the World residents, not just Pennsylvanians.

Pick up a paperback for your ride home

By Katy Gerritt

We had a very successful book sale on March 1.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by!

Having a Flea Market upstairs on the same day didn't hurt either. We were able to get lots of good books into new homes and the proceeds will help us purchase new books for everyone to enjoy.

We plan on starting a monthly sale in the fall with special pricing on the first Friday of the month. Look for more information in upcoming issues.

In the meanwhile, soon we will be cleaning and reviewing what we have on our shelves.

You can also check your home shelves to see what you would like to share with others. Bring in donations during our regular hours noon-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

We also have a selection of donated magazines that are free, and you are welcome to take them to read, as well as occasional selections of books on our "free table" in the center of the library.

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Some of our newest book titles are "The Last Minute" by Jeff Abbott, "Sweet Dreams" by Catherine An-



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erson, "Creole Belle" by James Lee Burke, "A Dead Man's Tale" by James Doss and "Return To Willow Lake" by Susan Wiggs.

These books can be found on our New Purchase shelf. We also have a large selection of large print books in stock.

For those of you heading north in April, why not stop in for a few paperbacks for the trip? You can drop them at your summer home library for others to enjoy!

For those spending the summer here in beautiful Clearwater, come get a few beach books for relaxing in the sun!

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You can help us support our friends in Caring and Sharing



Fixers Club

By John Koning

There is a rich and wonderful giving tradition in our community that has reached a crossroads.

Our dear friends in Caring and Sharing have been rocked by a drastic decline in their ranks. As the steadfast contributors of the past grow older and their numbers dwindle, there are few volunteers to fill their shoes.

This means that, although their generous benefactors at Ladies Golf continue to provide them with the funds they need to produce hundreds of care packages, fewer underprivileged kids will ultimately benefit from that generosity.

Treasurer Jeannette Grant has taken on additional duties after the recent loss of her dear friend, Pauline Corkum, who was president of Caring and Sharing and is sorely missed.

Jeanette and "Polly," as she is affectionately known, were friends for 40 years. They worked together for 30



There is a lot more room available at the table in Caring and Sharing

of those years as lab technicians for Tambrands Inc. in Auburn, Maine, before moving to On Top of the World within months of each other.

When Pauline asked Jeannette if she would continue to lead Caring Sharing in her absence, Jeanette promised her friend that she would do so. It's a daunting promise to keep.

That's where our community can help. If you can knit, crochet or paint, you can make a difference in the lives

of needy children, and you can ensure that this rich OTOW tradition of humanitarianism begun here 30 years ago, will endure.

It is a legacy worth supporting.

So, you say, "I'm very busy. What will it take to make a difference in someone's life?"

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Line Dancers had a great time performing in front of parade crowd



Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

On Top of the World Line Dancers are usually dancing from 8:30-10:30 on a Saturday morning, however, on March 9 they participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Many of our members danced and marched as we wore our traditional white clothing with green sashes. We all had a great time seeing our friends from OTOW and handing out colorful beads. It was a joy to see so many children along the parade route.

Participants were led by Cele Radeloff and Georgia Jensen (our golf cart drivers). Our banner was carried by Linda and Bill Hilterbrandt. Line dancers included Ellen Gilbert, Lilia Bensonoff, Edie Ryczek, Ann Adams, Pat VanHise, Mary Spearman, Lynn Anzalone, Helen Crombie, Sheila Bonomo, Lois Jones, Mary Becker and Julie Narancich.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identifica-



On Top of the World line dancers pose for a picture prior to the March parade.

tion card along with your money to Mary.

Please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide moral support, so please join us 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 start each day for 30 minutes. The lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and you are invited to 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!

Did you know we have a puzzle room?

Did you know putting together a puzzle is good for your brain? Did you know OTOW has a puzzle room loaded with simple and complicated puzzles? The puzzle room is located across the hall from the East Activity Center library.

Take a puzzle home with you. Return it when you are done.

If you discover a piece missing, simply throw the puzzle out, but make sure the missing piece is not on your floor! If you want to donate a puzzle, simply leave it in the puzzle room for others to enjoy.



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March meant guided garden tours and parade for Baby Boomers



Baby Boomers

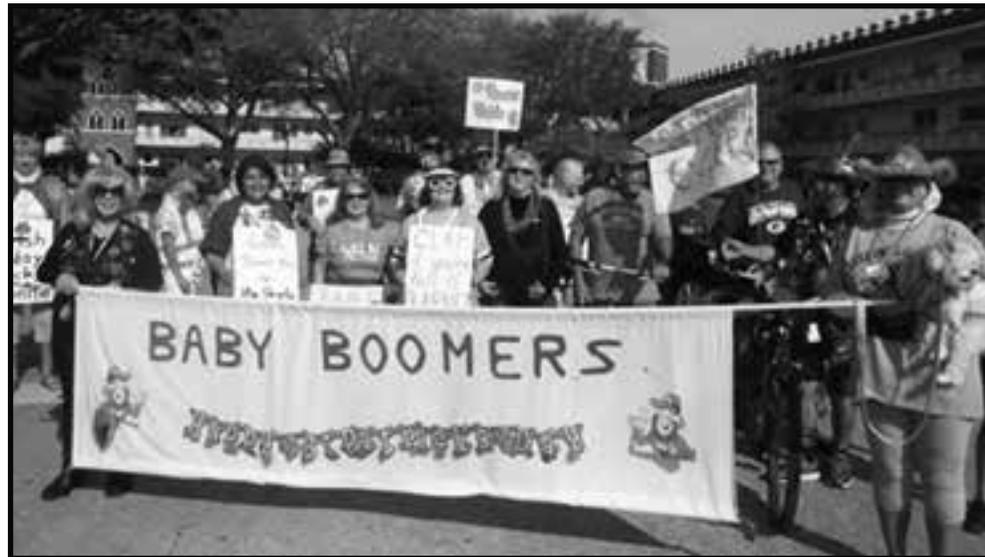
By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group spent a fabulous day at Florida Botanical Gardens observing rare and beautiful items in a guided tour.

In addition, some of our Baby Boomers visited the Ringling Estate including their gardens.

We had lots of fun participating at the Saint Patrick's Day parade by carrying our Baby Boomers banner and playful signs.

From street festivals to concerts with dancing, our Baby Boomers group loves to go bicycle riding, playing golf



Baby Boomers pause for a photo during their march down World Parkway Boulevard.

and tennis, kayaking at OTOW's west side Arbor Lake, in addition to swimming and exercises.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to two monthly meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channel 96/720.

We meet the first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on April 3 and April 18 at 6 p.m. in the EAC Veranda Room, followed by a Happy Hour at restaurant/bar, either Nauti Nancy, Varsity Club, Cody's or Whistle Stop.

For more information, send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

Singles Club fashion show rescheduled for April 17

By Mary Widman

Our Strawberry Fling for the March meeting was a huge success. We had 40 members in attendance.

Our picnic at Philippe Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 6 at noon. Food will be catered and tickets are \$5. We will be carpooling and guests are welcome.

The date for our fashion show has been changed to Wednesday, April 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Cost of tickets is \$3. We will have six models.

Tickets for all our activities can be purchased every Monday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We are happy to announce a luncheon trip to the famous Vinoy Hotel. Transportation will be Jolly Trolley or carpool. Cost for the trolley will be \$10, cost for lunch, tax and a guided tour will be \$25. We must have 33 paid



Singles Club

passengers for the bus. Date is Saturday, May 4. Bus leaves EAC at 9:30 a.m.

At our June meeting, we will have our wine and cheese party. Plan to attend and support all our social activities. For further information, call Dorothy Carpenito, club president, at 496-4460

If you know of any club member who is ill, and needs a word of cheer, call our Sunshine Lady, Mary Widman 796-1184 to send a card from all of us.

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It used to be only death and taxes.
Now there's shipping and handling.

Tiny creatures live in your closet and
Sew your clothes a little bit tighter each night.

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Don't you miss the days when everything
worked with an ON/OFF switch?

When Google, I-Pod, email and modems were
unheard of, and a mouse was something that made
you climb on a table?

No matter the price, no matter how new
The best safety device in the car is you.
The one who drives while drinking
Depends on you to do the thinking.

Marge
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Marge's Humor

Don't lose your head to gain a minute.
You need your head – your brains are in it.
Don't stick your elbow out so far.
It may go home in another car.

Be who you are – say what you feel
Because those who matter don't mind
And those that do, don't matter.
Be yourself – everybody else is taken.

You can say what you like about the South
But you never hear about someone retiring
and moving north.

Ever stop and think ...

Why is it that when you dial a wrong number
you don't get a busy signal and someone always an-
swers?

We were born naked, wet and hungry.
Then things got worse.

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My health plan:
I walk to the bar (exercise)
Put lime in my vodka (fruit)
Celery in my Bloody Mary (veggies)
Drink outdoors on the patio (fresh air)
Tell jokes and laugh (eliminate stress)
Then I pass out (rest).

If you keep your alcohol levels up,
Flu germs won't get you.

View this newspaper Online

Did you know you can view this On Top of the World newspaper Online?

Are you aware of some recent changes that were made as to where you can view this newspaper and past editions?

Simply visit otowclearwaterinfo.com and click "Community Information" at the top of the page. Once there, scroll down until you see the OTOW Newspaper banner. Press where it states "Click here to view this month's newspaper." You will be redirected the Press Association's own Website, complete with current newspaper and newspapers from the past 12 months.

Once you've reached the Press Association Webpage, bookmark it, so you can easily return to view new and old newspapers.

Country Night is the theme for April meeting and social

by Dave Beaven

Happy April to all!

The year is moving along pretty fast. Have you noticed?

That especially happens when you're busy, as we've been.

This month is no exception.

You are invited to join us at our monthly meeting/social on Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. We get together in the East Activity Center crafts room. The theme for April is Country Night. Wear your blue jeans, listen to some country music, have a drink, and meet old friends or make new ones.

Lambda will also be having a golf outing this month. I am inviting our Lambda golfers to get together to play a round. Here's your opportunity to show off your skills. Heck, we're all mostly duffers, so don't be intimidated!

Afterwards, we can have a round



Lambda

of beers. Check our Webpage for the scheduled date. If you're not a golfer, why not meet us on Thursday nights at the mall for our weekly walk at 7:15 p.m.? We go round and round for an hour. It's a good way to get some exercise and have a chat at the same time.

Lambda is a social club for 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 par-

ties, 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 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 7:30 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. 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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At left is a healthy 'Freeway,' who was left abandoned along the interstate and received serious injuries and had to undergo several surgeries. Above is a greyhound who had too much birthday cake. (Photos courtesy Les Griffith)

Fifteen greyhounds walk parade and 80 greyhounds attend annual birthday party

By Bill Sharpsteen

Thanks to the Irish Club for another wonderful day. Bill O'Sharpsteen ordered the grey weather!

We tied a record of 15 greyhounds walking with 25 marchers in this wonderful annual parade. The boat float was different, but it allowed On Top of the World Pet of the Year, Pearl, to hitch a ride and be with the Gentle Giants in the parade.

Next year we will try to get the greyhounds to line dance to give the other dancers some canine competition!

Our 10th anniversary was celebrated with a Birthday Bash on Sunday, March 10, and was a huge success. We had almost 80 greyhounds and 150 people attending for a wonderful meal,



Greyhound Club

fun games, vendors and special guests.

We also had a famous guest, "Freeway," who appeared in an On Top of the World article earlier this year. We named him Freeway due to an ordeal he went through. Freeway fell out of a track transporter traveling at 35 mph on I75 near Gainesville.

Freeway was a hit at the party. He has fully recovered and everyone

wanted his picture.

Other guests included Mike Shamp, who spoke about Life's Abundance premium pet food and its benefits. Call me for details for your pets needs.

Lastly, we had an officer from Hardee Correctional in Wachula and a trainer for the new Greyhound Advancement Center prison training program we helped start in Dec 2012. Several graduate greyhounds were there, as well as the professional trainer who trains the inmates to train the dogs!

They had a cute trick called "Which Hand" where the greyhound would paw the hand with the treat in it! It was a real crowd pleaser!

Always remember, we meet every third Friday during "Third Friday"

in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, April 19, at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off our greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound club meetings to your calendar. We meet the third Thursday of each month. Our next meetings are April 18 and May 16 at 11 a.m.

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 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!

Meals on Wheels at OTOW could end in two months if new coordinator is not found

For the past few months, Carl and Betty Leiby have made a great effort to find a new coordinator for Meals on Wheels in the On Top of the World community.

As of writing this article, no one has stepped forward to take over the task.

As a result, Carl and Betty are announcing they will be stepping down as coordinators in two months, and unless someone steps forward, Meals on Wheels service at OTOW will likely close in two months.

Residents currently on the service will have to switch to Meals on Wheels in Clearwater.



Meals On Wheels

Our Snowbirds are going home and if Meals on Wheels continues in this community, additional volunteers will be needed to help deliver meals to our home-bound neighbors. The time required is 10 a.m. to noon weekdays.

Our clients not only enjoy a fresh-cooked, nutritious meal, but they also enjoy visiting with their delivery person, who sometimes is new to the community.

Meals on Wheels is \$5.50 per meal, which is billed monthly. Your loved one can be put on a list today.

Meals on Wheels also assist any resident arriving home from the hospital who needs a meal. Plus, a caring neighbor will check on individuals during their meal visit.

Meals are planned by a Neighborly Care Network dietician and are well-balanced with a variety each month. Meals include a main entrée,

vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and dessert.

The Neighborly Care Network bus is available to take residents to Dunedin to join other seniors for lunch, social time, entertainment, cards, bingo and music.

There is also a service to take seniors to Senior Day Camp and transportation to doctors' offices. Skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides are more options.

To reach the Neighborly Care Network, call 727-573-9444. For information about the coordinators position, call Carl and Betty Leiby at 791-3861.

only 2 months to go



WANTED:

Meals on Wheels coordinator for On Top of the World

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job, which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.



On Top of the World Computer Club

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We hold a business session, presentations, and advanced and beginners classes every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center main card room.

We help members with hardware and software issues from 9-10 a.m., Monday mornings, no appointments necessary, or you can schedule an appointment from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

Do you know the golf cart hand signals?



Left Turn



Right Turn



Stop

Residents are reminded to always use their vehicle's turn signals inside the community. You'll make life easier for other motorists and walkers.

Post-performance celebration ends busy Jesters' season on a positive note



Jesters

By John Kannaly

The final curtain has closed on the Jesters' 34th season.

We have completed, by all counts, a very successful show, and it was a smash hit. Everyone who attended loved it.

Congratulations are in order for everyone who contributed, including George Schenkel, Remo Melucci, Ocean Dekker, Penny Costa, Maxine Sutcliffe, Donna Ryan, Mary Lou Wall, Michael Lemeiux, Marc Schell, Dave Krause, Evelyn and Marvin Flam, Susan Carlson, Karen and Lyle Williams, Bruce Bandini, Victor Figuero, Ann Talner, Adele Friedlander, and the entire on-stage cast.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, our season ended with a party for the cast. The moment was enjoyed by everyone. What a moment that will be later on for all cast members to remember.

35th anniversary will bring a new look

By Marvin Flam

The New Jesters 35th Anniversary is being celebrated by bringing a 21st Century approach to the stated purpose of promoting friendship and fellowship, searching out and developing talent, and producing shows.

It requires two people working behind the scenes to get one performer on the stage.

So, whether you help behind the scenes or desire to perform on stage, we have a place for you and can promise you an exciting, rewarding and fun-filled year. We invite you to join us as we open the door wide so newer residents can stand shoulder to shoulder with our veterans. We will maintain the Jester tradition of bringing an annual musical variety show to OTOW while providing an array of fun events for all Jester members.

Congratulations to the newly elected board which is Marvin Flam, president; Donna Ryan, first vice president, Tony Baker, second vice president, Mike Kaplan,



treasurer; Mike Lemieux, assistant treasurer; Sherry Ivey, secretary; and Joanne Marick, assistant secretary.

We also have a new logo. Check it out on this article.

For more information, or to join, visit us at the East Activity Center Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. or contact the Flams at 727 797-1761 or by email: marvflam@aol.com. You can also contact any Jester. Join us "Jest For Fun."

Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Thanks to our directors, Pat Cumminsky and Tony Baker, for a terrific job. Your hard work will always be remembered. A special thanks to Sherry Ivey for going above and be-

yond her normal duties. Great job and thanks for a great year.

To all of the special committee members, I thank each and every one of you. To those whose contributions put this show over the top and made it very special, I indeed thank you all.

In closing, I will say it's been a fun year. Good show, great cast members and I wish you good luck next year on the Jesters' 35th year. I will miss you all.

"Jest for fun."

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Pictured above is a hilarious scene from Theater Workshop's show 'Theatrical Museum.' For those of you who didn't see the show, yes, that's Brad Day on the end wearing a tutu. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Cast members encouraged to keep positive rehearsal memories alive for next six months

By Lilli Scheifen

The "Roar of the Greasepaint and the Smell of the Crowd" are behind us for another season.

Watching something being made out of nothing is amazing and almost miraculous, when you think of it.

There is a sense of sadness and almost emptiness as our days which were filled with practice, camaraderie, and honing our talents, are over for another year.

Many of us say "what will we do now that the show is over?"

But soon our usual activities take their normal places in our daily lives and things that were put on hold resume, for example, it's time to finally clean the house!

I hope I speak for all our members when I say it was fun, work, wor-



ry and all feelings that go into a production.

Thanks to all, and especially Brad Day and Arlene Kilpatrick, for all their hard work, and to Susan Carlson,

who always comes through in a pinch, besides looking like a former Las Vegas showgirl.

We want to thank all who supported our efforts by attending "Theatrical Museum" and our sponsors who contributed by advertising in our program. Please try to patronize these supporters, as they provide much needed backing.

Thanks also to all our members who marched in the St. Patty's Day parade, no mean feat in the middle of practicing for our show.

If I gave out any more thank yous, you would think you were at the Academy Awards.

So, next year will be here before you know it, and new ideas will be hatched and begin to take shape.

Such is life in the theatrical are-

nas at OTOW and we would have it no other way.

As usual, we have our meetings the first Wednesday of the month in the East Activity Center. The board meets at 6 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 7 p.m.

At our March meeting, the nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for office next year. The election will be held at the April meeting, so it is very important for all members to attend.

We would love to have new members join us for info and snacks. We strive for a "big tent" and are eager to cultivate new talent for our next ventures.

If you are upright and breathing, we may be able to use you (ha ha). Stay tuned for more news and information.

East Side Pool Exercises



East Activity Center pool exercises will run 9-10 a.m., starting May 6 for the summer. Everyone is invited. All you need is a swimsuit and a smile. Exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool. You do not need to know how to swim. We enjoy the water, have fun and do something good for us. Join us!

Last Month

Texas Card Club

Open to all OTOW residents. We meet November through April, every Monday and Wednesday, excluding holidays, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Small Classroom.

Anyone who shows up before 8:30 can play. For more information, call Barry at 754-6066 or Rita at 481-9675. Coffee available.

Who was Odet Philippe?

A brief history lesson about Safety Harbor

By Edie Ryczek

From the Stone Age to the present day, Safety Harbor has been an historical gold mine.

The inhabitants of the area at the time of Spanish exploration were the Tocobaga Indians, who lived on the land and around the water from the 900s to the 1500s.

The Tocobagas were known for constructing various ceremonial and communal mounds. Remains of an Indian Mound with artifacts still exist in Philippe Park.

Count Odet Philippe was the first homesteader in Safety Harbor. He was a Frenchman, whom some say was a doctor and a friend of Napoleon. Another theory is he was a pirate, as well as a pioneer and patriarch, which may be closer to the truth.



Family History

Odet is credited for introducing the grapefruit to Florida in 1823, bringing the first plants from the Bahamas to create a citrus grove.

He also brought seeds from Cuba and started the tobacco-growing

and cigar industries in this area.

Count Philippe died in 1869 and is buried at the site of his ante bellum estate in Philippe Park.

Safety Harbor is also the home of what was once called Espiritu Santo Springs, or Springs of the Holy Spirit, a natural mineral spring. The springs were reported to have healing powers, and local folklore tells of a crippled farmer, Jesse Green, who was able to throw away his crutches and resume plowing his fields after partaking of the waters.

The springs are responsible for bringing noteworthy people and famous sports figures to the area for rest and relaxation.

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Canadian Club wears out end of season with party after party after party

By Rollie Lapointe

An extremely busy month has brought the Canadian Club and its 465 members to the end of what has been a very productive and certainly active season.

The Canadian Club Golf 'Open' survived a cancellation because of cold weather on Feb. 17. More than 120 golfers returned the next Sunday to put on quite a drive, chip and putt demonstration. The winning team of Becky West, Rick McLaughlin, Bryan Myers and Marie Lamothe shot a 60 to claim honours and bragging rights for the year.

What a competition there was for our coveted trophy. Four ... that's right ... four teams tied for second with a score of 61.



Congratulations to Bruce and Cathy Mills for organizing such a competitive tournament. Many thanks to the many volunteers and sponsors for making this tournament once again a wonderful success.

The last of our three "parties" took place on March 8. Under the leadership of Shirley Hunter, our annual Spring Fling was a resounding success with over 280 members and

guests enjoying pizza and salad in a beautifully spring-themed atmosphere. Spot dances, door prizes, 50/50 draws and some smooth moves on the dance floor kept everyone buzzing and entertained.

Also, winners of the Canadian Club Lawn Bowls triples and golf tournaments were feted. This is what parties are meant to be about. Thanks to all those who helped make this event a highlight.

Our Spring Fling party was followed by the St. Patrick's Day parade for which the Canadian Club is always a proud and active participant. Many volunteers arrived early to decorate our cavalcade of golf carts and convertible (that conveyed President Andy McEvoy and family). During the pa-

rade, members handed out traditional beads to enthusiastic supporters.

Our annual general meeting was held at the end of March. At that time, the proposed slate of officers was presented and voted on and a general statement for next year made.

The Canadian Club is looking for a new communications officer for next year. This job involves a few meetings and mainly writing for the OTOW newspaper. Contact Andy McEvoy if interested.

Many of our members have already departed for, or will be heading north, in very short order. Have a safe trip home and we hope to see everyone again next season. Take care, be healthy, happy, active and safe during the summer.

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Lawn Bowls Club

In late February, the Lawn Bowls Club held their Past Presidents Ball in the East Activity Center, which featured bright, beautiful, colorful attire and music. The theme was Caribbean Carnavale and the idea was to dress as if visiting a tropical island. Food and punch went along with theme, too.

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Club members enjoy victory circle at the Downs

Italian-American pizza party set for April 17

By Gary J. Gates

Our March 13 outing at Tampa Bay Downs went well and a good time was had by all.

We joined jockey Ademar Santos in victory circle after a race named on behalf of the Italian American Club and the New York-New Jersey Club.

On April 3, our annual picnic will be held at Philippe Park, pavilion No. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with hot dogs, hamburgers, peppers and sausages, and games.

The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. The last day to get your ticket will be Monday, April 1, and you must have a ticket, so if you are reading this newspaper on April 1 - hurry! Tickets will be available at the East Activity Center between 8:30-10:30 a.m..

Our pizza party will be on April 17, following the 6 p.m. meeting – members only. And you must get tickets in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. You liked Lenny's karaoke last time, so we have invited him back this night.

On Oct. 16, the club will have a welcome back spaghetti and meatball dinner at the EAC, starting at 6 p.m. All members are invited. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next two meetings.

I would like to introduce our new Italian American Club officer: President Pete Marchetti, Vice President Maryann Fontaine, Secretary Cecile Marchand Treasurer Anthony Sulmonte. Congratulations to all.



Representatives from the On Top of the World Italian American Club, and New York/New Jersey Club stand in the winner's circle with Tampa Bay Downs jockey Ademar Santos. (Photo by Stephanie/Tom Dooley Photography)



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Snowbirds Club volunteers stuff hundreds of bags with chocolates and candies to give out during the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Successful season draws to an end but the 'Sunbirds' will still be active this summer

By John Koning

Now that the Snowbirds season at On Top of the World is drawing to a close, we have mixed feelings.

There are certainly benefits to the spring migration for those who remain here. There will be less traffic, more room on the golf course and fewer bobbers in the pools.

On the other hand, there are downsides to the northern interstate parade. Many of us will miss our friends and a few of us might never meet again.

Therefore, this is a two part report.



Snowbirds Club

We Snowbirds Club members, who are actually snowbirds, want to say, "Thank you for your hospitality OTOW! It was an amazing winter and we are grateful for the opportunity to share it with all of you. We wish you

health, happiness and cool summer nights. We hope to see you next Snowbird season and do it all again!"

We Snowbirds Club members, who are staying right here in our own little piece of paradise, say "Have a safe journey. May the only bumps in the road be speed bumps and, believe it or not, hurry back!"

The club's Sunbirds, as they are affectionately known, will carry on Snowbirds Club activities during the summer season.

Northerners can experience every adventure and show vicariously through our Website and monthly club

reports.

Ed and Dolly Foland would like to take this opportunity to thank our energetic and faithful volunteers for their extraordinary efforts. They are the key to the success of our club.

A big thank you also goes out to the other amazing clubs of OTOW for your support and spirit of cooperation. Together we make our lives here much richer.

If you are interested in participating in any of our summer activities, please contact Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922 or visit www.snowbirdsofotow.com.

March Photo Search Answers

1. Green leaf on far left
2. Black spot on butterfly's left wing
3. Limb extended in bottom left corner
4. Black line on butterfly's back
5. Limb below butterfly's right wing
6. Black spot on butterfly's right wing
7. Purple flower extended over leaf on right side
8. Purple flower cut in upper right corner
9. White line added on upper right side
10. Extra green leaf added in lower right corner



Stamp Collectors

Two meetings remaining for this season

By Jim Sundberg

Our goal to educate and continue growing our philately collections is being realized as the months go by.

This is due to the endless variety of topics and countries available from our members, along with life's stories that vary from person to person.

We will hold only two more regular monthly meetings this year, April 16 and May 21 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room starting at 1 p.m.

Make sure you don't miss these important gatherings.

I'm available for questions and help at anytime you need it. Give me a call at 847-951-2284. Hope to see you on April 16!

Democratic Club inspired by speech from new House leader



Democratic Club

By Charlie Christ

Democratic Club members welcomed incoming Florida House Democrat leader Darryl Rouson as their guest speaker in February.

Darryl spoke about his challenges coming up. His goal is to give more power to the Democratic base. Some of the other challenges that lie ahead for 2013 include how to deal with an expected surplus, which could be used for education, health and prisons.

A question and answer period followed.

The meeting began by introducing new club co-presidents Charlie Christ and Jan Cox.

Charlie reported on the success



Darryl Rouson, newly elected Democratic head of the House of Representatives in Tallahassee, center, poses with Jan Cox and Charlie Christ, co-chairs of the On Top of the World Democratic Club.

of the Martin Luther King fundraiser, "Harlem Nights."

Van Farber, our 67th district representative, then gave his report. He said Democrats are currently looking for candidates for the State Assembly elections. He also suggested sending a

letter to Washington regarding some of the recent voting problems from 2012.

At our March meeting, Charlie Justice and Jane Long, newly elected county commissioners, were our guest speakers.

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Jan Soltys and her Birdman from Illinois



Jan and Ted Soltys will soon celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary and Ted has always maintained that he loves Jan more than anything else in the world.

I'd really like to take him at his word, but a little birdie told me that this might not be entirely true.

A few years back, in 1936, when Ted was a young boy, and long before he met Jan, he lived next to a racing pigeon enthusiast in Chicago. As he watched across the fence, Ted became enthralled with these magnificent birds.

The neighbor noted Ted's interest and gave the youngster a bird of his own. That simple gesture launched a life-long passion for Ted.

Now, I would never go on the record saying Ted loved his birds more than Jan, but the fact remains that, during our interview, he spent more time recounting his pigeon racing glory days than he did bragging about his beautiful wife.

It's important to point out, the racing pigeons we are talking about here, are not the city dwelling statue defacers that clutter our parks. They are regal birds with historic pedigree and a noble heritage, and they provided life-saving messenger service during both World Wars.

During Ted's active racing years, he managed up to 200 of these competitors at a time and was well known for his knack for picking and produc-

ing consistent winners.

Ted first met Jan on June 6, 1958, dancing at the popular Holiday Ballroom in Chicago, and the two were wed a year later to the day.

They went on to take real estate classes together, they took their realtor exams together and worked for the same company.

From their modest beginnings in a converted gas station, to their ultimate positions as leading realtors, they did it all together.

Not everyone can work side by side 24/7 while raising four children, but these two pulled it off in winning style.

Ted and Jan are recognized in their home town of Elmhurst, Ill., for much more than Ted's racing prowess.

The dynamic duo built a solid reputation in real estate, amassing mega sales that garnered Ted the title of No. 1 producer for Re/Max® in the Chicago area in 1982.

How did Jan and Ted do this?

It was a combination of teamwork, clever marketing strategies and the uncanny ease with which both Jan and Ted can strike up a conversation with just about anyone.

One of the benefits of their business success was the opportunities they had to travel. Of the many exotic places they've explored, none was as meaningful as their journey to Poland. The opportunity arose when a group of American attorneys travel-



Jan and Ted Soltys have made many friends at the Wagon Wheel Flea market, including Stan Boryszewski (center).

ing to Poland were in need of an interpreter and enlisted Ted, who is American born, but speaks and understands Polish. Ted brokered a deal to include Jan and their daughter, Jane, as travel partners.

Once the business purposes of the trip were concluded, Ted, Jan and Jane had the opportunity to explore the land of Ted's ancestors.

On a deeply sad note, they witnessed the horrible images and relics of Auschwitz and paid their respects to the millions of Jews who died there at the hands of the Nazis.

On the other hand, they capped off their trip with a visit to the spectacular ski resort, Zakopane, in the Polish alpine region.

Now that Florida is on their list of homes, Jan and Ted love to explore here, too. One of their favorite Saturday excursions is the Wagon Wheel

Flea Market. There they watch people and buy treasures for their 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Not surprisingly, they also make new friends at the market weekly.

Notably, among their new acquaintances, is Stan, a watch salesman and repairman at Booth B115 in the market. They were pleasantly surprised to discover they all have something in common. Like Ted's parents, Stan also hails from Poland and he provided Ted with some Polish conversational practice.

Now, if the Birdman of Illinois can just convert Stan to pigeon racing ...

(Do you know someone in our community whom we should get to know? Send your suggestions to jck@johnkoning.com)

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ON TOP OF THE WORLD



Our shows are more than music and dance - they are just plain fun!

They say that one picture is worth a thousand words, so this month we're adding a couple pictures to show you what's been happening at Entertainment Committee events.

One is of Joey Dee and the Star-liters (bottom picture). His show had everyone bouncing in their seats.

The other fun photo is of Ellen Fier winning our Best Western Outfit Contest at our dance that introduced the band, "Bump In The Road."

We don't always capture those moments with a camera. At our Presidents' Day Dance in February, for example, the band "Rebound" closed with "God Bless The USA." Everyone formed a big circle around the dance floor and held hands, moving rhythmically and singing, "I'm proud to be an American." It was one of those moving moments we are fortunate to experience at our dances.

A man standing near me, said, "This is not my country of birth, but I am very moved by this. I don't often see Americans come together like this."

Those unexpected moments are part of the joy we love to share.

As you can see from the calendar, we have exciting events coming up this month. On April 11, at our Thursday night show, we have Vincent Talarico, who'll bring us a rare blend of pop, opera and Broadway with, according to a friend who saw him perform up north, "warmth and humor."

We have a special cabaret-style show on April 19 that features a local favorite, and former Las Vegas Legends Star, Bobby Palermo.

For your dancing pleasure, we are delighted to have back Richie V on Saturday April 13.

At our Golf Par-Tee Dance on April 27, where we will award prizes for our April 21 Golf Tournament, we've added a new band, Bitter-Sweet. You may recognize the faces in this new band because they have appeared here with Ron and the Classics - Deb Bowen on vocals and Tony Orifici on vocals and guitar. They cover a wide range of musical styles from Country to Motown with everything in between.

Our free Sunday-In-The-Park on April 14 at the East Activity Center will feature one of the ladies' favorite performers, Louis Bravo, and, of course, we'll have light refreshments following the entertainment. Don't forget to pick up your 50-50 tickets when you come in. You could be a winner.

Don't miss what's happening. Stop by and get the details. Then sign up to join in the fun.



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Betty Gerkin, Carol Lacey, Cathy Mills win Scramble

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held their yearly Fun Scramble and Rules Seminar on Jan. 29.

Two teams tied for first place with a nice 3-under par 62. On a match of cards, the first place team was Betty Gerkin, Carol Lacey and Cathy Mills. The second place team was Dale McMinn, Barb Morrison and Juanita Witham.

After the tournament, pizza and salad were enjoyed by all. Finally, the rules were discussed by Fran Zaloski and Maureen Stewart.

On Feb. 5, the annual Jack and Jill Tournament was held with the winners of all flights on the front page of last month's newspaper. Terry Kuplen is having quite a year - teaming with her husband, Dick, to win Jack and Jill Flight A, and getting a hole-in-one earlier this season.

On Feb. 12, Pat Eastman had a hole-in-one on No. 9 using a 7-iron while playing in the weekly Tuesday tournament. Her playing partners, Deborah Champ, Betty Gerkin, and Barb Morrison, were more excited than Pat. It was their first witnessing of a hole-in-one. Pat has seen nine - eight of her own and one by Dottie Gonsalves, her mother, on hole No. 5 back in 1996 while Pat was here on vacation.

Upcoming Events

On April 2 is our Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament. Dinner will be 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium rain or

Ladies 18-Hole

shine.

Later in April, we will have a golf rally on the 9th and a general meeting on the 17th, 9:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. On May 28, this will be our last Tuesday tournament of the season.

Recent Tournament Results

March 5

Flight A: Low Gross - Pat Eastman, Becky West. Low Net - Donna Osborne, Maureen Stewart.

Flight B: Low Gross - Juanita Witham. Low Net - Gloria Sayer.

Flight C: Low Gross - Kay Satterlee. Low Net - Margaret Hachey, Dee Wisslead.

Flight D: Low Gross - Wendy Colquhoun. Low Net - Dottie Meissner.

February 26

Tournament cancelled - tornado warning.

February 19

Flight A: Low Gross - Kim Norried. Low Net - Rita Rudderham.

Flight B: Low Gross - Barb Morrison. Low Net - Judy Garland, Jill Orchard.

Flight C: Low Gross - Sudesh Duggal. Low Net - Carol Cook, Dale McMinn, Dee Wisslead.

Flight D: Low Gross - Joan Yorkery. Low Net - Lillian Buzzell, Terri Mikszenas.



Pictured here, Joan Yorkery sinks a birdie putt on 17. Mary Bates Smith watches it all the way into the hole

Four aces on four different holes

By Dominic Contorno
Director of Golf

A hole-in-one on the 18th hole is something you should be very happy about. Ed Belliveau did just that on March 10. Ed was playing with Marie Belliveau, Van Bradley and Leora Hamm. The club Ed used was a driver for that great shot. I'm sure you know the 18th hole is not a short hole, and there are very few holes-in-one on that hole. Congratulations, Ed, let's see another one soon.

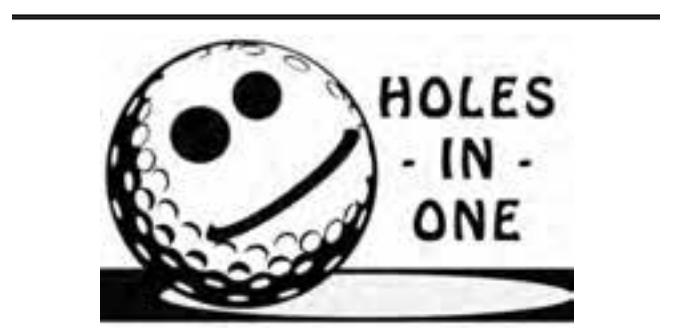
Well, Ron Parham waited long enough to say I got my hole-in-one on the fifth hole of the 18-hole course.

Ron used a 6-iron for the great shot. He had

two fellows playing with him - Pete Dominguez and Mike LaViolette. Ron will remember Feb. 21 until he gets his next hole-in-one. Congratulations, Ron, on a great hole-in-one.

I guess we have a happy visitor from Brownsburg, Ind. Todd Eder made a nice hole-in-one on the 15th hole when he was visiting here. Todd was playing with Debbie Eder and Ann Adams. The club Todd used on the Feb. 22nd was a pitching wedge. Great shot, Todd. Take this story back home to Brownsburg.

A very excited Natsue Dawson came into the Pro Shop on March 14 after making her first hole-in-



one. Her playing group was Betty McKay, Terri Mikszenas and Maureen Stewart. Natsue used a 5-wood on the ninth hole of the 18-hole course. Congratulations Natsue for a great shot.



Ladies set for Rally for the Cure

By Mary Ann O'Neil

April showers bring May flowers, so they say.

But let's hope the showers stay away long enough so we can get our Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament with the Ladies 18-hole members in on April 2 (rain date is April 9).

Many events will occur in April with our annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 4, 11:30 a.m. at the Beachcomber Restaurant at Clearwater Beach.

The Flight Tournament champions and the winner of the President's Tournament will be announced at the

Ladies 9-Hole

luncheon.

Bev Huber will be collecting membership dues (\$30) at the luncheon. Please make checks out to the OTOW Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association.

On Feb. 9, birdies were scored by Laypa Buck on No. 2 and Nancy Parlatore on No. 1.

On March 3, birdies were recorded by Nancy Parlatore on No. 9 and Alice Wilson on No. 4.

I would like to thank the following individuals who represented the Ladies 9-Hole Golf League in the St. Patrick's Parade: Connie Saylor, Jean Norris, Maureen McGuire, Gilda Gambacurta, Bev Huber, Peg Dugan, Marge Jacobs, Carol Kapoor, Marge Sivek and Pat Palladino, along with her daughter Patty Muxie, who carried our banner. For those of you who were unable to march with us, we hope you had the opportunity to watch the parade and enjoyed the beautiful day.

Election of Officers was held at our March 12 meeting and the following individuals are our officers for

2013-2014. Connie Saylor – president; Marge Jacobs- vice president; Nancy Parlatore – treasurer; Char Flach – secretary. Congratulations ladies!

I would like to thank everyone who served as officers and committee chairladies during my time as president. An organization is only as good as those individuals who actively participate in league activities. I had the pleasure of playing with some of the finest ladies of OTOW. It has been a privilege to serve as your president and I wish the incoming officers all the luck and good fortune in the coming golf year.

THURSDAY GOLF

Tiebreaker could not break three-team tie in week 16

If records are kept for windy winters, this year must be a record.

It seems like every Thursday the winds howl and make play just a bit more difficult. Low-ball hitters can have an advantage. Otherwise it is best to hit an extra club or two, or just practice creative shots.

Week 14 started off with a bang as everyone's "favorite uncle," Ron Parham, hit a wonderful shot on the fifth hole for a hole-in-one. Not only did it win him a skin, but it propelled him to his first win of the season.

Don Baker took second place and Gary Bronson was a close third. Ron Parham won two skins. Rich Ziembicki, Dennis Smith, Bruce MacPherson, Don Baker and Gary Bronson collected one skin each.

The Week 15 Champion was Gary Bronson. John Maloof was second and Dennis Trauffer took third place. Many skins were taken this round. Ken Smith collected two skins. Kim Norried, Ada Culbertson, Bruce MacPherson, Don Baker, Gary Bronson and John Maloof had one each.

In Week 16, nine teams played and the difference between first and last place was only three strokes.

Three teams tied for first place, and even after a match of cards they all remained tied. It will be decided at a later date if they will have a playoff or all share the title.

Week 18 was another extremely

windy day and only the hardy survived to post good rounds. Tom Keating was the champion. Paul Juneau took second place and Barry Levene was third. Tom Keating and Cal Blake both recorded two skins. Clyde Hirshberger, Rich Ziembicki, Vic Ruggiero, Gilda Gambacurta and John Lawson all collected one skin each.

The race for League Champion continues to be a close one. John Maloof leads with 32 points. Mike LaViolette is second with 28 points. Gary Bronson is next with 27 points and Ron Parham follows with 25 points. A large group of players are within striking distance.

Our league welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are encouraged to join. Weekly play is not mandated and guests are welcome. The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Anyone wishing to try the league before joining is welcome to do so. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign in starts at 10:30 a.m. We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdog-golf@aol.com.

Bill Higgins crowned club champion

By Pete Milner

The month of February was a very busy time for the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association.

We crowned a new Club Champion after a very successful Championship Tournament that was played under a new format.

Bill Higgins is our new Club Champion, having played both days and having the low gross score.

Bill Gambacurta is our low net Champ.

We also have four flight champs and runners-up. Flight A Champ is Ron Huber while Duane Hinrichs is the runner-up. Flight B Champ is Bob Ellis and Marcus Schell is the runner-up. Flight C Champ is Chuen "Scotty" Im and Gary Gates is the runner-up. And last, but certainly not least, Bill Gambacurta is the Flight D Champ, and Ron Magnussen is the runner-up.

All players enjoyed the two consecutive day tournament, and the weather cooperated for a fun event.

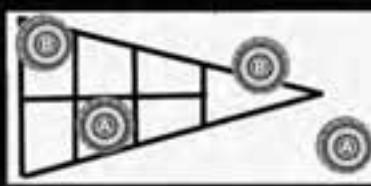
Norbert Mercier especially enjoyed the second day of the tournament as he scored a hole-

Men's Golf

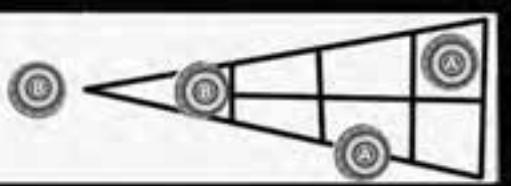
in-one on the 131-yard 16th hole. He scored his ace with his trusty 3-wood while fellow golfers Marshall Greenman, Ron Magnussen and Joe Gerardi watched with envy.

April looks to be another fun month as we will be honoring our champs at our annual Awards Luncheon at the East Activity Center ballroom at noon on April 17. There will be no league play on that day, so you can all make up the hour of sleep you lost when we turned the clocks ahead last month. Tickets will be available at the cost of \$1 at our Wednesday morning golf in the very near future. Awards will be presented to the Club Champion, the low net Champ and also to the first and second place finishers in each flight.

Remember to show up at least one-half hour before your assigned tee times so you will not have to forfeit your tee time. To all our Snowbird golfers, have a safe journey to your other "warm weather" home. We will see you in the fall.



SPORTS



Coach Ed Solivan says women can shoot pool as well as guys, if not better

By Penny Page

Meet Ed Solivan, one of a few men you will find when you stop by the pool room on Wednesday evenings.

Ed coaches the women's team on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

A retired structural iron worker from Pennsylvania, Ed and his wife, Marilyn, have lived here in our community for 22 years.

Ed began coaching pool when the team first formed, and he has been a patient encouragement to all of us.

Ed chuckles that women are amazing because they are eager to learn, and when they are successful they are so surprised.

His philosophy is that some people pick up really quickly, while others have a hard time, so he tries to be patient.

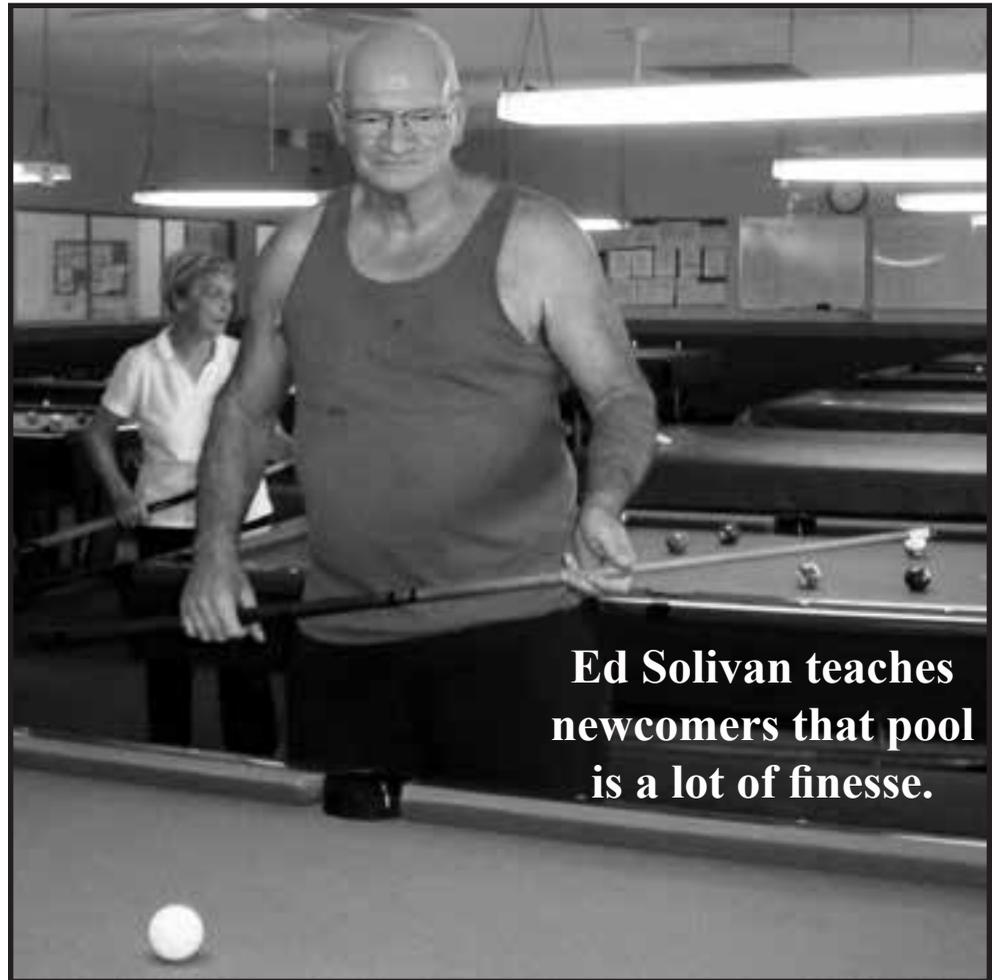
Ed feels that many women haven't learned hand/eye coordination in their youth, so they take a bit longer.



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Ed says, "there is no reason why a woman can't play as good as a man. Pool is a lot of finesse and it's a proven fact that women have more finesse than men."

You can find Ed any morning working out at the gym, or volunteering at bingo on Monday nights. Ed also acts as a referee at our Guys and Dolls Pool Tournaments. When asked why he referees for us, he responded that he enjoys it because everyone is so honest and he is rarely called upon because of disputes.



Ed Solivan teaches newcomers that pool is a lot of finesse.



The Press Association wishes all our Snowbirds a happy and safe journey north.

Norm Theriault, Joe Doire get a taste of Scotch Doubles and Round Robin wins

Norm Theriault and Joe Doire both had a successful month in the Men's Pool League. Both won a share of first place in 8-Ball Scotch Doubles and both won in 8-ball singles action.

Norm Theriault teamed with Larry Henderson for first place in Scotch Doubles action on Feb. 21. Gene Baranowski and Frank English placed second while Garry Patrick and Ray Diguilio were third.

A couple of weeks later, on March 18, Norm placed first in Flight A, in Monday Night 8-Ball Round Robin action. Hugo Orantes was second and Pat Elliott was third. In Flight B, Nick Sapienza was the winner, Bob Ellis, Larry Henderson and Terry Wittman tied for second.

Joe Doire teamed with Bob Ellis to win the Scotch Doubles tournament on March 14. Mario Rodriguex and Bill Robertson were second, and Ray Diguilio and Maureen Doire were third. Three days earlier, Joe won the Monday Night 8-Ball Round Robin Tournament. He edged Norm Theriault for first place. Bob Eads was third.

There was one other Scotch Doubles tournament last month. Charles McKague and Nick Sapienza took first place, Norm Theriault and Ray Diguilio placed second and Bill Robertson and Terry Wittman were third.

There were two more nights of 8-ball on Monday



Men's Billiards

nights.

In week one, Bill Robertson captured the top spot in Flight A. Larry Henderson was second and Hugo Orantes was third. In Flight B, Ray Quirion was first, Joe Doire was second and Nick Sapienza was third.

In week two, Allen Pier picked up a title by winning the Flight A division. Herb Jordan was second and Joe Doire was third. In Flight B, Ian Hunter was the champion, Nick Sapienza was second and Garry Patrick was third.



Denny Balderson, Pat Elliott, Jim Anzalone earn 9-ball titles



Men's 9-Ball

Denny Balderson ended the month of February with consecutive 9-ball titles.

Denny took first place on Feb. 19 with Jim Anzalone in second place. On Feb. 26, Denny won and Ian Hunter came in second.

On March 5, Pat Elliott captured first place by winning 6 out of 7 games. After a playoff for second place, Joe Doire was given the honor over Denny Balderson and Gene Baranowski.

At the March 12 tournament, Jim Anzalone took first place by winning nine out of 11 games and John Fier took second place winning eight games.

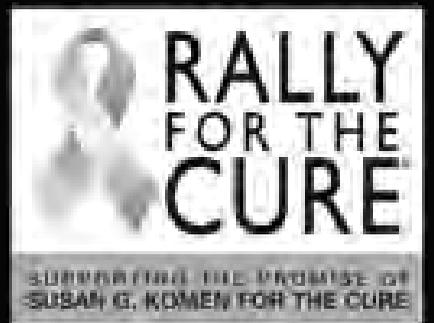
Tournament Director Andy Su-



Joe Doire, left, took second place, and Pat Elliott, right, was the winner on March 5.

har has proven that the round-robin format does not favor any one player in this very popular, fun and challenging tournament. So bring your activity

card and come on over to the billiard room in the West Activity Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. and get in on the action.



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Thirty-eight residents join Guys and Dolls Tournament

The On Top of the World Men's Billiards Club and Que't Ladies Billiards Club organized another Guys and Dolls Scotch Doubles Tournament on Feb. 28.

Thirty-eight players competed and made up 19 teams. Those teams were then divided into east and west brackets. One side had 10 teams and the other had 9 teams.

At the end of the night, there were numerous teams tied, but due to the time restraints, we were unable to have playoffs to decide the overall winner.

All players had a great time and this was one of the largest turnouts since the Guys and Dolls Tournaments started.

Men's Billiards Club President Joe Ventimiglia wanted to thank the



Guys & Dolls

following members who helped make the Guys and Dolls Tournament a success: Gene Baranowski and Andy Suhar; scorekeepers Tony Esposito and Will Schafer; and referees Ed Solivan and Mario Rodriguez.

The next Guys and Dolls Tournament was held on March 28. Details will appear in the May newspaper.



Above is some of the action from the February Guys & Dolls Tournament.



A variety of outcomes, including a blowout and a tie, highlight monthly softball results

By Don Grabowski

Our recent games varied from a “blow-out” to a few high-scoring duals to even a tie.

Ties are not uncommon in our league, but they seem to bring out the best in our players. A few of the details follow in our game reports. Let us start with the “blow-out.”

Tommy's Produce 14 Cody's Restaurant 8

Tommy's defense led the way to this lopsided score. They kept Cody's scoreless in three of the innings and only eight runs in the other innings.

Meanwhile, Tommy's was running up the score. It was only in the last two innings that their hitters, held in check, scored only three runs over the last two innings. It could have been worse.

Bill Lepping, five hits with a home run, and Joe Malley, three hits with a home run, led Tommy's hitters.

For Cody's, Lenny Segal had five hits with a home run, and Van Farber

Softball

and Ken Graham had four hits each.

Tommy's Produce 17 OTOW 15

Miracle of miracles in this game as Frank Schlotter had a home run.

Let me explain this miracle.

Frank hit the ball over the infield and between the outfielders. It appeared he was dumbfounded with his hit, but low and behold, designated runner Lenny Segal was running down to first base, then to second, then to third and finally a home run. Schlotter was credited with a home run. Deserved? The scorekeeper thought so!

Lenny Segal had a home run of his own.

Glen Ohl, Doug Murray and Van Farber had four hits each in the victory. A close game with the players

“fighting” for the win.

Hugh Quirk, Trevor Dixon and Greg Zimmer chipped in with four hits each for the losers.

OTOW 7, Tommy's Produce 7

Although both teams had 20 hits, they just couldn't score.

Doug Murray had three hits with his home run, Bob Fields had five hits, while Bill Arkins had four.

OTOW was led by Lenny Segal with five hits, including a home run. Bryan Wood and Bob Rittner had four hits each. Neither team got the needed hits with men on base. The fans enjoyed the game, but not the tie.

Scott's Pharmacy 18, Tommy's Produce 17

Scott's had Bob Rittner with four hits, including a home run. Bill Arkins had a home run, too. Guy Bertuzzi had four hits. The other Scott's players had timely hits with men in scoring positions.

For Tommy's, Lenny Segal con-

tinues with his hitting spree with five hits, including a home run. Guy Bertuzzi had a home run, included in his four hits. Jim Pollock had five hits, a nip-and-tuck game not won until the last innings. The winners then scored three runs and held the losers to one.

Cody's 17, OTOW 12.

A more typical game went to Cody's 17 to OTOW's 12.

Cody's had outhit OTOW 33 to 24. This game tightened up when OTOW scored five runs in the last inning. Until then, it was a blow-out.

Helping the victors were Bob Fields with five hits, and Ken Graham, Lenny Segal, Trevor Dixon and Carm Costa with four hits each.

In the loss, Bill Arkins had five hits, including a home run, Doug Murray's had four hits and a home run, and Joe Malley and Guy Bertuzzi had four hits each.

Untimely outs with men on base were obvious in this loss.

Only six months until next season

Winners announced from three recent tournaments

By Bob Laplante

The end of March sees the beginning of the On Top of the World Snowbird migration north.

The southern climes return to the quiet routine of summer with occasional excitement coming from the odd hurricane warning or sinkhole report.

The Snowbirds, having flown north, get to react to the occasional heat wave with, “It's just like Florida, suck it up!”

Ahh, the cycle of life!

Welcome to newly trained bowlers, Mike and Barb Lenzi, who recently moved to OTOW from Pennsylvania.

The lawn bowl season finished with three tournaments in March. The 4-3-2-1 Triples tournament had Dave Murray, Rick Carr and Joan O'Connor winning with Marg Hachey, Pauline

Lawn Bowl

McKinnon and Doreen Paine coming in second.

The St Patrick's Tournament was won by Lorne Reid, Doug Pineau and Joan Altieri, with second place going to Denis Rosendale, Bruce Radford and Jean Evans.

The Novice Tournament was won by Jerry Cotton, closely followed by Margo Smith.

The St Patrick's Tournament was followed by a pot-luck luncheon – an appropriate event for Pat Murray in her final event as the social director.

The last event of the year was a fun day tournament with a BBQ lun-

cheon coordinated by Fidel Turbide and Jacques Breton. Results were too late for publication in this report.

Our annual general meeting was held on March 21 with the executive board for the coming year approved by the membership. The slate of nominees has the following people returning: Wendy Colquhoun as president, Mario Altieri as vice president, Rick Carr as secretary, Norm Couture as treasurer and Mary Bates-Smith, Denise Dion and Jerry Cotton as directors. Remaining on the executive are Bob Laplante as past president and Tom Barrett, Mike Cooper and Jacques Breton as directors.

On behalf of all members, our appreciation is extended to all who have offered to serve in order to maintain such a vibrant club.

The Lawn Bowls Club is anxiously awaiting repairs and resurfacing to the lawn bowl rinks after the work was postponed from last year. We look forward to returning in the autumn to improved facilities. The club is preparing new backboards and notice boards to complement the work by OTOW Management.

For those wishing to bowl next year, April provides an ideal time for training as there is greater flexibility for scheduling and the weather is usually perfect. If interested, visit the lawn bowls courts any morning to leave your name and phone number.

For those who bowl during the summer months, here or up north, good bowling. For those who only bowl at OTOW, it's only six months until next season.

Back by popular demand, Travel Club schedules second trip to Solomon's Castle

By Pat Zorland

The March 1 meeting was again well attended.

The secretary was not able to attend so the vice president volunteered to take the minutes.

The next order of business was the treasurer's report, which stated that the collection of dues was moving along nicely and that we are almost at 40 new members.

President Audrey Jones announced a trip to New York City, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Baltimore had to be cancelled due to lack of participation.

Another trip was presented.



Travel Club

This is a day trip to Solomon's Castle. This will be our second time there. Last year it was a success and some club members have asked if we could do it again.

A date of March 16 was set. You will read about the trip in the May

edition of this newspaper.

A poll was taken as to what kind of trips our members are interested in taking. We will then be setting up more trips for the rest of the year.

Roxie Maggio reported that the Lunch Bunch has been a success with at least 10 people attending lunches at Bella Eva Restaurant and Oriental Buffet. There was another lunch planned for March at the Safety Harbor Spa. I believe we have had some new members attending these lunches. We would like to see more new members attend so they can meet and get to know more of our members.

New Business: On the agenda

for September is a tip to Pigeon Forge and the Smokey Mountains Shows (seven days and six nights from Clearwater). This trip has been attracting a great deal of interest and we have quite a few people already signed up to go.

More information will be available at our April 5 meeting in the West Activity Center at 2 p.m., or look for us on Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

For more information on our club, come to our meetings which are held on the first Friday of each month. You can also call Shirley at 726-4619.

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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.

Learn Chinese

A new class on learning the Chinese language, letter characters and history, will begin on Friday, March 8 from 10-11 a.m.

On Top of the World resident Jay Chang will be teaching the first class for free to anyone who wants to learn more about the Chinese language.

The class will take place in the East Activity Center Blue Room. If the class is successful, follow-up classes will take place next fall.

For more information, contact Jay at 444-0223 or check out our Web page on the Box Office Web site.

Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

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Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Morning exercise class is always free

Keep active and join us for our 8 a.m. exercise class in the in the East Activity Center lower gym.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and we've added music to our daily cardio workout.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exer-

cises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

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Pet of the Month



This is Bandit, 10, and Grover, 4. Bandit enjoys taking Grover for walks. He grabs Grover's leash and pulls him around. Grover is blind so he appreciates the extra attention. And Grover can easily find Bandit because Bandit has a noisy tag on his collar. Grover listens for the tag and can find his friend. Bandit will also protect Grover when outside and the two love to play together. Their neighbors love them to death. The proud parents are Harold and Karen Ulmer of the Sir Lancelot Building.

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Young gymnast ‘flips’ over quilt Grandmother made

By Diane Cavanaugh
OTOW News Feature Writer

Jeanetta Clark has always encouraged her children and grandchildren to challenge themselves, in school, in athletics and in leadership.

But recently Jeanetta received her own challenge... to make a special quilt!

Her granddaughter, Mikaeli Hassell, has been involved in many projects: Student Government President at Tarpon Springs High and captain of the cheerleading squad. But her real love is gymnastics, at which she has been excelling since the age of 8.

Mikaeli's competitions have taken her to Orlando numerous times, plus Atlanta, Ga., and a memorable trip to Europe, where she did a “backflip” on the Eiffel Tower!

For each competition she received engraved trophies and T-shirts. During a recent conversation with Jeanetta, she mentioned that most of the T-shirts were simply sitting in a drawer, and wondered if her Grandmother could create a quilt to remind her of her travels.

They have so many memories, and she wanted a way to preserve them. Jeanetta was taught by her grandmother to quilt when she was 12, and recently has been very involved in the hobby.

She only does hand-quilting, not the quicker sewing machine method. She also likes the back of the quilt to look as good as the front... this is the goal of the “real” artist.

Jeanetta has included 30 shirts in the quilt. Mikaeli loves it so much that she “burrows” under it every night!

Mikaeli has suffered some broken bones and injuries, but she believes the joy of competing is well worth any “stumbles.”

Currently she is debating between three colleges. Although she thinks she prefers to stay in Florida, there is a college in Ohio that is very appealing.

Jeanetta says of her granddaughter, “She has always been a driven personality.” Obviously that drive and determination has served her well, and she has succeeded.

Every T-shirt has a star as part of the team symbol... obviously representative of Mikaeli, her own shining star!



Jeanetta Clark and granddaughter Mikaeli Hassell proudly show off the quilt that Jeanetta made for Mikaeli from a collection of Mikaeli's T-shirts from various gymnastics competitions.



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April Fools — wow! Our season is winding down too quickly!

The parking lots are becoming empty as Snowbirds start their annual spring migration. Safe travels to all.

Viennese Villa welcomes two new neighbors: Tressah Kopsolias of Michigan and Marguerite Schreiber from Colorado. They were busy painting and settling in when I met them.

There are three more units with new residents yet to move in. Hopefully I will be able to introduce them next month. From all of us here in Viennese Villa, welcome! You've made a great choice in buildings.

Russ Lamesfield and Howard Rochte's new kitchen is a real show stopper indeed. I could actually "eat in" with a snazzy kitchen like that. It's amazing what good design can do. Happy cooking, guys!

The St. Patrick's Day parade here at On Top of the World was fun. Everyone was Irish! Even the doggies...

Viennese Villa was well represented with Maeve Anderson, "a real Irish lass to be sure," captured by the camera of my hubby (photo at top right). He's quite talented with a camera. Thanks Hal, for a great photo! Hal and I are so fortunate to have such thoughtful neighbors. Thank you one and all!

The floats were well done and the three bagpipe bands were great. I love the pipes and really enjoy them.

Happy belated anniversary wishes go out to Pat and Bill Johnson. They celebrated with a holiday in the Keys. Nice way to start another year of wedded bliss.



Our golf tournament was enjoyed by a good group. I don't think Tiger has any worries from us, although word has it that Fred Schick is pretty darn handy with the clubs. He's also good at crown molding, I hear.

Unfortunately, the BBQ had to be canceled. Maybe a farewell to Snowbirds will get us together this month.

There is to be a silent auction April 6 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the core. This is to raise funds for our building. Please look around for nice items in good condition that are no longer needed in your home for this event. This will benefit both you and our building. All details are listed on our bulletin board, so please take a look-see.

Speaking of funds, it's dues time again. It would be nice to have them all collected by April 15. You can forward the \$10 (as of this writing) to your wing captain or to Howard Rochte, who will pass it along to our treasurer, Connie McDonald.

There will be a ballot box to cast a secret vote concerning future dues and their amount during the silent auction



Viennese Villa resident Maeve Anderson, third from left, marches along merrily in the St. Patrick's Day parade held March 9 at On Top of the World. (Photo by Hal Fairfield)

on the 6th. This is most important to our building so please cast your vote.

Again details concerning this as well as the auction will be posted on the bulletin board in the core.

Just got the word, Dec. 12 is the date for our building Christmas party, again at Spoto's. So be sure to mark that calendar.

I have been asked by many to mention the storage (or lack thereof) rooms. Each floor has a locked room or two for its residents. I did look in ours and there is little if any room to store anything, let alone walk around.

I think people are right when they say a lot of the stuff is not really

needed. Time to clear and clean out for everyone's sake as well as safety. Maybe some auction treasures in there...

I understand our building is to be painted at some point. It may be wise to leave keys to Snowbirds' cars that remain behind with someone so that the cars can be moved (unless you want your car to coordinate in color with the building).

Tip of the month: Wipe a bit of olive oil around jar covers that may become sticky. Makes for easy opening.

Till next month, be happy. Send any news to me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

Residents go all out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

I want to thank Nancy Geyer for writing the March Flamenco column. Thanks for filling in for me, Nancy. Good job!

Helen Peters recently adopted a young cat whom she and daughter Stella named "Harley" because someone found him sitting on top of a Harley-Davidson before taking him to a shelter. Harley enjoys chasing his tail and turning somersaults, but the call of the wild may be too tempting for him, as he keeps trying to run out the door.

Several birthdays were celebrated in March and April. Twenty-two friends and neighbors attended a surprise birthday party for Nancy Geyer.

Also, happy 88th birthday to Norm Ellis.

My son Mike, from Omaha, Neb., was here in March. During his visit we celebrated his 50th birthday, attended the Joey Dee concert, and watched the St. Patrick's Day parade as it wound its way down World Parkway.



He also got in some time at the beach and did some fishing (see photo). He caught and released about eight bass and four blue gills, including a 17-inch bass in the small pond on the west side of On Top of the World.

My younger son Dan, with whom Mike shares a birthday (same day, six years apart), will be here in April with his wife.

Nineteen residents from our building attended a St. Patrick's Day



Reporter Dawn Rubio's visiting son with one of the many fish he caught in a pond on the West side of OTOW.

dinner and dance at the Elks Club in Dunedin. The music was great, and I didn't hear any complaints about the ample portions of corned beef and cabbage.

When the musician asked for a volunteer to sing Danny Boy, our very own Diane Cavanaugh (after a little

coaxing from our table) sang to an appreciative crowd. Who better to sing Danny Boy than an Irish colleen?

Hugh Quirk estimated that about half of the people attending the event were residents of OTOW.

John and Marilyn Jernberg's son and wife from Illinois visited recently. Marilyn said their daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchild from Minnesota will be here later in the month. Everyone up there needs a break from the brutal Midwestern winter.

Recently, I saw a plaque in a gift shop that read, "I believe in giving homemade gifts. Which one of my children would you like?"





On hand for Gloria Mitchell's annual tea party at her Paradise Reserve home were these ladies in their "Roaring 20s" fashions. Seated from left to right: Jan Jankowski, Betty Rizzo, Erna Mandl, Diana Rodammer, Carol Babini, Verna Privitera and Helen Martini. Standing from left to right: Connie Giudice, Brigitte Maseck, Donia Stadler, Gloria Mitchell, Ingrid Durhan, Brid Mitchell, Margaret Forde, Jean Doane, Diane Bigelow, Esther Glowatsky, Julie Narancich and Mina Osborn. (Photo by Barbara Sundberg)

Recreating the 'Roaring 20s' at annual tea party

By Barbara Sundberg

Last month, Gloria Mitchell held her fifth annual tea party in her lovely Paradise Reserve condo.

This year's theme was "The Roaring 20s." All guests were requested to get all dolled up in feathers, fringe, lace, bows, and roaring 20's dresses (see photo for identifications of the attendees).

Gloria will use any excuse for a party and this year's tea party was an

event we all looked forward to!

Tea was served, along with her famous Marie's salad, followed by delicious cheesecake with blueberries soaked in Southern Comfort, and whipped cream topped with fresh raspberries.

We sat and talked all afternoon plotting on next year's theme. Look out Miss America, you're going to have some healthy competition in 2014!

Try Amelia Island next time you need a mini-vacation

Amelia Island, in the northeastern part of Florida on the Atlantic Ocean, is one of the most relaxing (or not) vacation spots in Florida.

Only six miles long and four miles wide, it packs a bunch of fun things to do, great eating establishments, plenty of unique places to shop, golfing, super hotels and, of course, the energy packed Atlantic Ocean.

Ron and I spent three fun days with six other couples touring this tiny island on a trolley bus learning its history, meeting their friendly people, enjoying fresh seafood, learning their secrets of past days and triumphs of today, and just enjoying each other's company. The guys are all retirees of Ryder Trucking and get together every year for a mini-reunion at a different location.

The orange trees in our back courtyard have tiny little oranges gracing their branches already. The flowering trees and bushes are brilliant with color, and the weeds and pollen counts are making themselves known also. My family in Iowa is still shoveling snow and freezing their hind ends off amid grey skies and leafless trees. Aren't we lucky to be living here with our only worry is falling into a sinkhole?

Marilyn Woolway and her friend,



Richard, have been busy remodeling the inside of her apartment. A new facelift always is exciting. It's a slow process but I see new smiles on their faces every day.

Watch for the sign-up sheet that will be on the bulletin board soon for our annual picnic to be held in mid April at Philippe Park. Word is out that an exciting new twist to our menu will be added this year. We always have a good turn-out at this fun event, and the food and camaraderie is exceptional.

Don't forget to get your Recreation Cards updated and carry them with you. The West Activity Center is open every Monday from 9-11:00 a.m. for this free service.

Remember folks, to keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. 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.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

Picnickers bid farewell to Snowbirds

Well here it is April, income tax time, snowbirds are packing, closing up their unit and heading for the north or wherever they go.

I'm sure families are waiting for mom and dad and grandma and grandpa to get home. Parting such a great place as Capistrano with so many nice folks is hard, but the fall comes pretty quick and it will soon be time to come back to good old Capistrano.

I could tell you that I won the New York lottery but then you must know it is April first!

In all we had a nice winter here, it was a little cool some days, pretty chilly others but then when it got warm it was beautiful.

My grandkids Henry and Nelly visited with their mom and dad (my son) and were lucky to have the greatest warm weather of the winter. Being from Buffalo, N.Y., they enjoyed the warmth and all the places we took them especially the beach.



The St. Patrick's parade was well-attended by the residents of our building; I saw many familiar faces among the parade watchers lining the street. The bands were exceptional and a pleasure to listen to as they paraded by. The little dogs with their Irish coats, hats and berets marched proudly with their masters seemingly oblivious to the distractions of the crowd. Good job, doggies!

The March 10 Capistrano picnic was a great success with many residents and friends gathered to enjoy a beautiful sunny day. We all had a nice afternoon enjoying each other's company accompanied by some good picnic foods prepared by our great Capistrano cooks.

The hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked just right by Don and his helpers Pat and Lyn. President Tony Snopoli wished everyone a healthy and safe summer and a safe trip for the Snowbirds.

Thanks to Tony and the board members for the time and effort devoted to our Capistrano building, we residents do appreciate it.

Spring brings a lot of young visitors to the complex. We all need to be a little more cautious when we drive around especially in the parking areas. Remember, these young people aren't familiar with our driving habits so we need to be a little extra careful.

OTOW After-Hours Emergency Number: 799-1115
(Water intrusion, elevator entrapment, building alarm malfunctions, etc.)

103rd birthday is occasion for special family get-together

Our neighbor, Loretta Gilkey, will celebrate her 103rd birthday this month. Loretta lives with her daughter, Carole Lacey, at On Top of the World.

Carole's daughter, Jennifer and her children came from Pennsylvania for an early celebration. The grandkids spent a day at Universal Studios and enjoyed movies and the beach while visiting.

Four generations were present for the photo displayed at far right. Loretta had a total of four children, of which three survive.

There are eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Congratulations to Loretta and best wishes for another healthy year!

Donna and Phil Smerz welcomed another grandchild. Their daughter, Stacy, and her husband, Kuba, and their two children welcomed Adam to the family in February. Adam arrived on his brother's birthday, making the birth even more special. Sending good wishes to all on this happy occasion!

"Till We Meet Again"



Donna and Phil Smerz' new grandson Adam is shown with sister Aly and brother Jake.



Four generations came together recently to help celebrate Loretta Gilkey's 103rd birthday, which occurs this month. Shown from top left are family members Brian, Sam, Sunny, Jennifer, Carole, Loretta and Aaron. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

España Building celebrates its 20th anniversary

Please sing along if you please!

*Happy Birthday to us
Happy Birthday to us
Happy Birthday Espana
Happy Birthday to us!*

Yes, this month we are leaving our teens and becoming adults. As of April, 2013, our building is 20 years old.

Our first residents began moving in about the middle of April, 1993. I was thinking that our first residents were Aleda and Don Sloan. Not wanting to give you bad info, I called Aleda to verify it and, yes, they were the very first to move into the España.

As you know, we have 54 apartments in our building, of which only 14 are still occupied by original residents. Who are these original residents?

In the North-East wing are three original residents: Nancy Savelle; Jackie and Tony Manfredi; and Dee Cotter. In the North-West wing are four: Ruth and Jim Osborne; Minnie Orsburn; Ken Russell; Connie Wells; and me.

In the South-West wing are two: Millie Anderson and Catherine Haubenreich. In the South-East wing are five: Liliane and Gerry Anderson; Lill and Herb Cervinka; Lou Marchi; Phyllis Shapack; and Wally Peters.



For you newcomers, Lou Marchi was the España Building Association's original treasurer. Ken Russell was the second España Building Association president. Ken also helped Herb Cervinka lay out and paint the condo numbers on the storage rooms' floors; and I designed the telephone directory and prepared it for the first five years.

I followed the style and changed the color each year, just like I had been doing for Casa Verdi, where I lived prior to moving to the España on May 13, 1993.

I started writing our España article for the OTOW newspaper 15 years ago. I couldn't write the article and prepare the telephone directory, so Alice Baxendale took over preparing the

telephone directory and is still following my original design.

I am very pleased to be the writer of our building's article each month and, because I have lived here since the very beginning, I am able to fill in some blanks for you young folk.

I'd like to go back to the apartment of our first residents, Aleda and Don Sloan. Carol Keough is the third resident in that particular apartment, so I think I will tell you about her recent company. Carol's sister Nancy Lange and her husband Harold visited for a week. They are from Wilmington, N.C. They all went to Honeymoon Island for a day. Harold had a ball because during that week he visited, according to Carol, every museum in the phone book.

Carol had time to get a little rest before her daughter Liz Abeyounis came to visit.

Liz is from Newport News, Va. Liz's son Dave had spring break from Virginia Tech, so he came along to visit with his aunt and get some sunshine. Dave is studying to become a dentist.

Liz and Dave love to kayak, so they spent a lot of their week on the water. No, Carol did not go with them!

We should all thank Carol for preparing the birthday and anniversary

cards that she posts on the bulletin board each month.

If you have seen Virginia Rudolph walking a little black dog, don't get excited, because it is not hers. Virginia's daughter Laura and her husband Jay from Indianapolis, Ind., came to Florida for a few days and then had to go back to go to work.

They left their dog Mitzie with Virginia for a week. They then came back with their entire family, their daughter Sherrie and their twin daughters Jennifer and Julie.

It was the first time that the entire family all had their free time at the same time. Laura and Jay work for the airlines and Sherrie, Jennifer and Julie are in college.

Mitzie will be happy to see the entire family again. Incidentally, since this is the 20th birthday of España, in 1999 Virginia and Rudy Rudolph bought the apartment of Bob Bush, who was an original owner and resident.

I want to thank all the people who sent me notes, emails, etc. in regard to my picture in last month's "Guess Who" article by Lill Cervinka. It was very kind of you all.

Now you all know what I did for a living before I became Mrs. Pebworth!

Need An Extra Newspaper?

Copies of the OTOW News are available in the lobbies of the East and West Activity Centers.



Possible new social event for residents

April is here already? That means some of the Snowbirds are thinking about heading north. Someday they will realize it is just not worth it and stay down here with the rest of us...ha-ha.

My neighbor Ann Karceski enjoyed a wonderful visit with her son, Ed. He was only here for a few days and then headed to the Daytona 500 NASCAR race.

She claims he is a really good cook and I believe her. I think she enjoyed the visit, but secretly, it may have been her live-in chef! Well, whichever, she is still smiling about it.

We are hoping to get an a.m. coffee and donut social time started here at the Grecian Classic. There is a signup sheet in the core if anyone is interested.

However, some have indicated a different approach: p.m. wine and cheese. I can see already some mutiny in the ranks... well, there are always the morning people and the afternoon people. Stay tuned to see who wins!

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"Never give the devil a ride; he will want to take over the driving."

Jim and Maureen Bjorno hosted a building meeting to play catch-up with the neighbors and give them information on the building, good neighbor activities, etc.

Maureen has done a great job of keeping us all informed about what's happening, either in the building or at the activity centers. Thanks so much for your efforts.

I ran away from work in January and went to visit my family in New Castle, Pa., and Niles, Ohio. I realized I was going in the dead of winter but I had not seen snow, or ice for over eight years, so it was time, I missed it.

Well I arrived to a wind chill of 16 below. I said, "Below what?" Cold is cold, and then we had an ice storm and finally slush. So I got the full treatment! Never will I complain about the heat in the summertime!

I caught up with old high school pals, snuck into my sister's church and surprised them; they did not know I was in town. That was fun.

Congratulations to Joan Farrell and William Cutts. They were married on Valentine's Day. That is the perfect wedding day.



They had a lovely reception at the Elks Club in Dunedin.

"Queenie" the cat is back in town. Queenie comes from New York with her parents John and Eileen



Finding their groove with the reporter's new Wii game system.

Organdy. She has a new pink collar and leash, which makes her look very "femme feline."

Finally I got to use my gift of a Wii game. I even threw a Wii party. My nephews put this together for me, but when they left they neglected to teach me use it. Thanks to some kind people in the building, Elizabeth and Malcolm Warren, we were able to get it all together and play all the games. It is such fun (see photo, below left).

On Sundays, I believe there is Wii Bowling at the East Activity Center. Go and do it, it is fun and good exercise.

Fourteen of the building's residents got together for the monthly luncheon and ended up at Queens' restaurant. Funny enough it is an Italian place, but everyone went Greek that day. Fun for all.

Friends celebrated Avona Carroll's birthday. Cake made by our famous baker in the building, Barbara McIntyre and Neal Krug provided ice cream.

Happy Birthday Avona!

Farewell to Elaine. We wish you well on your journey.

Cooking tip: Peppers with three bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating, while peppers with four bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Some 'taxing' ideas on charity giving

The other day I was thinking about what to write for my April article — a childhood rhyme came to mind: "April showers bring May flowers."

Springtime has always been one of my favorite seasons. The heavy rains of April bring about the enjoyment of bright colored flowers in May.

There is a science behind this rhyme as the spring cycle of renewal happens in many parts of the earth. The increased amount of moisture in the soil helps plants begin to grow. The days get warmer and the plants tend to grow and bloom.

As a child I remember getting excited when a daffodil or crocus was found popping up through the ground. As an adult fresh tulips or daffodils would be brought into my home to have a sense of springtime all day!

This is my first spring in Florida and the reality of this rhyme is lost, particularly since we enjoy the beautiful landscape and vegetation all year long. There is no thawing of the ground! There are some rains, however, the



months of March and April aren't even our "rainy season!" The days are getting warmer, so get out and enjoy the flowers, the flowering shrubs and beautiful landscapes of Florida — all year long.

Spring also brings two other things: spring cleaning and taxes! As we do our spring cleaning, think about recycling your clothes, furniture and other items which you may not want or need anymore. These bring revenue for many organizations that

have thrift stores, and provide needed items for those who may need to stretch their dollars.

April 15 is tax day. Let us do our part to support our government and be grateful for the things we own and enjoy. Here is a fun way to tax items we enjoy. As the month goes along follow these guidelines and collect the taxes:

April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: add up 10 cents for every vegetable you eat.

April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: add up 25 cents for every cup of coffee you drink.

April 3, 10, 17 and 24: add up one dollar if you took the day off.

April 4, 11, 18 and 25: add up 25 cents if you took a shower these days.

April 5, 12, 19 and 26: add up 15 cents for every fruit you eat.

April 6, 13, 20 and 27: add up every time you got into a motor vehicle.

April 7, 14, 21 and 28: add up 10 cents for everything you should have done but didn't.

Add these all up and give your "taxes" to your church, favorite club or non-profit organization.

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Exploring some humorous examples of language use

It's that time of year for us to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles.

As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. (If you don't use it, you lose it!) Some may think this little test is too easy. It's just one simple question. I think it's a pretty good gauge of where you are in life. More than 95 percent of the people cannot answer the following question:

You are driving a bus from New York to Tampa. In New York, 17 people get on the bus. In Philadelphia, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Washington, D.C., two people get off and four get on. In Charleston, S.C., 11 people get off and 16 people get on.

In Savannah, Ga., three people get off and five people get on. In Jacksonville, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Tampa. Now, without using a calculator, how old is the bus driver?

Let's face it — English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.



We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

Did you figure out the age of the bus driver? Well, since it was *you* driving the bus, the bus driver's age is...

Hibernation season ends in April. Birds fly back north. Professional baseball starts, and the two biggest days of the month are St. Stupid's Day (4/1), and That Sucks Day (4/15).

For those of you who have been getting up 3 a.m. every morning to

run 26 miles, training for the Boston Marathon (also on That Sucks Day), good luck.

Other notable days this month are National Deep Dish Pizza Day (4/5), International Pillow Fight Day (4/9), Walk on Your Wild Side Day (4/12) Blah! Blah! Blah! Day (4/17), National Jelly Bean Day (4/22), and Red Hat Society Day (4/25).

Though May flowers are waiting for us, take some time to savor the minutes, hours, and days of April.

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BEST INTENTIONS

By Alma W. Hudson

Our lives are filled with best intentions
 We plan our days to be the best
 We try to understand conventions
 We want to meet that coming test
 Where we will face life's hard decisions
 To answer "yes" or answer "no"
 For once we speak there's no revision
 We've set our course and on we go
 We want to choose the course to follow
 To raise our eyes to higher planes
 We set our sights above that hollow
 That dooms so many hoped-for gains
 We must be careful of our dealings
 We must give more than what we take
 To honor every person's feelings
 To try to live without mistake
 And we will strive to meet life's meaning
 We'll set our eyes on higher goal
 We'll honest be in all our scheming
 Avoid the rocks, the depths, the shoal
 We'll strictly honor each convention
 Yes, this is our aim
 Our "Best Intention."

KATIE

Madeleine Wanda

I remember a pretty little girl named Katie
 She grew up to be a beautiful Miss,
 Katie met a handsome Mr. and loved him,
 He kissed her and asked her to be his Mrs.
 What a beautiful time for planning and loving
 Both are looking forward to their wedding day
 This big event can't come too soon
 And even both parents say, "That's OK."



THE CRUISE

By Alma W. Hudson

Day after day of relaxing
 Day after day out on deck
 Strolling a fast fifty paces
 More if you should so elect
 Dining in elegant splendor
 Cruising to please every tongue
 Dishes just planned for excitement
 Planned for the old and the young
 Gambling, if you enjoy it
 Slot machines, poker and craps
 Sitting in one same position
 You'll be winner, perhaps
 Great entertainment to please you
 Singing and dancing and jokes
 All being part of a floor show
 Planned just for pleasing us folks
 Then the great band set for dancing
 Tango and fox trot and waltz
 Music to get your feet prancing
 Every step measured no faults
 Then out on deck in the starlight
 Watching a bow wave unfurl
 Holding a hand close beside you
 Brushing aside a loose curl
 This is a moment of gladness
 This is a moment of bliss
 This is a moment that calls for
 The long lingering love of a kiss.

A PERFECT DAY

Madeleine Wanda

This is the end of a perfect day
 I see the end of the sunset, too
 Which warmed the earth in every way
 And the pleasure of seeing you.
 This day proclaimed no snow or rain
 Only the pleasurable breeze that floated by,
 Now it's time to go to sleep,
 it's time to say goodbye.



==== The below story submission is from an OTOW Writer's Ink member ====

"HAIR TODAY"

By Bea Swan

Wouldn't you know it? A job interview coming up and I'm having a totally bad hair week. Hating the thought of succumbing to the hands of my hairdresser, I enter the Lovely Orchid Hair Designers' salon. Kim Yee, the owner, greets me.

"How do, missy. Where you been? I no see you long time."

Maybe because the last hair disaster kept me out of a beauty shop for years.

"Now listen, Kim Yee. Can you do it right this time? I want a *very gentle* perm. Not a tight curly one. Those look awful on me and make my hair break off. Do it nice and easy, promise?"

Kim Yee looks appropriately shocked, then assures me the waving solution will be



washed out in half the usual time. "You not need worry," she smiles and sets the timer. I seat myself in the barber chair.

The curls are set, the clock ticks away, and the moment to rinse rings.

Just then, a peculiar thing happens. Bottles fly off shelves. Mirrors crack. My chair vibrates on its

pedestal and I'm too stunned to get off it. This is one helluva time for an earthquake.

When the floor stops rolling, and everybody catches their breath, we get hastily down to business, crunching through the broken glass to the sink to wash the chemicals out of my rapidly disintegrating hair. The water is off! All the sinks are dry. Good grief!

"Hurry, hurry," Kim Yee beckons me from the room at the back of the shop. She points to the toilet bowl. "Put head in here. Hurry, hurry..."

With a cup she empties out the contents of the tank. It holds a lot, thank goodness. We get the hair rinsed. Not too bad looking, considering. But I haven't been back for a perm since. Who needs another earthquake?

THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the *OTOW News*

(Part 47: April, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Among the many trips being planned for the near future were the Passion Play at Lake Wales, Florida Downs, Asolo Theatre in Sarasota and Tampa Jai-Alai.
- The first Bingo game at OTOW was played March 18, 1969, so the sixth birthday had passed. The game got its start by some of the residents chipping in five dollars each.
- A countywide student art show was held at Clearwater Mall. Some lucky OTOW residents exhibited their art.
- The Theater Workshop gratefully acknowledged contributions from the Entertainment and the Bingo committees toward a new sound system for the auditorium.
- On Top of the World Chorus presented an evening of mirth, mischief and melody with "Fun's A-Poppin'" in the auditorium on Saturday, April 5, 5-8 p.m. We enjoyed all this for a donation of \$1.25 each.

See you next time!

Plans being laid for annual backyard BBQ

Hope you all got the chance to browse through the March *OTOW News*. There were quite a few pictures of Americana residents scattered throughout.

Our Edgar Hachey was a cover boy on the Clubs and Activities section. He, along with his teammates Denise Dion and Thelma Jacobsen, were pictured as the Canadian Lawn Bowlers winning team in this year's tournament. Although not pictured, Mary Pineau was mentioned as a runner-up. Good show, fellow Americana-ers!

Also pictured as pet of the month was Tasha, who allows Jean Nicolaus to reside with her. Tasha is a really precious dog. All of us loved seeing her in her prominent position.

My picture was featured with my fellow OTOW "inmates" as one of the acts in the Jesters 34th annual show.

The headline for this shot was "Bad Girls!" All of us performers had a huge chuckle when we saw the coverage.

Our last Monday of the month luncheon (in February) was held at



Red Lobster. Mary Gwynne-Timothy, as hostess, needed to reserve two long tables since more than 20 of us attended. If any of you haven't joined this once-a-month get-together, you don't know what fun you're missing. There's room for everyone. And there's always car space for those who can't drive or don't wish to.

Preparations will soon be underway for our annual backyard BBQ and pot luck picnic. The hamburgers and condiments are one of the ways our yearly dues are utilized. Check the bulletin board for details.



Part of the crowd of French Renaissance I residents who enjoyed a recent dinner and games night in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center.

Residents keeping busy at French Renaissance I

"This joint is jumping!" As we are a-wishing and a-hoping for spring to arrive, we are having one heck of a time here at the French Renaissance I.

The ladies had a wonderful building luncheon at Green Springs in Safety Harbor. We laughed, gossiped and ate till we were full.

Then "what's good for the gander is good for the goose," the men had a luncheon at the new Sea Dog Restaurant in Clearwater. Talk about your fishing stories! They too had fun, enjoyed the food and told tall tales of the sea.

We need to thank Dave Combs, Lorine Combs, Dona Haura, Dana Garlick, Cheryl Lindback and Carl Lindback for all their help organizing our dinner and games night (see photo above).

My goodness, what a great time was had by all. The dinner catered by Felice was scrumptious and we had so much left over we took some home. The Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center was perfect. Let's do that again!



We played games that helped us learn a little bit more about each other. Truly found out we are basically all the same in some way or another. The dinner and games night was also a great way for all the newcomers in our building to get to know everyone.

You know acting silly and having fun is one way to stay young at heart. What do we care what others think especially at our ages? So go for it gang, and have a great month, will talk to you all soon.

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Two terrific couples each mark 59 years of marriage

We all love spring flowers. They are truly the essence of spring. The tulips represent these two couples that live in our building who have been married for 59 years.

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Creamy Maureen Tulips symbolized that they would love each other forever. Strong Gold Tulips symbolizes there is sunshine in their smile. Princess Irene Orange Tulip symbolizes the energy, enthusiasm, desire, and passion to make their marriage last, and the Pink Upstar Tulip symbolizes the affection and caring for each other.

My first couple is Bob and Helen Byrne, who have been married for 59 years and will be celebrating their anniversary on April 30. They have lived at On Top of the World since May 1, 1988, and came here from Boston, Mass.

Bob is retired from 30 years in the Navy. Helen worked as a school teacher for 20 years while Bob was in the service.

They have a daughter, Julie, and her husband, Jim, who live in Clearwater. Their granddaughter's name is Gloria and her husband, Matt. The two great grandchildren are Maverick who is 2 years old, and Aizlyn who is 5 months old.

I met "Katie," their beautiful black Maine Coon Cat, who they adopted when she was 9 years old. She is presently 14.

Bob and Helen love to read and travel. At one time, they belonged to the Airstream Travel Club and traveled



all over the country in their RV. Since they have sold the RV, they exclusively travel by going on cruises such as to Alaska and cruising across the Atlantic to Europe twice.

On birthdays and anniversaries, they take cruises to celebrate. Their most impressive and best cruise was in July and August on a Holland American Cruise Ship for a 35-day "Voyage of the Vikings."

My next couple is Luigi (Gino) and Luisa Traficante. Gino was born in Italy, and Luisa in Argentina. Gino came to Argentina after World War II and met Luisa.

Gino and Luisa came from Argentina and lived in New Jersey. Gino worked as a transportation service manager and Luisa worked in the accounting/bookkeeping field as well as a homemaker.

After retirement, they came to Florida and have been living at OTOW since 2010. They love OTOW and enjoy the different clubs, dancing, shows, and exercising at the gym.

They have two sons, Gustavo and Marcelo, who were born in Argentina and a daughter, Patricia. Gustavo and Linda have three daughters and one



Luigi (Gino) and Luisa Traficante make up one of two featured couples in this month's column. Both couples are celebrating 59 years of marriage this year.

son. They live in Pennsylvania. Marcello and Marilyn have two daughters and live in Florida. Patricia and Jeff have two daughters and one son. They live in New Jersey.

Gino and Luisa also have a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

They have traveled on a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean and have been on planes to Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, Brazil, and Italy.

On March 3, 2013, Bishop Robert N. Lynch came to the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Clearwater. He celebrated a Wedding Jubilee Mass to renew marriage vows for couples having 25 years or more of marriage in 2013, including Gino and Luisa, who will celebrate 60 years of marriage Dec. 5.

Following the Mass, everyone was invited to a reception in the Parish Hall. Gino and Luisa are currently parishioners at St. Michael the Archangel in Clearwater. The photo of them (above) was taken after the Mass.

We have several new residents to welcome to our building: Marsha Fowler and Evelyn Harrison from Alexis, Ill., Corky O'Farrell from Inverness, Fla., and Elon and Larry from Massachusetts.

We will all continue to look forward to building lifelong friendships here at OTOW. I will be doing feature articles on everyone in our building who is interested. Get ready and be prepared. Have a great month!

Planning under way for Christmas party

We had another good turnout for our monthly ladies luncheon (20 in all) which took place at the Safety Harbor Bar and Grill.

At the luncheon, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Judy Boley. Judy was serenaded again later in the week at a cake and ice cream party. This was given by good friends Gin Upton and Pat Holkeim.

As it turned out, Reta Carney was also sung to inasmuch as she shares the same birth date as Judy. Judy topped off her celebration with a trip to Bradenton to visit her sister-in-law, Eunice, for more cake and fun.

Reta and husband Gene had company. Reta's sister Ruth Ann and niece Michelle gave her a surprise party at which many of the "tree people" attended.

We were very sorry to see Bonnie



Elliott return to her New York home. However, Jan Guyton, who was hostess for her month vacation, was cheered up by a visit from granddaughters Mandy, who now lives in Key West, and 1st Lt. Becky Fern. Becky is an Army nurse and is being deployed to Afghanistan for a tour of duty.

Gin Upton is always on the go. Her niece Lynn visited her and at her departure, Gin went to San Antonio to be with her daughter who was convalescing from surgery.

Congratulations are in order for Ron Huber. He won the 18-hole golf championship, having the best score in Flight A.

The 'wing angels' had a meeting and are planning for the Christmas party, which is most probably going to be held at Kally K's. Exact date and cost will be posted when plans are finalized.

It was decided to raise our dues to \$10 per unit. This can be paid to Connie Saylor or at the time of signing up and paying for the Christmas party.

Once again, I urge you to check the bulletin boards on a regular basis.



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Readers ask for more on life aboard submarines

Andre' and Anne Assalian have returned from a two-week visit to California where they visited their two children and their four grandchildren. Andre' and Anne had some very special family time together with their grandchildren.

We are so happy for Sheila and Ray Samson who recently sold their condo to move back to New Hampshire to be with their family in Loconia. They will be missed very much, especially on Fridays. Sheila and Ray have been part of the Alsace Lorraine family for more than 15 years; but family is the best reason to move on, our very best to you and your family.

The Friday social hour has gained people from other buildings and we have all enjoyed getting together and telling stories. We all got stumped on where the phrase "dressed to the nines" came from. We Googled it and got several different stories. The best seem to be that women of a bygone age would wear long gloves when they were dressed up and the gloves had nine snaps. That will have to do until we get something better.

Paula and I have started line dancing and have enjoyed the exercise along with meeting some lovely people. Line dancing has a lot of facets with simple steps and complex steps.



You can do the steps as by the book or you can add arms and hips and flare. We strongly recommend line dancing for everyone. Having two left feet is not an excuse!

Several people have commented on my submarine story. So I thought that maybe you would like to know a little more about submarine life.

When we put to sea and submerge, life takes on its own rhythm. We live and die because of training. So let's start:

The 0600 watch starts at 0545 (you always relieve your shipmate 15 minutes early — always). Breakfast runs from 0500 to 0700, so everyone gets fed.

The folks coming off watch have some training and cleaning to do before they get to watch movies or play cards.

Some of the guys write letters, not that they will ever be mailed. We had some men whose wives would write many letters to be opened while underway; today of course they have e-mail.

You stay on watch (running the equipment) for six hours and then off for 12. When you first go to sea, you sleep a lot but finally you get to a point where you can't sleep.

Card games are what most sailors do and some exercise. We also have a tendency to play tricks on each other, like when we trimmed one of the guy's belts. We trimmed it about an eighth of an inch a week. He went on a diet and came back very fit; maybe we could all use that incentive!

After three months of being together every minute of every day you get just a little on edge, so the captain usually notices and will call special field days where everyone has to get out of his rack (bed) and clean for a couple of hours.

We all get mad at the captain and forget about our petty problems; actually the captain has helped us all.

While at sea on a nuclear attack submarine, we do not surface (my longest time submerged was 94 days). When we are submerged, we clean and scrub the air to a point that scabs

don't form on cuts, at least not like the outside air.

When we surface for the first time, the air stinks or, at best, smells bad, and scabs form on recent cuts that you forgot how or when you got them. Just a technical note: We have a system that breaks the oxygen out of the sea water and returns the hydrogen back into the sea.

More about submarines to come. And that's the way it is at Building 8.



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Avalon's new reporter was taken by gardener Derek Buggie to view this lovely Amaryllis, owned by Avalon resident Joan Benjamin.

Finally, Avalon residents have their own reporter

Upon moving into the Avalon building a year ago, I immediately realized I had wonderful neighbors. The people in our building are not only friendly but watch out for each other and always there to assist a neighbor.

Recently I learned we have never had a reporter for our building. My first thought was the Avalon building is just too special not to be represented, so, as the old saying goes, like a good neighbor I volunteered.

We recently had a wine and cheese get-together in honor of Doris Strathearn, who was moving to Palm Harbor. Doris was a long-time resident and she will be missed. We extended our good wishes.

One of the first things I noticed when I moved in was the beautiful garden on the south end of our building. Our resident gardener is a very nice English gentleman by the name of Derek Buggie. Immediately, I realized he was an expert on plants and not only are the plants in his area beautiful, he extends his talents to help neighbors with plants in need of assistance.

Recently, Derek excitedly took me to the north end of our building to show me the beautiful Amaryllis which



belonged to Joan Benjamin, whom he said has had many of this variety of plant over the years and she had asked him to nurture this one for all to enjoy. A picture of that gorgeous plant is included in this column.

If you do not live in our building, you may want to take a walk and literally smell the roses and check out the other gorgeous flowers.

We have a very active group of residents, and I will be sharing in the future all of our activities. If any of our residents would like to share details of a recent trip or anything they would like to see in these articles, please let me know.

Rural French luncheons becoming popular again

Our building had its first get-together in a long time. We went to breakfast at the Sunset Grill, with 14 attending, chaired by Norma McCellan. When I checked the bulletin board, I see more months have been reserved. Great!

I took my first trip to Hard Rock Casino. Very impressive. We took the bus from the rec center, which was very economical. Unfortunately I didn't win, but we had a great time.

Congratulations to Edgar Belleveau for achieving the coveted hole-in-one on the 18th. Van and Leora will attest to the incredible feat.

Rollie and Claudette Lapointe welcomed their daughter, Aimee and her family recently.

They had five fun-filled days in Orlando, she said, then it was time for son-in-law, Kyle, to get back to work in Denver.

The rest of the family: Aimee, Charlotte, 5, and Holden, 3, stayed behind to enjoy our great weather.

At the March Press Association meeting, we had as a guest speaker



Ron Allen Jr., a jockey from Tampa Bay Downs. He was very impressive, and the session offered a chance for reporters new and old to brush up on interviewing skills. Many questions were asked and answered.

February was a big month for birthdays: my great-grandson, my granddaughter, my son and myself. (I celebrated by going to the movie with Dottie and her husband. Dottie is our water aerobics instructor.)

John Scarpa retired on the first of March. Congrats!

See you soon and be good to one another, God Bless!

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Resident's journey to Holy Land was trip of a lifetime

As we recently observed the Holy Days of Easter and Passover, a wish finally came true for Judy Rotz. Rotz, a travel agent, has traversed the Atlantic and the Caribbean many times, but has never been to the seat of her faith, the Holy Lands.

When a tourism company sponsoring a "Seminar at the Source" invited her to join them on a tour through Israel, Rotz jumped at the opportunity. This was the opportunity of a lifetime. Not only would she get to experience the highlights of the country, she would also stay at the finest hotels and dine at many posh, five-star restaurants which, as a regular tourist, would have overshot her budget.

After a flight from New York to Tel Aviv, her group attended a welcoming dinner and an overnight stay in Jerusalem. The tour began early the next morning with a visit to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust, a visit to the Museum, the Children's Pavilion and a walk along the Avenue of the Righteous. Then on



to Mount Herzl to pay respect to the fallen heroes. Next was a drive past the Knesset (Israel's Parliament), the Supreme Court Building and on to the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. There was a tour of Bethlehem in the late afternoon.

The next day she continued to see Jerusalem where they drove to the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations.

They entered the Old City, walked to the Western Wall (the only remaining

portion of the Second Temple), viewed the Dome of the Rock (sacred mosque of Islam) and wound their way through the bustling bazaars to the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher with its new golden dome. She ended day two with a visit to Mt. Zion, the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper.

She spent two days touring the seaside city of Eilat (called the playground of the sea); driving across the Jordanian border on the "Dessert Highway" to the "Red Rose City" of Petra; getting a magnificent view of the valley; visiting the famous monuments carved in the red sandstone, and seeing the Roman amphitheater.

It is impossible to condense a 10-day trip into this column, but the remaining days of the fabulous adventure included Tel Aviv, the Negev Desert, David Ben-Gurion's desert home, the restored old port city of Jaffa, the Roman and Crusader ruins including the theater and aqueduct, the seaport city of Haifa, the Bahai Shrine

and gardens and a visit to Nazareth, the Church and Mary's Well, Tiberias, Safed, one of Judaism's holiest cities, and, last but not least, a trip up the Golan Heights for a view of the area before heading home.

Of all the wonderful places she visited, Rotz was most impressed with the people. She cannot get over how warm and friendly they were. She claims that everyone looked content and most appeared to be prosperous.

Back on the home front, American Gothic held its "Golf Scramble" on March 10. The team of Donna Osborne, Elaine McDonald, residents; and Dan Morey and Muriel Salo, former residents, made up the winning team.

Coming closest to the pin on the 15th hole were Eleanor Arnold, for the women and Bob Ellis, for the men.

A luncheon was held on March 22 at Chili's and a backyard picnic is scheduled for April. The date will be posted on the bulletin board shortly.

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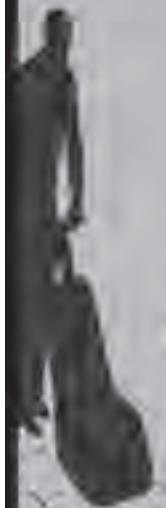
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Noting a brand new arrival and a departure

Does it get any better than this? The look of contentment, happiness and peace is revealed on Marc Schell's face as he holds his first granddaughter, Gracieanne, who was born Feb. 15 (see photo at right).

Marc and Cindy, also the proud grandparents of two grandsons, just returned from a trip to New York to meet Ms. Gracieanne for the first time. Photos are flowing, grandparents are glowing and all the coo's and ah's are expressed. There's nothing quite like the smell or feel of a new baby in your arms — congratulations Marc and Cindy.

I enjoyed a wonderful visit with Mary and Nick Spinos, who are happy to say that their "construction site" has now become their dreamed-about living quarters. The new kitchen and patio awning are beautiful and inviting.

This is the first year since they retired their Snowbird status and now that all the remodeling is done, they are free to enjoy walking on the beach, eating oysters at their favorite beach restaurant and getting involved in the community activities which includes Nick's interest in his chess group.

At this time, we will bid adieu to Noreen and John Carroll, our seasonal visitors from Canada. They have loved being at the Englander and have



Contented, happy and peaceful: a feeling that all new grandfathers know and cherish. (Photo by Cindy Schell)

a promise from the owner to return next season. If you see the twinkle in their eyes when they talk about their time here, you will wonder just how long it will be before they become permanent owners!

Are you bothered by leg cramps? My mom was, so I researched it on the computer many years ago and learned that drinking pickle juice is the cure.

Since then, both my mother and brother said it worked for them when they drank the juice from the dill pickle. I think you are laughing at me now!

Well, I was telling Nick Spinos about this during my visit and the very



next day the Pickles cartoon said the same thing. So, now are you going to try this?

Let me know how it works for you and we can move on to discussing how eating cherries can alleviate gout pain.

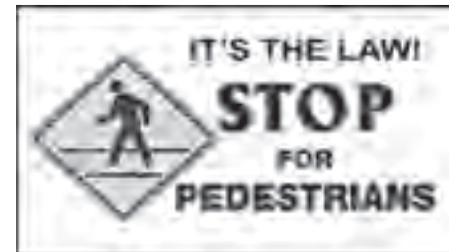
April is such a busy month. Here at On Top of the World, it's a time when Snowbirds are buying up those condos so they will have a new home upon return in the fall, flower beds are getting new color and plantings, clubs are having all their year-end get-togethers and residents are preparing for their summer vacations and seasonal homes.

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Here's a wrap-up of recent Brahman happenings

Seems like it was yesterday I was sitting at my desk and typing out all the fun things Brahman Building was doing for January and February.

Here is some news you can use for upcoming events, new neighbors, and visitors who became friends quickly.

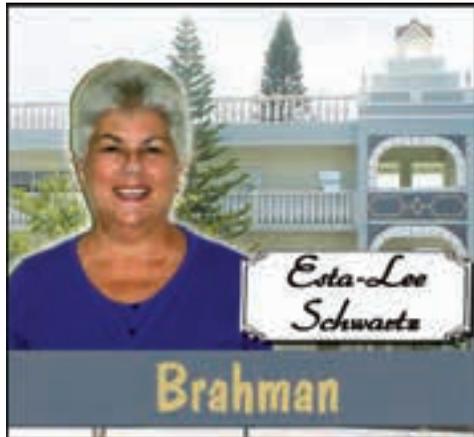
Bon Appetite in late February had great seats with good atmosphere and a beautiful day near the water. Some of us attended the Valentines dance and really danced our feet off.

Lastly, our final activity in February was the dinner at Lucky Dill Restaurant. Good food and several surprise attendees we were happy to see: Van Jones and Chauncey Starkey.

One birthday in February for Pete Rosa who was surprised with a personal birthday cake and a never-ending candle that whistled happy birthday.

My daughter Amy visited and we thought we would surprise the grandkids (4 and a half and 19 months) with some pictures of my husband Tom, daughter and I being silly in Toys 'R' Us (their favorite place to go). I was lucky to be able to climb out of the small cars without being stuck in them. The boys loved the pictures. Yes, we are all just "Toys 'R' Us kids!"

May's article will include the hot dog pot-luck from March, the Flashback dance, the woman's luncheon at Bahama Breeze Restaurant and the dinner for all



Reporter's daughter Amy Schwartz having fun at Toys 'R' Us with other family members.

at the Safety Harbor Spa.

For me the last three months have been terrific. More attendance, new neighbors, some family and friends



Brahman residents attending a luncheon at Bon Appetit on a recent lovely day include (back row, L-R) Jane Lee, Gloria Sayer, Marion Creelman, Glo Wentee; (front row, L-R) Anita Harris, Lucy Jennings, Jeanette Rosa, Esta Schwartz, Nancy Schifferle, Gretchen Hirshinger and Mary Brady Kas.

visiting others have joined in the fun and been great people to meet.

Marion Creelman from Nova Scotia is a person who was easy to become a fast friend and whose company enjoyed by all who met her. What a delightful, pleasant women.

She was on the go from day one, and really took advantage of all the things On Top of the World and Florida has to offer. Many of us who had the chance to know her will definitely miss her.

We have a new neighbor, Rita Kress, on the Costa Rican side, who has already signed up to join our festivities. I am hoping to do

an article soon welcoming her to our OTOW community.

Please, continue to check the bulletin board, which is located next to the steps on the first floor, for information on the events/activities and other important building news. Also, if anyone has taken a trip, has been involved in some fun adventure or activity or had an interesting visitor please let me know so we can include in one of the articles.

To all my friends and neighbors I hope you had a happy, healthy and enjoyable Easter and Passover.

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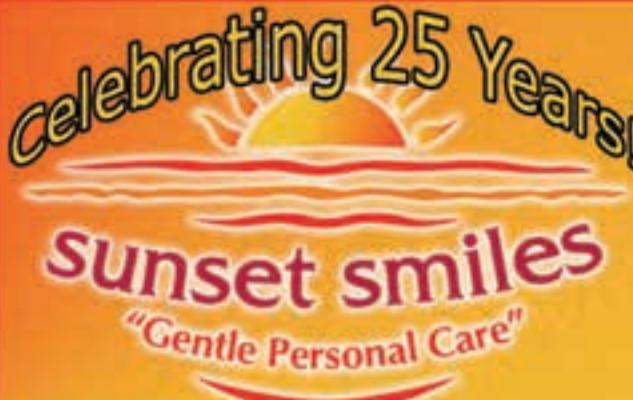
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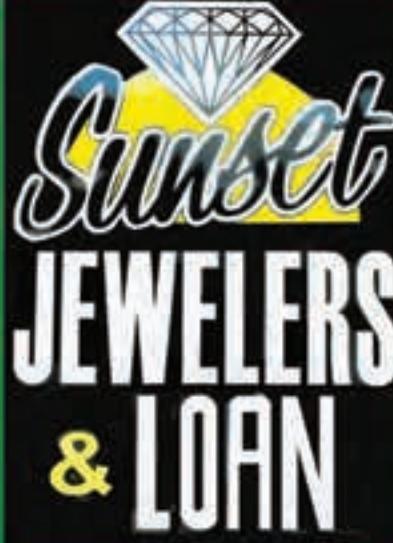
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Featured couple have extensive music backgrounds

My interview with Marilyn and Jim Collins, Dorado residents for six years, was very interesting for me because they spent most of their pre-retirement years as musicians.

I had some difficulty keeping myself focused on gathering the information to write this article. When the topic moved to teaching music, we had many good stories to exchange because I too taught music.

Marilyn, although trained as a music therapist, taught elementary school music. Jim taught high school music. Their interest in a wide variety of music including opera, jazz and school music kept the discussion very lively.

Jim and Marilyn met at university. Marilyn needed some help with the saxophone classes she was taking and Jim needed a piano accompanist for his "juries" (exam performances). The rest, as they say, is history.

Jim is a saxophone expert, and since retirement has been very interested in his collection of saxophones (that has become almost a small business) as his knowledge and collection grows.

It started innocently with him owning a few saxophones that could be used by his students when their own instrument was in the repair shop. His knowledge of specific brands or makes of saxophone has taken him to a deep understanding of the instrument itself.

Marilyn's school choir sang in the East Room of the White House at Christmas — she said "that was really cool." They are both Civil War buffs and visit many of the battlefield sites across the country.

Marilyn has a mother living nearby who can be credited with their move to this area. For years they visited her parents in Clearwater and eventually decided to become On Top of the World winter residents — away from the snow and cloudy weather of Michigan.

In an aside, during the conversation, Jim commented that Marilyn's hobby is bridge — "She plays eight days every week." Marilyn also works with TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) and has kept up the tradition of her mother belonging to the Clearwater Women's club participating in fund raising for charity and student scholarships.



Jim and Marilyn Collins stand in front of the flag they donated to the Dorado Building in memory of their son, who died in Iraq.

Jim likes to fish in Lake Arbor very close to the Dorado building; he also plays horseshoes. They both like to play golf and thoroughly enjoy the very short walk to get to the golf course from their location in Dorado.

Ellie, their very friendly dog, is a full family member here at OTOW. They walk Ellie daily and commented that Ellie has more friends in the area than they do judging from all the neighbors who keep some treats available for her during the walks each day.

The flagpole and flag that flies in front of our building was donated in memory of their son, Sgt. James Collins Jr., who was killed in action in Kirkuk, Iraq, in 2007. The inscription they placed in the ground beside the flagpole reads "to honor those whose service gave us the freedoms we enjoy today."



Jim and Marilyn Collins

Photos by Don Jones



Marilyn Collins with her mother Jeanette Maul and her daughter Joanna Collins

It is a source of pride for many others in the building; the flag is maintained by another Dorado resident, Peter Milner who served in the Navy. Jim painted our newly acquired mail boxes and assisted to clear the storage areas among other tasks around the Dorado building.

Marilyn and Jim Collins are living retirement life to the fullest here

at OTOW. They enjoy everything from the beautiful grounds that are well kept, to the activities within the Dorado Community.

They have served as Secretary and Vice-President of the Dorado Building Association and enjoy the wider community of St. Petersburg, Tampa, Dunedin and Clearwater for its many cultural offerings and activities.

Building golf tourney proves to be another success

Here's hoping the Easter Bunny found you and also told you the real reason for the celebration: Christ has risen!

14th annual P. Tranchemontagne "Fun" golf tournament — another successful day of fun was played on Sunday, March 10th.

This year the tournament was played on the On Top of the World 9-hole golf course with the initiation of a new format called "9 on 9."

The winning team was captained by Beech Thomas, with team members Margo Smith, Mary Pineau and Nancy Parlatore. Second place captain was Charlie Wright, whose team members were Ce Shaughnessy, Doug Pineau and Marge Sivek.

Third place captain, Alex Miller, had team members Sudesh Duggal, Gloria Hoffman and Frank Parlatore. Last but not least, Ann Wilson's team won 4th place with team members Rachel Tranchemontagne, Don Levay and Larry Shaughnessy.

Prize for closest to the flag on the fourth hole was won by Sudesh Duggal.



At the completion of the tournament, the participating golfers met at the Modernage Building, where a picnic area was set up and prizes were awarded to the winning teams and a raffle was held.

Following those festivities, a light lunch was served and enjoyed by all (see photo at right).

The tournament was chaired by Ce Shaughnessy. Her committee members were Frank Parlatore, Rachel Tranchemontagne, Nancy Parlatore, Marge Sivek, Larry Shaughnessy, Doug Pineau and special helper Julie Miller.



A few of the building golf tournament participants relax with a light lunch following the event.

Many thanks to the committee members and golfers who helped make this event another success. Thanks to Ce Shaughnessy for the information for our column.

Our Flea Market is scheduled for

April 6. Take your contributions to the center core on the Friday before. Any questions, see Annie Wilson. Hopefully, we will add some to our treasury.

Call me for any input to our May column.

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Annual mini-golf outing follows golf scramble event

The past month has been another busy one for the Mallorca family. We have had parties (no surprise there) and visitors, with more of each on the way!

The residents of Mallorca teamed up with those in the Monaco Building to enjoy a golf scramble and barbeque. Dick Kuplen ran the golf portion and Dottie Meissner hosted the barbeque. It was a lot of fun getting together with our neighbors across the street for some great food, friendship and prizes for the best teams. Too bad, it was so cold, though!

Ginger Currier and Maureen Finguerra co-hosted a welcome-back potluck supper for Kay and Bob Hughes. Kay and Bob were not able to return to their rental condominium at OTOW this fall. However, they did manage to visit for a short time to see their friends and neighbors again. It was a great evening and everyone enjoyed seeing these two wonderful people again. We hope they will be able to return and join us for more activities!

Our annual mini-golf outing followed by dinner at an area restaurant was again very popular. Twelve golfers met at Congo River for a rousing game of putt-putt, and then we joined two others for dinner at Villa Maria. Prizes awarded for holes-in-one (Bill Benzinger got two!) and for the best scores, won by Ceil Marchand and



her friend Tom. It was another delightful evening with good friends.

Dale and Diane Currier visited his mother Ginger for a week recently. At home in Oswego, N.Y., Dale belongs to the Coast Guard auxiliary, and while they were here in Florida Dale attended a workshop dealing with Coast Guard public relations. He found it quite interesting and was able to return home with much information.

While Dale attended this three-day workshop, Diane and Ginger enjoyed shopping and going out to lunch. The three of them went to Tarpon Springs, one of Dale's favorite spots.

Be sure to check the bulletin board for information on another golf scramble/barbeque and a movie/dinner outing. These are always lots of fun.

Enjoy the warm weather, and keep healthy and safe!

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Time is ripe to start on spring projects

Another column to be written. Time is passing much too quickly. Lovely longer days ahead. Signs of spring stirring — a wake-up call for all of us.

What about those projects we planned? The mundane tasks that get put aside for another time? Well, that time is now, everybody. Do you really intend to replace that hot water tank that you are chancing will hold up a little longer? Or is that necessary paint job a first priority? We all feel better when we dispense with the issues that need attention.

And we feel better, too, when we take ourselves in hand and attend the free classes offered to all of us at On Top of the World. Exercises to improve our bodies as well as our minds. You do realize that I am thinking aloud to prompt myself into the undertaking of purposeful projects that will be of benefit to me once I have initiated them.

Last month's column reminded us that we had to work to connect with one another. We have attempted to do just that: a movie outing and lunch afterward to talk about the film. I now understand why Jennifer Lawrence received the Oscar for best actress this year ("Silver Linings Playbook").



She was outstanding in her performance as a confused individual trying to adjust more wholesomely to the real world.

We can look forward to more monthly movie outings. Contact Linda for suggestions of movies you would like to see.

We all celebrated St. Patrick's Day with dinner together — a good time to indulge our appetites and enjoy the companionship of the company of wonderful neighbors with whom we live.

It's amazing how we sometimes don't really know those who are close by but whom we haven't had a chance to get closer to. When we give them an opportunity to have our ear, there is an astonishing wealth of information we

can be privy to. Give it a try and find out for yourselves.

For the purpose of updating our building's directory, our condo's wing captains have begun to make contact with our residents. You can assist them with information and perhaps, at the same time, you might be able to offer newsy items to add to next month's newspaper column. We welcome your ideas.

Please take note that our center-core outgoing mailbox has been vandalized for the second time within this past year. OTOW, the police and the U.S. Postal Service have been contacted. We have been advised that the mailbox will be repaired immediately at no cost to us. May we suggest that you not deposit mail that remains overnight? Deposit your outgoing mail in the daytime before the mail carrier's pickup vehicle arrives.

Also, we would caution everyone not only to lock their car doors but to lock their gas tanks, as well. We have had an attempt at gas siphoning. The culprits made a hasty exit before they could be identified. The purchase of a gas lock would assure you a degree of security.



Looking forward to 'Play Ball!'

Our Feb. 21 building luncheon at the Olive Garden was well attended. It happened to be Phil Meissner's birthday, and congratulations were in order.

Phil announced that our next luncheon was to be held on March 21 at Kally K's. My next column will have that report.

February and March were good months for our northern visitors. Betty McKay's daughter from Michigan spent a week with her Mom and Al.

Our son, John, from Virginia enjoyed an ideal week here. My sister-in-law and hubby from Tennessee spent four days with us. My niece and nephew and spouses from New Jersey also visited and a grandniece.

I would like to hear about other visitors, but I can't report if I am not told.

We all look forward to our beloved Rays starting a new season; a successful one at bat, and good fielding to support their great bullpen.

Building has prime parade viewing spot

Loch Lomond was well represented on March 9 as enthusiastic spectators for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Fortunately we always have a prime viewing spot. Chairs and standees lined much of our yard. Some even viewed from the balconies. Most were dressed in some item of green and a couple of beautiful dogs were wearing collars or fancy headwear of the color of the day.

Standing mid-way on Israeli, I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the young and really young little girls who had come with chaperones from a Irish Dance Group in Dunedin as they waited some time to be included in the active parade. They were so well-behaved.

The older of the girls of the group (10, 11) kept an eye on the little ones, and all were so enjoyable to be around. There was just kindness and attention to all. Finally, after they joined



the marchers, we had the bagpipers so beautifully garbed, in perfect step and time, and the weather was perfect.

Our lawn bowlers have arrived from Canada in the fall and are playing hard and winning as I write this. Marge Kells and Dot Graham participated at a regional Lawn Bowl (Southeast) competition. I'm certain they came through just fine.

Liz Bohl and her traveling companion Jonny have had some interesting visits to friends and relatives. In March, they had another visit; this time to a wedding in Mississippi — always a lovely place to travel.

Each year Enid Goodman and her long-time friend Pat Dunn keep in touch by exchanging visits. Coming from cold country, Pat visits for several weeks in the winter and Enid goes to visit Pat's place near the river in summer.

When she returns, Enid always describes fruit and vegetables that we don't often have. She and Pat love to walk the beach, eat out, and have visited Philippe Park this year and enjoyed a performance of "Celtic Thunder" at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

A group of 20 really enjoyed lunch at Varsity Grill. We try to do this every month. LL-ers, please check the center bulletin board for more of our activities. Please join us.

WANTED: OTOW Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.

BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

On the second Monday of each month from October to May, blood pressure testing will be available at the East Activity Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Special thanks go to our new nurses for volunteering to take blood pressures. They are Celine Klimowicz, Connie Giudise and Beverly Kennedy. Thank you for being great volunteers. Remember, all are welcome.

Kudos to a few of the building 'angels' who help out

March again arrives with lots of interesting weather (mostly someplace else).

However, the brief cool spells we have suffered created a personal problem that may be typical in Florida. I almost exclusively live in shorts, knit shirts and sandals — suddenly I have to relearn the fine art of long trousers and how to put them on without serious injury!

Wow, did you catch the St. Pat's Parade? In February I was driving in Dunedin and noticed a shop advertising "Bagpipe and Kilt Rentals." I thought to myself that this really is an unusual business, sure to remain small. Then in our parade, great numbers of kilts and the melodious sound of the bagpipes was almost overpowering. I wonder what those guys wear under those kilts. Great job, guys!

Our Captain, Frank DeSantis, opened our spring business meeting the evening of March 6. Frank took a few minutes to outline his hopes for our building during the coming year. He emphasized the idea of community and caring in our building.

Captain Frank outlined a couple of concerns: the storage rooms being misused by some, and concern for developing a master list of who has the key to condos when the occupant is not available. He cited a recent case of a resident having a health problem, unable to answer the door and the trouble with finding the spare key — it all turned out well, but highlighted a problem.



Maryann Staffieri reported on the upcoming building events: the St. Pat's party, a day at the races and the spring cookout. It was announced that Diana Eggleston is resigning the treasury position — we need applicants!

On March 14 it was time for serious partying. Our St. Pat's party was attended by 33 residents and guests. We filled the Sunrise Room, all decked out in the Irish Green. Music and song was furnished by Steve Middneta — a great job! Corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings was catered by Marguerite's Cafe.

Our own resident leprechaun, Walter O'Meara was in attendance (photo above, left). About the only thing missing was green beer — but this did not hamper us much.

One of our lovely ladies, Esther Fortenberry (photo above, right) celebrated her 93rd birthday with a luncheon arranged by Maryann and Frank Staffieri. Her friends and neighbors gathered on March 15 to



This "leprechaun," Walter O'Meara, surely did not miss the exciting Azores St. Pat's party.

wish her well. Maryann and Frank have been spending extra time looking after Esther, sometimes just sitting and visiting — caring friends are one of God's blessings.

The other day I caught one of those angels at work. The trees had been depositing heavy wet tree stuff all along the second floor on the Israeli side — a big mess. Enter our angel, Maryann Mercer, armed with a stiff broom and a determined look as she cleaned the walkway. Thank you, Maryann.

I have one "leftover" from February. A intense group of Azoreians caught the bus to the Hard Rock Casino. The determination was there, but I suspect that lady luck was absent.

Gordon and Jean Fowlie have set up the race day at the track for April 13,



Esther Fortenberry recently celebrated her 93rd birthday with a lovely luncheon.

with you getting your \$20 tickets from Gordon by April 1. Keep in mind this covers a fantastic buffet, parking, and the opportunity to prove that you are smarter than a horse. Bring a bag to tote your winnings home!

Ava and Gerald Smith along with Jim and Janet Williams will again host and handle our spring cookout on April 22, weather permitting. Cost is \$5. Bring your own chair and maybe a covered dish. This really is a super way to wind up the spring season, so plan to attend. The home cooked hamburgers and hotdogs, plus baked beans and chips are about as all American as you can get.

Still nothing from the whack-a-ballers. I know you are out there! Watch the bulletin board for the details of the upcoming events.

Siboney welcomes newcomer couples

Ah.... what beautiful weather we have here. I feel guilty when I brag about our weather to the northern relatives who are still shoveling snow.

We had a glorious day for the Irish parade, and we thank everyone who participated or stood on the sidelines waving to us. It was fun! We loved the peppermint candies from the Chorus, publicizing their concert on April 6 and 7, but our favorite was the Snowbirds' bag of chocolate goodies.

Welcome to our newcomers Cal and Marie Vardy from Newfoundland, Canada. Also we welcome Lucy and Ray Grills from Bay City, Mich. They are long-time friends of Linda and Dave Mathewson.

Be advised that a new lock has been installed on the third floor storage room on the Norwegian side. See Bob Evans or Skip Heller to obtain a new key.

Incidentally, our March Irish core decorations were put up by Bob and Laura Evans, and we thank them



for volunteering. It's difficult to get volunteers these days to beautify the building. It takes only a half-hour once a year!

A big "thank you" to our president, Skip Heller, and his committee, Rita Tombari, Mary Jane DeVoe and Paula Ergang, for handling the improvement project of our stairs and walkways so professionally. We were kept informed via newsletters (attached to every inside door by Skip) every step of the way.

Fran Peck is so proud to announce

the engagement of her youngest grandson, Sean, to a lovely lass named Courtney. No wedding date is set yet for these two Irishmen (perhaps St. Patrick's Day?). Congratulations!

Martha Wanzer, formerly of the Capistrano building and now residing in New Jersey, visited her sister Helen Clark for two weeks. Both Helen and Martha were in the parade, sitting in a red convertible with the Rosy Hattitudes, a Red Hatters group. It was too short a visit, though.

I found "Cash Cab" again on TV. It's on at 1:30 a.m. on Channel 04. Imagine someone takes a cab in New York and can walk out with \$2,000 to \$3,000. Unbelievable!

Our next Siboney building meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. See you there.

Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter.

Watch out for those pranksters on April 1. Don't let them make a fool of you!

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2	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Meeting	Kitchen
2	Tuesday	6:00 PM	No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
3	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Spanish Speaking Class	Blue Room
3	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Spanish Speaking Class	Blue Room
3	Wednesday	11:00 AM	French Speaking Class	Blue Room
3	Wednesday	1:00 PM	500 Card Game	Blue Room
3	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Pennsylvania Club Party	Auditorium
3	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
4	Thursday	8:30 AM	AARP Free Tax Service	Blue Room
4	Thursday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
4	Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Luncheon	Off Site
5	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Saturday	6:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
6	Saturday	7:30 PM	Chorus Show	Auditorium
7	Sunday	3:00 PM	Chorus Show	Auditorium
8	Monday	8:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Blood Pressure Screening	Veranda
8	Monday	12:30 PM	Family History Meeting	Computer Room
8	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
9	Tuesday	8:30 AM	AARP Free Tax Service	Blue Room
10	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Jesters Dinner	Sunrise Room
11	Thursday	8:30 AM	AARP Free Tax Service	Blue Room
11	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
11	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
12	Friday	1:00 PM	Art Guild Meeting	Art Room
12	Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
12	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Crafts Room
13	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
14	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
15	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
16	Tuesday	8:30 AM	AARP Free Tax Service	Blue Room
16	Tuesday	11:00 AM	Always Educators Meeting	Rainbow Room
16	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Stamp Collectors Meeting	Sunrise Room
17	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Womens 18 Hole Golf Meeting	Sunrise Room
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Mens 18 Hole Golf Banquet	Auditorium
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Singles Club Fashion Show	Starlite Room
17	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Italian Club Meeting	Auditorium
18	Thursday	11:00 AM	Greyhound Club Meeting	Veranda
18	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
19	Friday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
24	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
25	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
27	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Game Night	Crafts Room
27	Saturday	6:00 PM	Rainbow Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
27	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium

April Fools' Day
Monday, April 1



Last Day of Passover
Monday, April 1



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DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

7:30 AM ...Tennis (Womens) Outdoors
 7:30Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:00Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 8:30Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00Photo IDs Sunrise Room
 9:00Computer Club Help..... Computer Room
 9:00Slimnastics East Side Gym
 9:30Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:30.....Dancercize Exercise..... East Side Gym
 11:30.....Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 11:30.....Contract Bridge..... Blue Room
 12:30 PM...Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00Canasta..... Small Classroom
 1:30Tai Chi Exercise..... East Side Gym
 2:30Tai Chi Exercise..... East Side Gym
 5:00Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00Bingo..... Auditorium
 6:30Mens Billiards 8-ball tournament Billiards Room
 6:30Contract Bridge Large Card Room

TUESDAY

7:30 AM ...Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:00Womens 18-Hole Golf Outdoors
 8:00Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00Caring and Sharing Crafts Room
 9:00Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00Computer Club Help..... Computer Room
 9:00Slimnastics East Side Gym
 9:00Jewelry Making..... Lapidary
 9:30Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:30Womens 9-Hole Golf Outdoors
 10:00Philosophy Club Meeting Veranda
 10:30Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00.....Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 12:00 PM...Library Library
 12:00Ceramics Crafts Room
 1:00Oil Painting Art Room
 1:00Mens Billiards 9-ball tournament Billiards Room
 1:00Line Dancing..... Auditorium
 1:00Canasta Small Classroom
 1:00Music Group Large Card Room
 2:00Chess Rainbow Room
 5:30Dominos..... Small Classroom
 6:00Pinochle Large Card Room
 6:00Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00Pinochle Large Card Room
 7:00Bible Study Meeting Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM ...Tennis (Womens) Outdoors
 7:30Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:00Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00Zumba Gold Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00Sewing Class..... Starlite Room
 9:00Knitting Group..... Veranda
 9:00Good Neighbors Crafts Crafts Room
 9:00Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00Computer Club Help..... Computer Room
 9:00Slimnastics East Side Gym
 9:30Lawn Bowlers Outdoors

10:00Tai Chi Exercise..... Large Card Room
 10:00Cribbage..... Small Classroom
 10:00Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:30Jazz Dance Class..... Auditorium
 11:30.....Tap Dance Class..... Auditorium
 11:30.....Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:00 PM...Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00Painting Pals Art Room
 1:00Double Pinochle..... Small Classroom
 1:30Tai Chi Exercise..... East Side Gym
 1:30Scrapbooking Class..... Kitchen
 2:30Tai Chi Exercise..... East Side Gym
 6:30Contract Bridge..... Large Card Room
 6:30Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:30 AM ...Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:00Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Sunrise Room
 8:30Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 8:30Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Sunrise Room
 9:00Computer Club Help..... Computer Room
 9:00Slimnastics East Side Gym
 9:30Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 11:00.....Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 11:30.....Contract Bridge..... Large Card Room
 12:30 PM...Euchre Cards..... Small Classroom
 12:30Writers Ink Class..... Computer Room
 1:00Mahjongg Game Yellow Room
 1:00Drawing Class..... Art Room
 2:00Chess Rainbow Room
 3:00Italian Speaking Class..... Computer Room
 5:00Pinochle Large Card Room
 6:00Pinochle Large Card Room
 6:30Mens Billiards Tournament..... Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:30 AM ...Tennis (Womens) Outdoors
 7:30Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:00Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30Exercise Class Exercise West Side Gym
 9:00Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00Ceramics Crafts Room
 9:00Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00Pinochle Small Classroom
 9:00Computer Club Help..... Computer Room
 9:00Slimnastics East Side Gym
 9:30Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00Hula Hooping Exercise..... East Side Gym
 11:30.....Dancercize Exercise..... East Side Gym
 12:00 PM...Library Library
 1:00Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 1:00Chess Auditorium
 1:00Music Group Large Card Room
 6:30Hand & Foot Canasta..... Small Classroom
 6:30Contract Bridge..... Large Card Room

SATURDAY

8:30 AM ...Computer Club Meeting Large Card Room
 8:30Line Dancing..... Auditorium
 11:30.....Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 1:30 PM...Tai Chi Exercise..... East Side Gym
 2:30Tai Chi Exercise..... East Side Gym

SUNDAY

2:00 PM...Wii Bowling Exercise Large Card Room

Storage room cleanout results in much more space

Well we finally cleaned out our second floor storage room.

Abandoned items were donated to local charities or thrown out. A big thank you goes out to Tom and his crew.

Now residents can use the room to store those items we have had hidden throughout our units. You know, those things hidden in the back closet, under the bed, in the trunk of our cars and any other out of the way place we can find.

Also, the broken lock on the first floor storage room has been replaced with a new lock. Anyone in Monaco building needing a new key please contact Julie or myself.

After a three-month visit our dear friend Gundi, who has been visiting her friend Werner, has returned to her home in Hanover, Germany. We held a very fine going-away dinner for her at the Bon Appétit restaurant (see photo at top right).

Gundi promises to return next year and stay for six months. At that time she wants to join the woman's golf league and take up line dancing classes.

In March, our building was bustling with visitors. Many of our residents



Jack, the newest Monaco resident.

had out-of-town relatives and friends in for a last visit before they return to their summer homes.

My sister, brother and I took a trip to Denver, Colo., to visit our sister



A gathering of Monaco residents attended a farewell dinner recently for Gundi Kenny at Bon Appetit in Dunedin. From left to right are: Carol Pier, Jeannie Pier, Edna Penders, Gundi Kenny, Sandy Cashin, Donia Stadler, Corky Ofarrell, Barbara Mauer, Julie Narancich, Karin Kollar, Bridgette Maseck, Dottie Meissner, Erma Mandl, Ingrid Durham and Christine Buppert.

Cathy who we have not seen for over 14 years. Cathy has been a deaf-mute all of her life. She married a deaf-mute man and they had and raised five beautiful girls, who take good care of their mother. Their dad passed away a couple years ago. They even all get together each month to play poker.

We had only met two of them till we took this trip. We spent two days looking at pictures and catching up. Cathy celebrated her 86th birthday while we were there.

Thanks to Bill and Linda (who could not resist opening up their home to him), we now have another new resident. His name is Jack (see photo). Jack is a shorty Jack Russell that was born in Dade City on Dec. 25th. Jack likes to play with his toy fox, play tug, run and he also loves to eat. Jack joins the building's other Jack Russell, Baby.

In April we celebrate three birthdays: Linda Floyd on the 4th; Jeannie Pier on the 19th; and Karin Kollar on the 20th. Have a great April. See you next month.

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Busy lady takes on big job of Jesters choreographer

When I was young, my sisters and I watched eagerly as the jonquils broke through the ground, bright yellow, and we knew spring was on its way. My mother's beds of tulips and iris followed soon after and spring was here.

Charlie and Mary Furh are glad spring break allows their daughter Chrystal and their grandson Isaac to visit. They plan good times.

The Jesters prepared for this year's season with the help of Assistant Director Donna Ryan. Donna has been on the board for several years and served as choreographer for the February show.

Donna has been at On Top of the World for 10 years. She has two grandsons, both in college; one in Jacksonville and one at the University of Cincinnati. Donna walks several miles weekly and works out at the YMCA regularly. I guess one could say she's a busy lady.

Pete and Kathy Marchetti had their daughter Jo and grandson Joey



for over a week, and they are trying to keep up. So much to do and see.

Every evening I see my neighbor Richard taking his lovely wife Elna out for dinner. He is such a gentleman. He keeps busy on his computer, with a world-wide Bible study he is involved with.

We are slowly getting to know our residents and hope to share more of their many talents.

Get out your umbrellas and don't be fooled by fairies and leprechauns on April Fool's Day!

SERVICE DESK HOURS: 8:30 A.M. — 3 P.M.
EAST ACTIVITY CENTER



Three Gotler family cousins pose atop the "Top of the Rock" (Rockefeller Center) in New York City. One is pointing in the general direction of the Empire State Building. (Photo by Leonard and Elaine Gotler)

Chilly visit to NYC was made up for by warmth of family

The Gotlers spent a week in very cold New York City. (32 degrees — felt like 26).

They celebrated the third birthday of their granddaughter and the 50th birthday of their son. Also with them were their daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons from Clearwater.

Although it was much too cold to sight-see, the family managed to get to the Top of the Rock (Rockefeller Center — see photo), Times Square, an off-Broadway show and many nice restaurants.

Elaine had lunch with a friend



from her junior high school days in Hillside, N.J.

They also visited relatives in Stamford, Conn. A great family time was had by all.

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Julie Solfronk.....4390
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Feb. 5
Mary Spearman.....4310
Jan Backus3260

Feb. 7
Joyce Tidmore.....4910
Margaret Powlowski3800

Feb. 11
Regina Dietrich3390
Julie Solfronk2930

Feb. 14
Julie Solfronk4750
Margaret Powlowski3080

Feb. 18
Regina Dietrich2870
Nancy Savelle2870
Verna Olson.....2870

Feb. 21
Julie Solfronk4760
Joyce Tidmore.....3900

Feb. 25
Regina Dietrich3590
Julie Solfronk2750

Feb. 27
Mary Spearman4160
Regina Dietrich3800

Feb. 28
Nancy Savelle4160
Verna Olson.....4060



EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec

Feb. 12
6690 (1st Place).....Al McKay
6930 (2nd Place).....Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle.....Vic Henderson
Took All Tricks Al Lecher/Fran Milanec,
Darlene Goodman/Joan Wolf

Feb. 14
6560 (1st Place).....Sergio Pistella
6450 (2nd Place).....Al Lecher

Feb. 19
6580 (1st Place).....Charles Christ
6530 (2nd Place).....Ruth LeHoy
Double Pinochle.....Ruth LeHoy,
Rick LeHoy
Took All Tricks Betty McKay,
Rose Oshaben

Feb. 21
6460 (1st Place Tie) Frank Spero
6460 (1st Place Tie)Rose Oshaben
6290 (2nd Place)June Sweeney
Double Pinochle.....Rose Oshaben
Took All TricksMary Chirdon,
Rose Oshaben

Feb. 26
6870 (1st Place).....Betty McKay
6800 (2nd Place)Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle.....Sergio Pistella,
Julie Hofmaster, Al Lecher

Feb. 28
6061 (1st Place).....Ann Spero
6000 (2nd Place)Frank Spero
Double Pinochle.....Julie Hofmaster,
Fran Milanec

March 5
6450 (1st Place).....Rose Oshaben
6420 (2nd Place)Julie Hofmaster
Double Pinochle.....Ruth LeHoy



Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays

Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Saturday, Feb. 9
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W: Hilda Platte, Miriam Liberman
Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston

Monday, Feb. 11
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Packer
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

Wednesday, Feb. 13
N/S: Gloria Ferris, Dot Graham
Carole Meyer, Dorothy Ehlers
E/W: Charlie McKague, Mary Sinnenberg
Fran Giovannetti, Gen Regan

Saturday, Feb. 16
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Carmen Dixon, Carol Gray
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

Monday, Feb. 18
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Bruce Mills, Eldon Smith
Tom McKee, Hilda Platte

Saturday, Feb. 23
N/S: Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W: Frances & Peter Van Doresser
Kay Ralston, Thelma Wishnek

Wednesday, Feb. 27
N/S: Gloria Ferris, Dot Graham
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W: Carmen Dixon, Carol Gray
Julienne Workman, Mable DeWare

Saturday, March 2
N/S: Lu Erskine, Georgia Jensen
Julienne Workman, Joan Moore
E/W: Jackie Frenette, Mary Sinnenberg
Kay Ralston, Thelma Wishnek

Monday, March 4
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen
Claude Guitard, Marie LaMonthe

Wednesday, March 6
N/S: Charlie McKague, Tina O'Brien
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W: Marie Hebert, Thelma Jacobsen
Betty Hayhurst, Maxine Swanson

(Continued in next column)



Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays

(Continued from previous column)

Saturday, March 9
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Paul Streigle
Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
E/W: Jackie Frenette, Mary Sinnenberg
Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston

Monday, March 11
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Bob Zeman, Frank Schlotter
E/W: Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

Wednesday, March 13
N/S: Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge
Betty Sagun, Tina O'Brien
E/W: Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann
Walter Balderson, Floyd Thrower

Saturday, March 16
N/S: Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
Walter Balderson, Betty Hayhurst
E/W: Carmen Dixon, Carol Gray
Pat Van Hise, Maxine Swanson

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE
EAST SIDE – Thursdays
Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec

Feb. 14
1..... "Mr. Bill"
2..... Russell Hartley
3..... Arnie Engelbert
4..... May Blair

Feb. 21
1..... Mary Ann Fontaine
2..... Russell Hartley/Marvin Bruning (Tie)
3..... Joyce Engelbert/Maxine Murray (Tie)

Feb. 28
1..... Russell Hartley
2..... Maxine Murray
3..... Mary Ann Fontaine
4..... John Dodds

March 7
1..... Fran Milanec
2..... Maxine Murray
3..... Mary Ann Fontaine
4..... Joyce Engelbert

March 14
1..... Maxine Murray
2..... Mary Ann Fontaine
3..... Norma Nieland
4..... June Sweeney



Feb. 6

2030.....Ann Gehrling
1980.....Elsie Toth

Feb. 13

1600.....Muriel Landau
1530.....Ann Gehrling

Feb. 20

2610.....Elsie Toth
1950.....Janine Maziarz

Feb. 28

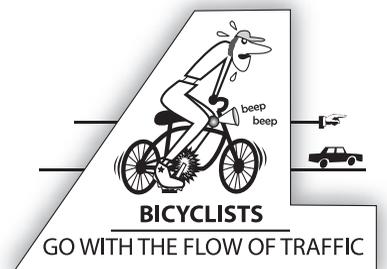
1810.....Ann Gehrling
1590.....Sherry

March 6

1680.....Janine Maziarz
1640.....Elsie Toth



WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis



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Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (May- September)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (May- September)
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM - 8:30 PM (October- April)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM - 8:30 PM (October- April)
Spa	
Tuesday- Sunday	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Monday	Closed for cleaning
Fitness Center	
Monday- Saturday	7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Monday & Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 PM Closed for cleaning

Long-time building president steps down after 12 years

This year the building offered for the second time a February cruise.

The cruise left from Miami for seven days, sailing to the eastern Caribbean on the Carnival Glory. Twenty-two building residents participated in this event, all returning home with glorious tans and smiles on their faces, each reciting the mantra, "What happens on the ship stays on the ship." This definitely is open to interpretations. One lucky couple won \$1,500 while another came home with the coveted "Ship-on-a-Stick" trophy.

In early February, our building president Frank Marini retired after 12 years at the helm. We appreciate the leadership, time and many projects he has so unselfishly provided our building. He will be missed, but promises to assist our new president with the transition.

We introduce Shirley Golding as our new building president. She has been active with building functions and is a member of the Women's Walking Group. Shirley held the position as



social director at her previous place of residence, so brings with her experience and new ideas. We wish her well as she assumes her new mission.

Our building continues with Hump Day dining out. This past month's eating experience was at the Ivory Mandarin with 20 people in attendance. Our gathering for April will be at Peggy O'Neill's in Oldsmar where we will be extending St. Patrick's Day beyond March 17.

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Birthday phone call turns into something special

Look who turned 80 years young! Our neighbor, Charles Prizzi, recently celebrated his 80th birthday (see photo at far right).

Charles and his wife, Leda, were invited to his sister Millie's condo at Roman Byzantine for a dinner. He was pleasantly surprised by a much larger group of family and friends.

Charles was also surprised by a phone call from his daughter, Mary Galligan, from New Jersey. She was apologizing for not being able to attend her dad's party (see photo at right).

As Charles turned around, he saw Mary and her husband, Jack, and daughter Lynne Gaddy of Georgia coming out of their aunt's bedroom.

They had all flown in to surprise him. Charlie's third daughter from New Jersey recently had a new baby and was unable to attend.

Charlie's sister, Millie cooked all week and had an Italian feast, birthday cake, cookies and pie. Millie, I was told, is a fabulous cook.

Charlie and Leda have seven children between them. Charlie has three daughters, five grandsons and one 4-month-old granddaughter. Leda has four children, three daughters, one son, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Charlie's 4-month-old granddaughter was born two months premature and weighed two pounds, four ounces. She spent two months in an incubator and everyone is happy now that she is nine pounds ten ounces and doing well.

Charlie enjoys walking, exercising and golfing. He will golf every day, weather permitting. Leda enjoys exercising. Charlie received a new driver for his birthday and couldn't wait to try it out on the golf course.

Happy birthday Charlie, and we are so glad you were able to share this



Charles Prizzi chats on the phone with his daughter, thinking she is in New Jersey. She was actually in his home the whole time and walked in on Charlie, surprising him.

with your family and friends!

News from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger: On Top of the World and the Fire Department will be taking a look at each building's storage rooms. This will be done in order to organize and clean them up. They will also be measuring and marking spaces for each condo. Please evaluate your space and make sure it is not larger than four feet wide. It is welcomed news especially for people who do not have a space for storage. I am not sure when this



Charles and Leda Prizzi are all ready to enjoy Charlie's birthday cake. Charlie recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

will happen but I wanted to give you a heads up.

There also have been incidents when a pet urinated on the elevator floor. Some of our neighbors have been cleaning it up even though they don't have a pet. This is not fair to them.

If your pet does have an accident, please clean it up or ask the maintenance department to help you, if

you are unable.

We hope our neighbors enjoy daylight saving time and spring!

Periodically check the bulletin board for important messages from the building captain or the Service Department.

If you have any news for the column, please drop a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

Reviewing some luncheons and planning for others

We must be blessed, the weather is wonderful, the kids are still in school, and the traffic is getting lighter.

After April 15, most of the white knuckle drivers should be out of the state. The only sad part is some of our On Top of the World residents will also be leaving for their summer homes up North. They don't know what they will be missing. Life is good.

The St. Pat's parade was a blast. The beer and snacks were the icing on the cake. It was a very good turn-out and a great way to socialize. There were several name tags that I noticed added an "O" and an apostrophe to the front of their last names. One man's name was Bull.

Re the garbage room, it looks like the word is out. It is noticed that there are fewer garbage cans that are over-filled by two feet. It is only a few more steps to walk to an empty container. Thanks.

The ladies' and men's luncheons were held on March 14. The ladies went to Queen's Pizza on Belcher,



and the men went to Lucky Dill Deli. Good food and good service.

Our pizza party will be held March 20 at 5 p.m. in the second floor core. Music will be supplied by Art Bischoff who will tickle the ivories for our entertainment. Pizza and Klondike bars will be served.

Our May get-together will be at O'Keefe's on Ft. Harrison. Check the bulletin board.

Mama sez: I live by the truth that "No" is a complete sentence.

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NOTE: Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side.....9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side.. 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Resident Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid activity card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- If space allows, residents with current Activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Service Department.

Common property issues can be noted on Needs List

*Baskets of pansies for sale in a row
Friendly as kittens, they're nodding bello;
Prettily flaunting their right to exist –
Who is hard-hearted enough to resist?*

Twenty people enjoyed a good time at Rumbas in February. In March we had a dinner at the Red Lobster on the 23rd. But seeing as press time for this article will be past, I just hope I was able to greet many of you. Always keep an eye on the bulletin board for future dates.

Pat Dooley was a guest at our luncheon, and she says she is grateful to be invited with the crowd.

Welcome to Shirley Jones, who has moved in on the Irish Lane side. She moved here from St. Petersburg. Hope to see her at our dinner.

Linda Dallao, our co-building captain, will be posting a Needs List on the bulletin board. If you know of common property issues that need to be addressed, please put it on the list with your name and apartment number. Linda will then present them to maintenance.

Eunice Glover says she will be leaving us in May. She loves Florida and On Top of the World but says it is time to go back home to be by her family. She will miss everyone. Her oldest daughter Ruane has been here helping her get things ready to move. Also, her grandson Jeff and his friend Scott were here visiting and were able to attend the dinner at Rumbas with her. She says she is so blessed with a wonderful family and gives her love to you all.



Glad to see Anita Mazzella and her son John at the dinner, too. Hope John is all moved into his new place but still keeping an eye on Anita. She will miss him, but he is close by.

My son-in-law Greg was back for a two-week stay in March after spending two weeks in Arizona going to Chicago Cubs spring training games. His daughter Samantha flew down there too, just to go to the Cubs games. After living in Chicago for several years, they are her favorite. Now it was time for Greg to enjoy the Florida training teams. I always love having him come as he is my "Mr. Fix-it."

Hope you had a busy March. I enjoyed the St. Pat's parade going by my window again. It was a good one! A very popular holiday in April is Arbor Day. That's when you plant your pansies. And, of course, we all know April 15 is IRS day.

I'm looking for more news from more of you. Just jot it down and put it in the box by the bulletin board by April 10.

CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. **If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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Dining room table, excellent condition, chrome/faux wood top, w/4 chrome retro yellow chairs \$350; small white dinette w/2 chairs \$175. 600-8529

Golf bag & 3-wheel golf cart. Best offer. 796-0554

Crochet hooks, varied small sizes: steel 8, 3, 2; aluminum 1\B, 2\C, 4\E; plastic size 4. Reasonable offer takes all. 797-9616

2 twin-size top quilts with shams. 797-8862

Grey suitcase on wheels, great condition, 27" x 21" x 38". Best offer. 799-2552

Tennis racquets: one Head titanium, used few times, six new balls included \$15; Pro wide head custom-made \$50. 712-1906

Large overstuffed chair & ottoman, microfiber, taupe color, sat in 4 times, like new, moving, cannot transport, paid \$650, sell for \$400. 726-8622

Small stationary bike, very nice \$75 OBO. Leave msg 724-6067

Igloo "Max Cold" five-day cooler, 70-quart with telescoping handle and durable wheels, like new \$20. 251-2826

Two ladies' raincoats, London Fog, zipout lining, beige, sizes 12P & 14 reg., like new \$40 each. 791-7610

Women's 3-speed bike \$25; single bed frame on wide rollers \$25; bread machine \$10. 615-389-1093

Two beautiful Lady Gouldian finches, worth \$200 each, sell both with cage for \$150; parakeet with cage \$50. 726-8622

Lawn bowls set with case & size 10 shoes \$30. 812-599-3968

Artist supplies: paint, brushes galore, tray, sketch paper, carrying bag \$25; fire safe large metal container \$10; golf umbrella, new \$10. 796-7890

Maltese, "Elmo," white, has papers, needs home, free. 953-7104

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Cutlery block with 7 knives \$10; Vivitar camera, new \$15; egret picture, pink background, 40"H X 52"W \$55; two-wheel golf pull cart \$5. 797-1789

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Brunswick men's bowling ball case, black, with 12-lb. ball; ladies 10-lb. bowling ball, purple/turquoise, like new. 726-5454

HP-6100 ePrinter, 4 months old \$50; aux. speakers for comp/CD/phone \$15; upright vacuum w/extra bags \$20. 729-6352

Ladies golf set, RAM Wizard, right-handed, graphite shafts, 6-9 irons, PW, SW, driver, 3/5 woods, 4/5 hybrids, putter and matching head covers, VG cond. \$119 OBO. 786-693-3316

Indoor electric grill \$10; large tackle box \$10; 3 beach umbrellas \$5 ea.; 4 pairs binoculars \$10 ea.; Silvertone electric guitar & Fender amp \$120. 723-3121

George Foreman grilling machine \$5; radio/cassette player \$5; four John Wayne videos \$5; Johnny Carson videos \$5; paperback books \$.50 ea. 799-4435

Ladies golf clubs, right-handed, full set: irons, woods and putter, with bag \$45. 797-6534

Queen size wood frame futon, includes print mattress cover (light brown/gold/green) \$150. 669-8089

Ladies bike with basket, good condition \$40; men's left-handed golf clubs, like new, with bag \$60. 812-599-1934

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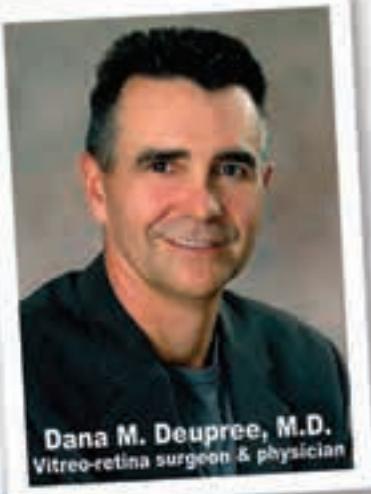
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