



At left, Neva Gamble uses a toothpick to place a purple eggshell piece onto her flower painting. Above left, Sandy Rice uses precision toothpick skills to place an eggshell piece on a flower ped- al. At top right, Jane Treggett paints an eggshell red in anticipa- tion of breaking the shell and placing a small piece on her painting. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Coloring Easter Eggs not just for kids anymore

By Doug Kates

So you think you're too old to color Easter eggs?

Well, time to try something a little more sophisticated.

Art Guild President Margee McClure said she was creating mosaic art one day when she realized using broken pieces of glass and broken pieces of ceramics could be dangerous - especially with grandchildren around.

On a piece of art she was working on, Margee decided to paint an uncooked eggshell, remove the insides, break it into pieces, and use the colorful shell pieces to cover a snake on her painting. The experiment made the snake jump right off the page as a dimensional object, similar to mosaic work, but safer and cheaper.

One day, Margee brought an eggshell-enhanced art piece to an Art Guild class and many people wanted to learn how she did it. So far this spring, she

has held two classes. Nearly 20 people attended her class on March 21.

Sandy Rice, a student, said she loved it.

"You feel like you're back in school again," she said. "You can mix and match and come up with different colors."

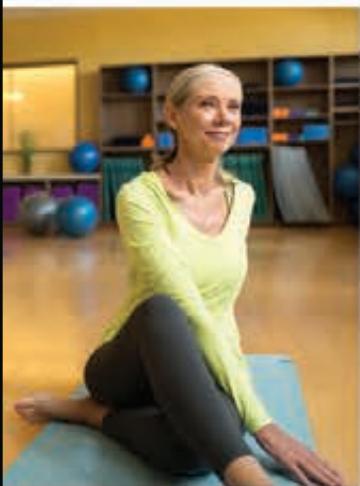
Connie Valentine was skeptical at first. She thought painting eggshells might not be fun. During class, however, she was smiling as much as anyone next to her.

"You have to get into it before you decide if you like it," she said. "It's very new. It's different."

The eggshell pieces aren't meant to cover an entire painting, but they can be used to highlight an image in the painting, such as a flower or a bird. It makes the painting two-dimensional.

Margee said another class could take place this summer. It would depend on if anyone is interested.

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Leaving this summer? Everyone should follow the checklist

Impressive effort went into parade

On March 8, I was invited by the Irish Club to attend the annual On Top of the World community St. Patrick's Day parade.

It was a beautiful day for a Florida parade, especially after seeing the winter images of the northeast scrolling across the screens of our televisions.

I was impressed with the participation in the parade by the many clubs in our community. The parade line-up included the Canadian Club, the Hoosier Club, the Entertainment Committee, The Jesters, The Snowbirds, Lawn Bowls Club, golf leagues, Baby Boomers and even the Dog Park.

The Clearwater Republican Club marched and the OTOW Democratic Club showed up with Congressional Candidate Alex Sink.

Many of the public services that support our community came out in full force including the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, the Morton Plant and Mease Care Lift vans, and the Neighborly Care Bus.

Marching bands were provided



by area high schools and Irish dances were performed by students from local dance studios.

I want to thank the Parade Chairman, Mike Cooper, along with Barb Sensale, Joe Cassidy, Brid Mitchell and Mary McLaughlin, as well as the resident volunteers, for continuing this annual tradition for the Irish and Irish at heart in the community.

As Kenneth Colen states in his article (page 4), spring is the time of year that we bid our Snowbirds wishes for

safe travel. Please take a few minutes to review the checklist included in his article to help ensure a maintenance free summer for your winter home. We cannot stress enough the importance of having your condominium inspected at least once a week by a reliable family member or friend.

One unfortunate resident finally had enough of the snow and headed to Florida to spend a few weeks in the warmth and sunshine of his ground floor condominium. He was quite surprised to enter the unit and find a fallen ceiling and that water had damaged personal items. He explained to the management company that he did follow the checklist as advised, with the exception of one item. Since the condominium was located on the ground floor, he didn't think it was necessary to have his unit regularly inspected. He didn't anticipate the aged water heater in the unit above would finally give out. He also didn't know the unit above was unoccupied for the month of December and the leaking water



Parade Chairman Mike Cooper

heater sat undetected for weeks.

The moral of the story is: there are many things you can do and should do to protect your property. Take the extra step to include weekly and/or bi-weekly inspections of your unit. The more often the unit is inspected, the less likelihood you will be addressing costly repairs long distance.

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Before you travel this summer

Simple steps that may give you peace of mind

Spring is right around the corner in northern climates, but it has been here in Clearwater for a good two months already.

We know many of you will be heading back to visit family or traveling back to your summer homes.

As you read this article, you'll begin to get an idea of the extensive work your Association has planned through the summer and into the fall. We schedule as much as we can in this time period so we are impacting the lowest number of residents.

With the summer travel season right around the corner, we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip in order to



avoid possible disasters in your condo while you are gone. At right is a short list of things to do:

On March 15 and March 16, I had the pleasure of participating in the Theater Workshop production of "Swingin' With The USO."

While my role was considered a "walk-on," I had the opportunity to learn first-hand about the effort it takes to make a show successful.

The Theater Workshop group was a fun, dedicated group of residents.

I want to thank them for this opportunity.

At right is a scene from the closing act of "Swingin' With The USO."

Immediately after word arrives the war is over, a young sailor and young lady embrace in a kiss - an image which would later become famous all over the world. The sailor, in this case, is Kenneth Colen, and the young lady is Sue Carlson.

(OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)



CHECKLIST THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING ON AN EXTENDED TRIP

- Leave your contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of your condo checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend, or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in regularly with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Arrange for a water meter turn off if you are going away for an extended term.
- Turn off the electric to the hot water heater.
- Make sure the air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home and anyone living beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set between 78 degrees to 80 degrees to help regulate humidity in the home and prevent the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- Make sure your home owner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water and mold. In most cases, this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew may result and become a serious problem for the owner.

Improperly vented dryers may also be a source of both heat and moisture in your home.

Water leaks in the home may be a source of moisture. If you suspect a water leak, contact the Community Service Office immediately! A fast response on leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Mold growth is secondary to the presence of high humidity levels or saturation by water. Mold is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect you have mold, it is best to contact the Community Service Office and arrange for a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service. Please remember that proper maintenance or repair of your HVAC unit, water heater and drain pan, and ice maker line (if any) is always the owner's responsibility.

Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually the main complaint is an odor and the unsightly nature of the matter. I mention this because the home repair industry is rife with scare tactics and scams, causing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on matters that are generally easily resolved.

Use common sense and have a great summer!

Busy summer for maintenance updates

By Kenneth Colen
Chairman

Painting/Waterproofing: Buildings 5 and 12 will have new rear waterproofing membranes applied in April. Remember, all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing now that temperatures have started to somewhat moderate. Building 76 and Building 1 will have their second floors replaced in late April, provided the current warm weather streak continues.

Utility contractors will be wrapping up the potable water line replacement project that began in October of 2013. Buildings 1 – 11 should have been completed by the end of March with Building 12 wrapping up by mid-April.

Railings improvements are continuing with Building 22 being the next slated for these upgrades in late April. Licensed contractors will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made. The majority of these railing projects are estimated to last 2-5 weeks, depending on the scope of the work and the size of the structure.

The roofs of Buildings 19, 33 and 39 are scheduled for improvement in late April. Notices will be posted

in advance of the work and residents may be asked to relocate their cars temporarily to allow for materials and equipment. The contractor estimates that each project will last a total of two (2) weeks pending favorable weather conditions.

Large scope and ongoing construction projects are as follows:

- Building 94 will see stucco teams work on the south side of the structure facing Utopian drive. Parking will be restricted in the work area. These teams will be utilizing hi-reach equipment and we ask that residents please avoid the work areas while the work is underway.

- Teams will also be utilizing lift equipment to perform work on the south façade of Building 27 in late April-early May. There may be parking spaces that are temporarily cordoned off while these repairs are made. Please exercise caution and be aware of equipment operating in the area until completion of the project. Sidewalk panel replacements will continue throughout the year, as will header and window sill repairs.

Asphalt paving and resurfacing projects are currently being bid by qualified contractors. We anticipate that contracts will be awarded next month with paving beginning in early May of 2014.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management's con-

struction department that affects repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be an ongoing process throughout this and future years. As building's age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Residents may notice an increase in the patching and painting of center core areas as this will be the main focus in the spring of 2014. The management company asks that residents do not drill penetrations into the structures as this becomes a costly item to continually repair.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services division of the management company are ongoing. There is an increased emphasis on the removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decora-

tive rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association.

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwell areas. Remember, much of the material placed there was unapproved by your association and may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services division of the management company.

The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clam-shell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure. The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points.

As noted in prior articles, the "clam-shell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the east activity center.

OTOW-TV Channel 720 now 732

For everyone at On Top of the World with a Brighthouse digital converter, OTOW-TV has moved from Channel 720 to 732.

The move actually took place in January, so if you wondered where your community TV channel went, please check Channel 732 and you should see it back again.

OTOW-TV has always been available on the analog signal at Channel 96 and is available to some residents at 98.1.

Brighthouse moved the digital signal to 732 in anticipation of eliminating the analog signal some time this year. A date has not been announced, but OTOW News will try to give OTOW residents at least a month's

notice when this will happen.

When the analog signal is dropped, Channel 96 will no longer be available.

If you have never watched OTOW-TV, you are missing a valuable media tool used for informing residents about upcoming functions from clubs, groups, sports team and building.

Unlike the newspaper, late-breaking news or advisories can be placed on OTOW-TV in a much more timely matter.

OTOW-TV also features videos from Jesters and Theater Workshop shows, Chorus concerts, parades and halloween pet contests.

OTOW management also uses OTOW-TV to inform residents of important policies and news.





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West Activity Center pool should be ready in May

The West Activity Center pool resurfacing project got underway in March.

After resurfacing work is complete, new drains, pavers and fencing will commence.

The project will continue through April. As a reminder, please note the pool area will be closed during these renovations. It is important to observe safety rules during the construction period so please do not try to enter the work area at any time.

Once again I would like to thank our residents for their patience during our many improvement projects.

Also at the West Activity Center, another beautification project has been completed. Recently several overgrown hedges were removed and new sod, flowers and smaller bushes took their place. The landscaping crew did a great job with these recent updates and their hard work is appreciated.

The next AAA Senior Defensive Driver Program will be held at the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and is payable the first day of class.



Registration forms can be found on page 59 and need to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than June 12.

Also, the Florida Licensing on Wheels or FLOW bus will be at the East Activity Center North parking lot on Friday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you need to renew your license or change your address this is an easy, quick way to do that without leaving the community.

After several suggestions from the community, Good Karma Café vending has added an additional freezer to the café. This gives us the opportunity to offer a variety of frozen foods, in-

cluding some take home heat and eat meals that are already frozen and can conveniently be thawed and cooked when you're ready to eat. There will also be breakfast sandwiches, chicken and beef sandwiches, as well as popular favorites like ice cream.

I want to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office. Let us know so we can share your good comments with the staff.



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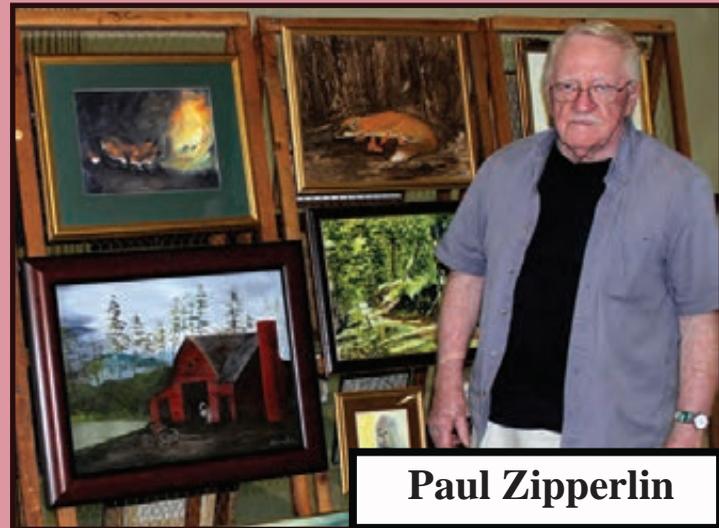
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Thirty-three qualify for Appreciation Luncheon

The Press Association has had a very busy year.

More than 130 different people contributed and 33 people wrote a story for the first time.

Now the time has come to celebrate 12 months of a job-well-done.

"The Press Association is one of the largest clubs in the community and one of the most important clubs," said editor Doug Kates.

"It's not easy to find something to write about every month and turn in stories by deadline, but our crew does it and does it very well."

From May 2013-March 2014, 876 stories were published on 800 pages.

Most of the staff wrote stories, while others took photographs, proof-read, typed, edited or served on the board.

Among all the contributors, 33 different people qualified for the end-of-the-season Appreciation Luncheon, which will be held 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3 at the Sunset Grill, one of the sponsors from this season's Holiday Lights Contest.

To qualify, someone had to contribute at least three stories and attend at least three meetings. Photographers



and editing staff had to contribute to three newspapers and attend three meetings.

At the Press Association meeting in March, Doug thanked those 32 individuals, who not only contributed to the news coverage in the newspaper, but also for providing feedback at meetings to make the newspaper more successful.

At right is a list of those who qualified. On Top of the World is picking up your tab. Others may attend, but must pay their own \$10 fee.

Please note, do not go into the restaurant until 1:30 p.m. If you arrive early, please wait in the parking lot.



The 2013-14 Press Association board was, left to right, President Yvonne Courtney, Vice President Jackie Dooley, Secretary Arlene Bergen and Buildings Coordinator Gloria Walz.

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Appreciation Luncheon Qualifiers

Walter Balderson	Jane Haynes	Marge Mayer
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Your list of upcoming community activities - the way Nancy Davis would have written it

For this edition of On Top of the World News, I would like to write my column as Nancy Davis did for more than 25 years.

Every month, Nancy would review all club and group schedules, and try to convince everyone to step out of their condos and take advantage of what was being offered here at OTOW.

What she didn't know already, was written down on paper, stored in a folder, or kept on a big calendar in her office. There was always so much going on here and she wanted to make sure everyone was aware of each monthly activity.

So in honor of our friend Nancy, here is my monthly column – her style:

April is here.

Temperatures are getting warmer. The pools are getting busy. Many residents are making final preparations before heading up north for the summer.

For those who are staying here, there are plenty of activities to keep



you busy, not only in April, but during the hottest days of summer. This may be the perfect time to try a new activity, return to a former hobby, or just find a way to stay active while keeping cool.

April is Easter and we always welcome our friends from the Salvation Army band and chorus, who put on a great Easter morning service for us in the East Activity Center auditorium. If you don't want to go far, this service is the perfect opportunity for a religious

message and holiday music.

Many clubs and groups are still in season for April, so it's not too late to attend a meeting or get acquainted with their functions. Some will be active through the summer.

The Entertainment Committee will continue to host musical groups and dances.

You can join Wood Shop and create something this summer. You could join Lapidary and create your own piece of jewelry. You can join Ceramics class and get a jump on the holidays by hand-making decorations you can proudly display later in the year.

The Art Guild remains active during the summer. Find out what classes will be offered in the East Activity Center. You may become an artist by the time the Art Show is held next year.

Summer mornings are a great time for exercise classes, lawn bowling, tennis, golfing, horseshoes and shuffleboard. With the Snowbirds getting ready to leave, there are more oppor-

tunities to play on either the nine-hole or 18-hole golf courses.

The biggest challenge over the summer is to find a group that stays active. Last year there were plenty of choices. The Travel Club and Snowbirds Club continued to take trips. The New York-New Jersey Club held a Christmas in July. The Baby Boomers, Singles Club and Lambda Club continued to hold social events. Wii Bowling turned the Large Card Room into sets of bowling alleys, the Billiards Room remained open and Thursday Mixed Golf simply continued its season.

Keep this newspaper nearby or watch OTOW-TV 96/732 to see what these clubs are going to do to stay active this summer. In most cases, you don't have to be a member, but you might decide to join when you see how much fun they have each month.

Don't let the summer heat keep you inside. We have plenty of ways to keep you active until all your friends return this fall.

Some will say Sid Caesar was king of comedy

Hail Caesar!

The twentieth century brought us another Caesar that was hailed by critics around the world -- Sid Caesar.

Sid starred every Saturday night in NBC's "Your Show of Shows," which ran for more than seven years, 1950 through 1957.

Sid did for Saturday night what Milton Berle did for Tuesday night. Home was the place to be. If you didn't have a TV set, you went to a friend's house.

Many say Sid was the king of comedy. He mastered seven dialects and



Walter
Balderson

Inside Showbiz

could double-talk and do entire skits without ever saying a word. His most popular skits were double talking in Russian, German, French, Polish and Italian.

Sid had four new comedy writ-

ers that now have become household names. They were Neil Simon, Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks and Woody Allen.

Born Isaac Sidney Caesar in Yonkers, NY, he honed his skills in the mountains, upstate known as the Catskills, where many young artists performed at the time.

Caesar's sketches were often 10 to 15 minutes long. He always stayed in character, unlike Bob Hope or Red Skelton.

Sid did not like one-liners as he felt they were most suited for stand-up comedians.

Neil Simon said, regardless how funny they wrote a skit, Sid made it 10 times funnier.

Mel Brooks once commented, "Sid Caesar was a giant, maybe the best comedian who ever practiced the trade."

On Broadway, Sid starred in Neil Simon's "Little Me" where he played seven different characters.

Sid's career was shortened by alcohol and pills. In 1977, after blacking out on stage, he gave up alcohol "cold turkey."

Sid Caesar died in February at the age of 91.

Pet of the Year presentation



March was a busy month for the 2013 Pet of the Year - Sugar 'n Spice, seen in the middle with owner Gloria Lindley. Lynn Hutchins, left, from Barks & Bubbles, gave Sugar a free grooming as part of the grand prize. Kristin Barry of Pet Supplies Plus presented Sugar with a gift certificate. Animal Healthcare Clinic donated a free medical visit. Plus, Sugar marched in the March 8 Irish parade.



Newcomers

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Kay Tenney - Florida



Penny Krutsch - Michigan



Maria Wong - New York

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Don't just read a scam alert - remember it!

Note: You may have noticed that I am including something in my newspaper column that I call "Scam Alert."

My associate, Rachel Wagoner, and I, have decided to do this with the hope that when we mention "scam alert" it will help keep you from being a victim.

We'll include it from time to time and I do hope you will keep track of the ones we list, and keep them in mind, in case you get hit by one scam or another.

Scam Alert: A new scam that I discovered works like this. You get a phone call from someone who already has your credit card number. They claim to be doing some checking, and at some point in the discussion, you are asked to give the caller your security code number. That's a scam. Just



hang up the phone.

Q. There was an election for a Congress person recently. How come you did not give us your thoughts on who you would support?

A. I want everyone to read and to enjoy my newspaper column without

any concern that I have some hidden agenda.

I don't have a hidden agenda at all. Well, that's not quite correct.

I do have one and it's that I want everyone to read and to enjoy my column — or did I already say that?

Now, look, there certainly are folks in government positions who I feel are doing good things for the type of clients I represent and I don't mind mentioning them from time to time in my column. In fact, I like to do that and I think that I should.

However, I think giving someone credit in my column is entirely different from supporting or endorsing someone for elective office.

Q. Is it always necessary to have an MAI appraisal done for real property in a decedent's estate?

A. Not necessarily. An MAI appraisal refers to an appraisal that is prepared by a Member of the Appraisal Institute, which is a professional organization consisting of men and women, who perform appraisals that are detailed in scope.

However, keep in mind that the tax appraiser has an appraisal called "Just Value." Sometimes this is sufficient to provide a value. Other times, a real estate broker or agent can give you one and that works fine, too.

Of course, depending on the size of the estate, it may, indeed, be advisable to get a MAI appraisal and the time to know that is when the Estate is opened.

Q. Where do you get the questions for your column?

A. I get them in different ways. Most often, but not quite always, my questions, in one way or another, come strictly from the folks who read my column (or possibly from their children or relatives).

Some folks email me questions through my Website at info@gcolen.com or at Jerry@gcolen.com.

Other times, folks ask me questions in person and I think my readers would like to see the questions and my answers to them.

Also, I am a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys and both of these operate internet listservs. On both of these listservs, attorneys from around the country, or from around the State of Florida, discuss questions that I

think are significant and therefore I want my readers to know about such matters.

So, I will either post a question from those listservs or I'll just make up a question that relates to something important and I will publish that.

There are a lot of matters that come up in the Florida Bar News and if there is something in that newspaper that I think you might find interesting, I might publish a question from that source.

Of course, I have a substantial real estate practice and a substantial Wills, Trusts and Probate practice, and I draw many questions from my law practice, too.

Q. My daughter and her significant other bought a condo together in (somewhere in Florida). Now they are splitting up and both of them have other significant others, who also split from their other significant others who owned their condo together, too.

My question is, how much of a problem is it for my daughter to get all the title to her condo?

A. I don't know. I'm still trying to figure out what happened. It's gonna take me a while. Well, OK, here goes: I would imagine a deed from your daughter's former significant other to her would do the trick.

Gerald R. Colen is an attorney who is a member of both the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. He concentrates his practice of law in the areas of real estate, elder law, wills, trusts, probate, business law and simple and complex estate planning. He welcomes your questions and comments. This column is not intended to provide legal advice, but is only intended to provide limited information on the specific matters raised in the questions and answers. You should always consult your own attorney for specific advice. Mr. Colen is available for conferences at his law office at 7243 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, FL, 33777. His phone number is (727) 545-8114. He is also pleased to respond to email at his email address of gcolen@tampabay.rr.com or through his Web page at www.gcolen.com. In Ocala, FL, Mr. Colen is available by appointment for legal conferences at the On Top of the World sales office, which is located near Sid's Cafe.

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.

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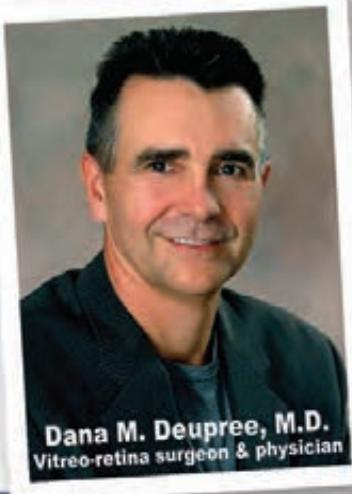
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Another beautiful morning - another beautiful parade

By Mary Skaarer

Yes, another parade!

It was another amazing annual Saint Patrick's Day celebration.

You could see the excitement on the smiling faces of all the people who lined up along World Parkway in anticipation of the next group coming down the road.

The air was filled with lovely Irish music as the parade wended its way to the East Activity Center.

The floats were beautifully decorated and glowed in the warm sunshine of the day. We were so fortunate to enjoy this special day.

It's amazing what volunteers can do when all are focused on their duties, with a generous spirit. The parade could not have happened without all the generous people who gave their time and their talents. The end result was another successful parade!

Mike Cooper was the parade chairman. His organizational skills pulled key people together and that's what put the wheels in motion to make the parade possible.

So, our first "thanks" goes to him and his committee. Thank you Mike! Job well done.

A big "thank you" also goes out to the following participants who made the parade a grand spectacle:

Pinellas County Sheriff's Department who led the way;

All the musical bands and groups who participated and their leaders;

Our wonderful Irish and American flag bearers, Mike Stack and Mike O'Loughlin;

Dayton Andrews Convertible carrying our Grand Marshall Danny O'Brien and his lovely wife Rita O'Brien .

The Irish Club banner was carried by Rose Mulhall, Bette Byrnes and Mary Leahy;

Irish Club Presidents friends and family;

St Patrick's "Irish Eyes are Smiling banner" was carried by Margaret Forde and Noreen O'Shea;

Also, we cannot forget a big "thank you" to all the various clubs from OTOW which participated in the parade. All of you made our parade very successful. Your signs and banners showed lots of effort and we hope you had fun.

A well-deserved thanks goes to all our coordinators who kept the parade running smoothly. The coordinators are the unseen heroes who keep all the



The Irish Club traditionally leads the parade, including presentation of a few banners, master of ceremonies, float and golf carts. (OTOW News photo by Tim Amdor)

groups marching in the same direction!

Our reviewing stand commentators were Barbara Sensale, Brid Mitchell and Mary McLoughlin. Also, on the reviewing stand were our honored guests, Mary and David Kennelly, who were recognized by the Irish Club for their devoted loyalty to

all Irish Club events, and Sharon Licata and her husband, Ken, who represented On Top of the World.

At the end of the parade, at the EAC parking lot, all of our guests, participants, and OTOW residents were treated with complimentary pretzels and beverages.

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NY/NJ Club staying active this summer

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

The New York-New Jersey Club will remain active for the summer of 2014.

There are no trips planned at this time, but during the Feb. 26 meeting, a vote by the new board took place and the club agreed to stay active.

Swearing in of the new board took place March 26, in the auditorium. The new board is as follows: President Jack Casey, Vice President Jim Smyth, Treasurer Laura O'Connor, Secretary Esta Schwartz, and Assistant Secretary Anne Casey. Sunshine person will be Lucy Jennings.

There are planned activities for the season through October. When you stop by the NY/NJ desk between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday mornings to purchase tickets or become members, be sure to pick up a flyer listing all activities.



NY / NJ Club

At 6 p.m., April 23, in the East Activity Center auditorium, we will have a wine and cheese party. Do not miss it. A donation of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members is requested.

President Jack Casey would like to thank the members who stuck with him and will remain throughout this year. Events and membership: Jim Smyth, Sally Shevlin, Madeline Nawrocky; 50/50: Ann Magilo and Madeline Nawrocky; Sunshine person: Lucy Jennings. Treasurer: Laura O'Connor.

Have a good Easter and Passover holiday.



Pictured above is the new New York-New Jersey Club board for the 2014-15 season. In the front row, left to right, are Jim Smyth, vice president, Laura O'Connor, treasurer, and Sally Shevlin, membership. In back are Anne Casey, first lady, and Jack Casey, president.

Greyhound birthday party set for April 6



Greyhound Club

By Bill Sharpsteen

The On Top of the World Greyhound Club will be celebrating our 11th anniversary with a Birthday Bash on Sunday, April 6.

The event will run from noon to 4 p.m. and there will be a catered buffet meal from 1-3 p.m.! It will be at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor Shelter No. 2.

More than 80 greyhounds and 150 people are expected to join us for this Big Celebration!

All OTOW residents are welcome. To get tickets please call Bill at 797-7977. Tickets are \$13 per person or \$35 for a family. You can mail a check to Goldcoast Greyhound Association P.O. Box 6501, Clearwater, FL

33758-6501.

So, if you have a family visiting, this would be a nice outing.

Lunch will consist of smokey pulled pork, grilled chicken quarters, homemade southern potato salad, Chef Rick's coleslaw, assorted drinks and of course there will be birthday cake!

It will be fun watching all the greyhounds participate in contests and just enjoy this beautiful natural setting!

We set a new record with 22 greyhounds marching in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade last month. Thanks so much for helping us to promote the greyhounds and entertain the residents of OTOW. Thank you Irish Club for a "greyt" parade!

Always remember, Greyhound Club members meet every third Friday at Third Friday in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, April 18, near the corner of Second Avenue



Greyhounds gather before the parade.

and Main Street to show off 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 for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Thursday April 17 at 10 a.m. in the Veranda Room overlooking the pool.

Call Bill today 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 can also like Gold Coast Greyhounds on Facebook to keep up-to-date on events! You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!



The Baby Boomers kazoo band marching and playing in unison. (OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

Kazoo band a hit at parade

By Rita Kress

It was a cool, crisp, azure sky, spring-like morning, but the crowds heated up fast to the newly formed Boomer Kazoo Band lead by Ron Clement.

As they played "I'm Sitting On Top Of The World" and "I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover," parade watchers had no problem humming right along and laughing at the intricate marching formations.

Baby Boomers had more than 30 members in the band, plus an additional handful of bicycles and golf carts all blinged out in shamrock green.

We even had our first float ... well, more of a decorated three-wheeled bicycle created by yours truly with my two shih-pooos, Mimzy and Splash, who were dressed in their finest St. Patrick Day-styled costumes.

They were true celebrities and were hounded by paparazzi at the after party at the East Activity Center.

It was a perfect day and a great pa-



rade.

Countless times, I had been offered to participate in such an event, but was always too busy.

Now that I actually participated, I saw many young and old people who lined our numerous streets. They showed expressions of enjoyment with extra large smiles and laughter.

This was my reward for participating, and it will be yours too, so please do not pass up the opportunity to get involved in an event like this.

One of our members, Bill Higgins, is by far the best golfer at On Top of the World. A golf league championship is held every year to determine the best player and he has won it the last seven years. No other golfer in the history of OTOW has ever won the championship seven times!

Plus, this year, Bill had his second "hole-in-one" at OTOW. He is extremely well-liked and helpful to all of the golfers in the community. We in the Baby Boomers are lucky to be able to call him our own!

On April 19, from 5-9 p.m., Boomers are having a Fly Away Dance for departing Snowbirds and everyone else is welcome to attend. The event will be in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room with music by At Large.

Dinner will be potluck, BYOB.

Please see Ron at our meetings to purchase tickets for \$8.

Baby Boomers are a very active group participating in many activities including, biking, kayaking, sailing,

golfing, deep sea fishing, cruising, dining out, game night, dancing, potluck dinners, holiday parties and picnics.

We also do outings to the theater, museums, festivals, concerts and local day trips.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room at 5:30 p.m. Meetings for April will be on April 2 and April 17.

Anyone interested in joining the Baby Boomers Group is welcome to the meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Card. There is no membership fee. Our meetings usually consist of everyone participating in creating weekly or monthly social activities. After the meeting, we usually continue with an activity such as dining, dancing or visiting a local club for additional socializing.

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Line Dancers honor President Georgia Jensen

By Julie Narancich

Many months ago, On Top of the World Line Dance President Georgia Jensen asked several line dancers to participate in the New Jesters Show this past February.

We did take part and we were extremely happy to see Georgia at the show, accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law.

Line Dancers dedicated the Sunday show to Georgia, who was a wonderful dancer in high school and college, and taught dancing on the collegiate level. She also had a successful 30-year career in fashion modeling; to name a few of her many accomplishments.

We miss seeing Georgia at line dancing, however, she is always in our hearts and minds.

At the March 8 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Line Dancers joined Snowbirds Club line dancers. What a wonderful experience to team with the



Snowbirds. Thank you to everyone who participated from both clubs. We look forward to dancing together again.

Mary Becker is still collecting our annual membership fee of \$5. Please present your On Top of the World identification card along with \$5 to Mary.

Please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing.

We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and 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 at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes.



In the front row, left to right, are Sheila Bonomo, Mary Becker, Georgia Jensen and Julie Narancich. In the back row are Lynn Anzalone, Joanne Wallend, Lilia Bensonoff and Ellen Gilbert.

The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and invite you to bring your friends. Line

dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please con-

tact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

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Singles Club staying active in May

By Mary Widman

Now that a new season is approaching for our Singles Club, president Nancy McMullon has some wonderful activities and day trips planned for the rest of the year.

Those members who are going to the Dali Museum on April 9 should be at the East Activity Center at 9 a.m. The Jolly Trolley leaves at this time.

Also in April, we have a fashion show on Saturday, April 5, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room at 2 p.m. Fashions will be by Bon Worth. Thank you to all the models who volunteered to be in the show. There will be a meeting with Nancy McMullon at 1 p.m. before the show. All members are invited to attend. Cost is \$3 per ticket.

May will be our day trip to John's Pass via the Jolly Trolley. Lunch will be on your own. Come join us for a relaxing day enjoying the shopping and the wonderful dockside views. Date is May 7. Stay tuned for further details.

At our May meeting on Saturday, May 3, we will play bingo. Tickets for all events can be purchased every Monday and Thursday morning between the hours of 9-10:30 in the EAC.

For more information about our club, please call Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460. If you know of any member who is ill and needs a note of good cheer, call our Sunshine Lady, Mary Widman, at 796-1184 and she will send a card from our club members.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 6:15 p.m. Be sure to tune in to Channels 96/732 to view all the news about our Singles Club activities.



Singles Club

Democratic Club making an effort to create an up-to-date directory

By Charlie Christ

Our March meeting opened with Sean Sorbie, who coordinated efforts to host Alex Sink here.

Linda Rice and Jim Schelling hosted Alex in their homes for our volunteers. The volunteers contacted On Top of the World residents to determine those who received ballots and planned to vote in the special election.

The second part of our meeting was devoted to organizational matters.

A current list of all OTOW members with address, phone number, and e-mail (if desired) is needed so we can contact everyone with minimum effort. If you have not done so, please complete a membership form and mail it with your dues of \$12 to the treasurer, or bring it to our next meeting on April 26.

If you're not sure about your dues, call either 787-0793 or 754-6749 to verify.

One of our members, Mac MacGuire, has been assigned the task of establishing a Web site for our mem-



Democratic Club

bership, and authorized to take any necessary action to compile a list of all OTOW Democratic Club members.

A tribute to Hal Leichhardt, honoring his many years as our Membership Chairman, was written by Rosemarie Totaro and read to the club.

A Hal Leichhardt Award for Outstanding Service was then presented to Fran Leichhardt, his wife.

Fran recommended that an award for outstanding service be presented on a yearly basis.

Subsequent to our meeting, Fran was responsible for organizing a group of OTOW Democrats to march and ride in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Way To Go, Fran!

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New board in place for 2014-15 season

By Marvin Flam, President

At the March 12 general meeting, the new 2014-15 Jester Board was elected and will be installed at the April 9 Installation Dinner at the Country-side Country Club.

Congratulations to President Donna Ryan; First Vice President Pat Sprouse; Second Vice President Tony Baker; Treasurer Mike Kaplan; Assistant Treasurer Joanne Marick; Secretary Sue Calinski; and Assistant Secretary Stormy Pickering.

The Jesters 35th annual Musical Variety Show "50 Shades, The Musical Mystery" was very well received by audiences that attended our three shows. Thanks for a job well done goes to our



cast and to Directors Evelyn Flam and Remo Melucci; Music Directors Bernadette and Bob Krause; Choreographers Donna Ryan and Susan Carlson; and writers, Evelyn Flam with the Creative Team.

The Special Effects Team consisted of Tony Baker, Remo Melucci, Ted and Stormy Pickering; Costume

Acquisition was by Peg Nowak; and Backstage Crew was Pat Catalfomo, and Terri and Mike Michulski.

Sound and Lighting Crew was Marvin Flam, Lee Catalfomo, Evelyn Flam, Rich Hayes, Remo Melucci, Ted Pickering and Noland Shades; Photography and Videography was by Dee Speers and Dave Krause; Ticket takers and ushers were Cele Radeloff and her crew of Jester volunteers;

Show refreshments were by Hazel and Leo Kelly, Deb Bonomo and Shirley Miller.

Our special thanks to all who bought tickets, and were our Jester Angels. We are most grateful for that support which made the effort all that

much more fun.

The past year has been fun and it has been a privilege to work with this terrific cast and crew, and to see the community support for the Jesters. Thank you.

Watch for our show, and past shows, on OTOW-TV 96/732 over this summer.

I now pass the baton on to the new Board and wish them great success and fun for the next year. Come join us.

Contact Marvin at 797-1761 or email us at jestfun21@gmail.com or visit us on the OTOW Box Office Site for more information.

Let's get together "JEST FOR FUN"

Last meeting of season to feature a contest

By Cheryl J. Reese

Our latest Art Guild meeting was held March 14 and Ruth Phillips was voted Artist of the Month for her oil painting pictured on page 8.

Ruth's painting will be displayed in the East Activity Center front lobby showcase until mid-June. Stop by and enjoy her work.

At this past meeting, Marie Andree Lamothe demonstrated techniques used for "encaustic" art. After a brief video, she used Crayola Crayons and a special iron, and showed the variations of the art.

She offered to teach a more in-depth workshop in the fall if anyone is interested.

Beside our drawing classes each Thursday from 1-3 p.m., it is truly enlightening how many forms of art we have going right here at On Top of the World on Fridays!

Catherine Bennett's Beginners Watercolor Workshop took place Friday, March 7 for four hours. Those in attendance were very pleased with Catherine's instruction and look forward to her more advanced second class to be held Friday, April 4.

Catherine is a resident at OTOW and a professor of watercolor at the Dunedin Art Center. She has offered to teach if there is an interest in the fall.



Art Guild

Margie McClure, our president, taught an "egg shell picture" painting workshop on Friday, March 21. See page 49 for details. It was quite nice to have exposure to this form of art.

At our April Art Guild Meeting - our last meeting of the season - we will have pizza, salads and desserts, with a variety of beverages. This is open to members and their significant others with sign-up no later than April 11. Volunteer artist groups will participate in a "Paint Around" competition.

If anyone out there has art supplies that are taking up space, and they no longer are using them, consider donating them to the guild.

Call Margie McClure at 386-4421 to arrange pickup or delivery.

We continue our Painting Pals class on Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., as well as drawing classes, led by John Fier, each Thursday, 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

Snowbirds taking advantage of our really low book prices

By Katy Gerritt

It has been a busy month in the library!

So many of our Snowbirds have been in and love the new setting.

We are happy to welcome them and provide all our members great reading materials.

We have had several successful First Friday book sales, with many who have come by expressing amazement at our bargains.

Just a reminder, our book sales help support the purchase of new books to put on the shelves.

Coming soon to our shelves, you will see:

"Cell" by Robin Cook; "Under the Wide Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan and "Home to Seaview Key" by Sherryl Woods.

There are also some surprises on order which will be revealed when they arrive.

We are exploring some new authors to expand our collection, so if you have any ideas, requests or suggestions, please let the staff know.

Reviews of books by our readers help us choose the types of reading materials people at On Top of the World are looking for.

Come by and see us! We are always glad to see our current members and meet our new members.



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Library News

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Fixers Club gladly donates unused tools

By Doug Erickson

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers enjoy a camaraderie based on helping others.

It extends beyond our club members helping each other by doing jobs for our community and local charities.

Recently we were given an opportunity to spread our giving to many parts of the world through the Global Mission Conference that was held in Clearwater.

Representatives from Haiti, Vietnam, Africa, Costa Rica, Cuba, and many of the Southern States have been supplied with tools we donated to them.

Jose Miranda, president of Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers, made the first gift to Mission Director Brad Weller and Arnie Engelbert. Arnie is also a Fixers club member.

Arnie and his wife, Joyce, established, and now direct, a tool ministry in memory of Arnie's brother Dave.

We gathered more than 300 items for them, and are happy to serve as a



Pictured above are Brad Weller, Arnie Engelbert and Jose Miranda making a tool presentation. (Photo by Doug Erickson)

collection center. You may bring hand tools, small power tools, and work gloves to us and we will pass your gifts on to them.

Our long-time community work continues by making wooden toys for

local distribution. More than 20,000 toys have been produced since we started. We are now under the direction of Earl Shettel, who encourages members to participate and provide instruction. Painting toys is done by



Fixers Club

Caring and Sharing.

Jeannette Grant, of Caring and Sharing, has been painting and distributing toys for six years and has seen first-hand the joy it brings to children. She is in charge of this project and invites additional residents to join.

The painstaking details that they apply takes time and there is a need for additional help. They meet each Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon in the Craft Room. They also make and donate knitted and sewn items.

Your participation would be welcomed.

Join us for lunch at Sunken Gardens

By Pat Zorland

Time is flying by.

First, it is the beginning of a new year and before you know it we are looking at the month of April.

Easter will be here, the Snowbirds will be leaving us and then it will be spring with all of the flowers starting to blossom.

I feel like time seems to go more quickly as we get older and the world is changing so quickly.

Now, getting back to all the projects and trips the Travel Club has on its calendar for the coming months.

By the time you read this article, we will have gone on a Citrus Winery tour and visited the Sun Coast Bird Sanctuary. This has always been a great outing.

Then, in April we have a trip scheduled to the Holocaust Museum, plus a visit to the Sunken Gardens and lunch.

For day trips, we are now using car pooling because of the expense of hiring a bus. I think this is a good way to meet and have a good time with more of our club members since we have been growing so quickly.

Then, in the month of May, we have planned a two hour narrated



Travel Club

luncheon cruise on the Starlite Princess out of Clearwater, and in June a trip to see a play called "Funny Money," along with a dinner.

The picture in this article is of me (Pat Zorland, your friendly reporter) along with the captain and hotel manager of the Holland America Ryndam out of Tampa. I was presented with a large medal from the Holland America Marine Society for having sailed 100 days with them.

I have been collecting DVD's covering my trips around the world and will let anyone see them. All you need is a DVD player.

Please stop by our table in the East Activity Center on a Monday or Thursday between 9-10:30 a.m. and check us out or watch OTOW-TV Channel 96 or 732 for upcoming trips scheduled for this year.

We remain active in the summer.



Travel Club reporter Pat Zorland receives a 100-day travel medal.



Members of OTOW Chorus pose for a photo before heading out on their parade adventure.

OTOW Chorus marches in parade, joins church concert and finishes with own show



Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

March has come and gone leaving me a little breathless from all the activities that are provided for us here at On Top of the World!

Once again, Chorus members enjoyed being included in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We are happy to introduce our newest member, Janice Wisinski, who thoroughly enjoyed her first-time parade experience, giving out candy to those who lined the streets.

It was an honor and privilege for the Chorus to be invited to perform a joint concert on March 23 with the Clearwater Chorus. This event was held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Dunedin.

Each chorus performed several selections and then were joined for Peter J. Wilhousky's rousing arrangement of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

No doubt this was a "goose



On March 23, the On Top of the World Chorus combined with the Clearwater Chorus for a show at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The OTOW Chorus can be seen above on the left side and the Clearwater Chorus on the right side.

bump" moment for singers and audience alike!

Thank you to all who attended our spring concert, "Music By the Numbers."

We had so much fun preparing for this one and believe the audience enjoyed it as much as we did.

Special thanks to our sound team,

Remo Melucci and Nolan Shade, who were so helpful in providing sound for several of our rehearsals.

The Chorus will not be in rehearsal again until the fall when we begin to prepare for our December holiday concert. We are always open to new members. If you enjoy singing choral music, please consider joining us. We

work hard, but we have fun and make wonderful friends in the process. Our start-up date will be posted later.

William Shakespeare wrote, "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." I hope that is true for you. And, for all of you who will head north for the summer, God speed until we see you again.

Already time to begin thinking about plans for next year's show



Theater Workshop

By Lilli Scheifen

Our production "Swingin' with the USO" is a wrap, and we thank all patrons who came to cheer us on.

Thanks to all who appeared in our show, both on stage and behind the scenes. It was great fun preparing and laughing at the many miscues, which magically seem to disappear by show time.

Thanks also to Will and Mary Sundblad, who stepped up to the plate as producer/director.

A very special thanks to John Fier for his fantastic backdrops.

At our last installation dinner, Tony Scheifen, president elect, asked On Top of the World Chairman Kenneth Colen if he would be part of our next production. We were all surprised and delighted by his guest appearance in our show. That was sooooo special!

We can now take a deep, collective breath, enjoy the summer months, and, in the fall, we shall begin our next endeavor.

Put on your thinking caps – ideas will be welcomed!

The Board of Directors for the coming year has been selected, and the new roster is as follows: Tony Scheifen, president; Roger Nicoll, treasurer; Pat Kangas, vice president; Lilli Scheifen,



Adam and Eve were on stage for Theater Workshop's show in March. The skit had an unhappy ending, however, as Eve filed for divorce and got half of the world as settlement.

(OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

secretary; Will Peterson, assistant treasurer and Merle MacDonald, assistant secretary.

Brad Day will be on the Board as Past President.

Congratulations to all and we look forward to a very productive coming year.

Our next installation dinner will be held on our regular meeting date,

Wednesday, April 2, at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. The meal will be catered by McCabe's. Cocktails are at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there.

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Tony Gaudio shows off a new grinding, sanding and polishing tool. The Lapidary Room now has three tools for such work.



By Penny Page

Some of our members are returning to their homes up north and we will miss them dearly.

We bid them goodbye for now and look forward to their return to us.

Our club continues during the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-noon for those who remain all year.

We had a great winter season and saw some fabulous work completed. Our members cut faceted gemstones for setting in necklaces, and made cabochons for belt buckles.

We had a popular wire wrapping class, and learned to wrap stones and beads in copper and silver wire to make earrings, rings and pendants.

The possibilities of creating original work in Lapidary Club are endless.

We will draw winning tickets for our raffle on April 15 and will report on winners of our smokey quartz pendant and man's belt buckle in our May article. Good luck everyone!

Our picture this month is of Tony Gaudio with our new piece of equipment. This cabking-6V3 is our third station for grinding, sanding and polishing cabochons. Stop down to see how it works and to learn more about our club. We are downstairs in the East Activity Center across from the wood shop.

What is a cabochon? A piece of jewelry with a curved top and a flat bottom.



**AAA Defensive Driving Form
appears on page 59 of this newspaper.
The next class is June 19-20.**



Above, at left, are Mary and David Kennelly, who were recognized by the Irish Club for their devoted loyalty to all Irish Club events. Making the presentation was Mary Skaraar. Above, right, is Danny O'Brien, who was the Grand Marshall of this year's parade.

Irish music, food and balloons helped make the month extra special after the parade

By Mary Skaraar

The Irish Club continued our St Patrick's Day festivities with a wonderful dinner dance on March 12 at the On Top of the World auditorium.

The house was packed, with more than 160 people in attendance.

The auditorium was a lovely scene, with all the tables dressed up in white lace tablecloths, and green, white and gold balloons representing the colors of the Ireland flag.

Guests dined on traditional corned beef and cabbage, although some had a choice of a chicken entrée.

After dinner, we danced to our favorite Irish songs by Sharon and Michael's band. The "Old Time Waltz,"



Irish Club

the "Irish Jig" and other traditional Irish dances were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Smiling Irish eyes demonstrated the guests thoroughly enjoyed the party.

Our club has enjoyed many fun events this season, including concerts, dinner dances, a day at Tampa Bay Downs and the St Patrick's Parade.

Participated in this year's parade

were the Pinellas County Sheriff, American Legion Post 238 Color Guard of Safety Harbor; the West Coast Irish Club; the Dunedin Highland Middle School Pipe Band/Color Guard; the Dunedin High School Scottish Highlander Band; Our Lady of Knock; the Honeymoon Island Ceile dancers the Morris F. Dixon Jr Marine Corps League; the Ronald Reagan Republican Club; Flanagan's Irish Pub; New World Celts of Dunedin; the Morton Plant Clowns; the Morton Plant Care Vans; Care Lift Vans of Mease Hospital; the Stephen Scariff School of Irish Dance; the St Andrews Pipe Band of Long Boat Key; the Neighborly Care Network bus, and a special thank you

to Clearwater Towing for transportation for our well-decorated floats.

Our next and last event of the season will be our annual picnic April 7 at Philippe Park, Shelter No.2. Tickets for this event are on sale every Monday and Thursday at EAC from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Come see us at the Irish desk to purchase your tickets, \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

It's this time of year again when our season comes to an end and members return home. On behalf of our club, I hope our activities were memorable and fun for you, and I wish each of you safe travel and also a wonderful summer.

Let's do this again next year!



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Everyone loves to eat and chat before they go home

By Nancy House

It's April and time to close out another winter season for the Hoosier Club.

Members always enjoy their time together and hate to see another year of fun coming to an end. It's hard to say goodbye to friends for the summer.

Hoosier Club members participated in a variety of fun activities this year. In January, a Mexican dinner was served to attendees. A few members had not eaten Mexican food before this party. Several guests took turns trying to break open a candy filled piñata.

A Euchre Card Tournament was played after dinner. Viola Browning won with a total score of 67 points after eight games. Larry Jones took



Hoosier Club

second place with 57 points followed by Anna Hyden in third place with 54 points. Sue Bryant made the most lones. She played four hands of cards taking all tricks without the help of her partner.

February was busy with a bowling outing and a day trip to Tampa Bay Downs to bet on the horses. Larry Jones had the highest single game score for the men with a 194, followed by Jim Stewart rolling a score of 190.

Mary Beth Hufty had the highest ladies game with a game score of 174 and Nancy House trailed with a score of 160.

Ann Stewart and Cathy Faulkner carried the Hoosier Club banner along World Parkway as they led a small but enthusiastic group in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Many members were on an Eastern Caribbean Cruise the day of the parade.

On March 22, members and guests played in a golf scramble. Ann and Jim Stewart were the chairmen of the event. Jim was in charge of the scramble while Ann served her fried chicken, mashed potatoes and green beans to all participants after she walked the 18 hole course.

On Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., the club will have its last general meet-

ing of the season in the EAC craft room.

On April 8, a day trip to the Largo Botanical Gardens, with dinner at Crabby Bill's in Indian Rocks, will be the last field trip for the year.

Since everyone in the club loves to eat and visit one last time before Snowbirds start heading back north for the summer, a going away party is planned for April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Smokey Bones.

Club meetings will resume in November. There will be no scheduled meetings during the summer, but many members who live year round at OTOW will get together monthly for summer luncheons. The club wishes everyone a wonderful summer filled with vacations and time with family and friends.

Country Night is April theme for Lambda party

By Dave Beaven

Happy April to all.

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

Time flies especially when you're busy, as we've been. This month is no exception.

You are invited to join the Lambda Club at our next monthly club social. Join us on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m., in the East Activity Center Large Card 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.

Another thing happening in April



Lambda

is Easter. Part of that holiday is getting together for Easter dinner. Many of us ex-Northerners are away from our families. But not to worry, we're having our own family holiday dinner right here on Sunday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Art Room. It will be

a potluck affair. Time to try out that special recipe. I will be keeping track on the club's Webpage of what people are bringing.

Easter eggs anyone?

Just a suggestion.

Wishing everyone a great holiday.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, and coffee klatches. 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 LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

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.

Stamp Club meets in April and May

How time flies when you're having fun with stamps.

Don't forget, only two more meetings before the Snowbirds are completely gone to work on their collections at home.

Stock up now for the long summer.

Stories and material abound, so bring your wish lists and you might be surprised at what's available.

Come join us in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on the third Tuesday of every month from 1 – 3 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates are April 15 and May 20.

For more information, call Jim Sundberg at 847-951-2284.



Stamp Club

Picnic and pizza party end the 2013-14 season

By Jerry Kaplano

Well, March is behind us and we are heading into April.

Our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance was very successful. The food was great, entertainment was fun and it was well attended.

We hope you have tickets for our annual picnic at Philippe Park on April 2. It will be an old-fashioned picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, potato salad, dessert and games.

If you missed the picnic, don't miss our Pizza Party on April 16 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. and then karaoke with Lenny. BYOB. Tickets are \$3 for



Italian American

members, \$5 for non-members. See you there.

Our "Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner" will be Nov. 19. Tickets will be on sale in the fall. Members are \$7, non-members are \$9.

Hope you can make it.

Have a great summer!

Jack Smith

Photo by Ed Foland

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Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning



"It all started in Toronto, April 29, 1914. I was born on a kitchen table, which was common in those days. No fancy hospital delivery room. No specialist. Just the family doctor, a kettle of boiling water and a few bath towels."

Those pragmatic words begin Jack Smith's memoirs entitled, "Jack Smith Says It Like It Was."

It is an interesting, yet modest document, much like the man himself.

Jack spent the first 65 years of his life in and around Ontario's capital city, a modest place at the time.

Since then, Toronto has morphed into the fourth largest city in North America, ahead of Chicago and Houston.

His fledgling neighborhood of Lawrence Park, then a suburb, has long since been engulfed by urban sprawl.

As a child, Jack spent his summers on what he calls his personal playground, a few blocks of residential lots that remained undeveloped for several years.

During the long winters, he and his friends amused themselves skiing, sledging and tobogganing on the hills and in the valleys of the exclusive Rosedale

Golf Club. All this they did with permission of course. Right.

Because of his diminutive stature, Jack wasn't much of a jock as a young lad and he had trouble making the school athletic teams, but he did very well academically. He took to golf with a passion at the age of 10, but not on the manicured fairways of Rosedale Golf Club. In those days he settled for driving scrounged golf balls into the fallow fields surrounding their home. Jack's love for the game has never waned.

Jack also loves to dance, as you might have noticed if you've seen him on the East Activity Center dance floor in his white pants and white hair.

He has been a season ticket holder for Entertainment Committee events as long as they have been sold and he rarely misses a show or a dance. You might also have noticed that Jack is never without a dance partner.

Jack and his wife, Marg, who was a great dancer, used to glide around the EAC dance floor during most concerts in the good old days. After Marg passed away in 1986, Jack began the hunt for a

new dance partner. Sometimes he finds a partner for one evening or a single dance. When he's really lucky it leads to good company and, occasionally, romance.

Jack and Marg came to OTOW by accident. They were driving east on Sunset Point Road, escaping the Canadian winter 35 years ago, when they passed the front gate with its imposing arch.

"What the heck is that?" Jack declared incredulously.

To make a short story shorter, curiosity got the better of them and soon Jack and Marg were owners of a third floor condo in Middle Eastern Moorish, fittingly located on Canadian Way.

During the time they lived on the third floor, Jack always took the stairs to and from their unit, often two at a time. The only exception was to move heavy articles. On the other hand, Marg, who had a heart condition, would take the elevator.

Jack maintains that driving into OTOW through our unique archway was the best move he's made in a very long time. He commends the late Sidney

Colen and our current management for taking good care of his home and providing some delightful amenities.

Perhaps the proudest accomplishments of Jack's life are the 109 liters of blood he donated in Canada and the 23 gallons of blood he donated in Florida at the Hunter Blood Bank. It was a sad day in November of 1996 when Jack showed up for his 190th blood donation and was told that they would no longer accept his blood. Prostate cancer had elevated his PSA counts.

It seemed natural that this home grown Canadian boy should serve as OTOW Canadian Club President in 1984/85. Today he is the oldest living past president of the club.

Canadian Club members expressed their appreciation to Jack for his service to the club and our community during their Spring Fling celebration with a 100th birthday cake. Yes, it was a few weeks early, but what better time to honor a seemingly ageless Canadian Club icon than during their celebration of the season of renewed life?

Happy 100th birthday Jack Smith!



2014
 St. Patrick
 Saturday,
 OTO
 George Swiderski





**Irish Club
St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 8, 2014**
OTW News photos by
Mary Lou Wall and Tim Amdor



Snowbirds say ‘mahalo iâ `oe!’



By John Koning

The Snowbirds Club’s farewell luau was an immersion in Hawaiian culture; a sensory feast of tropical tastes, colors and music, including Hawaiian dancers and a real roast pig.

So, it seems fitting that we also end our season by saying, “Mahalo iâ `oe!” That’s the Hawaiian expression for “thank you.”

We are thankful to the more than 600 of you who put your trust in us to provide you with exciting travel, diverse entertainment and, of course, line dancing.

Yes, it’s a big number, but it is never about being biggest or cheapest. It’s about being the best, and that’s where our volunteers truly shine.

Whenever people are allowed to contribute in their own unique ways, the results can be astounding. At the Snowbirds Club, we ask volunteers to serve according to how they want to serve, not according to some arbitrary mandate. Of course, when we say volunteers, we mean everyone who chips in for the greater good, whether they escort a European cruise, sell tickets at the sales desk or stuff goodies in a bag to distribute at the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

Ed Foland likes to say, “It should



Volunteers like Sheila Bonomo, Jan Springer and Bing Sickles are the reason the Snowbirds Club has passed the 600 membership mark.

be as easy to un-volunteer as it is to volunteer.”

We could argue the grammar, but not the message.

We are thankful to our fellow On Top of the World clubs with whom we are building relationships. Special thanks goes to the Irish Club for host-

ing a delightful St. Patrick’s Day parade. Thanks also goes to the OTOW Line Dancers who welcomed the Snowbirds Club line dancers and who provided their spot on the busy East Activity Center calendar to bring international choreographer, Ira Weisburd to OTOW.

So, as some of us head north for the summer and others of us take a well deserved rest from hosting these pesky northerners, we say, “Aloha!”

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Club members took 20 trips during 2013-14 season

By Walt Copeland

Our picnic was a lot of fun with so much delicious food that everyone just wanted to sit, play bingo and go home with beautiful bracelets.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

On Monday, April 7, we'll depart for the Lake Lanier Resort in Georgia. We'll receive eight meals, several shows, a visit to a gold mine and a stop at the Hofbrau House Restaurant.



Pennsylvania Club

Cost is \$599 per person/double occupancy and \$749 single - well worth the money.

On Saturday, April 12, we'll travel to Immokalee Casino for a one-day trip at a cost of just \$39. It will give us the opportunity to win some money for the spring.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we'll dine at the Early Bird Dinner Theater for a sumptuous buffet and a delightful comedy "A Bad Year for Tomatoes." Cost is \$35, including tax and tip.

On Friday, April 25, we'll have our season-ending party. It will be a

catered dinner at 5 p.m., followed by entertainment and door prizes. Cost is \$12 per person with our club subsidizing any shortfall.

We've had an inspiring season of over 20 trips and functions, and we're looking forward to many more next season.

Please check our OTOW newspaper article for our May meeting.

Remember, our membership is open to all residents of On Top of the World, not just Pennsylvanians.

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- Got Junk?

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- Birges Concrete
- Paul's Masonry

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- KAS Construction

This list could change monthly.



Philosophy Club

Express your views

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.

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There is something special about having a 'best friend' who likes you just the way you are

Did you know U.S. pet ownership rates are rising fastest among the never-married, widowed, separated and divorced?

Could it be that pets are replacing people as default companions of choice in our culture?

I sincerely believe, in many instances, pets make much better partners than people. They are the best listeners in the world. If you've got an issue to hash out, they're great at paying attention (though I often find this works best when I'm eating anything with peanut butter on it).

Pets are always happy to do things your way and on your schedule (peanut butter helps here, too). And they are equal opportunity snugglers. Whether you're sick or you just got a bad haircut, they're 100 percent judgment-free.

If you need exercise, pets are eager to comply.

You're never too old for your pet. Pets love you just the way you are.

Why stress out over those extra pounds, when in your pet's eyes you can do no wrong?

Crow's feet, spare tires and leaky pipes mean nothing to them.

What they give you in companion-



ship, care, and unconditional love, is immeasurable.

Animals share with us the privilege of having a soul. There isn't a psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

For me, dogs are miracles with paws. I used to look at my dog and think "If you were a little smarter you could tell me what you were thinking" and she'd look at me like she was saying, "If you were a little smarter I wouldn't have to."

My goal in life...to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am. You never want them to leave your side, (after all, they're family) but...

I had a 10-year-old Shihtzu (Sarah)

that suddenly took ill. She was one of two I moved into OTOW with. I nervously took her to the vet, hoping her problem was not serious, but my worst fears were realized. Sarah was very ill. I took her home and prayed for a miracle, knowing in my heart what was necessary to remove her suffering.

I called my family and told them about my decision. The next day I made the arrangements for the vet to perform the euthanasia procedure. I cried, I ached, continuously petting and stroking "my baby," and within a few minutes Sarah slipped peacefully away in my arms.

I knew it was the right decision for her, but I was heartbroken and miserable. And then I learned about the Rainbow Bridge.

Just this side of heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing - they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. Your pet's bright eyes will be intent, their body will quiver. Suddenly, they will run from the group, flying over the green grass, faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face. Your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life. but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

Sarah's void will always be with me, until I get to the Rainbow Bridge

Easter bunny humor that could make you hungry

Where does the Easter Bunny go for new tails?

To the retail store.

Why do rabbits do well in school?

They're experts at multiplication.

Do you know how bunnies keep in shape?

Hareobics.

Why did the magician have to cancel his show?

He just washed his hare and couldn't do a thing with it.

Why does the Easter Bunny have such a shiny nose?

His powder puff is on the wrong end.

What do you call it when a rabbit has an accident with a knife?

A hare cut.

What do you call a very smart bunny?

An egghead.



Why are people always tired in April?

Because they just finished a march.

Where does a bunny go when he dies?

To the hare-after.

How do you make a rabbit stew?

Make it wait for three hours.

What did the bunny want to do when he grew up?

Join the Hare Force.



What do you get when you cross a bunny with an onion?

A bunion.

How do you send a letter to a bunny?

Hare Mail.

How do bunnies stay healthy?

Eggercise.

All I need to know I learned from the Easter Bunny!

Don't put all your eggs in one bas-

ket.

Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.

There's no such thing as too much candy!

All work and no play can make you a basket case.

A cute tail attracts a lot of attention.

Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.

Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.

Keep your paws off of other people's jelly beans.

Good things come in small, sugar-coated packages.

The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.

To show your true colors, you have to come out of your shell.

The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.

May the joy of the season fill your heart.

Happy Easter!

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Forty-four years of Las Vegas-style entertainment

By Marvin Flam

Since 1970, the Entertainment Committee has been presenting shows and dances featuring the kind of professional entertainers that you could expect to see at venues like Ruth Eckerd Hall, Las Vegas, Branson, and on today's cruise ships.

These professional entertainers perform in the East Activity Center (EAC) auditorium to enthusiastic audiences, who enjoy afternoons or evenings filled with fun and entertainment.

And, you do not have to drive somewhere else to see and enjoy all this.

Over the 44 years the Entertainment Committee has been presenting this entertainment, dozens of "resident volunteers" have provided support for these events. They have booked the entertainment, prepared promo materials, print-

ed, sold and taken tickets, set up tables and chairs, ushered, provided sound and lighting, and performed every task necessary, including clean-up, to provide and sustain an entertainment venue on the premises for the convenience of our friends and neighbors.

Ticket prices cover just the annual cost of the shows and dances, so our ticket prices are often substantially less than that of profit-motivated venues.

In short, we offer On Top of the World residents an inexpensive evening of great entertainment, conveniently close to home. As more residents support these events, a surplus of funds results at the end of the year. The Entertainment Committee returns these surplus funds to the community in many forms, such as the tables and

chairs used by residents in both the East and West Activity Centers.

Since 2005, the Entertainment Committee has offered their free monthly Sunday-In-The-Park events at the EAC as one more way to give back to the community for its support. We provide a free afternoon of entertainment, prizes, surprises and free refreshments. It has served as a way for people, who prefer an afternoon out, to get together with friends to have some fun, and serves as our monthly meeting where we inform and get feedback from the community.

Over the next few months, I will be presenting more about the 44-year history of the Entertainment Committee. Please continue to support us so we can continue to give back to the community for the benefit of all the residents.



Entertainment in February included Vinnie Talarico in concert (above) and the Sonny LaRosa cabaret band (right).
(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



**The Entire 2014 Entertainment Committee Calendar
can be seen online by visiting
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**SUN
6**



SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK at the EAC - 2 PM - FREE!

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Karaoke Fun – Free Lite Refreshments &
A Chance to win at the EC's 50/50 Drawing

**SAT
19**

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8 PM - \$10 at door

EASTER PARADE DANCE

One of OTOW's all-time favorite bands: FLASHBACK
Easter Parade - Hat & Outfit Contest, Drawings



PREVIEW OF MAY/JUNE EVENTS

- May 10 - CALIENTE - Saturday Night Dance
- May 11 - LOUIE BRAVO - Sunday-In-The-Park
- June 14 - RETROS - Saturday Night Dance
- June 15 - FIONA - Sunday-In-The-Park

Tickets Are On Sale Monday & Thursday at the EAC 8:30 to 10:30 AM



Never too young to share a high-five with teammates

By Vayna Cormier

If you just made a great shot, look for Ginny Tousignant, our official league photographer, with camera always at the ready.

Claire Racine had just chipped in a 30-footer on the ninth hole and Ginny was there to capture a high-five between Claire and the rest of her foursome.

Claire is a very charming 91-year-old, petite, lively and well-dressed lady, who you get attached to as soon as you meet her.

I had the pleasure last month of listening to Claire talk about her best moments on the course since she started playing golf at 70 after moving to On Top of the World with her husband.

Claire admitted to me that her best score on the nine-hole was a 43, but had no memory of her worst score!

Her most memorable moment on the course was when she played one day with a friend who had a hole-in-one. They couldn't find the ball until they looked in the cup. She screamed and alerted two gentlemen, who were teeing on the other hole, to come and witness it.

What Claire enjoys the most in golfing is being with all the ladies, who are so nice and patient with her. She is a member of five different clubs, and likes to walk. She still has a nine-bedroom house in Maine and keeps it so her children and grandchildren can come visit her, and don't have to stay at a hotel. Sometimes they tell her there will be two visitors coming, but turns out to be six. She loves those surprises very much.

9-hole Ladies Golf

Claire is living proof that going out, socializing and staying positive is one secret for a long and healthy life. She is an admirable example for all of us.

Here are the Weekly Awards for the month of February.

February 4

Flight A - Ellen Gilbert, Char Flash, Carol Kapoor and Ann Stewart.

Flight B - Anna Hyden, Theresa Gates, Vayna Cormier, Margo Smith and Marnie Carr.

Flight C - Alice Wilson, Pat Murray, Nancy House, Karen Johnson and Madeline Nawrocky.

Flight D - Ingrid Durhan, Dolly Foland, Patty Aden, Romy Brady, Hilda Platte, C.C. Shaughnessy.

Birdies: Laypa Buck on No. 4, Char Flash on No. 5 and Vayna Cormier on No. 8.

February 11

Flight A - Char Flach, Jean Norris and Carol Kapoor.

Flight B - Laypa Buck, Anna Hyden, Vayna Cormier and Marge Jacobs.

Flight C - Pat Murray, Marge Sivek, Ginger Murphy, Ginny Tousignant, Maureen McGuire, Madeline Nawrocky, Mary Ann O'Neil.

Flight D - Romy Brady, Hilda Platte, Verona Titus, Fran Pitman, C.C. Shaughnessy.

Birdies: Anna Hyden and Ellen Gilbert on No. 2, C.C. Shaughnessy



From left to right are Romy Brady, Pat Palladino, Claire Racine and Madeline Nawrocky.

on No. 4 and Theresa Gates on No. 9.

February 18

Ellen Gilbert had an eagle on No. 5, birdies on Nos. 2 and 9 - wow!

Ginny Tousignant also had two birdies on Nos. 4 and 9. Dolly Foland had a birdie on No. 2

February 25

Vayna Cormier had a birdie on No. 3

Ellen Gilbert was the lucky winner of the 50/50 monthly draw.

Suspense was in the air for the Feb. 18 and 25 Flight Tournament winners.

The results will be announced April 3 and in the May newspaper. This is always a very special event for our club.

April Schedule of Events

1-Rally for the Cure or fun to play on nine-hole/no awards

3-Bye Bye Party Sunrise Room WAC 12:00 Noon

8-Close to pin No. 4 (Rain Date Rally for the Cure)

15-Three Clubs and a Putter

22-Low Gross/Low Net

29-Throw out worst hole, 9 a.m. shotgun start. 50/50.

Bill Higgins crowned low gross club champion

By Pete Milner

Finally, some cool but decent weather to play golf.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, Feb. 27, we held our annual On Top of the World Men's Golf Association Club Championship Tournament.

There were more than 100 members in four flights signed up to play for a chance to capture the title of Club Champion.

When all was said and done, and play was completed, the following golfers played the best.

The Low Gross Champion was

Men's Golf

Bill Higgins and the Low Net Champion was Phil Smerz.

Flight A champion was Edgar Beliveau while Bob Kaiser was the runner-up.

Flight B champion was Jay Schwalie while Jim Stiffler was the runner-up.

Phil Smerz was the Flight C champion with Nilson Sabadin the runner-up.

We had a three way tie for the Flight D Championship between Jim

McHugh, Joe Gerardi and Alex Miller. They were named co-champions.

Everyone had a good time and are ready to give it their best shots again next year.

On Saturday, Feb. 22, Roger Brissette accomplished what every golfer strives to do by scoring a hole-in-one. Roger aced the 130-yard ninth hole with a well struck 8-iron. Guy Bertuzzi, Tony Caputo and Bill Bennett watched with admiration.

One never knows what's going to happen out there, but it's always great to have three friends watch it roll in

the cup. Congratulations Roger, well done.

League play continues every Wednesday morning. Be there at least 30 minutes before your assigned tee time.

Make sure you mark Wednesday, April 16, in the East Activity Center, on your calendar for the 2014 annual awards banquet. Be there no later than noon for good food and good fellowship.

There will be no league play on that date. Tickets need to be purchased in advance.



SPORTS

Eastman, Meneilly win TOES Tournament

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held a special tournament on Feb. 18 called T. O. E. S.

The way the tournament worked was all the holes starting with the letters in toes were added up for your final score.

The overall winners were: low net Sheila Meneilly with a 43.5 and low gross Pat Eastman with 52.

The flight winners were as follows: A-Christine Miller, B-Sherry Ivey and Donna Smerz, C-Brenda McLeod and Elaine Stretavski, and D-Boots Stanton.

During a tournament on Feb. 11, Claire Bruyere recorded a hole-in-one on No. 9 with a 5-iron. Congratulations! The shot was witnessed by Pauline Coulture, Arline Hanson, and Muriel Salo.

Claire has been playing golf for 25 years and this is her first hole-in-one. She said it hit the green, rolled left and right into the cup. Claire stated it was a mirror image of Pat Eastman's hole-in-one on Feb. 12, 2013 - same hole, same shot, same Tuesday tournament just one year apart.

We want to welcome back Ann Wilson, who is back golfing in Tuesday's tournaments after a long sabbatical. Ann is back in form shooting 78 two weeks in a row.

Our handicap tournament champions were announced at a March 26

18-hole Ladies Golf

luncheon. Their stories will be in the next month's article.

Upcoming events

April 14

Board meeting, 9 a.m. EAC Art Room.

April 16

General meeting 9:30 a.m., WAC Sunrise Room.

May 27

Last tournament of the season.

Tuesday tournament flight winners:

Feb. 11

A-Pat Eastman, Gloria Sayer
B-Sherry Ivey, Marie Belliveau
C-Brenda McLeod, Pat Dalziel, Elaine Stretavski
D-Terry Mikszenas, Rose Mulhall, Elaine McDonald

Feb. 25

A-Becky West, Donna Osborne
B-Ada Bryant, Carole Whynot, Donna Smerz
C- Pat Dalziel, Melva Cooper
D- Ellen Fier, Joyce Monahan

March 4

A-Pat Eastman, Gloria Sayer
B-Diane Moxley, Diane Gervais
C-Pat Dalziel, Thelma Jacobsen
D-Bilie Pineau, Elaine Ellis



Pictured above are TOES champions Pat Eastman and Sheila Meneilly. (Photo by Elaine Stretavski)

April will be last month in season



Shuffleboard

By Kasy Linkewich

Hard to believe we are into April and we will be celebrating Easter this month.

Just a note to all of our residents who will be leaving soon to go back north for the summer. We wish you all a safe and happy summer, and we will look forward to seeing you come back in the fall.

For all the residents who stay for the summer, we will be playing shuffleboard in April, but depending on the weather and the humidity, we won't be playing in May.

We will start up again in September.

The following shuffleboarders won three games recently.

Feb. 3 – Bob Rittner, Jose Pereira, Larry Henderson, Doreen Paine, Bob Kurtz.

Feb. 10 – Bob Rittner, Inez Linkewich, Ray Willis, Rod Jones, Larry Henderson.

Feb. 17 – Marge Sivek, Ray Willis, Debra Champ.

Feb. 20 – Bob Rittner, Charlie McKague.

Feb. 24 – Virginia Butler, Bob Kurdt, Jose Pereira.

Feb. 27 – Rod Jones, Kasy Linkewich.

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Four-person scramble broken by tiebreaker

Weather continued to be an issue for the Thursday Golf League. Rain, cold and wind seem to be weekly staples, but hardy golfers continue to compete.

Week 13 featured a four-person scramble. Very close matches required tie-breakers to determine the top four places.

The team of Don Hunter, Jim Keagy, Ian Miller and Dennis Trauffer took first place after the tiebreaker with a score of 13-under par.

Second place was awarded to the team of Paul Meyers, Don Baker, Gilda Gambacurta and Don Sorensen again with a score of 13-under par.

The third place team consisted of Gary Sandine, Patti Cook, Don Dorris and Roland Provost. They posted a score of 11-under par.

Fourth place was taken by the team of Gary Bronson, Tom Keating, Bill Cook and Roger Guyton with an 11-under par score.

Thursday Golf

Our Week 14 champion was Barry Levene. Dan Hyden was second and Don Baker placed third. Low Gross honors went to Don Hunter. Don also collected two skins. Jahn Lawson, Jim Keagy, Clyde Hershberger, Don Baker and Dutch Michael all had one skin each. Patti Cook had the longest drive for the women and closest to the pin. Don Baker had the longest drive for the men.

Gary Ordway was our Week 15 champion. Clyde Hershberger took second place and Jim Keagy was third. Clyde also garnered low gross honors. Don Baker and Clyde Hershberger had two skins each. Skins were also won by John Maloof, Mike LaViolette and Gary Ordway.

Week 16 was cold and windy but

that didn't stop Ken Smith from taking first place. Bill "Dutch" Michael was second and Ian Miller took third place.

Awarding low gross honors proved to be the highlight of the week. Claire Bruyere, playing in the league for the very first time, not only scored her personal best, but tied Paul Meyers for low round of the week. She also collected a skin along with Dick Kronawetter and Paul Farrell.

The 2014 Match Play Tournament has begun and should be completed by the end of March.

The point's race to the League Championship remains tight and the outcome is far from certain. Clyde Hershberger remains on top with 31 points. Dennis Trauffer is in second place with 30 points. The next closest competitors are Don Baker with 27 points, Gilda Gambacurta and Paul Meyers with 26 points. Don Hunter follows with 25 points and Don Leamy has 23. Many other members have the

opportunity to win with good play in the remaining weeks.

The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 11 a.m. every Thursday.

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Playoffs needed to decide many pool honors

By Barb Sundberg

Allen Pier won two Monday night eight-ball titles recently.

On Feb. 24, Allen posted his first win, but with time running out, a playoff between Denny Balderson, Pat Elliott and Norm Theriault couldn't take place so all three settled for second place. In the B Flight, Mario Rodriguez captured first place, Ed Ramirez claimed second with Nick Sapienza taking third.

Two weeks later, Allen notched his second win. Joe Doire was second and Denny Balderson third. In B Flight, Ed Ramirez edged out Andy Suhar for first place. Mario Rodriguez took third.

On March 3, in A Flight, Denny Balderson claimed first place, Pat Elliott captured second and Dennis Balling took third place. In the B Flight, a playoff was held between Joe Ventimiglia and Ed Ramirez with Joe taking first place.

On March 17, in A Flight, Joe Doire edged out Denny Balderson for first place, and Terry Wittman took third place. In B Flight, after a playoff between Mario Rodriguez and Bob Osborne, Mario captured first place.

Scotch Doubles

On Feb. 20 the tournament format was eight-ball singles. Howard Wilson captured first place, Bill Robertson claimed second and Ed Ramirez took third place.



Billiards

The pool room was closed on February 27 so no tournament was held.

The next week, March 6, the team of Bob Ellis and Mario Rodriguez took first place, Bill Robertson and Ed Ramirez claimed second place, with Norm Theriault and John Shearer settling for third place.

On March 13, the team of Tony Baker and Ian Hunter captured first place, Joe Doire and Nick Sapienza claimed second, and Terry Wittman and Joe Ventimiglia took third.

Nine-Ball

A playoff was needed Feb. 25 to break a tie between Frank English and Joe Ventimiglia. Frank edged out Joe for first place.

On March 4, there was a three-way tie for the top two places with Ed Way claiming first place and Frank English settling for second.

On March 11, after a four-way playoff between Bob Eads, Ed



Ted Eads, left, and his dad, Bob Eads, both played in the nine-ball tournament on Tuesday, March 18. Ted came in first.

Ramirez, Tim Rush and Ed Way, Bob Eads edged out the field to take first place. Tim Rush claimed second place.

At the March 18 tournament, Bob Eads was edged out by his son, Ted in regular play. Ted then went on to capture first place with Herb Jordan taking second place.

Nine-ball meets 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoons in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have

some fun in the competition. We use the round robin format.

Congratulations to the new board which will take office effective April 1:

John Shearer, President
Dennis Balling, Vice-President
Ian Hunter, Secretary
Howard Wilson, Treasurer

Joe Doire, Charles McKague, Allen Pier, Nick Sapienza, Members at Large

April means a change in leadership

By Penny Page

During March, our club holds an annual election of new officers and we say goodbye to our board members whose terms end.

We will announce the results of our election in May, but for now, we all want to say a big thank you to Becky Balderson, who served as president for two terms and who brought our club to the place it is right now.

Our appreciation goes out to our entire board who served this past year because it is so important to have people step up and are willing to put the time in the help in the many ways that you did.

At right is a picture of our group. We invite you to come down on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to



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join us. We meet all summer and would love to get to know you!

If you are a current member of our club, you are invited to get together to support our local baseball team and watch Minnesota play the Rays on April 22. Tickets are \$11. For more information, please call Denny Balderson at 674-1733.



'Quties'



One game, three story lines, as monthly softball action filled with rallies

By Bob Rittner

Cody's defeated On Top of the World 19-17, but this was a tale of three games.

First, Cody's raced out to a 13-2 lead after four innings behind home runs by Lenny Segall and Jim Kemp, and extraordinary defense, led by an infield of Bob Rittner (first base), Frank Schlotter (second base), Jim Kemp (third base) and Lenny Segall (shortstop).

In left field, Don Dinello battled fierce winds to haul in some long drives.

Secondly, OTOW rallied for nine runs in the fifth inning. The rally started with two outs, no runs in and the bases loaded. OTOW got nine straight hits, two each from Tony Caputo and Guy Bertuzzi, that seemed to inspire his team.

Joe Maley ripped a long double, part of his four-hit day, which drove in three of the runs.

Thirdly, both teams played even the rest of the way. Each team scored six more runs over the final four innings, but Cody's held on by two runs.

Softball

Cody's 14, Scott's Pharmacy 14

Playing before an enthusiastic ladies day crowd, with Dolly Kemp and Lisa Howell leading the cheering, Glenn Ohl drove in the tying run for Scott's Pharmacy in the eighth inning.

Sam Macaluso led Scott's with four hits. Henry Santos and Bob Fields drove in key runs for Cody's.

After the game, players, partners, friends and wives enjoyed breakfast together, courtesy of the league.

OTOW 18, Cody's 16

Cody's 7-3 early lead disappeared under a barrage of home runs from Bob Howell, Allan Bendert and Bill Lepping.

Playing his first game in more than a year, Bill's three-run ninth inning homer was the coup de grace.

Cody's had its own home run heroics from Lenny Segall and Jim Kemp, as well as four-hit games by Pat Kennedy, Paul Fice, Henry Santos and

Frank Schlotter.

Cody's 15, Scott's Pharmacy 13

Bill Lepping, Jim Kemp, Lenny Segall, Don Dinello and Paul Fice all had four hits for Cody's.

Bill Arkins, of Scott's Pharmacy, collected four hits.

The teams exchanged one-run leads until the eighth inning when Cody's pulled ahead for good on a Jim Kemp two-run homer.

Cody's 17, Scott's Pharmacy 15

Lenny Segall's towering grand slam in the top of the ninth inning gave Cody's a five-run lead.

Hugh Quirk's lead-off double gave Scott's Pharmacy hope, but Cody's held the lead.

Both teams registered excellent plays in the field. For Scott's, Gary Burgett made a spectacular running, backhanded catch near the left field foul line. His momentum carried him into the fence. For Cody's, Howard Huff snared two slicing line drives and later a sinking fly ball to frustrate potential rallies.

Cody's 13, Scott's Pharmacy 9

An overcast sky and threatening drizzles could not daunt the diehards.

Cody's outfielders Gary Burgett and Bill Edwards caught everything hit near them.

On offense, Gary homered while Bill had a perfect 4-for-4 day. Lenny Segall hit a grand slam in his second consecutive game to lead Cody's.

Jim Pollock had a five-hit day as did Ken Graham for Scott's.

Cody's 18, Scott's Pharmacy 10

In a tie game after two innings, Cody's pulled away to an 11-run lead behind 10 hits from the leadoff tandem of Joe Maley and Gary Burgett, who were driven in by Bob Fields, Lenny Segall and Doug Murray.

Glenn Ohl's canny pitching frustrated Scott's hitters. A five-run rally in the sixth inning pulled Scott's to within six, but they could muster no more.

Paul Fice and Guy Bertuzzi collected four hits each for Scott's, but Glenn held the rest of the lineup in check.

Don Richardson, Harry Morrison, Vic Collier, win team tennis honors

By Joseph Spahalski

Playing a singles tennis match is one of the hardest sports to participate in.

In order to win, you need to be accurate in shot placement. You must be able to run, stop and start again. Endurance is a must and you have to have heart and determination.

It is a great pleasure to announce the winner of our singles tournament, Mike Tomaselli.

Not content with taking first place in singles, he also entered our doubles tournament.

While men's singles and doubles have been going on, the ladies held a doubles tournament. The trophy for this event goes to Phyllis Tetzlaff and partner Paula

Tennis

Ergang. They are tough players.

Team tennis was also a big part of this year's tournament schedule. Twenty-one players signed up which turned into seven three-player teams. We had the largest tournament participation in six years.

Each team had to play every other team and while doing so they gathered points. The team members that ended up with the most points and won the trophy were: Don Richardson, Vic Collier and Harry Morrison. Our hats are off to you.

The competition was fierce.

In almost all the matches, either team participating could have been the winner. The outcome was the result of perhaps one missed shot. They were hard-fought battles.

There is a misconception about our tennis. I noticed someone watching us one morning and approached him to invite him to play. "Oh no," he said, "you guys are way beyond my abilities!"

Not so.

Our open invitation is to join us regardless of your ability or experience or lack of experience. Everybody enters the rotation regardless of age or experience. You are just one of the group.

Hope to see you on the courts.

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The Polar Bears will return in November.

Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

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

Morning exercises

Join us in the East Activity Center lower gym room every morning at 8 a.m.

Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting to improve muscle tone, and cardio workouts to music.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises. Each day we work different muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning. Come give it a try!

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

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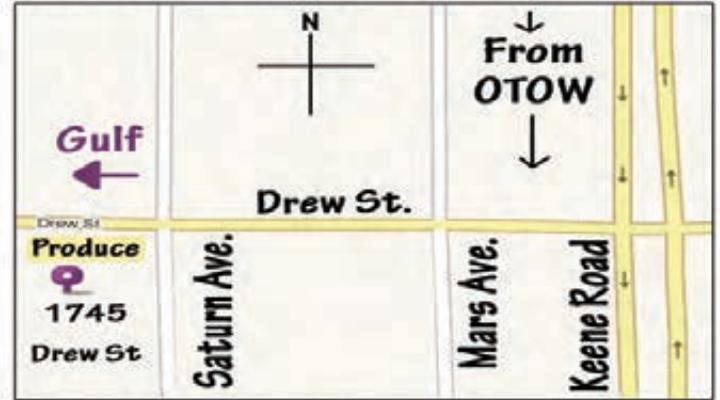
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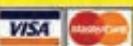


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Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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





This was the beautiful scene at the Canadian Club Spring Fling.

Canadians heading home in hopes that winter will be over by the time they get there

By Rick McLauchlan

The On Top of the World Canadian Club is in the midst of completing the final events of the 2013-2014 season.

The Spring Fling Pizza Dinner Dance was a success with 286 members and guests enjoying the year-end social gathering.

The evening was highlighted by the celebration of Jack Smith's 100th birthday, recognition of Andy McEvoy for his past service as club president, and awarding trophies for the golf and lawn bowls tournaments.

The annual trip to Dunedin to see our Blue Jays is over. The Canadian Snowbirds Association has visited and explained their good works.

We also marched in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

The club's annual general meeting was held. This means that the north bound trek for our Snowbird



Canadian Club at the parade.

members, both from the Northern States and the Canadian "Great White North," has or will begin shortly.

We all hope the cold and snow that has blanketed the North for the past few months will be gone when we arrive.

A safe journey to all.



We look forward to starting up the OTOW Canadian Club again for 2014-15.

Please mark your calendars for Registration Night on Friday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Remember, membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who are in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card. Renters wishing to join the club, or share in the other clubs and activities of On Top of the World, are reminded that they must obtain an

OTOW Recreation card from their landlords. This will also be an opportunity for you to join our list of Canadian Club volunteers. We cannot offer what we do to our members without our valuable volunteers.

Our Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Please look for the special ticket selling day announcement in our November article.

Remember, during the summer months, you can follow our club news by going to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and clicking on the Clearwater newspaper logo for the latest issues of the OTOW newspaper.

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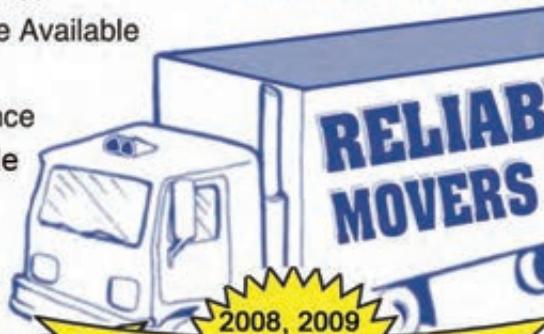
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Residents keeping busy with a myriad of activities

Happy Easter and don't forget to file your taxes. That about covers the sublime to the ridiculous!

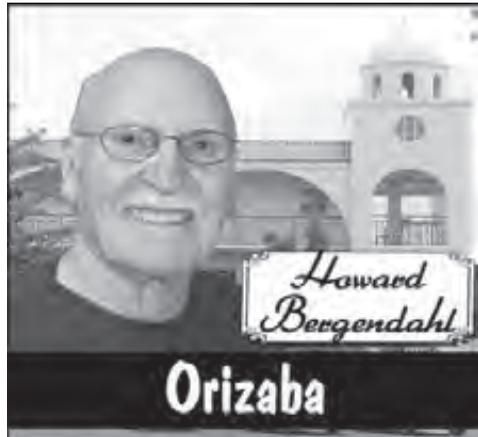
I was fortunate enough to attend a chorus recital in Dunedin recently and was entertained by a beautiful choral group. The vocal selection was delightful. Mr. Don Jones (Dorado Building) directed "Singing in the Rain," and he was quite enthusiastic. In fact, he had everything except the umbrella.

Flo Gracia advised that she will accept all old greeting cards that you may have around your home. She donates them to her church and the children use them to make different crafts. Flo also has her sister, Esther, visiting to enjoy our warmer climate.

Jackie Blair hosted our luncheon at the Untouchables Restaurant. She was accompanied by her granddaughter and her great-granddaughter. A large contingent showed up. The Gonzales' son-in-law wore a shirt that I can identify with: it had written across the front "Sexy Bald Guy!"

We, unfortunately, had to say goodbye to Fay and Ray Howell who have moved back north to be closer to their children. We will miss them

Several new people have moved into our building, and it is hoped that they will join us for our monthly



luncheons and Wednesday breakfasts plus all other activities that arise. Don't forget, Bob Rittner is always looking for softball players.

Welcome home to the McEvoy's after their long cruise. I am sure that we will hear a few stories from Andy about their many adventures. Joan and Andy McEvoy were quite visible at the St. Patrick's' parade, as the photo of Andy (at right) can attest.

John Kokenyesi has his daughter and grandchildren visiting and is preparing to show them the sights of Clearwater, but not our pool which is being renovated and upgraded.

Lisa Trombino has joined the over-90 club and we have to apologize for missing her birthday



Andy McEvoy makes his presence known at the recent OTOW St. Patrick's Day parade. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

last month. Happy belated birthday to a special lady!

Anne Spell will be hosting the next luncheon at Cody's, and the list is growing. Sign up at the bulletin board.

At the Scottish wedding, the DJ

said, "Would all married men stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living?" The bartender was almost crushed to death.

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Don't miss the annual Capistrano picnic April 6

The Capistrano annual resident picnic is planned for April 6 and should be a fun day for all. The committee has some great food and deserts planned, and of course those super Capistrano cooks will bring their delicious favorite dishes for all to enjoy.

Time is winding down for the Snowbirds. It won't be long before our friends and neighbors will be heading north for the summer.

Congratulations to Lillian Santiago on her graduation from massage training. We haven't seen much of Lillian for quite a while because she was attending classes for massage training and then studying for the license exam. Well Lillian passed the exam, graduated from her program and is now a licensed masseur.

Pat Zorland cruised on a Holland American ship in February and had a great time. Pat enjoys cruising and has cruised on many different cruise lines.

Karen and I visited the Animal Kingdom at Disney. I learned I am too old for Disney. It seems all I did was dodge people, and then a woman ran over my foot with some kind of cart. I did enjoy the 3D show about the bugs. The show was good, the theater was cool, and then I fell asleep. Karen enjoyed the roller coaster



while I watched from a rock seat.

Former resident and friend of many Lynn Mandolosi returned to Capistrano briefly with her daughter to close on the sale of Lynn's condominium. While here, Lynn enjoyed visits with her many friends and neighbors. Lynn said she was adjusting to her new home, the cold weather and the snow. Although she misses everyone she is happy to be near her daughter and her family.

I used my military form DD214 to get special tickets for the Valspar PGA golf tournament at Innisbrook. I also use my DD214 to get cheap military cruise tickets, even though I was in the service over 50 years ago. Some pretty good savings. Vets should check it out.

Hope you all have a great Easter.

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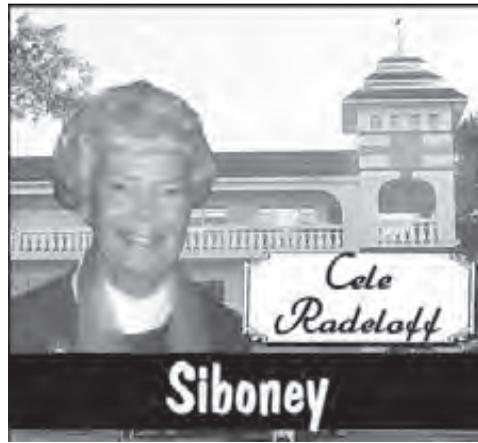
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Recent OTOW shows bring back memories

What a glorious day we had for our Irish parade. God is good... or was it St. Patrick watching over us?

I was invited to ride on the Snowbirds truck with the singing group "At Large" and it was fun. Thank you Ed and Dolly! The two groups of line dancers performed beautifully, and John Koning, the "leprechaun on wheels," was a joy to watch.

I was in my glory again, having my picture taken with Lola of "Lola and the Saints" at the Thursday show. Lola and half the group are from my Throgs Neck area of the Bronx. We graduated from the same high school and we were both married in the same church, St. Francis de Chantal. Our daughters were christened there and I attended grammar school there when Dennis Day's sister, Miss McNulty, was my teacher for two years. Ahh... memories!



I saw Jerry and Sue Watlington at the Sonny LaRosa show, but I believe I was the only one present who had attended his 1990 show here at On Top of the World. As I recall, there were many more youngsters in the band and back then, I enjoyed the young boy who sang, "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long" — an oldie.

Our March core decorations were put up by Susan Rausch and Peg Dugan, and they look simply marvelous. Great job, ladies!

After obtaining a permit to paint our mailboxes, three of our super workers did a terrific job working together on this project. They were Skip Heller, Bob Maynard and Ralph DeVoe. We thank them very much! The mailboxes look neat now.

Upcoming events: Derby Lane, April 5; Picnic, April 10, Philippe Park Shelter No. 7; Easter dinner, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room (bring your Easter bonnet).

Details and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

The next Siboney building meeting will be Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. See you there.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all.

Reporter unveils new fashion trend (not)

Have you ever been in a rush to get somewhere and just had minutes to get out of the house? Well, I think we all have. Here's the story:

My Wii group and I were meeting for a luncheon in Tarpon Springs, and we were all going by bus. I was futzing around the house, lost track of time and looked up to see I had left myself 30 minutes to get dressed and get to the bus or I would miss the luncheon.

I tore around like a madwoman and made it on time. We went to a lovely seafood restaurant called "Davidson's Dockside." It's a lovely small place with delicious seafood. Dawn and Dick Fratus, Beth and Don Gutterman, Joyce Sinca, and others including myself were in attendance. I would highly recommend this restaurant as it has atmosphere and a nice view of the Anclote River.

It made for a great day with great friends. But earlier, on the way to the restaurant, I looked down and discovered that I had my pants on



inside out! Huge seams were showing — along with the cuffs — with the zipper halfway up. (I wondered when I jumped into them why I was having so much trouble with the button and the zipper...!) When I shared this discovery with my friends, we all decided it was a new fashion trend that I was starting!

Congratulations to Avona Carroll who turned 94 years old on Feb. 27. Avona is an amazing woman who keeps her eye on politics and a good joke. The

building wishes you a happy birthday.

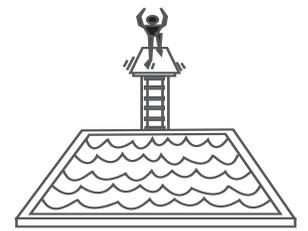
Our Swiss Alps building held an impromptu meeting on Friday, Feb. 28. Around 20 people attended. Thanks to Neal Krug for the brownies, Avona Carroll for the donation of the coffee and Freda and her daughter for making delicious mini quiche with strawberries. Door keys were given to friends to keep in case of an emergency.

Everyone was asked to make sure they had the file of life in a place to be seen in their home.

Joe and Nancy Rugalski agreed to see to the cleaning of the bike room. Cleaning out and tidying up the storage was left to each individual to take care of his own.

Ink flow: Hungarian brothers George and Laszlo Biro invented the first ballpoint pen in 1938. Instead of a nib, a small ball in the tip of the pen was used to continually pick up the ink as it rolled across the page.

Happy Easter to everyone, along with a fun April Fool's Day.



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"Edwardo the Great" and volunteer magicians' assistants entertained Mandarin residents recently. From left to right, Jeannette Grant, Bea Pacelli, "Edwardo" and Linda Lucas. (Photo by Dolly Foland)

Resident's connections span pope to 'Edwardo'

It's not everyone who can claim a pope in the family tree, but Bea Pacelli is one Mandarin resident who can. She might not be a direct descendent, but she does descend from the first cousin of Pope Pius XII who served as pope from 1939 to 1958. The birth name of the pope was Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli.

Unlike Pope Pius, her Grandpa Pacelli was born in the United States at 137 DeKoven St, Chicago Ill. Those of you who are Chicago historians will recognize it as the address where the great Chicago fire started in 1871.

Here at the Mandarin building, Bea is known as one of the magicians' assistants for "Edwardo the Great," as shown in the accompanying photo. She's the one holding the magic see-through glass for the infamous Edwardo, who entertained with some not-so-complex magic and some Redneck humor. Besides being entertaining, he was also easy on the limited entertainment budget. He has been re-booked for next year with an all-new act and has promised not to increase his fee.



The party guests were treated to a free lasagna dinner prepared and served by volunteer residents. In turn, the residents had an opportunity to pay their annual building dues and take part in the election of officers. Thank you to the excellent volunteers for making the meeting a fun event.

The ladies luncheon group enjoyed time together at BJ's Restaurant at Countryside Mall. A building dinner is planned at Carrabba's Italian Grill on April 8 to say goodbye to the Snowbirds migrating north for the summer.

Ready to say 'farewell' to our Snowbird friends

Kudos to Claire Bruyere. She shot her first hole-in-one on Feb. 11 at the Ladies League 9 hole of the 18-hole golf course. This I heard at Phil Meissner's open house.

Newcomers to our building were also there, including Nicole and Gilbert Roy, Snowbirds from Quebec, who lived in Largo for 10 years until discovering On Top of the World on the Internet. They have two sons and a schnauzer named Mica (who loves people).

The February building luncheon at Smokey Bones was attended by 19. It was very good except they could not accommodate us to sit together, so we had to break up into smaller groups.

Details of the "Safe Trip Home"



party for the Snowbirds, which was held on March 27, will be in my next column.

We wish all our winter resident a healthy and happy trip home for the summer and look forward to their return in the fall.

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Helpful, well-liked Mandalay couple will be missed

We have had to say "good-bye" to a well-liked pair of our fellow residents, Gerry and Pat Ancil.

On the one hand, we are happy for them. They wanted to move back to a place in which they used to live and missed, and which is more convenient for where Pat works.

On the other hand, we will miss them. Besides being friendly, nice people, they were always ready to help their neighbors in any way they could.

Gerry knows a lot about fixing things that need fixing, and was always willing to pitch in when a neighbor needs some assistance. He has helped put screening into an outer door, given a ride when someone needed one, not



only helped to cover a Snowbird's car when their cover disintegrated in the sun, but even supplied the cover.

He helped to make another resident's vacation possible by

caring for his elderly, blind mother. His cheerful helpfulness will be missed by all residents.

Many people will remember George Rauch, who used to live in Mandalay. I ran into him at a doctor's office. He said that he moved into an assisted living facility.

He wanted me to say "hello" to all his friends in Mandalay. He is doing well and it is much easier for him now that he doesn't have to shop and cook for himself.

Miriam McCarty has just come back from a cruise to Freeport with the Pennsylvania Club. She had a great time. The weather was beautiful and the food was delicious.

Getting on the bus for the return trip, the weather was still okay. But then, on the drive home, the rains came. After a long, anxious trip, they got home. Ironically, just as the trip ended, the rains finally stopped. She is glad to be home.

Cecily and Bill Lestage also just returned from a car trip to visit relatives in Texas. They had a really good time despite weather that seemed even worse and more improbable than we had here. As an example, the temperature was 80 degrees on Saturday and snowing and 22 degrees on Sunday!

They watched hockey games, went out to dinner and celebrated birthdays (one of which was Bill's).

Featured resident finally shares her famous fudge recipe

Always smile and treat people in a friendly manner. That has been the credo of Rosemary Flaherty, a Dorado resident since 2001. She has been an excellent community member and loves life at a time when many are complaining of the years marching by.

In a very spirited and friendly interview with Rosemary I learned that throughout her life she has never been afraid to do what she felt she had to do. Raising seven children after her husband's untimely death, she has managed to do what may seem to others as impossible.

Pictured here beside photos of her very successful four daughters and three sons, she retired to Florida after a full life in Ashland, Mass., where she was born, raised and raised her own family.

From her small town upbringing, she learned the importance of certain things in life, such as working hard and enjoying the moment. Needless to say, her family occupied her time for over 22 years. Then her employment at Wellesley College for the next 20 years kept her busy.

Upon retirement, she decided to spend some time with one of her sons, who was looking for work in Florida. While visiting him, she looked at several places to live (and where the winters were much warmer).

She spent only 20 minutes talking to a real estate agent from On Top of the World before settling on her current home here in the Dorado building.

She is happy here, and supports Dorado projects and social events. She helps decorate for Christmas and is a building wing captain.



She also spends time golfing, and is a member of the Pennsylvania and New England clubs. She says it is easy to find great social satisfaction with neighbors and others in the community by simply smiling and being nice to people.

Rosemary's life has been very full here. She is an avid exercise buff, believing keeping fit makes her happier.

Family and health have been her hobbies. One cannot argue with her priorities when you spend time talking to her and come away having shared some of her infectious energy.

At the point in the interview when she seemed to be ready for my big question, I asked it – "When, where and how did you learn to make such delicious fudge?" (Rosemary's fudge is legendary at our Dorado parties.)

I thought that she would say "family secret." Instead, she introduced me to a product called "Marshmallow Fluff." This must be a specialty in Massachusetts where she grew up — she thought everyone had heard of it. To my surprise she then said "I will



Dorado featured resident Rosemary Flaherty poses next to photos of her children.

share my recipe — It is on the back of the Marshmallow Fluff container. It is called "Never Fail Fudge."

She said I could share the only secret that she has about it: that she boils slowly for twice as long as it suggests on the recipe.

There you have it: what we all wanted to know but were afraid to ask: Rosemary's fudge!

I left the interview with some of her fudge in hand, thinking how lucky we are in the Dorado building to have friends like Rosemary.

Starting In April
Friday Night Videos
on OTOW-TV
 Remember those wonderful shows and concerts from Jesters, Theater Workshop and Chorus? How about the Halloween pet contests from the dog park or past Irish Club parades?

Starting this month, at about 8 p.m. each Friday, OTOW-TV will replay a show from the past. Grab some popcorn and watch something special from our past. Tune to OTOW-TV for a monthly schedule.

Double fun when teaming up with Monaco

This month was filled with great activities, shared with our sister building, the Monaco.

The first activity was our annual mini-golf outing at Congo Golf, with three teams of four players. Following the game, we enjoyed dinner at Villa Maria, where prizes were handed out. Josie Marsiglio won for the women's and John McKinsey won for the men's. Four of us scored a hole-in-one!

Many thanks to the folks at the Monaco Building for inviting us to their golf scramble/St. Patrick's Day party. The 20 golfers played a very different game: one hole required the use of a hockey stick to tee off! There was a lot of laughter on the golf course that day.

After the game, we were treated to a delicious dinner of corned beef and cabbage, along with Irish stew, several vegetables, appetizers, and an array of tempting desserts.



The party was supposed to be held in the back yard of the Monaco, but since the weather was rather windy and raw that day, we were delighted to be able to use the kitchen area in the East Activity Center.

After dinner, prizes were handed out for a variety of unusually-played golf. It was a delightful evening for all of us.

If you see Rita or Jim Rudderham, be sure to congratulate them on becoming grandparents for the very first time! The proud grandparents traveled back to Canada to meet with their new grandson and help their son and daughter-in-law with the baby. Needless to say the baby is beautiful. Rita reports that mother, father, and baby are all doing well. Congratulations!

Be sure to check the bulletin board for more activities in the next couple of months. We do know how to have a good time!

Happy Easter to all.



Walkers take it seriously: 2,178 miles in three years

Don and Edna Saville had visitors recently – their son, Douglas and daughter Donna, along with her husband, Bob. Some of the sights they visited were Leverocks, Jimmy Iquannas., John's Pass, and the Safety Harbor pier to see the manatees. Before departure, they all took in the St. Patrick's Day Parade here.

For our first Hump Day this month, a group of us put on our bowling shoes and had a good time at the AMF Bowling Center. Nancy Kennedy was our hero of the day, striking and sparing as often as not. Our appetites were satisfied afterwards at Capogna's where we feasted on salad and pizza along with choice of drinks. Maybe that could be an annual ritual?

You'll have to ask some of the other Bohemians who were there: Pat Kennedy, Ed and Fay Landry, Phil James and Carole Fisher, Frank and Ellen Marini, Larry and Doris Jones, and "9-pin Charlie" — that's me.

A few friends joined us, but I only remember a "Loretta," who was close behind Nancy all the way. Shirley Golding, our building representative, joined us for the fun part: enjoying the bowling, dining, and conversation.

Paula Schelling reports that our "BWWC" (Bohemian Women's Walking Club) has walked about 2,178 miles in three years! One wonders how many pairs of shoes that would be? Usually there are three or four walking, but the number grows to eight when Snowbirds join in. Routes vary, with a break at mid-point to hydrate. That could be Burger King, McDonalds, or Starbucks. In bad weather it's off to the mall. Only enough cash for tea or coffee is necessary so as not to defeat the purpose of our walk. One walker has lost over 60 pounds so far! Give a wave when you see us from 6:30—8:30 am.

Bunco Babes began playing seven months ago with two tables and then



added another when our Snowbirds arrived. Play is monthly in rotating homes. See Paula if you're interested.

The Schellings were the headquarters for the Alex Sink campaign here at OTOW this month. It culminated with a participation in our On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day Parade. Fran Leichhardt made banners for the golf cart and the convertible Sink rode in. Others in the OTOW Democratic Club marched alongside.

That's it for now, neighbors. Please let me know about your newsworthy items like celebrations, visitors, trips, pets, hobbies, accomplishments, etc. personally or by calling 754-6749. It will be my privilege to spread the word for others' enjoyment.

THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News (Part 59: April, 1976)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- If you need to make a call, a new pay phone was installed on the covered entrance of the Recreation Hall (East Activity Center).
- A new service to the residents of the community began. Coffee and donuts were on sale every morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m and every afternoon from 1: 30 to 3 p.m. in the auditorium for 15 cents.
- We celebrated our country's Bicentennial during the Spring Concert. A group of 14 voices sang a new patriotic vocal composition by Margaret Slimon.
- Horseshoe pitching originated as far back as the gladiator era, but has been a formalized sport only since 1915. Residents are encouraged to take part in this ancient sport on Tuesday mornings to try their luck.

See you next time!

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Annual fish fry draws faithful crowd of seafood lovers

Spring is almost here, and to celebrate its (almost) arrival, Arnie and Rosanne Moon hosted the annual Fish Fry Pot Luck Dinner we have all enjoyed over the years.

It was an especially wonderful turnout of 35 residents and one grandson, who kept us entertained. We felt grateful seeing so many of them again. Arnie and Rosanne had their daughter and son in law, Jennifer and Bob visiting and he led us in prayer. It was a unified "amen."

Everyone brought a side dish, including desserts. We are so lucky to have so many good cooks among us. There were too many wonderful things to eat to mention. However, since I am a dessert person, I would like to say a new cake with a twist caught my fancy (although, all of them were wonderful). Gloria Sayer baked a Key Lime pie cake. If you know or see her ask for the recipe, it won't disappoint.

Arnie Moon had gone fishing about six times for the fish he caught and cooked. He froze about 154 fillets, of which about half were king mackerel; the rest were white grunts.



Brahman residents attending the annual fish fry included (L-R) Susie Edgeworth, Gretchen Hirschinger, Bruce Hirschinger and Jack Edgeworth.

The king mackerel balls were my favorite. Now, I have to say that Ken Schifferle accompanied Arnie on one



Arnie and Rosanne Moon hosted the annual Brahman Building Fish Fry Pot Luck Dinner, at which some 35 residents enjoyed the fresh fish and all the fixings.

of the trips but unfortunately caught only two fish. Arnie must have the magic bait. They both enjoyed the day together.

I want to thank the person from the billiards room who came and took a group picture of us. Sorry I did not get your name.

Big thanks to Bud Sayer. He mentioned to me during the luncheon that he fixed the storage room doors on each floor so they will close correctly now. Jim McDade had mentioned to

him that the adjustable door closers needed adjusting, as the doors remained opened when residents left the room.

Bud is a good neighbor who thinks about the safety of others and he loves to tinker. Thank him if you see him around.

To all residents of Brahman and all who read this, have a happy healthy blessed Easter, Passover and springtime. To all Snowbirds making the journey back home, have a safe trip and keep in touch.

Tax deadline is looming; time to finish your returns

Life is good. Daylight Saving Time is back. Take advantage of it.

I hate to bring it up, but it is tax time again. You would think it would be easier every year. But it is still better than the alternative.

The ladies and men's luncheon was held March 13. The ladies went to Outback on U.S. 19, and the men went to the Golden Coin on Highland Avenue. Food and service were very good.

Our annual pizza party was held March 24 at the second-floor core and hosted by Ellen. Art supplied the music for the sing-along.

Our next outing will be held at O'Keefe's on S. Ft. Harrison on April 23 and will be hosted by Jeanne. We will meet in the core. See the bulletin board for details.



On Top of the World's St. Pat's parade on Saturday, March 8, was well-attended. I am sure all received credit for their efforts. The 55-and-over bunch proved there is life in those old frames!

Mama sez: Great dads get promoted to grandpas.

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"Contestants" at Gloria Mitchell's annual tea party. See story for names.

'Ms. America' tea party is followed by runway walk

By Barbara Sundberg

Gloria Mitchell held her fifth annual tea party on Friday, Feb. 28 in her Paradise Reserve condo with 24 guests (see photo, above). This year's theme was "Ms. America." We always look forward to this fun event. We're keeping next year's theme under our hats!

As always, the food was delicious and the company was delightful — a wonderful time to remember.

The ladies represented were (from left to right, first row, seated): Josephine Gerardi, Ms. New York; Sheila Duthie, Ms. Arizona; Erma Mandl, Ms. Canada; Donia Stadler, Ms. Poland; Joyce Harvey, Ms. Westland; Jan Jankowski, Ms. Flushing; Sue Cotton, Ms. South of the Border; and Betty Rizzo,

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(Left to right back row): Barb Sundberg, Ms. Chicago; Ingrid Durhan, Ms. Illinois; Edie Ryczek, Ms. LSU; Carol Babini, Ms. New Jersey; Julie Narancich, Ms. Serbia; Esther Glowatsky, Ms. Garden State; Jean Doane, Ms. Minnesota; Brid Mitchell, Ms. Galway; Mina Osborne, Ms. Flint; Connie Giudice, Ms. Wisconsin; Margaret Forde, Ms. Kerry; Diane Bigelow, Ms. Indiana; Verna Privitera, Ms. Maple Leaf; Chris Norris, Ms. Long Island; Gloria Mitchell, Ms. Michigan; and Joanne Ring, Ms. Saint John.

Brid Mitchell, Ms. Galway was crowned Ms. America, with Gloria Mitchell (no relation) first runner-up. Verna Privitera was second runner-up.

Birthday cake is surprise for 90-year-old resident

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of those attending: the St. Patrick's Day party at the Sunset Grill. The food was good and the spirits were soaring.

Everyone talking and laughing, enjoying their corned beef and cabbage. There were times we could barely hear the folks across the table.

Of course, sometimes that is the result of hearing aids turned off instead of the chatter. But that's another story.

The highlight of the evening was the beautiful green and white birthday cake in honor of Jack Linnett's 90th birthday. Lois managed to keep this a secret and the surprise on Jack's face was a delight to see. He even blew out the candles with only Janet Scolari's help. Lois graciously recognized four others whose birthdays are within a few days of Jack's.

Celebrations like this give us an opportunity to meet newcomers to our building. We were glad that Sue Mei and Winston Chow attended. They have been with us only three months, but already have been settling in and really making an effort to meet neighbors. Sue attended the ladies' luncheon at the Bon Appetite, and Winston doesn't hesitate to knock on doors to meet people.



The Chows moved from Virginia, where Winston retired from a government job.

I wish I could have seen the box that Janet Scolari sent to her granddaughter for her First Communion. Janet is quite a seamstress. She made a lovely dress and sent it complete with shoes, hose, veil, a Bible, and an identical dress for a doll that she included. No wonder she got such a happy phone call from the granddaughter thanking her, and especially for the doll.

You must get over to the Countryside Library on Highway 580 and see the Easter egg display that Bethyl Mayer has set up. Bethyl and Bob have traveled extensively and were attracted to the lovely decorated eggs they found mostly in the eastern European countries.

She is sharing these treasures with us during the entire month of April, before they go back into the storage box.

A note to Anna and Dan Hyden: We miss you two! The Malagueña Building better appreciate you; if not you will always be welcome to come back here!

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SUNNY APRIL

By Alma W. Hudson

Our Easter Sunday
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One of the most important
Days of the year
We truly like to celebrate
In such beautiful ways
For we know it's important
To honor the day
May every day be bright and fair
May all your life be free of care
May truest love be yours to share
This is my wish – this is my prayer



Happy Easter

THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

By Alma W. Hudson

The days of our lives are lived against
A backdrop of twenty-four hours.
From morning 'til night and the time in between
It's all there for us — it is ours.
What we do with this time can be rough or sublime
Depending on plans that we make.
From sunrise to moonlight to darkest of dark night
It's waiting for us to partake.
Make use of these hours we're granted
Plan wisely as life flows along.
Raise up your eyes to Heavenly skies
You know you can make life a song.
A song of sweet days filled with laughter
Of days that are sunny and bright.
A song that begins every morning
A song that concludes every night.
We're happiest when we're contented
When hoping life's pattern survives.
There's no better plan yet invented
For living "The days of our lives."



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



“A SNAPSHOT”

By Mary Margaret McDonald

The twenty-second Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia drew to a close Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014. Watching the actual events and hearing the second by second progress of several sports sent excitement, delight and amazement through my being.

These young cream of the crop athletes from around the world came together and demonstrated peace, tolerance and respect throughout the whole seventeen-day gathering. The fear of terrorist attacks was present, but never materialized due to high security and the good will of humankind.

Russia made herself proud. Their cultural history of leadership, countrymen, education,

arts, engineering and space exploration came together to welcome the world's athletes and other visitors into their country. Politics took a back seat. We celebrated each other's victories and felt sadness when injuries and mishaps occurred.

Russia, the largest country in the world, opened its windows for us to view a slice of Siberia with its Eskimo-type people and their sled-pulling antlered reindeer working in nature's freezer. In contrast to those subzero temperatures, further south, there were palm trees and the Black Sea where people were swimming and basking in the sun. Off in the distance the Ural Mountains wore their snow-capped peaks. What a difference from its severe north to its welcoming south!

I can't help but be proud of our Canadian women and men's Olympic hockey teams. Both came out of Russia with gold medals to take back to Canada. We lost gold but earned silver in the pairs skating with London, Ontario's Virtue and Moir placing second and the United States' Davis and White winning gold. What a hair-splitting decision!

Now, wouldn't it be grand if all our nations in the world would work for peace, demonstrate tolerance and show respect to one another. The twenty-second Sochi Olympic Games is a template and foundation for all the world to build upon.

30-plus residents enjoy St. Pat's Day potluck

More than 30 Malagueña residents enjoyed a potluck dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The event, on March 15, was held in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The room was set up and decorated by the wing captain team of yours truly, Paula Castagno, Anna Hyden, Dolores Burm, Sylvia Luebking, Ellie England, Paul King, and Jim Castagno.

Attendees enjoyed lots of terrific food and getting to know their neighbors. The only thing missing was someone singing "When Irish Eyes are Smiling!"

Malagueña is one of the largest (maybe the largest) building at On Top of the World, however, there have not been social activities for several years, so this dinner was a welcome event that everyone enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who made this a fun and successful evening!

A request was made by the wing captains for more volunteers to help organize our building. A social committee to help set up events and outings and a treasurer to handle annual dues would enable us to do more. Most of the OTOW buildings have similar committees. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact me.

We look forward to more Malagueña social events in the future.



These four Malagueña residents enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Pot luck dinner on March 15, attended by more than 30 residents. (L-R) Arlene Mansfield, Vlasta Seibert, Marilyn Robinson and Mary Leidy.

Unique home decorations are a Safety Harbor feature

Hi, I'm back. Did you get to see the St. Pat's parade? It was great as usual. Those young people do a good job with the band. It takes a lot to organize the parade, and my hat is off to all of you involved.

I was a little disappointed in watching so many cars riding down the road with the performers in the middle of their march.

We had another Press Association meeting. They are always informative. That's why we suggest all reporters should make an effort to attend more. We also had pizza delivered from Dominos.

Just returned from the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor and another monthly luncheon. This one was hosted by Jo Williams. Nineteen attended, and I brought a new neighbor, Susan Molinaro. I should say she and her new car offered to take her the first time. Also attending was Nina, who moved here a short time ago.

After lunch we took a five-minute ride to see a crazy decorated house on 13th Street.

The home is painted with different vivid colors, bowling balls around the perimeter, hub caps, and



the prettiest blue bottles. A little further down the street was another decorated home — only they used salmon-colored bottles. Safety Harbor is a nice little town.

We had election of officers; the board remains the same.

The April luncheon will be at the Sunset Grill. Interesting fact: Did you know the brother of the owner of the Paradise Grill owns the Sunset Grill?

Keep looking at channel 96 or 732 for all your entertainment news. Keep checking your bulletin board for up upcoming events.

Get ready for the Easter bunny... be kind to one another, and God bless.



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Class is 9-Noon, June 19 & 20 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room

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Visitors flock to OTOW to escape the cold

*The trees, like blackened hat racks stand
Till Mother Nature takes command
And tells her daughters, "Winter's gone
Now put your green lace bonnets on."*

As I've been looking out my windows these past few months, I saw dried leaves on the trees. Suddenly new sprouts appeared, pushed off those dead leaves, and became a vivid green. That's spring in Florida!

We welcomed 22 Melbournites to Chopstick's Restaurant on March 1. Again, thanks to Carol Futej for the planning. Watch the bulletin board to see what's next.

Thanks to Connie Valentin and Betty Hayhurst for the new building directory. We have so many new residents in the building we need to know who they all are.

Liz and Gary Thompson took a trip to Tunica, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., in March. They also had new windows put in. They invited us all to come and see their deer dressed for all the holidays.

Carol Futej and P.J. Wakelee traveled to Orlando for the Cheerleaders World Competition. Carol's granddaughter



competed for the last time for Ohio Extreme. She will be going to Ohio State University in the fall.

Pat Hedgecoth's cousins from Michigan came and took Pat to the 56th Daytona 500 race. They had a good time in spite of the storm. More Michigan cousins visited Pat in March.

Linda Hamrell will be in a play, "Destiny," a spoof of nighttime soap operas, at the Dunedin Community Center, April 24-27. Hope some of you are able to attend.

Sonny and Susan Hunt were down for a short visit and were with us at the dinner. I know they will be glad when they can be with us longer.

After a snowy and cold winter in New York, Connie Valentin's two daughters came to Florida to visit her and warm up. She was praying for a warm week while they were here. But anything is better than the temperatures they have had in the north this year.

Adele Friedlander called me to report that she is doing well. She also said that Mike Kaplan did a great job in the Jester's show.

I enjoyed having my son-in-law, Gregg, and his wife, Jane, from South Carolina along with son Kurt, and his wife Monika from Michigan, visiting me. We enjoyed the Dali Museum and other local spots. Gregg, who is retired, was able to stay longer and help me with a number of projects that needed doing around the condo.

We were even able to take in a Tigers vs. Yankees spring training game in Lakeland. It was a time for lots of good family fun.

We will soon celebrate Palm Sunday, Passover and Easter, along with Earth Day.

Again I appreciate all your news and look forward to May happenings.

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.

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Rio Riviera elects new slate of building officers

On Feb. 27, Rio Riviera held a building meeting and elected new building officers. Marian Bell is building captain. Gail DuCharme is treasurer and Kathy Hovelman the building secretary. These positions will be for two years.

The residents would like to thank Frank Bell who served for many years as the building captain and Ray Cormier who was treasurer. Marion was the secretary. We appreciate your many years of work and faithfulness to our building.

We welcomed new residents to our building: John and Rosemary Sabatino from New Jersey, and Barbara Shannahan, who has recently downsized and moved from the local area to On Top of the World.

Our first early-bird dinner was held Thursday, March 1, at the Rumba Restaurant. Rene Holley is responsible for the restaurant bookings and sign-up sheets which are posted on the bulletin board on the first floor core near the elevator. Twenty-five of our building residents attended. Everyone was happy to have a monthly event to meet and greet their neighbors.

This dinner attracted a number of Hawaiian shirts worn by the male



residents. If there had been a prize for the most beautiful shirt, it would have been won by Frank Bell.

Our next scheduled monthly dinner will be Tuesday, April 1, at the Olive Garden, 29461 U.S. Highway 19, at 4:30 p.m. Rio Riviera residents are invited to sign up families and guests. Come get to know your neighbors.

April will bring a couple of important Sundays in the Christian church. May you rejoice as we celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

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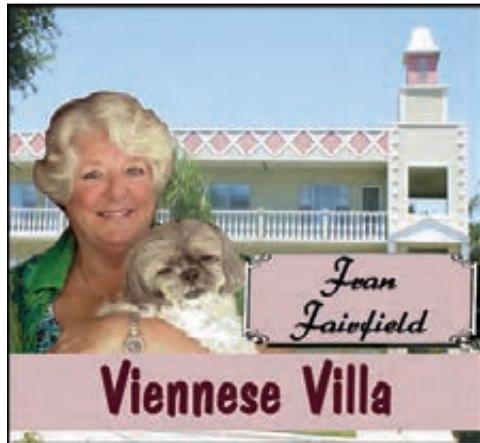
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Thanks to some hard work, a brand new flagpole rises

Happy April boys and girls! After this winter aren't we all glad we live in Florida at On Top of the World?

At long last, Old Glory is once again proudly flying high at Viennese Villa thanks to Fred Schick. He single-handedly orchestrated the permits and bought and installed the flag pole for the building. Many have remarked at what a beautiful addition the flag is to the building (see photo). A big thanks to Fred for his patriotism and generosity, and to Rich Biggs of Parkway management for his efforts.



The St. Patrick's Day parade was great. Our own Maeve Anderson was front and center.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Musical chairs continues at the pool. Scuttlebutt has it that new ones, 'suit'-able as well as 'sit'-able, are coming soon.

The Polar Bears aerobic swimmers held their March birthdays and anniversary celebrations at O'Keefe's. If you're not a Polar Bear, consider joining us every morning at 9 a.m. — but only if it is 62 degrees or warmer. It's fun and good exercise too!

That's all for this month. Please send any news fit to print along to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Store eggs wide side up. They last longer.



Old Glory proudly waves, thanks to resident Fred Schick, who coordinated efforts to erect this new flagpole for the Viennese Villa building. (Photo by Carol Harris)



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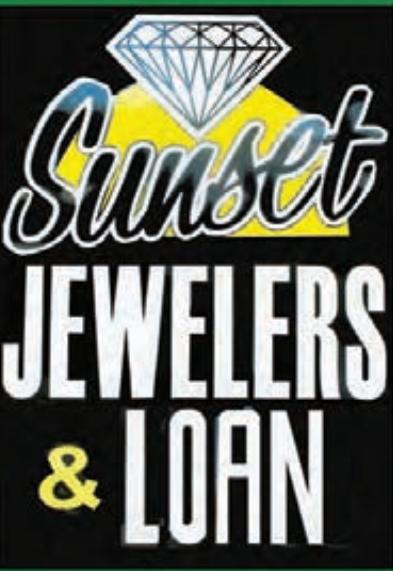
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Building history, from one who lived it

Another year has passed and the España has just completed its 21st year. Our first residents began moving in about the middle of April, 1993. As you know, we have 54 apartments in our building, which means that there are 24 on each side.

Believe it or not, but only 14 apartments are still occupied by original residents. Who are these original residents?

In the north side condos, the eight original residents are: Nancy Savelle, Jackie Manfredi, Dee Cotter, Ruth and Jim Osborne (and Minnie Osborne), Ken Russell, Connie Wells, and me.

In the south side condos there are six: Millie Anderson, Catherine Haubenreich, Liliane and Gerry Anderson, Lill and Herb Cervinka, Lou Marchi, and Phyllis Shapack.

Of the remaining original residents, Lou Marchi was the España Building Association's original treasurer; Ken Russell was our second president. I began the first telephone directory.

Sixteen years ago, I started writing our España article for the On Top of the World newspaper. Since I have lived here since the very beginning, I am able to fill in some blanks for you "young folk."

Originally, there were at least seven trees in our lakeside backyard. One year some of the first-floor ladies bought



silk red geraniums and, during the dark morning hours, we each put the geraniums around the trees and went inside. When daylight came we were on the phone to each other laughing at the people who left the sidewalk to come up to the trees and smell the flowers. Only Millie Anderson and myself remain of these ladies. We certainly had a good time.

Some of our building picnics used to be at Philippe Park; sometimes they were in the back yard by the lake. We had yard games provided by Aldo Delu and Fred Anderson. On holidays we had fantastic lobby decorations, e.g., for Easter we had a huge white bunny with Easter baskets surrounding him.

There also was a huge willow tree behind apartment numbers 2 and 4. In the hot afternoons, those original

residents would sit on their patios and enjoy "cocktail time" in the shade of that huge tree. I certainly did envy them and the shade.

Today none of our patios on the lake side have afternoon shade from trees. If you would like to see pictures of how España has aged, call Linda Rice.

Marge Griffith recently went on a bus tour to Brunswick, Georgia to visit St. Mary's and St. Simon's Island.

In St. Mary's they visited the Cumberland Island Museum where the true story of the final battle of the War of 1812 was revealed.

The most exciting event of the trip was a shrimping excursion on St. Simon's Sound aboard the *Lady Jane*. Marge said that she enjoyed watching the crew drop nets into the water and bring them up filled with shrimp and fish. The crew had a "Low Country Boil" of the shrimp on board. Marge said that the meal was delicious.

Well, it is Easter. As I said, things have changed. At one time, I lived in New York City and the Easter Parade was quite an event. Ladies wore their finest, fancy hats and gloves. Men wore suits, ties and hats. I am glad that I had the opportunity to experience it. Yes, I had the privilege of "strolling" down Fifth Ave. in the Easter Parade!

Have a happy Easter.



Cookout promises to be a success

Since I'm writing this in early March, I can't say for sure that we had a good turnout for our "Goodbye Snowbirds" cook-out on March 22, but with all the good cooks in our building, it's a sure bet we did.

Thanks to those that put our grills to good use and all the other workers. Take care, Snowbirds, as we hope to see you all next fall.

Be sure to welcome the nice new couple coming to us from Wichita, Kan. They are Louis and Debra Cenatiempo. They are originally from New Jersey.

Lou enjoys music and plays the bass guitar. He is interested in joining a group of other musicians who enjoy playing together. Debbie is a pastor and is interested in being of help to anyone needing her assistance.

Since my birthday this year is on Good Friday, I feel I am having two birthday celebrations at once, since my actual birth many years ago was on Good Friday, along with the same day of the month.

Hopefully, I will have the results of our yearly golf tournament for next month's column, along with any interesting news from you.

Be sure to watch the bulletin board for other happenings.

New neighbors grew up together in N.Y.

The Myers have two new surprises! They now have a new little cat, and hopefully she will soon be seen at their window. And also, they are to be great-grandparents in October, so please congratulate them on both these events.

We want to welcome Elaine Whaley and Deborah Allen as new residents in our building. Elaine and Deb have known each other since childhood, their mothers being good friends. Elaine lived on Long Island and had a career in local government, ultimately directing senior centers and planning enrichment programs for seniors. Elaine also has education in the area of holistic health. Deb is from Brooklyn and works as a budget director (part-time now) for a nonprofit organization. Deb's son Drew (works for local government) and his wife Melissa (graphic artist) live on the south shore of Long Island and recently enjoyed a visit to Clearwater.

Looking toward retirement, Elaine and Deb decided to move to Charlottesville, Va., a lovely cultural community and home of the University



of Virginia. By the way, UVA was a top seed in March Madness basketball this year! Shortly thereafter, having spent some time in Florida, they took the plunge and purchased a condo at On Top of the World and are very happy that they did!

Elaine and Deb have four little furry members of their family: two miniature poodles (Annie and ChaCha) and two cats (Kindle and Stella). They especially love the dog park.

Elaine and Deb are also taking up shuffleboard and bicycling. And they

like to kayak and fish. They are excited about the multitude of activities that are at our doorsteps here at OTOW. They also appreciate the many cultural areas and activities in the area.

Please say hello to Elaine and Deb when you see them, since they are out walking their two poodles every day!

One thing that many of us who live in Florida this time of year may miss is the popping up of bulbs out in our gardens. For a long time I thought this would just be a fact of life, since the ground in Florida doesn't freeze for a long period in winter, so alas, no bulbs to bloom in spring.

Recently I read that there are complicated ways to grow bulbs here in the South. But even better than this, you can purchase bulbs that are already sprouting and enjoy them in your garden and home!

And so, I hope you all have partaken of some beautiful tulips, daffodils and so on, this early spring. It is amazing how these flowers can bring back memories and feelings of new life after a long winter. What a joy!

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01 Tuesday	8:30 AM	AARP Free Tax Service	Small Classroom
01 Tuesday	12:00 PM	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Luncheon	Sunrise Room
02 Wednesday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
02 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Sunrise Room
02 Wednesday	12:00 PM	Ladies 9-Hole Golf Party	Sunrise Room
03 Thursday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
03 Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Banquet	Sunset Grill
03 Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
04 Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
05 Saturday	12:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
05 Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
06 Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
07 Monday	6:00 PM	Bldg. No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
07 Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
10 Thursday	9:00 AM	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
11 Friday	1:00 PM	Art Guild Meeting	Art Room
11 Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
14 Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
14 Monday	8:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Blood Pressure Screening	Veranda
14 Monday	9:00 AM	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Board Meeting	Art Room
15 Tuesday	1:00 PM	Stamp Collectors Meeting	Sunrise Room
15 Tuesday	5:00 PM	Bible Study Potluck	Kitchen
16 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Italian Club Party	Auditorium
16 Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Meeting	Sunrise Room
16 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Game Night	Crafts Room
16 Wednesday	12:00 PM	Men's 18-Hole Golf Banquet	Auditorium
17 Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
17 Thursday	10:00 AM	Greyhound Club Meeting	Veranda
19 Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
19 Saturday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Party	Sunrise Room
20 Sunday	2:00 PM	Bldg. No. 89 Siboney Dinner	Sunrise Room
20 Sunday	12:00 PM	Lambda Club Potluck	Art Room
20 Sunday	7:00 AM	Good Neighbors	Auditorium
21 Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
23 Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
23 Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bldg. No. 89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room
24 Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
25 Friday	5:00 PM	Pennsylvania Club Party	Auditorium
26 Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Game Night	Large Card Room
26 Saturday	6:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Meeting	Sunrise Room

*April Fools Day
Tuesday, April 1*

*Palm Sunday
April 13*

*Passover
Monday, April 14*

*Tax Deadline Day
Tuesday, April 15*

*Good Friday
April 18*

*Easter Sunday
April 20*

*Earth Day
Tuesday, April 22*

*Arbor Day
Friday, April 25*

Daily OTOW Activities

MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) Outdoors
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 9:00 Library Library
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Photo IDs East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:30 Brazilian Embroidery Class Art Room
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 11:00 Dancercise East Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 11:30 Contract Bridge Yellow Room
 12:30 Family History Meeting .. Computer Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Canasta Small Classroom
 1:30 Shuffleboard Outdoors
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym
 5:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00 Bingo Auditorium
 6:30 8-Ball tournament Billiards Room
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf Golf Course
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Jewelry Making Lapidary
 9:00 Photo IDs East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Caring and Sharing Crafts Room
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf Outdoors
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting Veranda
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 12:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 1:00 9-Ball tournament Billiards Room
 1:00 Oil Painting Art Room

1:00 Music Group Large Card Room
 1:00 Line Dancing Auditorium
 2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 2:00 Spanish Speaking Class Yellow Room
 3:00 Spanish Speaking Class Yellow Room
 4:00 Spanish Speaking Class Yellow Room
 5:30 Dominos Small Classroom
 6:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00 Pinochle Large Card Room
 7:00 Bible Study Meeting Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) Outdoors
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training .. East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Sewing Class Starlite Room
 9:00 Photo IDs East Activity Center
 9:00 Zumba Gold Exercise ... Large Card Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Crafts Room
 9:00 Knitting Group Veranda
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:30 Cribbage Small Classroom
 10:00 Tai Chi Large Card Room
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 11:00 Dancercise East Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Painting Pals Art Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Small Classroom
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym
 5:00 Baby Boomers Game Night Kitchen
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Beginners...
 Sunrise Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Photo IDs East Activity Center

9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing
 Sunrise Room
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room
 12:30 Writers Ink Class Computer Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 1:00 Drawing Class Art Room
 1:30 Shuffleboard Outdoors
 2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 3:30 Italian Speaking Class Kitchen
 5:00 Pinochle Large Card Room
 6:30 Billiards Tournament Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) Outdoors
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training .. East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Photo IDs East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Pinochle Small Classroom
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Hula Hooping Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 1:00 Music Group Large Card Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 6:30 Hand and Foot Canasta .. Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:30 Computer Club Mtg Large Card Room
 8:30 Line Dancing Auditorium
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00 Pinochle Small Classroom
 2:00 Wii Bowling Exercise ... Large Card Room

Kudos and farewell to building 'jack of all trades'

First I want to say how much I enjoyed the show "Fifty Shades – The Musical Mystery" put on by the Jesters in February. What a treat for \$5! OTOW is lucky to have such talented performers and behind the scenes workers.

Our pot luck event was held on Friday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. This was one of our best-attended events and was held in the ground floor core. We had two tables full of food and a round card table for the desserts. We do know how to eat well here at English Tudor! Thomas Holland was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Roy Satkowski, building captain, has started our "Spring Cleaning and Repair" efforts with the bicycle room. There is room now for bicycles that are being kept in owners' units.

Next on the agenda was the bulletin board with a locked glass cover. For some unknown reason, our notices kept disappearing off the bulletin board, leaving residents uninformed about events. Roy worked alongside resident Robert Gwinn to reframe the bulletin



board and encase half of it in glass. The photo above shows Robert beside the board after it was completed.

Robert was a very talented resident who could do just about anything. He helped with landscaping, decorating, and carpentry and we were lucky to have him. Now the state of California is graced with his talents, because he recently moved there to be closer to his daughter.

Enjoy our lovely spring weather here in Florida and read the building notices on the bulletin board.



English Tudor resident Robert Gwinn and the bulletin board he recently refurbished. Robert has departed OTOW for California to be closer to his daughter.

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Annual golf outing coming soon

We had a lovely time at our monthly luncheon, which was held at Lucky Dills. It is great to get together with our Granada family to share happy news.

The signup sheet is in the lobby for next month's luncheon at Red Lobster on Friday, April 4. There is also a signup sheet in place for our annual golf outing and hot dog feast.

We wish a belated happy birthday to our own LaVergne Ryan, who recently turned 94.

Barry and Mary Jean Thorne were in a plane on their way to South Africa, when Barry celebrated turning 70. How many of us can say the same?

Cobie and Rainer Stimming entertained their family for a week and loved playing with their grandchildren. They did admit they were exhausted afterwards.

Stan and I picked up our granddaughter and her college roommate at the airport and brought them to their spring break destination.

Before taking them back to the airport at the end of the week, we did have the girls sleep over for one night. We enjoy whatever time we can catch with the grandchildren.

We picked up a minor historic fact at one of our senior classes. Question: Do you know the origin of the word "sideburns?" Answer: General Burnside, who led Union soldiers during the Civil War, was very proud of his short side whiskers. His troops nicknamed him "Sideburns."

Please be sure to read next month's column, which will be about a very active, personable Granadan, who is a very welcome addition to our building. Who is it? Wait until next month.

Until then, have a good month.

Abundance of visitors keeps residents busy

We welcome two new residents, namely, Barbara Poole, and Olga McClain. Hope that they are able to join in our activities and fun.

I am still collecting birth dates. Would you believe that I am aware of 10 people who celebrate in the month of March? I hadn't as yet got Ron Huber's natal day to post it, but Case Bastmeyer (who did indeed return from his Ontario home as promised) made up for the miss by singing "Happy Birthday" in four different languages at his special day's social hour.

Ralph Wells organized a pizza party to celebrate the birthdays of best friends Judy Boley, Reta, and Gene Carney, all within a week of one another. The weather was undoubtedly the best of the winter, which enhanced the fun and the reason to be gay.

So many residents had visitors for



the month that I couldn't keep track. John and Gwen Briggs' friends, Janice and Steven, arrived from Ontario for a welcome respite from the brutal frigid weather. Even though the weather here was not what we are accustomed to having, they definitely enjoyed memories of it after a horrendous trip home.

Due to an aviation delay, they missed the connecting flight to Watertown, N.Y., by 15 minutes. It was necessary to spend the night in a motel. Upon arriving there they found their vehicle ploughed in by snow! After another night they made it home.

There were a number of small grandchildren and young people visiting grandparents. For me, it was joyful to see them playing on the grounds or seeing them get ready for an excursion or a trip to the beach.

Gin Upton's niece and grandson were two of those. An avid, competitive swimmer, the highlight of the grandson's visit was a three-hour swim with the manatees in the waters near Weeki Wachee Springs.

Our monthly luncheon at Crickateers was well-attended. As ever, I urge you to check the boards for important news.

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Family goes all out to celebrate couple's 60th anniversary

Joe and Farrell Malandro recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 13.

They were joined in their celebration by their daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Levi Rice; their son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Sondra Malandro; their son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Tonya Malandro; Farrell's two sisters, Alice Spillman and Sandy Heil; their nephew and his wife, Tim and Ginny Spillman, and their granddaughter and her husband along with their children.

The out-of-town relatives started coming in town on March 11. Joe and Farrell were surprised by Farrell's two sisters, who arrived the next day. They came to town to stay the week and their visit was a joyful time for Farrell.

There was a lot of family time. They shared laughter, tears, lots of great food and the joy of sharing memories and watching slides from the early years of their married life, which included time spent overseas while Joe was in the service.

Sunday, March 16, was also a great day for Joe and Farrell. The entire family went to church together and their daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter



and grandson were involved in a special music presentation planned just for Joe and Farrell.

Later that day, they had a gathering in their home with their family and church friends.

Joe and Farrell wish to express their appreciation to their daughter, Cheryl, for her planning and coordination of the entire week.

Your friends and neighbors in the Yoshimitsu Building wish to extend all our best wishes and congratulations to Joe and Farrell on this milestone.

The foursome of Helmut and Maria Mader, their guest, Herbert Greicha and Jim Sundberg were out



Joe and Farrell Malandro then ...



... and now, 60 years later.

golfing on Tuesday, March 4 when Herbert aced the 15th hole. Good job Herbert on a great shot!

Dorothy Churchill celebrated another annual visit on March 22 from her "J" nieces and nephew. Joanne, Judy, Joyce and Joe, along with their respective spouses, Jim, Gary, Randy and Julia.

They made the trip from Ocala to spend the day with Dorothy, her sister, Ann and cousin, Pat Stevens, who lives in the Melbourne Building. Lunch was enjoyed at the Bascetti's Italian Grille in Dunedin.

Ron Magnussen will celebrate his birthday on April 4. Happy Birthday, Ron. Enjoy your special day!

The On Top of the World News wishes you and yours a safe, fun-filled summer season!

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New neighbors arrived just in time for pizza party

Do you want sprinkles on your pizza? That was the question at our most recent get-together.

On March 3, our building had a great get-together in front of the condos on Florentine Way (see photo at far right). It was a beautiful evening with a nice breeze. About 35 neighbors attended. Pizza and salad were served. Everyone was happy to see one other.

During the event, new neighbors came to see the condo they just bought. By coincidence, the food was set up in front of their very apartment. It was like a welcoming committee. They got to meet many of the neighbors and were so pleased. We invited them to eat with us.

Everyone was laughing and greeting neighbors, and all of a sudden they started running, because it was starting to rain. I'm yelling, why are you moving? It's only a few drops and it will stop soon.

Then I found out it was the sprinklers coming on! So many of us got wet and had a good laugh.

I attended the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 8. It was a lot of fun and everyone was in a celebrating mood. Coming down the road in the parade was our neighbor, Nelson Beall. He was decked out in green and had



Nelson Beall in the St. Patrick's Day parade. This columnist calls his motorcycle "his little bumble bee."

died his beard green. He looked great. Nelson was driving his yellow three-wheeled motorcycle, which I call "his little bumble bee." (see photo above).

Since it is spring, many of our neighbors think about doing special cleanings. Please try to spring clean



Some of the 35 building neighbors who attended a pizza party get-together on March 3.

your storage space in the storage room. Remember, we are only supposed to have a four-foot space. There are many neighbors living here for years who still do not have a storage space. Thank you for your cooperation and help.

We wish all our neighbors a very Happy Easter!

I look forward to reporting news for our building. If you have any information on a trip you recently took or a special anniversary, please let me know. We like to hear about birthdays, grandchildren's graduations, births, etc. Just leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.



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East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

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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.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 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.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
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Canoe trip offers up-close look at the 'real Florida'

We all remember the news recently that the whole country was covered in ice and snow except for Florida. How fortunate we are!

On one of these beautiful spring days Haens and Peter Wiczorek, along with my husband and I, decided to go paddling, so we drove up to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.

The boat rental is next to the Weeki Wachee Water Park, home of the famous Mermaids. We rented canoes and went down the crystal clear waters with the help of a gentle current (see photo).

On our way down the river we saw a bald eagle, turtles, herons, egrets and ibis, a pileated woodpecker and manatees with their babies. The 5.5 mile stretch down to Rogers Park takes about 3 hours. It was exciting and well worth the trip.

At Rogers Park, a shuttle bus took us back to our car. The adventure was completed by an opulent lunch at "Lucky Dill Deli."

On Feb. 18 we met at First Watch for breakfast. Some 18 residents attended and the food was delicious.

Our annual Brittany Farmhouse meeting took place Feb. 22. There are a couple of changes: Hannah Frey is the treasurer and Diane Magie took over as our historian.



Haens and Peter Wiczorek "take it easy" on a recent canoe trip down the picturesque Weeki Wachee River. (Photo by Ute Scheibe)

We said good bye to Gene and Carol Moore who have lived here since the very beginning. They moved to a care-free place and can enjoy life without cooking and cleaning. We will miss them and wish them all the best.

Be aware of April first. Don't get fooled!

Building luncheons are a favorite of many residents

Forgive me for editorializing, but I want to affirm what a great country I live in and I'm sure most of you would agree with me.

This is a democratic nation formed with the idea that every one of us has the privilege to vote and express our opinions. We may not agree with the decisions made by the majority, but we willingly accept those decisions.

The Americana Social Club has been trying to follow this equitable rule and, hopefully, this way of life here in Americana will continue. We also respect each individual's right to privacy and personal property. If changes are needed to be made, plenty of time is usually given to prepare for such.

Our monthly luncheons continue to be enjoyed by many of our residents. Catherine Gray has agreed to continue to reserve places for the next few months. About 33 of us went to the Olive Garden for lunch at the end of January. At the end of February, some 35 of us got together at Lucky Dill.



Delicious. Catherine, thanks. You are doing a great job!

Recently, we got together for a party in the second floor core. Our new president, Stan Spahalsky, was given the recipe for the wonderful punch that Winston Pineau always supplies for this event. We also enjoyed various finger foods that were submitted pot-luck style.

Quite a few of us take advantage of the great offerings of On Top of the World. There's the pool, the dog run, dances, shows, and, of course, the St. Patrick's parade. Life here is really great!

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New parking space lines are appreciated

Richard and Mitzie Conetta, from Port Chester, N.Y., enjoyed an extended visit with sister-in-law Chickie Brophy. Richard was especially happy to be here in the warmer weather while he recuperated from some hip work. It's so much easier getting around without snow and ice — and safer!

Bob Pearson, all decked out in Dunedin's plaid tartan, marched with the New World Celts in the On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade (see photo at right). This group concentrates on fund-raising for the school's bagpipe band and for scholarships and activities.

Thank you, George Algozzina, for initiating the job request for our new flashy yellow lines! The fresh paint and distinctive markings make it so much easier to find our spaces, especially when it is dark out.

Chickie Brophy got a surprise knock on the door from Jon "Bowzer" Bauman, best known for singing in the band Sha-Na-Na back in the 60's and for his acting part in the movie "Grease." You might remember him as a gangly, slender-armed greaser in



a muscle shirt. "Bowzer", who was here at OTOW in support of the District 13 congressional campaign, walked the neighborhood knocking on doors reminding individuals to get out and vote.

The pollen is fallin' and hopefully has passed by the time this article is published. Spring has sprung! So get out and enjoy it; and be sure to tan up before you head north so all your friends and relatives can really be jealous of this wonderful life we have here in Florida!

Happy Easter to all and to your loved ones!



Bob Pearson is well known in the Dunedin Bagpipe community, having been honored as Chief of the Day at the 2013 Highland Games. (Photo by Terri Mikszenas)

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Roman Byzantine

Reporter shares a famous story

Life is like a journey on a train, with its stations, with changes of routes and with accidents.

At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e., our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming year on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey!

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train. Be yourself. Nobody is better qualified!

— (Author unknown).

"Till We Meet Again"

Building 'silent angel' caught doing good

My car turned pollen green and was covered with 15,000 leaves on the first day of March. The pollen count shot to astronomic levels.

On March 8, 14 Azores residents and friends took a cruise from Fort Lauderdale to the Eastern Caribbean. I haven't received a detailed report of all the exciting things that went on during the cruise, but I feel confident that most everyone had one heck of a good time.

Hope everyone got a chance to view or be involved in the St. Pat's parade. Really a great job by those getting this thing together — congratulations!

I did make it a point to drive to Dunedin to check on the "Bagpipe and Kilts Rentals."

On March 13, the Azores spring building meeting took place in the Sunrise Room. The meeting was called to order by our building captain, Kathy Garritt.

The minutes of our last meeting were read by Secretary Doris O'Meara. The minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer Brenda McLeod gave the treasurer's report. Brenda presented the usual format plus going over a method



that budgeted our resources. The report was accepted as read.

Kathy Garritt, building captain, took the floor again to outline steps to be taken to get storage spaces squared away. She requested that we mark our storage with apartment number plus "2014," so that those items that are completely abandoned may be more easily identified. Kathy also covered more on recycling.

Still a lot of interest in producing a central emergency key location sheet so that someone knows where to go to get keys in an emergency.

On March 16, it was party time! Our Saint Pat's Party with all the

trimmings. The Sunrise Room was decked out in Irish green. Music and songs were furnished by Steve Middneta — a great job!

Corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings was catered by Margurite's Café. The food was outstanding as always. There were 34 Azores residents and friends in attendance including our resident leprechaun, Walter O'Meara. The Irish whiskey cake inspired a few to try a jig or two...

I caught one of our "silent angels" at work. Our trees had been depositing an abundance of leaves on the second floor walkway. Maryann Mercer was seen carefully cleaning the area. It seemed to surprise her that she got 'caught.' Thanks, Maryann!

Recently, a tree-trimming crew was here and really did some drastic cuts on our trees. Good start, guys, but how about going all the way and replacing them with some nice trees?

Petie Fornuto reports that her two sons visited from Indiana. She says they came just to get warm!

Be sure to check the bulletin board for upcoming events. Don't forget the horse races on April 5. An outdoor cook-out is coming soon.

Diverse groups help keep building humming

Many thanks to the group who are working hard to organize our building for several informal, friendly events.

Typically, formal "big" events — Christmas, Welcome Back, Building Meeting and Potluck in January, and the St. Patrick's Backyard get-together — prove a wonderfully enjoyable occasion among super people.

But, as is to be expected, we have experienced a rather large turnover of residents — some leaving, some newer ones joining us. I, for one, appreciate the attempts to revive a few occasions to catch up and keep up with one another.

Our Lunch Bunch, good for several years on Tuesdays, was changed to Mondays, hoping to add some who found Tuesdays difficult. Phil Woods raised this idea, and it was voted on and accepted as a good idea. Try to watch for notices.

Company and food are always good. Lucille Goodhaigh, Lyle Johnston, Shirley Swift and several others are working hard to organize, by sign-up posters, some fun affairs. Several new residents seem anxious to socialize. Certainly Anne and Jack Casey, who



agreed to continue the New York/New Jersey Club leadership, encourage everyone to join their activities. He keeps us notified with his neat posters of their many affairs.

Not only have we acquired new residents, but new and older residents have added a great variety of "canine friends" to our family. Such variety, so well-behaved, giving us all a chance to pat, talk "doggy-talk" and indulge in some of those pleasures of pet ownership. Maybe those pet owners could submit a picture to our newspaper.

Once again Enid Goodman's Illinois friend Pat Dunn has been making her annual escape from the worst of the cold which, she says,

reached a new low this year. And then at the end of the summer, Enid will visit Pat's home on the Mississippi River. These gals were long-time neighbors, fellow nurses in their career fields, and so enjoy seeing their children and grandchildren. This year the beach wasn't so enjoyable, but they bundled up and kept moving.

Thanks to Enid, Shirley Swift and Sherry Ladell, who faithfully and beautifully decorate our core for many special days and weeks of the American calendar. We all enjoyed the bags of Valentine candy hung on our door knobs as well as other treats.

A group, all of whose names I'm not sure of, is trying to coordinate (inspire) for a few easy social evenings — cards, book discussion, just talk, bingo, "easy" food and drinks, just awareness of those people we meet at the mailboxes, wave to at the pool, pet their pets. Everyone here is interesting if we use the time to socialize. Thanks to those who are making it happen.

Walk around our building and enjoy some of the yards, objects in big front windows, and chat with the patio sitters.

Keep in touch.

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Reporter gets opportunity to introduce herself fully

Hear ye! Hear ye! Carole Pittenger is another year older, but you'd never know it. A group of Emerald Islanders gathered at the home of Bill and Debby Benzinger to celebrate Carole's natal day on Sunday, Feb. 16 (see photo).

Carole, a former ski instructor, is an avid golfer and an inveterate shell collector. With the shells she finds at Honeymoon Island, she crafts inventive and artistic decorations for her home. As a result, a gentle, almost imperceptible sea breeze wafts through the condo of Dr. Dave and Carole Pittenger.

Carole is also a friend to all canines. My dog, Riley Robert Naylor, always heads for her door for a generous hand-out of chicken. He turns on his charm and Carole succumbs.

Another of Emerald Isle's festivities took place Feb. 20 in the West Activity Center. Building Director Cathy Faulkner, along with the entire board, decided to use some treasury funds to have a party. Two buffet tables were laden with the home-made pupusas and desserts of our gifted culinary whizzes here in Emerald Isle.

Since I am new as our building reporter, it seems only right that I finally introduce myself. I am a Snowbird from a suburb of the Queen City of the Great Lakes, beautiful Buffalo, N.Y.



This is an extraordinary area, rich in history and culture with an immense variety of activities. Only about 25 miles from Niagara Falls, Buffalo is also home to at least five Frank Lloyd Wright buildings. Its world renowned Albright-Knox Art Gallery is a mecca for the modern art aficionado.

I have a B.A. in German from Syracuse University and an M.A. in German from Middlebury College in Vermont. Upon graduation from Syracuse, I began teaching German in the Buffalo suburb of East Aurora.

A colleague who taught Spanish invited me to visit Hawaii during the summer of 1973 to stay with her brother who had rented a house right on the ocean.



Carole Pittenger's guests had a great time at her recent birthday party, held at the home of Bill and Debby Benzinger. (Photo courtesy of Carole Pittenger)

I ended up marrying him and moving to Hawaii. Several years later I got a teaching job at Punahou School on Oahu. Punahou is a prestigious prep school, boasting successful graduates such as Barack Obama and Steve Case, co-founder of AOL.

Even before meeting my husband, Kelly, I had begun traveling extensively. The number of my trips to Germany has become a bit blurred but I think it is at least 17. The total, so far, of countries visited is 75. The first country

I visited two years after Kelly's passing was Iceland, an amazingly self-sufficient and diverse country.

Space will not allow me to list all the countries visited. My present favorite is Ecuador. It is extraordinarily beautiful and multi-faceted, plus the people are so hospitable.

They even arranged for a volcano to erupt one night, a mere 20 miles from our inn!

And that's what I did on many summer vacations!

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