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The Art Guild's first Paint and Sip Class created a room full of masterpieces. Everyone went home with their own beach/sunset scene.

If you can hold a paint brush and sip a glass of wine, you can create your own masterpiece

By Judy Mills

Many thanks to all who attended our annual Art Show and Sale.

It was a great success and a lot of fun.

On Top of the World has so many talented artists that it was difficult to decide who to vote for in the People's Choice Award. Congratulations to Ruth Phillips! Her painting will be hung in the lobby of the East Activity Center for the summer - stop by and check it out!

Sharon Evans will be giving lessons on oil and acrylic painting, for beginners and experienced painters, 9:30 a.m., Mondays, in the Art Room. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for members.

The Art Guild is winding down the season, but we still have plenty of fun in the summer months. On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

At our March meeting, we held a short busi-



ness discussion, followed by a wonderful demonstration by Kevin Tobin from Golden Paints on Acrylics from A - Z. Fascinating information and we all learned a lot.

The Art Guild held its first Paint and Sip Night this month and it was a great success! Everyone had a blast and went home with their masterpiece.

For many attendees, this was their first painting ever, but with the guidance of our great instructor, they all turned out beautiful.

Of course, sipping a couple glasses of wine while we painted didn't hurt.

This first class was booked up quickly, but there is so much interest in additional classes that we would like to do another one soon.

If you're interested, please give Penny Page a call at 648-4729 to get on the list. Classes are limited to the first 20 people that sign up. The price is \$20 and includes all supplies needed to create your own amazing work of art.

You are welcome to bring a bottle of wine or your beverage of choice. Paint and Sip is from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Art Room.

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15 a year, which goes from November to November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!

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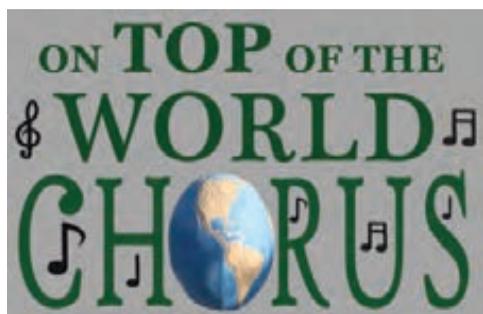
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Spring concert Saturday and Sunday



By Ilene Bargerstock

If you are reading this on April Fool's Day, the good news is you haven't missed the Chorus spring concert!

"Great American Composers . . . Next Generation" will be performed in the East Activity Center auditorium on Saturday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m.

Remember, tickets are always available at the door. Come and celebrate the arrival of spring!

Our theme reflects such composers as Barry Manilow, Neil Diamond, Burt Bacharach, Paul Simon, Richard Carpenter, Henry Mancini, Marvin Hamlisch, Joni Mitchell and Lee Greenwood.

The music is from the '60s and '70s. These are songs you loved back then and will certainly enjoy hearing once more.

They are sure to bring back fond memories to all music lovers. You may remember "Moon River", "Both Sides Now", "Bridge Over Troubled Water", "Song Sung Blue" and "The Way We Were" – just to name a few. As always, there will be soloists and the fun-filled audience sing-along led by our own Nancy Wright.

Be sure to buy a ticket, or two, and bring someone you love, or even like. They will thank you!

In the photo above are five newcomers to Chorus.

At left, holding our promotional sign, is Suzanne Kee, who was a teacher in Illinois and now spends winters at On Top of the World.

She has been in numerous choruses, church choirs and Sweet Adelines.

Grace Finch, next in line, is a retired nurse, a Snowbird from Massachusetts and has been a soloist in choirs and musicals. She once portrayed the lusty Mae West.

Vickie Chang and Jane Wang are also Snowbirds from New Jersey and Virginia, respectively. They came to Chorus together as friends, Jane having invited Vickie.

Vickie sings in a church choir and Jane said she came to Chorus because



Displaying our poster are four new singers to the Chorus. From left to right are Suzanne Kee, Grace Finch, Vickie Chang and Jane Wang. In photo below, newcomer Carolyn McLaughlin, left, looks over a music score with Chorus Director Beth Kendall.

she "loves to sing."

Carolyn McLaughlin was raised in Indiana, but has lived in Florida, mostly in Pinellas County, since 1979. She moved to On Top of the World in July of last year. Carolyn says she is still a "Hoosier at heart" and is active in the OTOW Hoosier Club. She is an avid walker and finds our surroundings most suitable for this activity.

Carolyn loved singing as a child and began voice lessons at the age of 12. She sang her way through high school and was part of the Purdue University Choir during her college years.

Thanks to Chorus member, Vonnie Oto, a church organist, who invited Carolyn to join our Chorus after hearing her sing with the church choir. We are delighted to have Carolyn in our soprano section!

We love to have people who love to sing. That's our most important requirement!

And, when they bring along a friend, that's even better!

It's great to provide a comfortable setting, with fun-loving people, where you can add your voice just for the joy of it! We are always open to new members. In the words of Plato, "Even the



Gods love jokes."

Enjoy your day whether you are the prankster or the one being pranked.

We would love to see you at one, or both, of our performances, and that's no joke.



Summerize

CHECKLIST OF 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 the condo checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend, or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in regularly with a 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 electricity 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 condensation from flooding your home and anyone unit beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set at between 78 F to 80 F. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevents 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 also 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 the 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.

I recently heard from a gentleman who believes that placing pans of cat litter around the apartment will absorb moisture (humidity) from the atmosphere. Clay based cat litter is good for absorbing liquids, but that is about it.

Silica-based cat litter may have some capacity to absorb humidity to a limited degree, but based on everything I've read, it needs to be changed every two weeks. Your best bet is to still set the AC at 78 F and have the apartment checked weekly during your absence.

Use common sense and have a great summer!

Next year we will double the hot dogs

Good Karma Café

The staff at SCA and the Good Karma Café would like to take this opportunity to thank the Irish Club and Mike Cooper for inviting us to attend this year's Irish Club Parade held on Saturday, March 5.

We would also like to thank the Art Guild for donating their time and materials to provide free face painting for everyone. We had perfect weather, a great time, and everyone enjoyed either participating in or just watching the parade, listening to the live music, and getting our faces painted.

Good Karma Café quickly sold out of hot dog combos and will be doubling our supply for next year's event! Each year that we participate, we are learning new and better ways of doing things. If you have suggestions on how the Good Karma Café could improve, please stop into the Community Service Office and speak to Nancy or Lois.



F.L.O.W Bus

The F.L.O.W. bus is scheduled to be in the community on Tuesday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus, or F.L.O.W bus, provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

They also offer the department's critical safety services such as emergency contact information registration and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol.

No written or driving tests are given from mobile units.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is located in the East Activity Center Community Service Office. We have several items waiting to be claimed.

If you have misplaced something, stop in and ask if someone has turned in your lost item. If you find something someone else has misplaced, bring it in so we can put it aside for the owner to come in and claim it. We hold items for 60 days prior to discarding them and we currently have several items that will soon meet that criteria, including keys and jewelry.

So stop in and see if we have your lost item.

Recreation Cards

When renewing your recreation card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities.

All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

Reminders

The OTOW phone number to submit service requests over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only. Please do not leave emergency information on this line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life threatening emergency please dial 911.

SCA Staff

As always, I would also like 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.

Update your emergency contacts before you travel

Please review guidelines for alterations and modifications

The signs of spring are in the air and most of our Snowbirds choose this month to start their annual trek to their northern homes.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone, especially part-time residents, to update your emergency references and contact phone numbers.

Emergency references and emergency contact phone numbers are collected at the time of new owner orientation. For many of you that information is well over 10 years old.

Your Board asks that you review and update this information annually. It's important for the Association to have current emergency contact information in the event of an emergency involving you or your unit or an emergency impacting your unit during your absence.

In addition, if you are a part-time resident, please notify the Association and the Community Service Office with contact information for the key holder of your unit. You may obtain the emergency contact information form on page 17 of this month's newspaper, as well as at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.

Alterations and Modifications

Thinking of making modifications to your condo?

Any alteration or work that may affect the structure, or the common elements of the condominium, first needs to be reviewed by the Association.

Please refer to Rule 4 - Alterations, Additions or Changes.

"Except to the extent required to



be permitted under applicable law, no alteration, addition, replacement or removal may be made or maintained to, on, or from, any of the following areas or improvements of On Top of the World without the prior written consent of the Association (a) the Common Areas (including but not limited to the roof or exterior of any building or the exterior, door or window of any unit), such as but not limited to any alteration, addition, replacement or removal of any painting, awning, wire, pipe, light, slab of concrete or other permanent material, antenna, satellite dish or other equipment, device or projection (b) any structural element of any building located within the boundaries of any unit for which the Association may have maintenance and repair responsibility or which if altered, added, replaced or removed may adversely affect another unit or unit owner, such as but not limited to any wire, pipe, heating/air conditioning duct, wall or partition.

"Any alteration, addition, replacement or removal not consented to by the Association is subject to correction by the Association without notice or compensation, and the owner who

causes the unauthorized alteration, addition, replacement or removal to be made or maintained shall reimburse the Association for all costs and expenses so incurred. This rule is subject to the limitation that it shall not be applied or enforced in any manner that contravenes Section 163.04, Florida Statutes or the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission as set forth in 47CFR1.4000, as amended."

Applications for Modification Approval may be obtained at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, online at otowclearwaterinfo.com or by mail: Inspections Services Department., 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763.

It is the unit owner's responsibility to complete and submit all necessary vendor paperwork. Please do not refer your vendor to the Association to complete the application for you. All paperwork should be submitted as outlined on the application. Please allow 10 to 15 days for processing once the application is delivered to the Association.

Applications for emergency air conditioner replacements are expedited.

If your vendor needs access to the sides and backs of any building to complete their work (HVAC, awnings, water softener, patio, windows, etc.) they must first contact the Community Service Office.

Management company personnel will guide the vendor around utility and cable lines, sewer manholes and water meters.

Any damages (including landscape) to common areas caused by your vendor are assessed to the responsible unit owner.

As a reminder, power equipment, saws, tools, power cords and construction supplies are not permitted in walkways, stairwells or center cores, especially on the second and third floors.

Power tools may be used inside the unit or at ground level only. Your contractor is responsible for all associated clean up and disposal of construction related debris and operating a safe, secure job site.

This Modification Approval process is also a protection for both the individual unit owner as well as all unit owners in our community.

For example, incorrectly installed exterior components could become missiles in the event of high winds or hurricanes causing property damage or possible injuries. Also, improperly installed replacement windows can be a source of leakage and water intrusion, leading to mold and other possible damages.

While the majority of residents realize the benefit of compliance with the above, there have been a few instances of residents not complying. Unfortunately the remedy for these instances can be expensive with possible removal of the unapproved installation, possible fines or other penalties, and legal costs against the non-compliant unit owner.

Please understand that failure to adhere to the above not only places the individual unit owner at risk, but his fellow unit owners as well.

Simple reminders of the month



Pinellas County codes forbid feeding wild animals. This means you are not allowed to feed the birds, squirrels, ducks or alligators in this community.

If you plan on traveling, please remove anything on your property that will collect rain water, such as a bird bath, planting pots or buckets. Mosquitos love stagnant water. Please don't provide mosquitos with a convenient place to breed.

Spring cleaning?
Fine.

Just don't use your building's storage room for your garbage or unwanted merchandise. Call someone to pick it up and remove it properly. There is a junk removal advertiser in this newspaper.

Does your current insurance cover you?

Consider how your life will change

The reconstruction of Building 4, Southwest wing, continues at a very slow pace.

Clean out has been accomplished and a structural engineer and architect have been engaged.

Recovery from a fire is never a rapid process, no matter how much we wish it. The Board has directed the Management Company to post updates as the process progresses, as providing timely information is always a key component of any disaster recovery.

The one big lesson I've learned in this situation is that insurance coverage for "Loss of Use," is a part of an HO-6 policy that really matters. Possessions can always be replaced, but an extended absence from your home is incredibly taxing, both financially and emotionally.

Increasing the limit for "Loss of Use" can lessen the financial burden while you are waiting on restoration of your residence.

Building 4 reconstruction will take at least seven months. It may be eight months before the residents can return to their home.

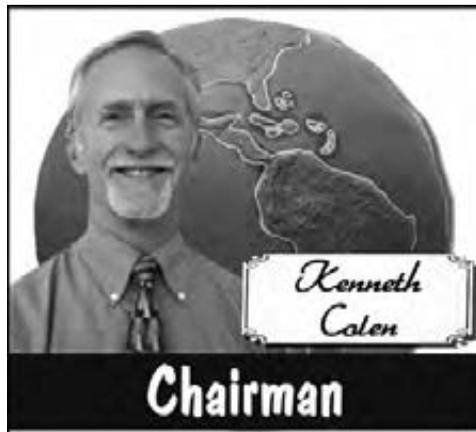
Please take the time now, before you need it, to calculate how much money you will need to live outside of your home for up to eight months. Include rent, meals, storage unit rent, pet needs, any special medical needs and then make sure the "Loss of Use" limit in your HO-6 policy will cover the entire amount.

Travel Season

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

We know that many of you will be heading back to visit family or to your summer homes. As you read on in 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 when you are gone. On page 4 is a list of things you should do to "Summer-



ize" before you travel. Please look over the list.

Maintenance Update

The fronts of Buildings 84 and 77 are both scheduled for new coatings in April.

Residents of Building 46 should take note that the front coating of that structure has been delayed until June due to a scheduling conflict.

Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Construction, roofing and large scope projects

Asphalt improvements are also scheduled to kick off at On Top Of the World in the month of April.

As in years past, the vendor may be working in multiple areas on any given day, so it's important that residents keep an eye on their bulletin boards and car windshields for the latest paving updates.

Parking areas will be cordoned off for a minimum of 48 hours after the new asphalt has been applied to allow the product time to cure correctly. This curing time is crucial before it is driven upon. This time period that the lots are closed will also allow the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions, as well as minimize tire scuffing on the new asphalt.

We politely ask residents to observe the closures and wait until a management company representative has removed all the barricades at their parking lot before venturing onto the new asphalt.

Alternative parking is available on roadways and in visitor spots at surrounding buildings for those residents displaced during the work.

Keep in mind that management company employees will be working in close proximity to the roadways during this work. For safety's sake, we ask that residents slow down, pay close at-

tention to any direction given by flagmen, and obey posted speed limits. The workers' safety depends on your cooperation.

The next structure scheduled for roofing improvements is Building 96. This project is projected to commence in early April, pending weather and Pinellas County approval.

Residents will begin seeing materials and equipment delivered for the job by April 1. As with the other roofing projects, staged closures of the parking lots either partially or in their entirety, must occur in order for the contractor to operate in a safe and efficient manner. The contractors will do their best to limit parking area closures, but residents should be prepared to relocate their cars to available spaces outside of the work area.

Bulletins will be posted in the buildings affected. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

The elevators in Buildings 41 and 29 are both scheduled for equipment improvements in the month of April. These improvements will require that the elevator be out of service for an estimated seven days while the equipment replacements take place.

Residents of these buildings should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for exact start dates and progress updates. This will be an active work zone while the improvements take place, and while areas will be cordoned off for everyone's safety, we ask that you please watch your step and be aware of activity in these areas.

Residents in Building 28 will also see construction crews in the month of April as a restoration project begins.

The northeast end stairwell tower will be the location of some county permitted restorative work. Construction crews will be utilizing high-reach equipment and may need to cordon off a handful of parking spaces on the north side of the structure. Please keep an eye on your car windshield or your condo doorknob for important updates related to the project.

As always, please observe any barricaded off areas and watch your step.

The west and east Belcher entrances will also be receiving some improvements in April - this time in the form of new landscaping.

The management company will begin the permitted removal of numerous dying trees in these areas and a

hired contractor will begin the process of planting new varieties in their place.

These are high traffic areas. Drivers may experience delays while portions of the removal/installation portion takes place. Please heed all directions from flagmen in the area should you encounter them.

We ask that you understand that these traffic/pedestrian delays are in the best interests of safety and crews will get you back on your way as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

The installation of new benches is another community improvement project that began in December and will continue through the spring. These new "environmentally friendly" benches will be placed at locations convenient to bus stops and routes regularly traversed by many of the community's pedestrians.

This project will require the removal and disposal of current cement benches, then improvements to the surface grade will be made, and finally installation of the new bench.

New pedestrian sidewalks are another community enhancement in the coming months. Other locations are in the planning and development phase, so keep on the lookout for these new and exciting enhancements to an already beautiful On Top of the World community.

Fire hydrant maintenance will continue into the month of April. Utility crews will be recoating most hydrants in the community and residents may be asked to temporarily relocate their cars during this work. Please comply if you receive a door hangar or windshield placard requesting you move your vehicle so we may proceed with the work.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit.

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

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if you are displaced from home

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

More reminders for all community residents

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to second and third floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs.

This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice.

Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If, for some reason, you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the In-

spection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works toward the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, a notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at your earliest convenience.

Awning Inspections

The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element.

In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" 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.

Plant Removal

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. 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 me-

ters in the future. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings.

These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas, may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated

Water softener installations require a permit

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softener installations at On Top of the World require a modification permit approved by your condominium association in advance of installation.

Modification permit applications may be picked up at the Community Service Office located inside the lobby of the East Activity Center.

Please make sure to apply for and receive association approval before installation to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Please note, resin-style softeners are the only approved type of water softener allowed in the community. Salt-style, also known as ion exchangers, are not permissible by association rule.

Thank you for attention and cooperation. Questions? Visit the Community Service Office.



It's paving season! Please be alert for construction vehicles and construction workers while driving OTOW roads. Obey all signs displayed by flag people. Drive slow.

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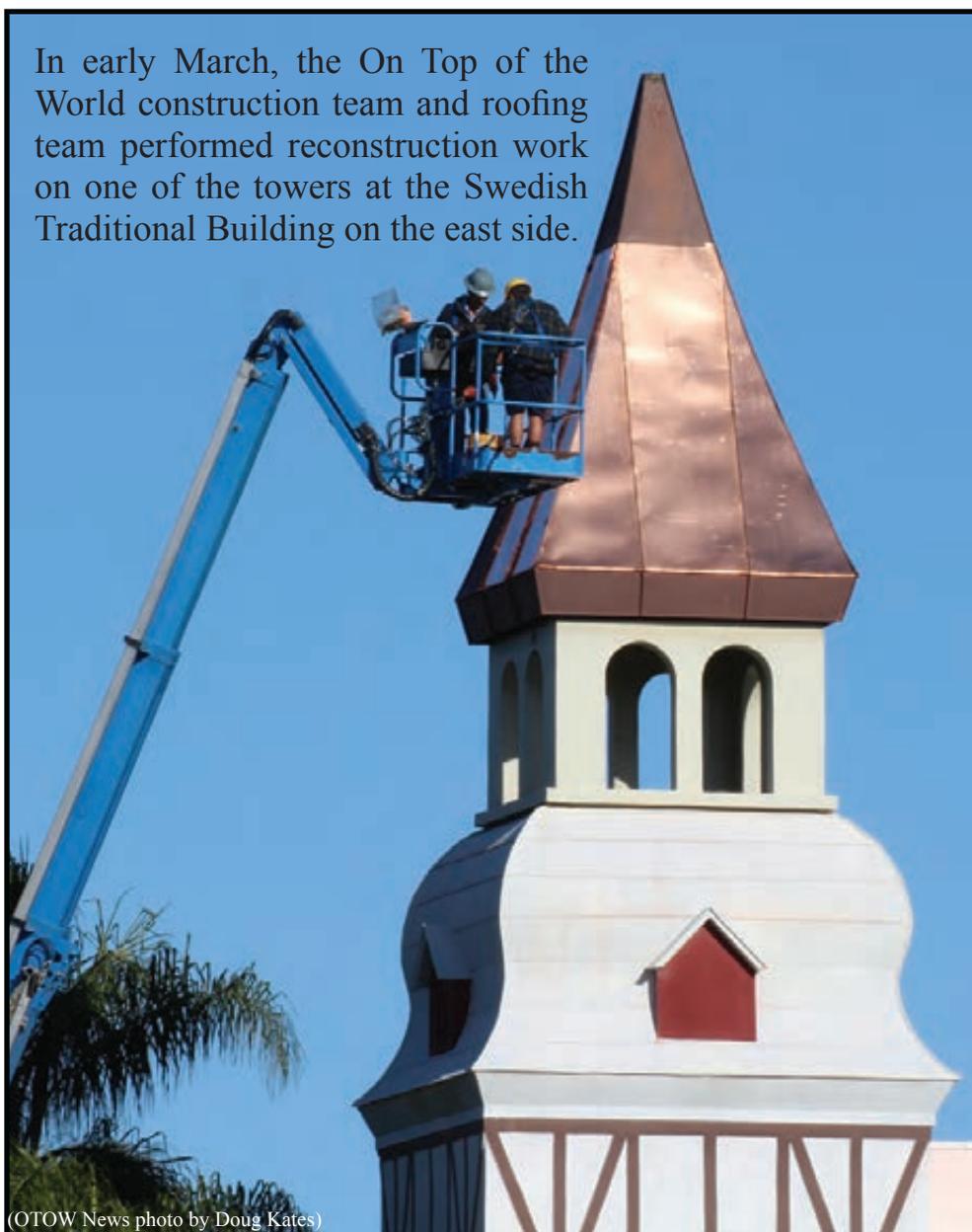
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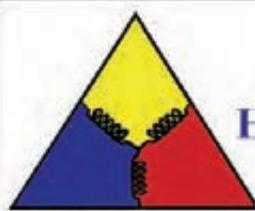
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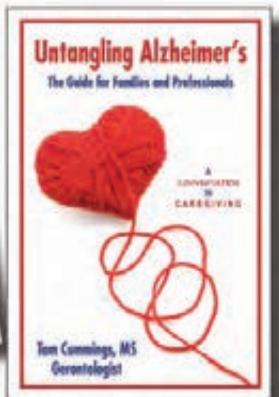
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Meeting, Friday, April 8, 12:30 pm, EAC Art Room



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Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 pm, WAC Sunrise Room
Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 5:30 pm, WAC Sunrise Room



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Tuesdays, 7 pm, EAC Veranda

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8-Ball B Flight, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, WAC Billiards Room
9-Ball, Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, WAC Billiards Room
Ladies Que-T, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, WAC Billiards Room
Scotch Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, WAC Billiards Room

BINGO

Mondays, 6 pm, EAC Auditorium
Bingo Marathon, Sunday, April 17, 2 pm, EAC Auditorium



BONESAVERS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8 am, EAC Art Room

BUILDING COORDINATORS

Meeting, Monday, April 18, 1:30 pm, Computer Room

BUILDING MEETINGS

Malaguena Building, Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 pm, WAC Rainbow Room
Siboney Building, Wednesday, April 27, 7 pm, WAC Sunrise Room

CANADIAN CLUB

Social Games, Thursday, April 7, 6:30 pm, Sunrise & Rainbow rooms

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, Noon, EAC Crafts Room
Fridays, 9 am, EAC Crafts Room

CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
Sunday, April 3, 3 pm, EAC Auditorium



CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 9:30 am, EAC Starlite Room

CLUB TICKET AND EVENT SALES

Mondays, 8:30 am, EAC Auditorium
Thursdays, 8:30 am, EAC Auditorium

CO-ED EXERCISES

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10 am, WAC Gym

CO-ED FUN FITNESS CLASS

Tuesdays, 9 am, EAC Yellow Room

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Fridays, 11 am, EAC Gym

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Monday-Friday, 7 am, EAC Auditorium

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Monday-Friday, 8:30 am, EAC Computer Room (lab open)

DANCERCIZE

Fridays, Noon, WAC Sunrise Room

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2 pm, EAC Starlite Room



DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, EAC Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, EAC Veranda

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, 10:30 am, EAC Yellow Room
Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Yellow Room

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Board Meeting, Monday, April 4, 10:30 am, Veranda
Show, Thursday, April 7, 7:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
Dance, Saturday, April 9, 8 pm, EAC Auditorium
Sunday-In-The-Park, Sunday, April 10, 2 pm, EAC Auditorium
Concert, Wednesday, April 13, 1 pm, EAC Auditorium

FAMILY HISTORY

Meeting, Monday, April 11, 12:30 pm, Computer Room

GERMAN INTEREST GROUP

Meeting, Monday, April 11, 2 pm, WAC Sunrise Room

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Caring & Sharing, Tuesdays, 9 am, EAC Craft Room
Craft Making, Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Craft Room
Get Acquainted Coffee, 9 am, Thursday, April 14, EAC Auditorium
Flea Market/Craft Show, Saturday, April 16, 10 am, EAC Auditorium

HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

Water Walking, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 4 pm, EAC Pool
Balance Class, Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Art Room



HEALTH SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure Check, Monday, April 11, 8:30 am, EAC Veranda
Free Eyes & Ears Screening, Monday, April 18, 9:30 am, EAC Auditorium

ENDAR OF EVENTS

HOOSIER CLUB

Dinner, Tuesday, April 5, 6 pm, EAC Art Room



ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB

Dinner, Wednesday, April 20, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium

ITALIAN CLASS

Fridays, 10 am, EAC Small Card Room

JAZZ & TAP DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:45 am, EAC Auditorium

JESTERS

Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium



LADIES' 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 9 am, EAC Kitchen
Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 am, WAC Sunrise Room

LADIES' EXERCISES

Monday-Friday, 8 am, EAC Gym

LAMBDA

Social, Saturday, April 16, 7 pm, EAC Art Room
Social, Saturday, April 30, 7 pm, WAC Sunrise Room

LAPIDARY CLUB (Jewelry Making)

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9 am, EAC Lapidary Room



LEARN HOW TO PLAY CONTRACT BRIDGE

Thursdays, 3 pm, EAC Yellow Room

LEARN TO DANCE WITH NOLAND SHADE

Mondays, 1 pm, EAC Art Room

LINE DANCE CLUB

Saturdays, 8:30 am, EAC Auditorium
Tuesdays, 1 pm, EAC Auditorium



MAHJONGG

Mondays, 4:45 pm, WAC Rainbow Room
Mondays & Tuesdays, 6 pm, WAC Rainbow Room

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Banquet, Wednesday, April 20, 10 am, EAC Auditorium

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CLUB

Dinner, Thursday, April 21, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium
Social, Wednesday, April 27, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium



PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, WAC Sunrise Room
Tuesdays, 10 am, WAC Sunrise Room
Wednesdays, 10 am, WAC Sunrise Room
Fridays, 10 am, WAC Sunrise Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5 pm, EAC Starlite Room
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PRAY FOR AMERICA

Saturdays, 10 am, EAC Small Card Room

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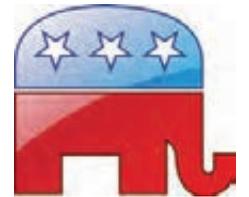
Appreciation Luncheon, Thursday, April 7, 1 pm, EAC Veranda

PROCRASTINATING QUILTERS

Saturday, April 2, 9 am, WAC Sunrise Room
Thursday, April 21, 7 pm, EAC Starlite Room

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 6 pm, EAC Kitchen



SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Starlite Room

SCOPA

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, EAC Craft Room

SLIMNASTICS

Mondays-Thursdays, 9 am, EAC Gym

SNOWBIRDS CLUB

Salsasize, Tuesdays, 9 am, WAC Sunrise Room
Line Dancing, Thursdays, 8 am, WAC Sunrise Room



SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, WAC Sunrise Room

TAI CHI

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 1 pm, EAC Gym
Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6 pm, EAC Gym

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, EAC Small Card Room with Rita
Wednesdays, 6 pm, EAC Yellow Room
Wednesdays, 6 pm, WAC Rainbow Room with Don
Fridays, 6 pm, EAC Yellow Room

THEATER WORKSHOP

Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 pm, EAC Veranda

TOPS

Thursdays, 9:30 am, EAC Art Room



TRAVEL CLUB

Meeting, Friday, April 1, 2 pm, EAC Starlite Room
Pre-Trip Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 1 pm, Veranda (Space Center)

WATER EXERCISES

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11 am, EAC Gym

YOGA SUN-MOON

Thursdays, 9 am, EAC Craft Room

ZUMBA

Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, EAC Craft Room with Vonnie
Wednesdays, 9:30 am, EAC Auditorium with Kathy



Above at left is Barbara Holland.
Directly above is 2016 People's Choice award winner Ruth Phillips.
Below, at left, is Dale Stackhouse.

Samples from the Art Guild 2016 Art Show & Sale

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Wendy Colquhoun



Eva Pilarska



Paul Zipperlin.

Press Association celebrates the season with a pizza party

The On Top of the World Press Association held a pizza party in March to help celebrate a very successful season.

Twenty-six members attended the March meeting and pizza was purchased from Queen's Pizza with money saved from 50/50 drawings over the past 12 months.

Overall, 114 people contributed to the OTOW newspaper this season. The real celebration will take place Thursday, April 7, 1 p.m. in the Veranda Room with the annual Appreciation Luncheon.

The Appreciation Luncheon is free to any Press Association member who contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings since May 2015.

Any press member who did not qualify may still attend, but the cost is \$15 per person. Members may also bring a guest for an additional \$15.

If you plan to attend the Appreciation Luncheon, reservations must be made with Doug Kates or Arlene Bergen by April 4. The lunch will be catered by The Stuffed Mushroom and the menu will consist of beef burgundy and chicken marsala.

The Press Association will be electing new officers at this luncheon. President Yvonne Courtney and Secretary Arlene Bergen said they both wish to return for another term. Jackie Dooley would like to step down as vice president if someone else is willing to take her place. If anyone wants to run for president, vice president or secretary, they must notify the newsroom by April 6.

At the March meeting, press members also discussed business. Doug asked for feedback on the monthly calendar, which appears in the middle of this newspaper section. The calendar is an ongoing experiment. There are some people who would like to see every function in the community included each month (see this month's calendar). Doug said, to accomplish this, the print size might have to be reduced, but those in attendance said the type size was already too small. Doug asked everyone to come back next month with more feedback. He wants the pullout calendar to become a featured part of the newspaper each month and something everyone can refer to all month long.



OTOW News reporter Theresa Kawalec gets ready to sample all of the Queen's Pizza entrees. Pat Ellingham was just thankful Theresa didn't take all the pizza.

114 contributors made 2015-16 Press Association season memorable

Below is a list of everyone who contributed to at least one On Top of the World newspaper during the 2015-16 season, which started in May and ended this month. The individuals below represent club/group writers, sports writers, feature writers, photographers, proofreaders, board and editorial staff. Of this season's staff, 84 were on the staff last season.

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Ilene Bargerstock
Dessa Barabba
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Kathleen Clarkson
Ron Clement
Gloria Clifford
Gerald Colen
Kenneth Colen

Vayna Cormier
Yvonne Courtney
Antoinette d'Oronzio
Brad Day
Jackie Dooley
Pat Eastman
Pat Ellingham
Doug Erickson
Fran Fairfield
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Jane Lee
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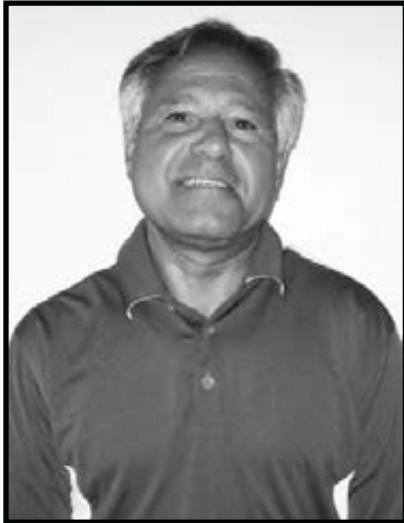
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If you get this call, hang up immediately!

If the scammers call back, you must not take the call, or if you are one of those folks who don't have caller ID, and you feel you must answer the phone, then immediately hang up.

The IRS will never call you to say you owe taxes.

It is also important that you do not get into any discussion with these kinds of scammers. They will give you an IRS badge number and they will give you a return phone number — both of which are part of their scam.

Just hang up.

And while I am at it, the United States Marshal's office will never call you to say you missed jury duty. Hang up on anyone who says they are from the U.S. Marshal's office. As soon as they say they are from the U.S. Marshal's office, you should know it's a scam.

SCAM ALERT 2: I recently received an email that appeared to come from my bank. The email said that it was an "Account Notification."

The email went on to say that I was being informed of a change in my online banking profile. I could visit a



bank's office or I could click on a link provided.

Do not click any mysterious links!

If you get an email like that, I suggest that you take it to your bank and show it to them. Or print out the message and take it to your bank.

SCAM ALERT 3: You incorporate a business, or create a Limited Liability Company, and within a few days you get what appears to be an official document from the State saying it is "important" and you should fill out the form provided and send in some money to get a Certificate of Status for your business.

You do not need a Certificate of Status, and for that matter, if you ever wanted one, you could get it for about \$5 from the State of Florida.

SCAM ALERT 4: The certified copy of deed scam is always lurking around.

The way it works is, after you purchase a property, you get a letter from some company that claims you need or should have a certified copy of your deed. In some of those letters they don't mention certified copy, they just say you need or you should have

a copy.

Either way, they will want you to send them money and then they'll send you the certified or not-certified copy.

No one ever needs a certified copy of their deed for anything!

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Further, if you want, you can go to the clerk of courts Website and download a copy for free (not certified but as I said you don't need that).

Folks, I am pretty sure that most of you who read my column are abundantly aware of scams

From the scams I've mentioned here, to phone calls from children or grandchildren claiming to be lost and alone in some foreign country, to the Nigerian scam where you are contacted by someone promising you a gazillion bucks just because you are such a nice guy or gal ...

However, maybe you know someone who is not savvy about scams or perhaps know a person who lives alone and is lonely or maybe even has some form of incapacity.

Scammers are heartless. Please help your neighbors, or people you know, by warning them about these terrible scams.

Q. I have two children of my own and two step-children from my 22 year marriage to their father, who is now deceased. My own children never call me or write to me and they never come to see me. However, even though their father died three years ago, my step-children frequently contact me and they've even come to Florida to visit me.

I want to leave my step-children everything I have, not only from their father, but what I have from before I married their father.

My neighbor said that even so, I have to leave my children half of my estate. Can I just leave everything to my step-children?

A. Your neighbor is wrong. You can leave the assets of your estate to your step-children if that is what you want to do.

Q. I met a really nice man at a social gathering. We are both in our late 70s and we've decided to take a cruise together. My children are horrified. His children don't care one way or the other. My friend asked me to email you and ask what should we do?

A. Do whatever you want. You don't need a lawyer to take a cruise.

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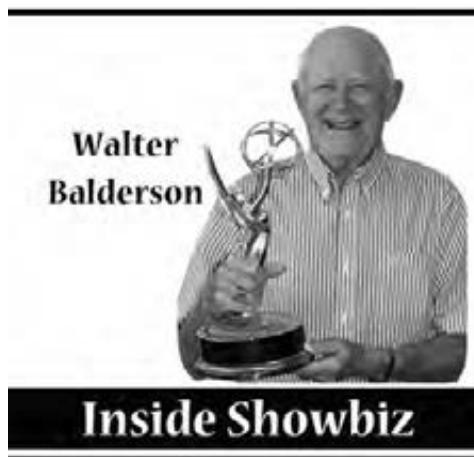
This songwriter got his start by landing a helicopter in Johnny Cash's backyard

Kristoffer Kristofferson was a graduate from Oxford University, had an IQ of 165, was a captain in the US Army, was a helicopter pilot, an actor and a songwriter.

Kristoffer, better known as "Kris," was born in Brownsville, Texas, in 1936 to Swedish parents. After leaving the Army, he became a songwriter. There are many ways to have your songs heard, but Kris chose to fly a helicopter and land in Johnny Cash's backyard.

As a result of that backyard intrusion, he offered Johnny his latest composition, "Sunday Morning Coming Down" which Johnny recorded.

Kris, as a songwriter, was on his



way.

Soon to follow was the song that really made his career take off. Janis Joplin and Roger Miller recorded "Me

and Bobbie McGee."

More great songs were to follow: "For the Good Times," "Help Me Make It Through The Night" and "Why Me Lord."

Kristoffer was inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 1985 and the American Veteran Awards named him Veteran of the Year in 2002. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Pomona College.

Barbara Streisand picked him to co-star with her in the movie "A Star is Born." He said the experience was so bad that it almost turned him against making movies.

Plagued with a drinking problem that caused two marriages to fail, he

gave up drinking in 1976.

Once hosting Saturday Night Live, he was so out of it during rehearsals, the staff had a standby tape to play in case he was unable to go on.

He claimed, as good friends, Mohammed Ali, Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson.

His second wife was Rita Coolidge, but the relationship ended in divorce caused by his drinking problem. They made several recordings together and had one child.

Now 80 years old, Kristoffer lives in Hawaii with his third wife. He says he can remember the lyrics to all his songs and occasionally accepts a club date.

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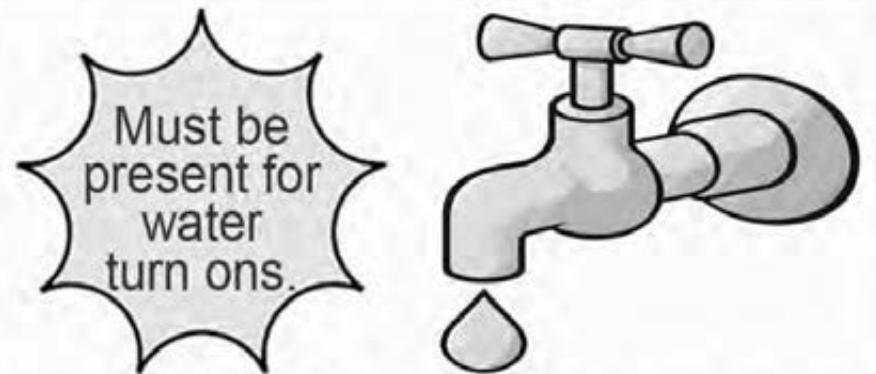
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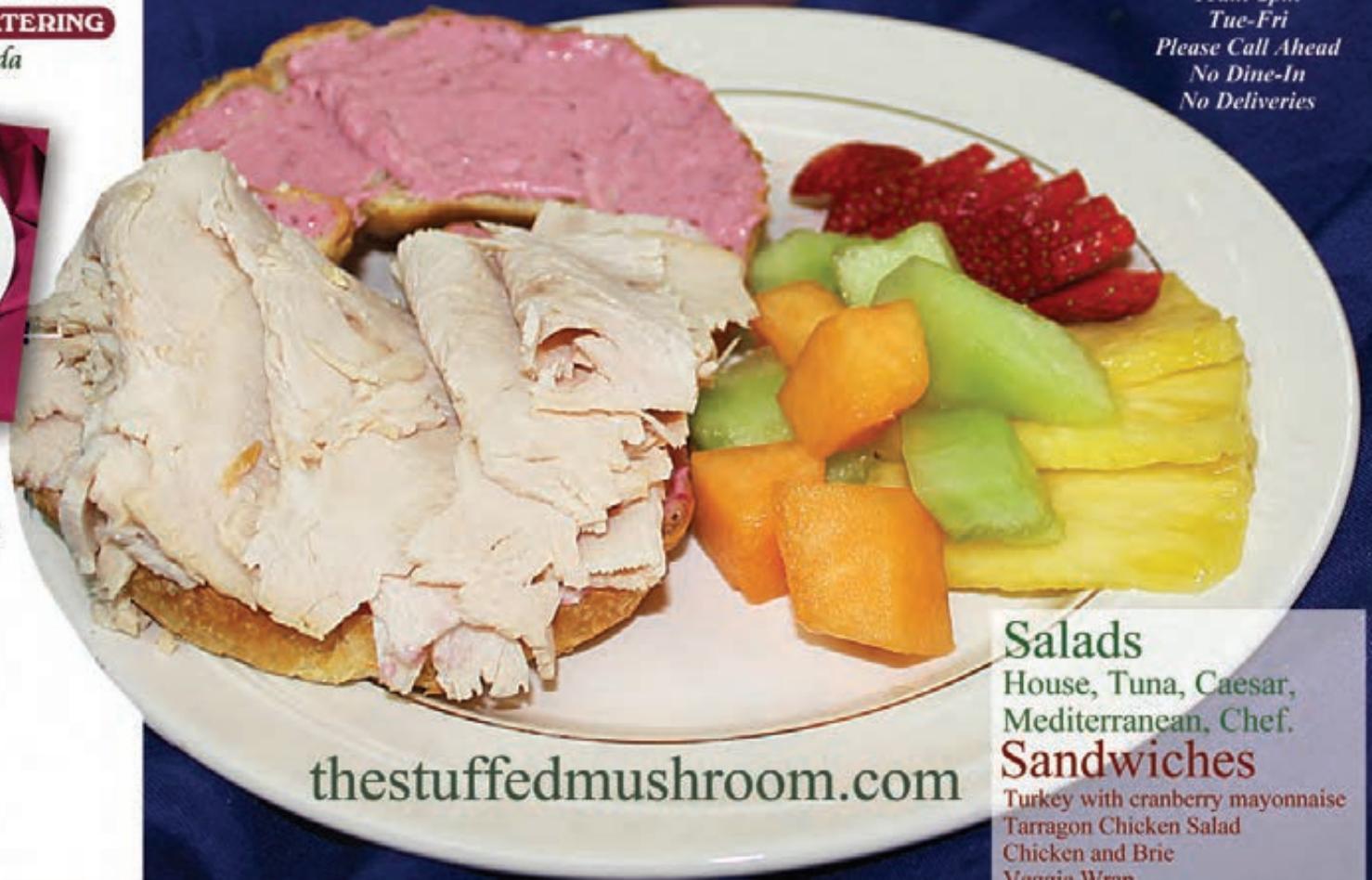


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Knitters get much appreciated 'thank you' from local nursing home

By Phyllis Butler



March was a very busy month for the Good Neighbors Knitting Group.

We made a delivery to one of our nursing homes and they reciprocated by inviting all of us to lunch.

With all our Snowbirds still here, it was a large bunch, but we all had a good time, and we certainly thank them.

While we enjoy creating and making our lap robes and are thankful to be able to give them to people who need them, it is nice to be appreciated in this way.

It was just one year ago that Anna Georgiadis joined our group. "Knitting is my therapy," she says.

She lives in Building 94 (Rio Riviera). She landed in "paradise" in late 2014 and says On Top of the World "is the closest thing to heaven!"

Anna started out crocheting all her lap robes for our group, but has gradually expanded into knitting, too. Her creations are always colorful and beautifully crafted. Besides making her own lap robes, she is always ready to help others who may be having trouble with a pattern. She also knits baby hats for Mease Countryside, hats for cancer patients and lap blankets for Hospice, all with a sec-

ond knit-crochet group she belongs to. We certainly consider Anna a welcome addition to our group.

If you ever take a walk in the Paradise section of OTOW, you might see Teddy and Flo, Anna's Yorkies.

Well, let me tell you, they are the delight!

Flo was one of the winners during the Halloween Pet Costume Contest in October.

The Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner. We really appreciate their help, as well as the donations from others who have extra or leftover yarn they no longer need.

If you knit or crochet we would love to have you join us in our efforts and our fellowship.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9 till 11 in the Veranda Room at the EAC. We make lap robes and shrugs, as well as walker caddies for residents at various nursing homes and the Veterans Hospital.



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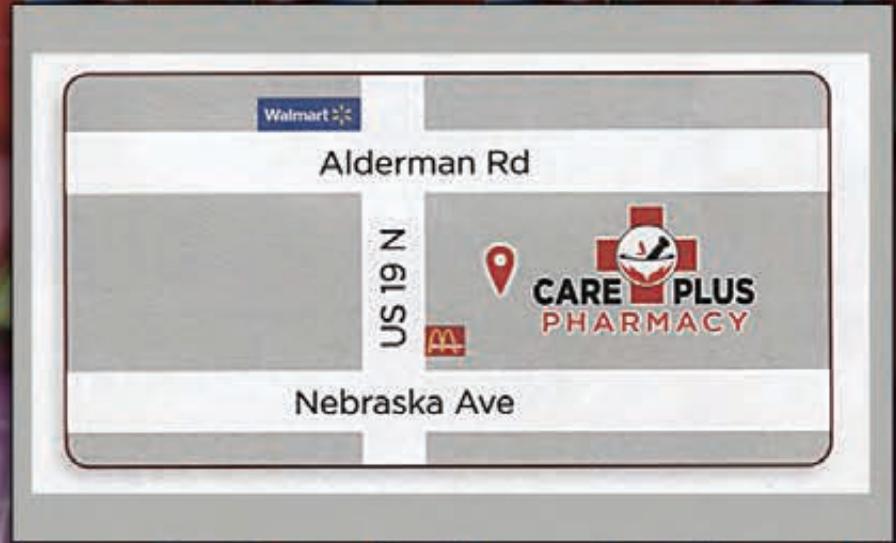
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



For first time, flea market and craft show will be one event April 16

Athenian Academy singers will perform here April 14



By Jim Bjorgo

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee has a treat in April.

Whether you are a regular to our free entertainment every second Thursday of the month, or if you have never been, you won't want to miss this event.

Performing Thursday, April 14, on our East Activity Center auditorium stage will be the Athenian Academy Charter School singers from right here in Clearwater.

This group is made up of students from third through eighth grade and they will be singing Greek and Spanish songs.

"They are very excited," said PTA President Patricia Calleijas.

Overall, the school will be represented by 15 singers.

The Athenian Academy is no stranger to entertaining. The kids go on frequent field trips and perform. When the official Greek Consulate is here from Greece, Athenian Academy is contacted to help give a royal welcome.



Pictured above is the Athenian Academy Charter School singers during a previous concert.

Our event will take place for about one hour, sometime between 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Get Acquainted Coffee is free to anyone who attends. There is free coffee and donuts, too.

The morning will start with community announcements, promotional news from monthly professional guests, then go to the morning entertainment and finish with raffle drawings.

Get Acquainted Coffee takes place every month, year round.

The month of March was historical for your Good Neighbors Association.

Our club participated in the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade on March 5.

We had a packed house for Opera Tampa at Get Acquainted Coffee on March 10.

The Salvation Army of Clearwater returned for an Easter Sunrise Service on March 27. The Army's band and chorus both performed for us.

April is full of more anticipation.

On Saturday, April 16, we will be hosting a Flea Market and Craft Show at the EAC in both the auditorium and the Starlite room. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is the first time these two events will be taking place on the same day and we're doing it to make it easier for shoppers and Good Neighbors staff.

As in the past, we will be offering our \$2 hot dog meal (hot dog with all the fixings, bag of chips and a bottle of water).

Our volunteer women will be selling 50/50 tickets for three drawings. Each winner must be present to win, no exceptions.

Tables for the flea market will be \$15 each and the craft show \$10 each.

Hosting tables will remain on sale April 4, 7, 11 and 14 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe.

If you are interested in being a part of these events, you are welcome to volunteer. Stop by the Good Neighbors table and ask what you can do to help!

Anytime you are in the auditorium, a reminder our Gift Shoppe is stocked with homemade crafts created by residents.

We have several new artisans and greeting card makers. Come see what's new.

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Boomers never took a break in March



By Ron Clement

The month of March roared in like a lion for the Baby Boomers and showed no signs of “lambing out.”

Participation in the Baby Boomers Club is, in a word, “booming.”

To get a head start on the month, 26 Boomers took advantage of leap year by spending Sadie Hawkins Day kayaking on the Chassahowitzka River.

Nearly 50 of us enjoyed an exclusive happy hour and movie at the Sunset Point Cinema Bar and Grill.

Lewis Michaels donned his kilt, played his accordion and led the Baby Boomers Club in the 2016 Irish Club Parade. Once again this year, the



The Baby Boomers pose for a photo after participating in the annual Irish Club parade.

Boomers demonstrated a literal meaning for March, as they entertained the parade route with song and enthusiasm. They were rewarded with corned beef sandwiches and more celebration at their after-parade party.

A group of 34 Boomers observed a sunset over the Gulf of Mexico, atop the roof of the Clearwater Public Library. Afterwards, several enjoyed dinner at O’Keefe’s Tavern and Grill.

We started bowling on Sundays at

Dunedin Lanes.

Monday golf outings continue, as well as daily mall walking and water walking on Tuesday and Thursday.

The Slow Spokes cycle the Ream Wilson Trail weekly, often taking a coffee break at Starbucks in Safety Harbor, before returning.

Our Silver Spokes took on the challenge of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail to have lunch at Whiskey Joe’s.

Whew!

After all that, it is no wonder we slow down on Tuesdays and enjoy a beverage and dollar burger at Bar Louie’s.

If any of this sounds like fun, come on out and join in. There is always room for more.

The Baby Boomers Club meets the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

OTOW residents really interested in DNA matching

By Anne B. Watkins

I think DNA has become a very popular topic, as our group swelled to twice its normal size this past month!

We were glad to see so many new faces and hope they will return April 11 when we will be holding a Genealogy Assistance Day.

Seasoned members of the group will have their computers available to help you with your genealogy questions, so bring in your family pedigree charts and we’ll see if we can help find that elusive ancestor!

At our March meeting, Shirley Perry managed to give us terrific insight into how to use our DNA results from Family Tree DNA, 23andme, and Ancestry.

Once you have your raw data from any of these three DNA vendors, you can then upload the results to a couple of other sites, namely DNAGedcom and GEDmatch.

By putting your data to those sites, you can find many more possible matches, since they come from multiple DNA providers.

And what will you find?

You may discover close family, such as parents and siblings, down to distant cousins, found by matching on the 23



Family History

chromosomes that make up your DNA.

Email addresses are provided for all your matches, so that you can get in touch with these people should you so choose.

If you and your matching person happen to subscribe to Ancestry, and both of you have uploaded a family tree there, your DNA matches will even show you which members you have in common on your respective trees.

DNA can provide surprising, and sometimes even unwelcome results, but all in all, it is a very useful tool for expanding your family history research.

Join us for Genealogy Assistance Day, 1-3 p.m., Monday, April 11 in the East Activity Center Computer Room.

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Snowbirds Club hosted 14 events in March

By John Koning

To say that March was a busy month for the Snowbirds Club is an understatement of the obvious.

There were 14 exciting events during the month. That's an average of almost one event every two days.

We took five charter bus trips to destinations as local as Tarpon Springs and as distant as New Orleans.

We enjoyed six high-quality shows from our local gem, Ruth Eckerd Hall, to Florida's Strawberry Festival, where we enjoyed the legendary sounds of Fabian, Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydel.

A highlight of the month was the bright, clear morning of March 5 when Dolly's Snowbirds Line Dancing Club joined the On Top of the World Line Dancing Club in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Our entry included a specially choreographed parade dance by Pat Koning, a rollerblading leprechaun, a baton twirler and a Pontiac collector car carrying co-presidents Ed and



Snowbirds volunteer and tour bus narrator, Toni Reinwald (left), chats with members Terry and Susan Meyers during our tour of St. Petersburg. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Dolly Foland.

Another highlight of the month was the Thunderbirds Air Show out of MacDill Air Force Base. We watched the spectacular show from the top deck of the luxurious Yatch Starship

as the Air Force's daredevils screamed overhead, passing terrifyingly close to us and each other. We enjoyed a delicious buffet as an added bonus to a beautiful day on Tampa Bay.

We topped off the month with



Snowbirds Club

our final Snowbirds Club pig roast and Luau. By all accounts, our musical guest, At Large, was entertaining, the food and drink were delicious and the evening was memorable.

Well, that's not exactly true. There were at least two pigs who thought the evening was a bad idea. I guess you can't keep everyone happy.

To those who will be traveling north, we wish you a safe and happy trip. To those who are staying, we wish you peace and tranquility. You have earned it.

Thank you for supporting your OTOW Snowbirds Club. Aloha!

Meetings taking place to recruit new building coordinators and better prepare current coordinators

A Building Coordinator Project at On Top of the World is a resident-led project for all 91 buildings.

The project encourages owners or Association-approved renters to learn how to work together as a neighborhood.

The Building Coordinator role can help support a positive community culture in each building and throughout the OTOW community.

Two Building Coordinator Project meetings have already taken place: a planning meeting and a meeting with all known coordinators (or captains as many still call them). There were 31 buildings represented at our last project meeting in February.

At that meeting, residents shared successful building activities and ways



Building Coordinators

to set up communication to building residents. Current coordinators also shared strategies for working together

as neighbors on our common spaces, including trash rooms, laundry areas, walkways, parking lots, and storage spaces.

Specific "do's and don'ts" for coordinators and other building volunteers were also identified.

At the second meeting, documents offering helpful information about the OTOW community and the greater community were distributed. These documents could assist both current and new residents in each building.

The next Building Coordinator Project meeting is April 18, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Craft Room. After that meeting, the plan is to have an annual meeting for Building Coordinators and other building volunteers to share ideas and activities

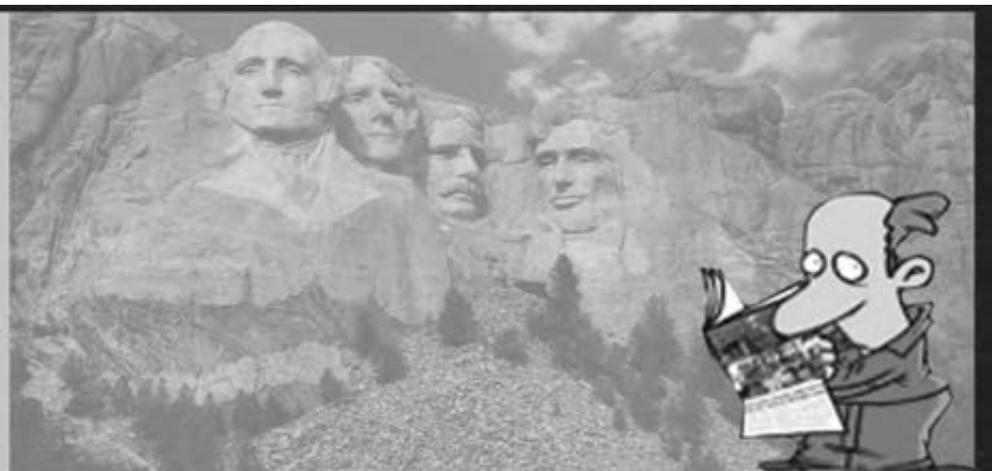
that residents enjoy.

Of the 91 buildings at On Top of the World, the following buildings still need a coordinator: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 38, 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, 54, 55, 58, 59, 61, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 76, 66, 80, 81, 85, 86, 87, 91, 92, 93, 95.

If you are the current Building Coordinator or if you are interested in the Building Coordinator role for one of the buildings listed above, please contact Nancy at the Community Service Office and give her your name, email address or phone number, and building number.

Look for future information and meeting dates on the OTOW Box Office Website. Our logo appears on the home page.

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Line dancers go Irish for St Patrick's Day parade



Line Dancing

By Antoinette d'Oronzio

On the day of the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade, everyone is Irish and everyone has a good time.

This included 21 line dancers.

A combined group from the On Top of the World Snowbirds Club and the OTOW Line Dancing Club stepped out to strut their stuff. They were joined by some members in a decorated golf cart, some on a float, and some carrying banners of the two clubs.

Ed and Dolly Foland, co-presidents of the Snowbirds Club, followed in a convertible, and a tall, rollerblading leprechaun, John Koning, president of the OTOW Line Dancing Club, swooped and weaved along the route.

The line dancers have been a parade feature for many years. This year they performed two dances and, in between, marched and clapped to Irish music.

One of the numbers they danced to at the grandstand and at the end of the parade is called "Stealing the Best" and is done to the song "Dance Above the Rainbow."

It's a sight to see, with the lines of dancers dancing the steps in one direction, making a precise quarter turn each time and repeating the sequence of steps in place.

The other dance is called "The Boy from Ballymore." Pat Koning created new choreography for it this year.

In the past, the problem with using the usual choreography of line dances in a parade was that the dances are designed to be performed in place. But Pat worked out new steps that propel the troupe forward.



On Top of the World Line Dance Club President John Koning celebrates his 60th birthday on March 19 as club members surprised him with cakes. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

"It's such an improvement," said Carol Babini, one of the dancers. "Now we don't have to try to catch up to the rest of the parade after we do our dance. And we can do it over and over."

The dance has typical, traditional Irish features, a style of dancing similar to that of the troupe River Dance, in which the arms are mostly held straight down against the sides of the body.

A few years ago, our line dancers wore black pants, but then Sheila Bonomo, born and bred in Ireland, joined the group and informed us that there is a superstition in Ireland that it's bad luck to wear black on St. Patrick's Day.

Even widows, who dress entirely in black the rest of the year, abandon

that color on that day to wear the colors of the Irish flag: green, gold, and white.

So now the dancers wear white tops and pants and all wear matching socks decorated with shamrocks.

Two weeks after the Irish Club parade, our leprechaun celebrated a special day.

The line dancers held a surprise birthday party for the club's president at the end of one of the regular Saturday sessions in March.

A number of dancers brought in a cart with a birthday hat and multiple birthday cakes as everyone sang "Happy birthday, Mr. President."

We put on some music and everyone got in a circle as John danced with one and then another of the club members.

It was a time to celebrate John's 60th, but also a time to express our appreciation to John and his wife Pat for the work they do and the enthusiasm they bring to the club.

Step sheets for the dances are at the Line Dancing Club Website: sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing.

You can also visit our club page on the Box Office Website.

Line dance videos of the general sessions are on the OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 at about 7 p.m. You can dance along in the privacy of your own home.

We meet and dance at the East Activity Center on Saturdays starting at 8:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays starting at 1 p.m. There will be no session on Saturday, April 16, because of the craft fair in the auditorium.



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Hoosier Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day with golf

By Mary Beth Hufty

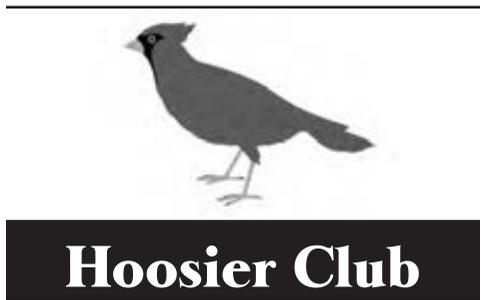
President Wad Candler opened our March meeting attended by 28 members.

Ann Stewart reminded the group of the grand finale of our club year, the Hoosier Club golf scramble, which took place on March 17.

After the golf tourney, we had a fried chicken dinner in the Sunrise Room.

Ann and Jim Stewart have coordinated this event for eight years and the club appreciates their time and generosity.

February's socials included our annual euchre tournament coordinated by Bill House. Norm Thompson won first place with 45 points, Laura Greene, a guest of the Thompsons,



claimed second place with 42 points, Anna Hyden was third with 38 points, and Dan Burress edged out Van Bradley for low.

Norm and Laura shared the most lones with two each.

More than 40 people met for fun and fellowship Feb. 25 at Queens Pizzeria.

April events will close our club year until November.

In a prior article, I shared a story about Richard "Red" Skelton, a beloved comedian who also hailed from my hometown of Vincennes, Ind. One of his amusing schticks included his recipe for a perfect marriage:

Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays and I go on Fridays.

We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.

I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been for a long time," she said. I suggested the kitchen.

We always hold hands. If I let go

she shops. She has an electric blender, electric toaster, and an electric bread maker.

"There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down" she complained.

So, I bought her an electric chair.

She got a mud-pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was always.

She ran after the garbage truck yelling "Am I too late?" The driver yelled, "No, jump in."

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

Red's humor was clean, simple fun. He always ended his programs with the words, "And may God bless"

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No excuse not to exercise this spring

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Healthy Living Club members enjoyed a March bike/hike in Walsingham Park in Largo, organized by Joe Santosuosso.

Some bikers rode the distance to and from the park, while others walked in the park. We reconvened for a picnic at the end of the walk.

We also learned how to access the many online resources and free databases at the Countryside Library.

Those interested in "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls," may come to the second class, if it is not full. This class began on Wednesday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Art Room and meets every Wednesday for eight weeks.

There are also many free online classes on the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Website. For Os her Lifelong Learning (OLLI) courses there are modest fees. Links to OLLI and MOOC are on the Healthy Living Box Office site.

All exercise classes at On Top of the World are open to all residents. A listing of all exercise classes is in the OTOW newspaper on pages 12-13.

Healthy Living Club

Also, from the comfort of your home, you can join the Better Balance class on OTOW-TV every day at around 7 a.m. and noon.

The highly qualified instructors, Cammy and Jessica, from On Top of the World-Ocala, teach exercise classes on balance and posture, two important areas for aging adults.

The Healthy Living Club will send out emails on events to current members. If you would like to become a member during the summer. Our next meeting will be in October. Our first 2017 course, Healthy Eating Every Day (HEED) will be in January 2017.

You can visit the Healthy Living Web Page by going to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the link for "Club Pages." Look for our logo.



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Jesters appreciation dinner set for this month and then planning for 2017 show will begin

By Sue Calinski

What do the Jesters do after their annual show?

First, we rest and get back into the swing of our normal lives.

Then we begin the planning process for next year's show!

During the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade, we were overwhelmed by all who wished us well and expressed their appreciation for our 2016 show. We have had so much positive feedback from you about this year's show that we are striving to make the 2017 show even more spectacular, sharing more of our On Top of the World talents.

If you have ever thought about joining the Jesters, this is a great time to do so. The cost for membership is \$5 per year and the benefits are tremendous.



Jesters members really share many friendships and have a strong bond with each other. We welcome new people to our group and soon you'll be right in the middle of the chaos with the rest of us!

There are so many talented people at OTOW. It seems most everyone has something they do well that would help support the Jesters in our efforts to bring you the finest show.

- Do you sing or dance?
- Do you like to sew?
- How about helping paint or build set decorations?
- Or gather props?



'Singing In The Rain' was one of many scenes in The Jesters show from this past February.

Whatever your special talent is, we can put it to good use. It is the new people and ideas that keep Jesters shows fresh and innovative. We like to try things that haven't been done before, often putting a

modern spin on an old idea.

The Jesters would love to have you join our group!

At our April monthly meeting, we will hold an Appreciation and Installation Dinner for members. New officers for the 2016-2017 year will be installed at this time.

We will also express our appreciation to each Jesters member for lending us their time, talent, and experience that made this show such a great success. The dinner meeting will be held in the EAC Auditorium on April 12 from 5-9 p.m. Tickets for Jesters members will be \$15.

It's official: The New Jesters have arrived!

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Fixers rediscover advantages of hand tools



Fixers Club

By Doug Erickson

In a recent training program, Fixers Club members were introduced to the STAR concept used to enhance shop safety.

Stop (before taking an action),
Think (before proceeding),
Act (execute an action), and
Review (consider what you did and learn from it).

Shop safety continues to be an element of utmost importance to our members.

In analyzing our modern shop operations, we realized we have gravitated to using power tools and abandoned time-honored hand methods.



Steve Sutton admires his grandfather's hand plane. This tool was used to shape wood, often to smooth or flatten.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Erickson)

We have "Stopped and Thought" about our work methods. Members are "Acting" by using hand tools rather than power tools whenever possible, and in "Review" we have found hand tools can be safer, create far less dust,

are quieter, in some cases faster, and often do a better job.

Steve Sutton is pictured above holding a wood plane made by his grandfather in 1880. It was common for tradespersons of that era to make some of

their own tools. Their toolkit consisted of a hammer, saw, plumb-bob, plane, square, fold-up measuring rule, chisels and cabinet scrapers. Apprentices would have to learn how to sharpen their tools in order to do quality work.

A hand tool our members are rediscovering is the cabinet scraper, which requires the user to acquire sharpening skills in order for them to perform effectively. These take the place of sandpaper and do a better job.

Remember, those finely finished pieces of antique furniture were done without power sanders and sandpaper.

A member remarked that the quality of work he produced with a scraper was far better than sanding.

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Shine up those boots - we're going country

By Dave Beaven

Lambda Club is going country this month.

On Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m., in the Art Room, it's Country Night.

Get out your boots and blue jeans, and come out for a foot-stomping time.

The club boom box will be belting out solid gold country music, and the bar will be serving Country Dew Punch. One drink of that and you'll be speaking with a real country drawl.

Don't forget our Lambda buffet. Our members always do a fine job on stocking it. Looking forward to some Southern comfort food to chow down on.

Many of us in On Top of the World are from other areas. It can be a bit of a culture shock to live in the



Lambda

South. As a public service, I'm presenting some tips on country/southern customs. Study them in preparation for Country Night. Even if you don't come, they'll be useful. Here are some samples:

- Get used to hearing, "You ain't from around here, are you?"

- If you hear a Southerner exclaim, "Hey, y'all, watch this!" stay out of his way. These are likely the last words he will ever say.

- Save all manner of bacon grease. You will be instructed later on how to use it.

For the complete list, go to our club's Webpage.

Speaking of country, Lambda Club is taking a little trip to the great outdoors of Philippe Park in Safety Harbor this month.

On Sunday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m., we have reserved Shelter 5 for a picnic. Attendees are asked to bring something to share. RSVP what you're bringing. I will keep track of the developing menu on our Webpage. Hope to see you there or at one of our other activities this month.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for

various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

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:

lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

We are also on the Box Office, OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

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Picnic at Philippe Park

By Jerry Kaplano

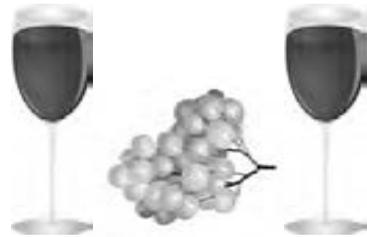
Everybody had a great meal at our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on March 16 in the East Activity Center.

On April 8, from noon to 3 p.m., we will be at Shelter No. 2 in Philippe Park, where we will have an old fashion picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, potato salad and dessert.

For fun, there will be a little horse racing. Please BYO non-alcoholic beverage.

Cost for members is \$5 and non-members is \$7.

On April 20, at 6 p.m., in the EAC, we will have a pizza party, followed by



Italian American

a monthly meeting. Cost to members is \$4 and non-members is \$6. Byob.

Tickets will be sold Mondays and Thursdays at the EAC from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

It took a great group of people to stage one of the best parades ever

Did you know it costs \$3500-\$4000 to pull off the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade?

Did you know many individuals and businesses stepped forward this year to help make the event possible.

"This year's St. Patrick's Day parade was one of the most successful to date thanks to the small army of volunteers from the On Top of the World Irish Club and many others who are not Irish Club members," said Parade Chairman Mike Cooper.

"OTOW management was supportive again this year. Sharon Licata, Dessa Barabba, Nancy Rogers and their staff, as well as Mike Boothe and his security team were very helpful."

Clearwater Towing Service donated the use of three trucks this year and Dayton Andrews lent a convertible.

Over the past two years, the Irish Club has received financial donations to help put the parade on.

You may have seen some of the donors this year. They were in the parade.

They were: Dr. Russell Janssen on Landmark Drive; Dr Scott Ray on Sunset Point Road; Scott's Pharmacy on Hercules Ave; Florida West Coast Irish Club-Dunedin; the OTOW Baby Boomers Club; OTOW Coffee Corner; OTOW Good Neighbors Club; OTOW Line Dancing Club; OTOW



Irish Club

New York / New Jersey Club; OTOW Ronald Reagan Republican Club and the OTOW Snowbirds Club, plus Vicky and Tom Portsmouth.

"Thank you to all the participants and spectators for your support!" Mike said.

"I think that the 2016 St Patrick's Day Parade, led by Mike Stack, the Grand Marshal, was the best parade to date," said Rose Mulhall of the Irish Club. "Hats off to Mike Cooper and his committee for a job well done."

The Irish Club is looking forward to its last event of the season, its annual picnic April 4. Hope to see all our members and friends in attendance.

"We had a very successful season," Rose said. "Thanks to all our hard working volunteers."

Dance class returns in April

Have you found it difficult in the past to learn how to dance?

Now you can try "Learn to Dance" with Noland Shade.

Noland's slow-pace, repeated-pace style of teaching returns on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room, starting in April.

This is a class for people with two left feet, two right feet or two rusty feet. You will learn to dance from a solid foundation.

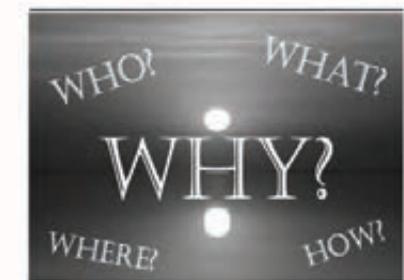
The first dance is a waltz. Other dances will be added each month. Partners are not necessary, but are welcome. This is a social dance class - six to eight men are needed to make the class successful. Please volunteer for 30 minutes a week.



Noland Shade

Tea for 2 or 22?

Gloria Mitchell held her annual tea party last month. Gloria is passionate about entertaining and many of her friends look forward all year to this annual event. It's always fun getting dressed up and meeting other ladies from inside and outside our community to enjoy one of Gloria's prized meals. Also enjoyed by all were home-baked Irish soda scones courtesy of Brid Mitchell (no relation) and chocolate-dipped strawberries from Elsie Jane.



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

Morning exercises in EAC gym

If you are interested in staying fit, come join us at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center gym.

There are exercise, fitness and step classes for all levels. The music will get you moving. It's a fun way to start your day and meet other residents. It's also a way to stay fit and active.

We work on building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting and cardio fitness.

Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

With the Large Card Room in the EAC still under construction, we also meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings

in the Yellow Room for the co-ed Fun Fitness workout.

In addition to the above, we have added a co-ed step class on Fridays at 11 a.m. in the EAC gym.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

Bonesavers Classes in Art Room

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tufts University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise

to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

Club praying for America

There is a new club at On Top of the World called "Pray for America."

This group will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

It is open to all residents.

The club is a concerned group of residents who "care about our country." Such discussion topics include terrorism, drugs, crime, the failing economy and moral decline.

The group will discuss issues about

family, community and the country, and will pray for individuals and corporate issues.

For more information, call 647-6467.

County Commissioner gets warm welcome during Irish Club parade - now you know who to ask questions

By Donna Lukas

Did you know that our On Top of the World complex is located in the unincorporated portion of Pinellas County?

What does that mean for us politically?

It means that we cannot vote in city elections. The County Board of Commissioners is our first line of elected government officials.

That's one of the reasons we chose to have Commissioner Charlie Justice, chairman of the Pinellas County Board, ride with Democratic Club members in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Thanks to all the residents who gave Charlie friendly greetings. Some even took the opportunity to ask questions about our \$2 billion county budget.

Our members who handed out candy and lucky coins were also appreciated.

If you want more in-depth discussion of county government, come to our next meeting on Thursday, April 14, at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Our scheduled speaker is Commissioner Janet C. Long.

At our March meeting, we elected the following officers: President



Democratic Club

Donna Lukas, Vice President Ron Baltrunas, Treasurer Jack Starr, Secretary Elizabeth Ingham and Parliamentarian Jim Schelling.

Guest speaker Rae Claire Johnson gave us a lot of information on the repercussions of the Citizens United Supreme Court case and invited us to participate in three days of protest in Washington, D.C. on April 16-18. You may visit www.democracyawakening.org for more information.

Member Ron Baltrunas led a lively discussion about the pros and cons of changing to a single-payer healthcare system. One solution offered is the removal of age qualifications from Medicare health insurance.

April 23 offers another local opportunity to mingle with Democratic candidates and office holders at the



County Commissioner Charlie Justice and his daughter ride in the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade. The club driver is Donna Lukas.

"Politics in the Park" picnic sponsored by the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club. The \$10 event runs from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Pavilion 4 in Taylor Lake Park (across from Pinecrest

golf on 8th Ave. S.) Tickets may be obtained from Bob Glass 319-6031 or Bill Walker 239-0563. All proceeds go into a Victory Fund for Democratic candidates.

New Sun-Moon Yoga classes start April 7

A new Hatha Yoga Class begins April 7 at On Top of the World.

"Hatha" is often translated to "sun-moon" referring to the union or integration of opposites, such as masculine and feminine, hard and soft,

mind and body, right and left.

Sun Moon Yoga emphasizes postural alignment and form, breath with movement, builds strength and flexibility, and cultivates a sense of graceful peace and well-being.

This class will meet 9 a.m., Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Craft Room and will go all spring and summer.

For more information, call Marilyn at 239-464-9421.

Appreciation Luncheon

Thirty-four ladies from the 8 a.m. morning exercise class got together in March for an Appreciation Luncheon to thank instructors Barb Sundberg, Mina Osborne and Carol Babini. The luncheon took place at the First Watch restaurant.



Canadians get last taste of beach before crossing border

By Rick McLauchlan

Spring officially arrived on March 20, but the Canadian Club made the season arrive early with a Spring Fling on Thursday, March 10.

The spring theme was highlighted by flip flops and beach life, with sand, shells and votive candles.

Definitely a “beach side” ambience.

Members and guests, numbering 292, ate pizza and danced the night away, well until 9:30 p.m.

Many members enjoyed our annual trek to Dunedin to cheer on our Toronto Blue Jays as they faced the Houston Astros. At the time of sub-



mitting this report, we are still confident that day will result in a win for our “Boys of Summer.”

Our spring celebration continued with a successful extended-Happy Hour/Cabaret on March 18.

Karaoke was the main feature of our final social event of the season,

and again, lots of “pot luck” food was enjoyed by all.

The annual General Meeting for the club was held on Wednesday, March 30 in the auditorium. Reports of the year’s activities were given and the 2016-17 Executive Board was elected. The results of that election will be reported in our May article.

Remember, Canadians should proactively complete and file a new 8840 form “Closer Connection Exemption Statement for Aliens” each year with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. This is a positive acknowledgment that you are entering the U.S. each year as a “temporary visitor for pleasure” and

are complying with U.S. tax laws.

A photocopy of each year’s completed form should also be carried, when crossing the border into the U.S. the following year, to indicate that you are entering the U.S. as a temporary visitor from Canada.

You can obtain “fillable” copies of this form at <http://www.snowbirds.org/tax-forms>

If you are renters who have leases for at least six months, you must obtain permission of your landlord to obtain an OTOW recreation card. Forms are available from the Community Service Office.

Three restaurants in three months for red hatters

By Charlyn Miller

It has been a while since we had exciting happenings with the Rosy Hattitudes, however every member is very active and enjoying our club.

Nancy Geyer hosted the January meeting as we all met at the Grill Smith for lunch. Two Rosy Hatters celebrated their birthdays with dessert furnished by Grill Smith.

Shirley Crowder hosted the February meeting. We all gathered at the Wildflower restaurant for another fun-filled luncheon. Hearts with arrows were presented to all members along with candy hearts. Two Rosy Hatters celebrated their birthdays and Wild Flower presented the birthday dessert. They also gave us a sample of their desserts and we had many laughs with Pat Dooley and Marian as they battled



Rosy Hattitudes

about who got the blackberry.

The waitress settled it with one large blackberry given to Marian.

March’s meeting was held at O’Keefe’s. The theme was St. Patrick’s with a garland of green clovers and leprechauns. Green hats were filled with Irish candy and gold coins were given to each guest.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Crab Shack and hosted by Jeanne Grant.

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John Koning

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Jan and Doug Springer have been entertaining audiences with music, song and dance for the past 30 years.

Our On Top of the World community is home to many talented people. Have you ever wondered where such talent comes from?

Well, this is a story that should answer one of those questions. It's the story of Jan and Doug Springer, two dyed-in-the-wool entertainers.

Jan Springer was a 20-year-old single girl in Kalamazoo, Mich., when a friend asked if she could invite her brother, Doug, to go bowling with them. He had just returned from military service and his sister wanted him to socialize.

When asked, Jan looked her straight in the eye and said, "Invite whoever you want. I'm not going to marry the guy!"

One year later, Jan and Doug tied the knot.

We've all known marriages, especially in show business, that have crashed and burned, because of fame, infidelity and drugs. I can happily report that 47 years later, Jan and Doug are still going strong, despite the fact that, at the time of their retirement, they were actively making drugs.

Wait! Don't jump to the wrong conclusion.

Both of them worked for Pfizer, where Doug was a shift supervisor in the manufacture of the active ingredients in some of our most potent pharmaceuticals. The products were so volatile that staff worked in fully encapsulated suits inside a blast control room.

Jan and her sister started gymnastics, tap dancing and ballet dancing when Jan was 4 years old. Jan tolerated gymnastics, but loved tap and ballet. She danced pointe from age 12 until 17.

In the '50s, Jan and her fellow dancers were featured tap dancers on local television.

She still tap dances today, and is quick to point out that dancing is more fun as an adult than it was as a child.

Jan has a brag sheet of her plays and performances that is as long as your arm. The list runs from 1980 until 2014 and reads like a who's who of song and dance, with names like Carmen, Ten Little Indians, Lend Me a Tenor and Christmas Carol. There are many more.

She was the choreographer for Vicksburg, Michigan's Main Street Revue from 1989 until she retired in 2014.

Jan loves dance of all kinds and her repertoire also includes hula, ballroom and belly dancing. Here at OTOW she has added line dancing to her list.

It's safe to say that Doug is not a dancer, although lately he has ventured far beyond his comfort zone thanks to Ed Foland's class for people with two left feet. Now, whenever Electric Slide bursts from the speakers, Doug appears on the dance floor.

Doug's true talent lies in his rich and powerful voice. He has been showcasing those pipes for more than 36 years in Vicksburg Rotary's Showboat. It is a variety show based on the template of paddle wheeler entertainment on the rivers of America starting as early as 1914.

Doug joined up after his return from military service and has never missed a year with the cast since. He moved up from a chorus position to captain – that's code for more lines, more solos and more work.

During the '80s, Doug and three friends formed a band called Endless Summer. As the name suggests, they featured the music of The Beach Boys, but their repertoire was much wider. Doug is one of two founding members left. They still do a few gigs when he heads back home to Michigan in the summer.

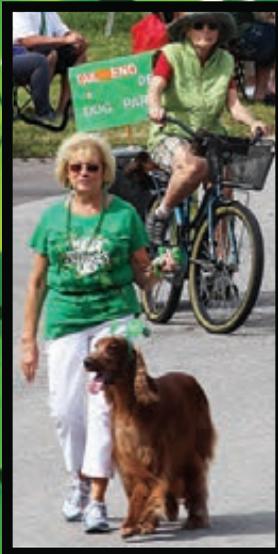
In addition to his beautiful wife and belting out songs, Doug has another love in his life. That is his love for tractors. In the great scheme of things, it might be dangerous to speculate on where tractors place on his list of greatest loves. According to Doug, nothing runs like a Deere. Not even Jan.

Jan and Doug have been coming to OTOW for 34 years, first as visitors to Doug's parent's unit on Ecuadorian Way and now as second generation seasonal residents.

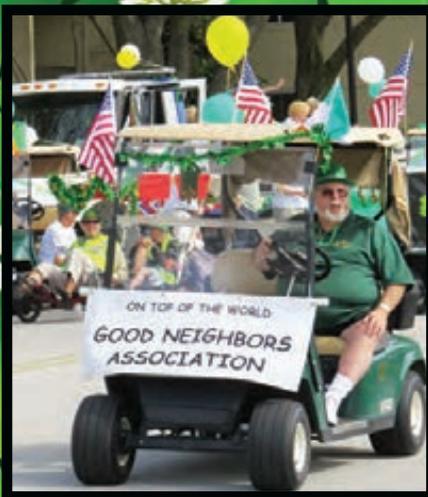
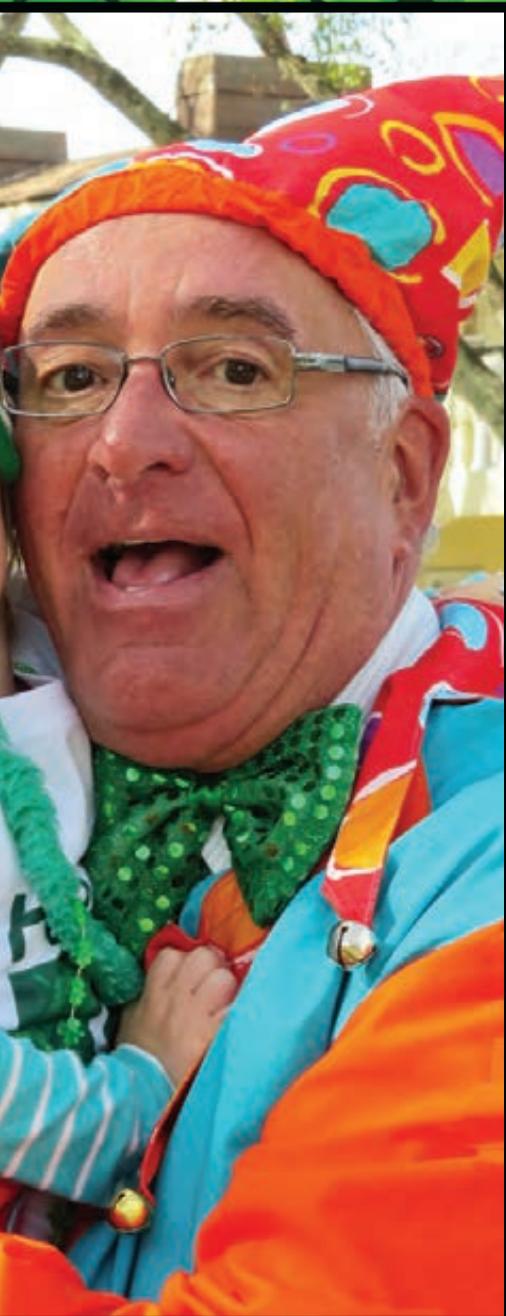
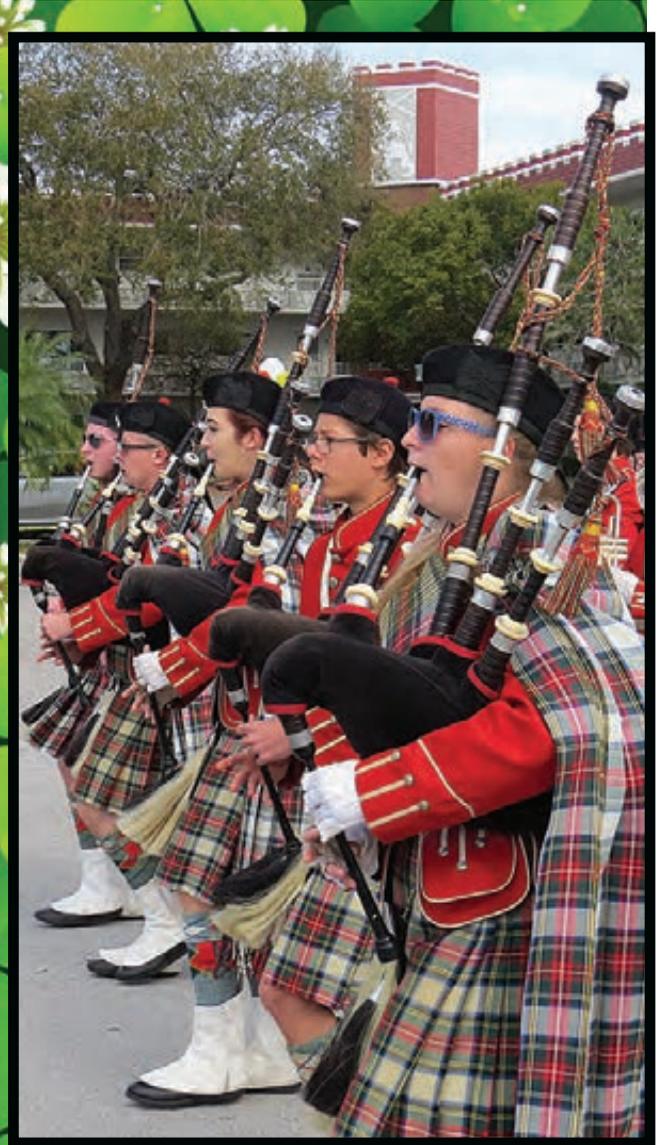
For Doug, there is a bonus to our sunny, southern location. It places him an easy two hour car ride from the Florida Flywheelers, in Fort Meade. It's there where he gets his regular fix of all things tractor.



2016 Irish Club Parade



OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall, Bonnie Hewitt, Barbara Rice, Ed Foland and Tim Amdor. More photos appear in the 2016 OTOW-TV parade video.





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Republican Club hears wonderful story about Pakistan native who voted here for first time



By Esta Lee Schwartz

Jeremiah Khokhar, photographer and media specialist, was the guest speaker at our March meeting.

Jeremiah has an interesting background. Originally, from Pakistan, he came to America after college to find a future, and he became a photographer as well as creator of #ClearGram – an information site for members of an artistic community.

He became a citizen and is proud to discuss how he came to the Pinellas area and connected with the Republican establishment. He received a round of applause when he stated he voted for the first time in this primary.

Look him up on Facebook or on line.

Lee Hooper, club member, brought us information on Crime Stoppers and handed out brochures. The most important aspect of this brochure is how to report something anonymously.



Pictured above is Jeremiah Khokhar, who told members of our Republican Club, an interesting story of his journey to America and how he voted for the first time as a citizen.

(OTOW News photo by Esta Lee Schwartz)

“Be a Hero” is the motto.

There is also an award program. This is very important for children as well.

We had a good turnout for the Irish Club Parade. Many of the representatives running for re-election came to

help. They were Dr. Ken Paluso, Mike Mikurak, Michael Twitty, David Jolly and Ed Hooper.

The parade was great fun and we decorated carts. We gave out candy and beads with the help of several volunteers. It was a beautiful day to be

together.

Several of the members showed up as well. Bea Pacelli did a great job (although nervous) driving one of the carts. Ed and Lee Hooper carried the banner.

Also in March, elections for new officers took place, but since there were no challengers, the board remained as is for another year.

The Republican Club is always trying to add volunteers to the club. Board members actually attend two meetings per month and donate about four hours total per month. All positions are up for re-election and discussed at this meeting prior to voting.

Our club has some excellent speakers in the upcoming months.

On April 15, we have a very interesting speaker – Ken Burke, CPA, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Pinellas County.

Anyone from the community is permitted to listen to our guest speakers.

For more information, last minute changes or additions, check your bulletin boards, visit the Republican Webpage on the OTOW Box Office site or visit us on Facebook - Ronald Reagan Republican Club of On Top of the World.

Please read all emails that come from suemarvlaz@gmail.com as they will contain the basic agenda for our next meeting.

We only need a summer to cope with withdrawal

By Lilli Scheifen

We thank each and every one of you for attending our production, “Las Vegas: The Sands of Time Revue.”

We hope you had a great time.

A big shout out to our many sponsors, whose support helped to defer the costs of our production.

Since January, under the direction of our President Will Peterson, we had been preparing our annual show, but before you could say “Afghanistan Banana Stand” (try that 10 times) it was over.

There are only so many words to describe the feeling one gets when this comes to an end.

Of course, there are the usual “Thank goodness it’s over” and “That’s it for me.”



Theater Workshop

But there’s also “What am I going to do with all my free time?” and “I will miss the fun, the work and my fellow performers.”

The cast, again, wants to thank our president, who slew the dragon, our beautiful and handsome dancers and their instructor, Joyce.

Our singers and comics were wonderful. Our brides and grooms will never forget Elvis.

We salute all our members who worked endless hours behind the scenes. Quarterbacks get the glory, but they would be nothing without their linemen.

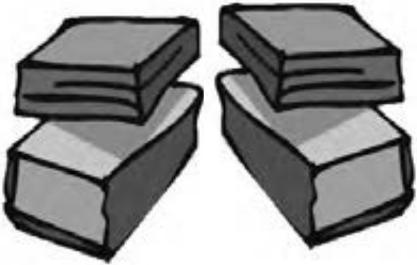
Thus, this is our time to look back and reflect - veterans and newcomers - we all love our club and appreciate the privilege of entertaining our fellow OTOW neighbors.

After our Installation Dinner, where we will install our new Board members, we will be on hiatus until September, when we meet to plot our next show.

We hope you will again support our efforts.



New books arrive from authors such as Mary Chamberlain, Rita Sepetys, Karen White and James Patterson



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Library News

Spring has arrived and with it 12 new books at the library.

We have two new books that are set during World War II. "The Dressmaker's War" by Mary Chamberlain is a story of a British seamstress, who goes to Paris to work prior to the Nazi invasion. But when war breaks out, she is abandoned by her Austrian lover. She becomes a prisoner of the Germans.

In "Salt to the Sea," Rita Sepetys tells a story of four teens from various countries who are trying to escape to freedom by sea during a Soviet invasion.

"The Forgotten Room" by Karen White, Beatriz Williams and Lauren Willig is a multigenerational story based in New York City spanning 50 years.

Also, if you've been watching the PBS Series "Mercy Street" this past winter, you may enjoy Pamela Toler's "Heroines of Mercy Street," based on letters and diaries of nurses who cared for soldiers during the Civil War.

"The Expatriates" by Janice Y.K. Lee is a novel about women, who choose to relocate to Hong Kong, and find their lives crossing in several ways. "Spring at Moss Hill" by Carla Neggers returns to Swift River Valley and Danielle Steel has a new novel entitled "Blue."

Prolific author James Patterson has published "NYPD RED 4," another in the series about the elite task force that handles crimes affecting the rich and famous.

Jonathan Kellerman has added the 31st Alex Delaware thriller, "Break-

down" and J.D. Robb's "Brotherhood in Death" is the 42nd in that series.

Lisa Gardner and Detective D. Warren have a thriller "Find Her," about a young college woman who was kidnapped and held for 472 days.

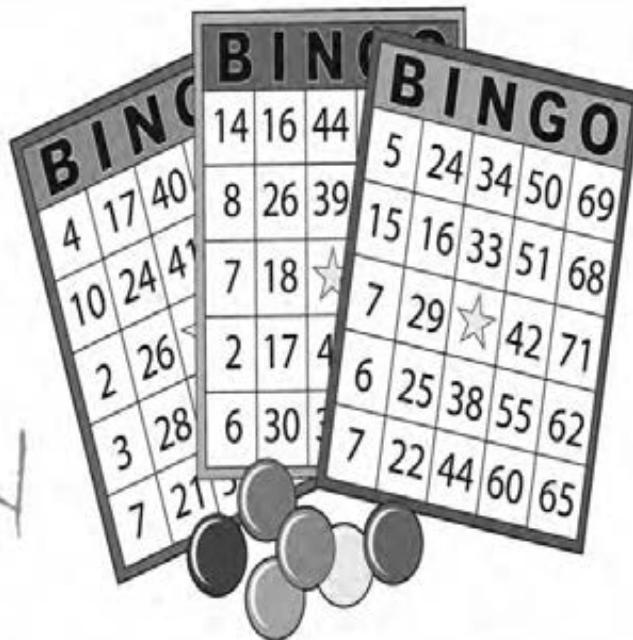
Emily Barnes has a series debut, "The Fine Art of Murder" featuring Katherine Sullivan as a grandmother and former police chief who returns to her hometown, only to encounter a murder.

As you can see, there is something for everyone at the OTOW library.

We also have great buys on gently used books, perfect for a trip or to read around the pool.

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NY / NJ Club

Chicken with fixings on the picnic menu

The New York/New Jersey Club will be having a picnic April 27.

Come for a chicken dinner with all of the fixings.

Afterwards, enjoy some picnic-type games and compete with your friends.

The picnic will begin at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our May meeting will be our tribute to our military members living at On Top of the World. That meeting will be held on May 25 at 6 pm. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Join us whether you are from New York, New Jersey or somewhere else..

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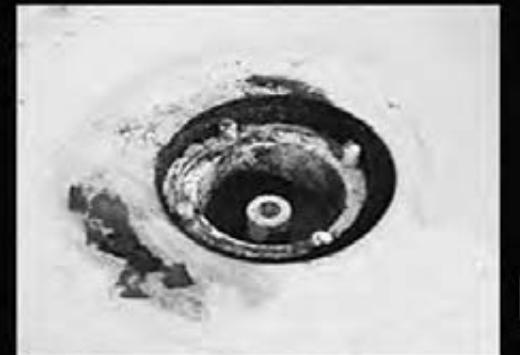


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Flea market, space center trip and comedy highlight April ventures



Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

We made it back from our cruise to Key West and Cozumel, and now we only have the memories and the stories to tell.

Our first time cruisers had a ball, and it sounds like they are ready to go again, along with our seasoned cruisers.

I'm not sure it's like Las Vegas where what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, but with 70 club travelers at sea, there are bound to be a lot of stories we don't even know!

We have another full schedule in April.

We'll be looking for food, fun and fabulous flea finds on April 11 at the Webster Westside Flea Market.

On April 14, we expect to be enjoying cocktails and comedy while seeing a play entitled "Charley's Aunt."

A Kennedy Space Center trip, including lunch with an astronaut, is



First-time cruisers Song Brooks, left, and Janina Staranowicz are photographed with Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas Captain Stig Nilson. Song and Janina were surprised and quite honored when they were told 'The Captain is waiting to have a photograph with you.'

scheduled for April 19 and 20, and has only waiting list reservations available at this time.

On May 4, we're off to tour St. Petersburg and to visit the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History

Museum.

The museum's Bluebird Book Bus is in need of children's books given for free exchange as an incentive to encourage children to read or read more often. We are seeking your donations, new or used, which may be dropped off at our sales table or at our April meeting.

If you've ever wondered what the inside of the Church of Scientology's Fort Harrison Hotel looks like, then why not join us on June 21 when our club travelers will enjoy a gourmet lunch at the hotel and a tour of the hotel and its facilities.

More details about this, as well as an upcoming event to see Cirque du Soleil, are available at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8-10:30 am. We'll be on duty to answer any questions you may have, give you a list of upcoming trips or to sell you a ticket or two.

Even if you are not a member of our club, you are welcome to join us at this month's meeting on Friday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room.

Come see, come listen, come join the club, and don't be shy! If you don't have a travel partner, let us know and we'll try to match you up!

The water aerobics class will return to the East Activity Center swimming pool starting May 2. Exercises will take place Monday through Friday, from 9-10 a.m.
For more information, contact Clare at 796-4691 or 366-9953.

BRIDGE LESSONS ANYONE?

Free Contract Bridge classes will begin in March. For more information, call Charlie at 754-6749.

How do you like this month's calendar of events on pages 12-13? Everything appears on two pages! Drop us a note.

Learn to play Scopa

What is Scopa?

Scopa is an Italian card game which is like a board game.

Players use strategies to match cards in their hands with cards on the table.

The object is to make tricks and score points.

On Top of the World currently has a Scopa Club which meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-9 p.m., in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Crafts Room.

Currently, five tables are used and there are four people per table.

The club plays socially and there are fun tournaments. Beginners are welcome and you can be taught how to play.

For more information, contact Mario at 1-718-873-5304.

Lawn Bowling

Results from two big tournaments

By Bob Laplante

1. CANADIAN CLUB TRIPLES RESULTS

This was a very closely contested match.

After the third round, there was only one team with a perfect three-game win. That meant that points had to be used to separate the rest of the field and even a second screen of points to break a further tie.

Thanks to Rollie Lapointe for having coordinated a very well-run tournament.

The top three finishers were as follows:

First Place: Norm Chandler, Denis Rosendale, Margo Smith

Second Place: Edgar Hachey, Ray Allard, Rod Jones

Third Place: Ian Moy, Rita Moy/Jocelyne Laplante, Mike Lenzi

2. VALENTINE DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The club members turned out in great numbers and wore the day's color of red.

The underwear with hearts worn as outerwear was a clear indication of the love of the game.

Thanks to Cathy Mills and Mary Bates-Smith who coordinated the play and to Social Director Denise Dion, who coordinated the lunch for 50 members.

The three top finishers were as follows:

First Place: Dave Murray, Denis



Pictured above are the winners in the Valentine's Day Lawn Bowl Tournament. From left to right are Dave Murray, Doreen Paine, Denis Rosendale and coordinator Mary Bates-Smith.

(Photo by Gabriel Taillefer)

Rosendale and Doreen Paine

Second Place: Sandy Wall, Cathy Mills and Mary Bates-Smith

Third Place: John Wigle, Gabriel Taillefer, Chris Pain

3. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT LAWN BOWLING

Q. Is lawn bowling an old people's game?

A. This may seem the case if you look at Florida as your sole point of reference, however, around the world, young people compete - some as professionals.

The beauty of the game is that many seniors play well into their 80s.

Q. What's up with the bowls? They never seem to go straight!

A. That is one of the unique and most challenging aspects of the game.

All bowls have a built in bias which makes them curve as part of their design. Each set of bowls has its own degree of curve which the bowler gets to know. This permits the delivery around other bowls that may be in the way or to help promote bowls by hitting them closer to the target ball.

Q. Is it hard to throw the bowl all of the way across the greens?

A. Although some people find it

difficult, with training, correct delivery techniques make it easy for the vast majority of people to be able to bowl at any distance.

Bowling accurately is a different thing. As like chess, learning the rules is relatively simple, but mastering the game is a lifelong endeavor.

However, you can still enjoy the game at whatever level you play.

Q. If the bowls always act the same, the game should be easy. Isn't that the case?

A. If it wasn't for the fact that human's are playing, it just might be the case.

However there are so many variables that it is a most unpredictable game.

Can you throw exactly the same way at a target that is 120 feet away? If only a basketball player could be so good!

Then add on the variable of the court that is played upon, which changes as you use it, the dryness of the ground, the wind, the humidity, the temperature, and the fact that the target differs in distance between ends and even during a game.

Most importantly, there are always the other players as the game is usually a team sport with two, three or even four players on each team.

Some are trying to improve your position while others are trying to better you. The end result is that there is never two ends that are identical and each game is made up of 10 to 14 ends.

Fifty years ago, life was so simple

Remember 1966?

Life was simple. Technology was simple. Terminology was simple.

Fifty years later, the world has changed so much. Just look at these examples:

- In 1966, women wanted long hair. In 2016, we are just longing for hair.

- In 1966, a KEG was routine. In 2016, an EKG is routine.

- In 1966, we wanted to move to California because it was cool. In 2016, we stay in Florida just to stay warm.

- In 1966, we wanted to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor. In 2016, no one wants to look like Marlon Brandon or Liz Taylor.

- In 1966, going to a new joint was hip. In 2016, people go to joints to get a new hip.

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

- In 1966, everyone wanted a BMW. In 2016, we would settle for a BM.
- In 1966, the Rolling Stones were big. In 2016, the Kidney Stones are even bigger.

- In 1966, we were constantly upgrading our lives, while technology wore out and got old. In 2016, we are getting worn out and old, while technology gets the upgrades.

- In 1966, there was disco. In 2016, there is Costco.

- In 1966, parents begged their children to get haircuts. In 2016, children beg their parents to get all their hair cut.

- In 1966, it was a challenge for us to pass our driver's test. In 2016, it's a challenge for us to pass our vision test.

- In 1966, it was simple to just have a television. In 2016, the television has to come with a cable box or digital receiver, video recorder, speakers, game system, movie club membership and a 40x20 screen.

- In 1966, we argued over turning the TV dial to one of 12 channels. In 2016, we argue over the remote to change to one of 900 channels.

- In 1966, we had the freedom to wear whatever we wanted. In 2016, it Depends.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Coming soon ... dances, bands, orchestra, magician

Like your reserved seat? Now is the time to renew

By Marvin Flam

Spring season show and dance ticket holders, (January thru April), who want to keep their current reserve table and seat must renew their tickets by no later than May 1.

Your tickets may be renewed for a summer ticket package (May thru August), and/or a fall ticket package (September thru December).

The fall dance ticket package includes the New Year's Eve Dance. The ticket packages assure that you will have your current table and seat reserved for future shows and dances.

In response to requests from the "Wishing Well," the Entertainment Committee has added shows to the 2016 schedule. These shows are not included in the ticket packages and must be purchased individually.

On Wednesday, April 13, we will present The SunCoast Symphony. Tickets for this special event are \$10. The seating arrangement will be auditorium style with no reserved seating.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, we will present The British Invasion 2. Tickets for this event are \$15. This show will feature tables with reserved seats. Bring your own snacks and beverages. We provide ice and coffee.

Come join us for a Thursday night show or a Saturday night dance each month year round. We present shows that have appeared not only on Florida stages, but also on stages in Las Vegas, Branson, cruise ships and elsewhere in today's entertainment world.

The dances feature music provided by outstanding local and Florida bands.

All of our shows and dances are table setup with reserved seating, and we provide ice and coffee. You may bring your own snacks and beverages.

Our once-a-month, free to residents, Sunday-In-The-Park features local professional talent and we provide free light refreshments. You will meet and greet friends and neighbors.

You can dance to the music or just sit and enjoy the entertainment. You can buy raffle tickets to win cash in a drawing.

On Sunday, April 10, we feature Hugh Turley, "the world's greatest unknown magician."

All these Entertainment Committee events are presented in the conveniently located, close to home, East Activity Center auditorium, at prices that are well below what is charged outside for the same show or dance, making it easier to enjoy.

Follow us on the bulletin boards in each building and at the activity centers, on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and at the Box Office at: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

Visit us at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., and at all our events. Let us know what you want in the way of entertainment.

We take member input seriously and work year-round to make your wishes come true.

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THURSDAY SHOW w/TABLE-SEATING - 7:30 PM - \$15

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Softball group turning amazing plays

By Bob Rittner

Ten new players joined the league this season.

All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join us. If you are thinking about next season, watch for announcements on OTOW-TV for the start of our 2016-17 season.

Quantum Leap Farm 10 Scott's Pharmacy 9

The game turned on one brilliant play by second baseman Bob Fields in the top of the eighth inning.

With a runner on and the heart of the order up, Scott's threatened to widen their three-run lead when Bob snared a scorching one-hopper, wheeled and threw to second for the out that snuffed the incipient rally.

When the Farm scored one run in the bottom of the inning, they set the stage for the ninth-inning win, also sparked by Bob, who doubled deep to left field and scored on Allan Bendert's hit.

After Duane Anderson singled, Dan Puopolo's towering triple to the fence scored both runners for the victory. Dan had two homers and a double in addition to the triple.

Pitcher Glenn Ohl's catlike sprint off the mound to catch a popup near the third base line brought cheers from both teams.

Scott's Pharmacy 16 Quantum Leap Farm 13

Trailing 8-0 in the bottom of

Softball

the third, Bob Rittner swatted a one-out triple to spark a five-run rally for Scott's Pharmacy.

The rally was set up defensively thanks to a homer-saving catch by Trevor Dixon and outstanding infield defense from Guy Bertuzzi, Lenny Segall, Hugh Quirk and Dan Puopolo.

Over the last four innings, Scott's Pharmacy outscored the Farm 9-1, led by two Gene Osmond homers and another by Jim Kemp.

An oddity in the game was the discounting of Jim's sixth-inning homer because he batted after the maximum allowed runs had scored. Jim calmly led off the seventh with another homer that did count.

Paul Fice had a perfect five-hit day for Scott's.

Scott's Pharmacy 17 Quantum Leap Farm 16

We have never made an error, but we are rarely perfect. Guy Bertuzzi played a perfect third base, however, ranging left and right to spear every grounder and making perfect throws to first.

Scott's fell behind by 10 runs, but in one inning scored 10 times culminating the rally on Lenny Segall's three-run homer.

A key to the game was the defensive clamps Scott's put over the last

four innings. Joe Spahalski and Roger Hebeler made critical outfield catches, catcher Jim Pollock nabbed a high foul and solid Farm hits were cut off before reaching the outfield fence, keeping runners to one base.

For the Farm, Duane Anderson had four doubles and Ken Graham was 6-for-6.

For Scott's, Paul Fice homered and Tony Caputo and Trevor Dixon had four hits each.

Scott's Pharmacy 12 Quantum Leap Farm 4

After scoring two runs in the first inning, the Farm did not score again until the eighth inning while Scott's piled on runs in every inning.

Third baseman Paul Fice and shortstop Dan Puopolo did not let a grounder get through and catcher Jim Pollock made two putouts at home plate.

The Farm did get two home runs from Gene Osmond as part of his perfect five-hit day and also saw a spectacular tumbling catch by Duane Anderson.

Roger Hebeler's four hits and Dan's homer keyed Scott's onslaught.

Scott's Pharmacy 11 Quantum Leap Farm 10

Some phenomena are routine in OTOW softball, although they remain exciting.

To wit: Dan Puopolo and Gene Osmond hit two home runs. Jim

Kemp homered in a perfect day at the plate.

Bill Lepping peppers the whole field with hits. Paul Fice, who broke the record of 26 consecutive hits, vacuums up every ground ball and wings chest high strikes to first base.

Gary Burgett catches everything hit in his area. Guy Bertuzzi smashes hot line drives all over the field.

A furious Farm rally in the last two innings brought in eight runs, but the tying and winning runs were left on base.

Quantum Leap Farm 17 Scott's Pharmacy 14

Despite Dan Puopolo's perfect four-hit, 11-total-bases-day, Scott's could not keep up with the Farm on which every player, including pitcher Glenn Ohl and Bill Lepping (single, double and triple), had three hits.

Jim Tiano had four hits for Scott's and Roger Hebeler contributed three.

Outfielders Duane Anderson, Frank Brown and Trevor Dixon each made a splendid catch of rising line drives.

Scott's Pharmacy 15 Quantum Leap Farm 11

Scott's outmuscled the Farm behind homers from Lenny Segall and Gene Osmond and perfect four-hit days by Glenn Ohl and Jim Tiano.

Paul Fice homered for the Farm while Dan Puopolo, Duane Anderson and Bob Rittner each had four hits.

Spring luncheon set for April 7

By Vayna Cormier

April is the month when Snowbirds are thinking it's time to head North.

Many will be going home since the snow fall is, hopefully, over.

For the ladies who are going to join their summer golf league, we wish you a lot of fun, and to all the others, enjoy whatever activities you are going to do during the summer with friends,

9 Hole Ladies Golf

and most of all, with family.

Our Spring Luncheon will be greatly celebrated on Thursday, April 7, at Rumba's Lounge in Oldsmar. Be

there by noon to shake hands with our February Flight Tournament winners.

Now is the time to register for next season.

Here are our weekly awards for Feb. 2.

A flight: Virginia Chilcote, Wendy Colquhoun, Ann Stewart.

B flight: Gundi Kenny, Marge Jacobs

C flight: Carroll Harris, Pat Murray, Elaine McDonald

D flight: Romy Brady, Pat Paladino, Elaine Ellis, Maureen McGuire, Nancy Parlatore

Birdie: Virginia Chilcote on No. 5

We don't have many games left for this season. So, come out and let yourselves enjoy our company.



Men crown champion; see amazing ace

By Pete Milner

During the winter months, we usually have a lot of good information about our great game and the successes our members have in tournaments and regular weekly play.

The Ladies Golf Association invites the men from our league to play in their annual Guys and Dolls Tournament every year. It always proves to be a fun time for both the ladies and the gents.

This year, Dianne Moxley and her partner, Bill Barrett, took first place with a combined score of 56.5.

Terry Kuplen and her partner, Dick Kuplen, came in second with a score of 58.

Donna and Phil Smerz took third place with a score of 59.5.

Fourth place was a tie with 60.5 points. Teams were April and Stan Glenn, and Gloria and Bud Sayer.

It was a great day all around and we are all looking forward to next year. Thanks ladies for a great tournament.

The On Top of the World Men's



**Daryl Collings
Hole In One**

Golf Association held our annual Championship Tournaments on Feb. 25 and March 2.

Our 2015-16 champion is Bill Higgins with a two-day gross score of 138. Great score Bill. You are indeed the champ.

Our Low Net champion is Don

Men's Golf

Rice with a two-day net score of 118.

Besides our Club Champion and Low Net champ, we also had four flights.

In A Flight, champ was Gary Sandine with a net score of 128 and runner-up was Gary Sayer with a net score of 129.

The B Flight champ was Marcus Schell with a net 120 and runner-up was Stan Doran with a net score of 125.

The C Flight champ was Don Rice with a net of 118 and runner-up was Bill Robinson with a net score of 124.

This year's D Flight champion was John Lovaz with a net score of 127 and runner-up was Tony Esposito with a net score of 129.

Congratulations to all of our champions.

Another great happening occurred during our Championship Tournament when Daryl Collings scored a hole-in-one on the 124-yard 15th hole with a Hybrid No. 5. Think about it, hitting a little white ball 372 feet and putting it in a little hole in the ground with one shot. Pretty spectacular by any means to me. Great shot. Nobody in the foreseeable saw the ball go in, but bystander Bill Mooney showed them exactly where the ball ended up.

Who says nothing exciting happens on our golf course?

All in all, we have great champions who played a wonderful course and had a great time. Not to mention the hot dogs and cold drinks following the tournament.

Please remember to repair any golf ball marks on the greens. It makes it a lot easier to sink that important putt in a tournament, especially when some winning scores were only separated by one shot. Enjoy your golf.

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Good coaching leads to Jack & Jill victory

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held their annual Jack And Jill tournament on Feb. 23.

The first place winners were Betty and Tom Gerkin. This was their first ever win and they had a super day.

Tom played his usual consistent game, but with Betty listening to Tom's coaching, she played her best game ever.

They had mostly pars and three birdies. They had a fun day and enjoyed the group they played with.

There was a tie for second place with Cindy and Marc Schell, and Jeanette Fitzgerald and Mike Crittendon.

Sharing third place was Jackie Woloszyn and Paul McMinn, and Arlene and Eddie Hanson.

In fourth place was Gloria and Bud Sayer.

The closest to the pin contests were won by Maureen Stewart and Scotty Im.

Each month there is a special Tuesday tournament. In March it was Trick or Treat where you only counted the score for nine holes.

Before the tournament, everyone crossed out nine holes counting only

18-Hole Ladies Golf

the other nine for their total score. The winner was Gloria Hoffman, second place was Ellen Fier and third was Rose Mulhall.

On March 8, Arlene Hanson finished her round with three 3s for a nice back nine score of 40 helping her to break 90.

Arlene also tied for low net with a nice 62. Red is back!

Pat Eastman started that same day with twelve 4s. Finally, on hole No. 13, the string was broken with a 2. She ended the back nine with another 2 for a one-under par 31.

All the ladies who participated in the St Patrick's Day parade had a great time. We had a nice turnout and all the gals were in the spirit --waving and offering candy and beads.

Sheila Meneilly especially had a wonderful day seeing the broad smiles on the faces of the people lining the parade route, watching the faces of the kids light up when they gathered more



Jack and Jill winners Betty and Tom Gerkin.

beads around their necks.

What a festive and fabulous event!

Upcoming events

April 20: General meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sunrise Room.

May 24: Closing tournament.

Tuesday winners

March 8: Flight A - Pat Eastman,

Terry Kuplen, Marie LaMothe; Flight B - Ursula Taylor, Mary Beth Devine, Marie Belliveau; Flight C- Jane Hanley, Arlene Hanson, Jeanette Fitzgerald, Billie Pineau.

March 1: Flight A - Becky West; Flight B - Rosemary Sabatino; Flight C- Billie Pineau;

Eagle on 18th hole lifts team to title

Winter seems to have flown by.

The weather has cooperated of late and golf league play has been very competitive.

Week 13 was the date for our annual four-person scramble. A timely eagle on the 18th hole, following a perfect tee shot from Mike Marsh, propelled the team of Patti Cook, Mike Marsh, Len Howell and Paul Meyers to a score of 13-under par and edged out the second place team of Linda Yauk, Don Sorensen, Steve Yauk and Clyde Hershberger by one stroke.

A tiebreaker at 11-under par was needed to separate the third place team of Joyce Monahan, Jim Keagy, Paul McMinn and Doug Oleksy, from the fourth place team of Tom Gerkin, Jim Cawley, Jahn Lawson and Ray McAllister.

Four teams finished at 10-under.

Regular league play resumed on

Thursday Golf

week 14. Mike Marsh played a good round to take first place. Jim Keagy was second and Len Howell took third. Clyde Hershberger had low gross honors. Only two skins were recorded by Jack Huerter and Barry Levene,

It was Don Leamy's time to shine in week 15. He hit the trifecta with first place, low gross and one skin. Fred Schick finished second and Roland Provost took third place. Don Baker, Steve Yauk and Jim Cawley had one skin each. The long drive winners were Patti Cook, Bo Craddock and Don Baker. Gary Sandine made the closest to the pin shot of the day.

Week 16 champion was Don Dorris. Fred Schick edged out Kyong No in a tiebreaker separating second and

third places. Clyde Hershberger had the hot putter taking low gross honors and three skins. Fred Schick collected two skins. Allan Teal, Lisa Muchler, Don Hahs, Joe Wisinski and Gary Bronson all took one skin each.

The race to our league championship saw Fred Schick pull ahead of the pack with 35 points. Mike Marsh follows with 28 points. Don Baker is at 27 points. Don Leamy is next with 26.

Clyde Hershberger and Paul Meyers are tied at 25 points. At 24 points are Patti Cook, John Maloof and Steve Yauk.

There is still time for most league members to advance into the lead with some steady play. The Thursday League Champion is decided by consistent good play for the entire season, points are awarded each week, our version of the FEDEX Cup.

Our match play tournament is still

in progress and the final results will be published in next month's paper.

The Thursday Golf 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 between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggol@aol.com



New member has law degree and desire to become a pilot - imagine what she can do with a cue stick!

By Reva Heymann

We have had a number of newcomers try the Ladies Que't Billiards League out lately.

One of our new members is an outgoing, energetic, friendly lady, whose air of confidence and competence attracts others.

Liz Illgen comes from Wisconsin, spent 20 years in New Jersey, but always wanted to live in Florida.

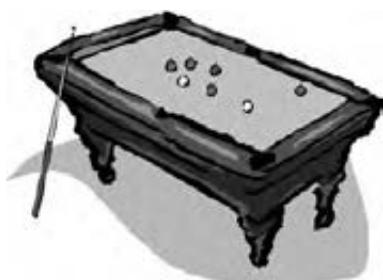
She is delighted to be here.

Liz has a business degree and an MBA in international business and law. She spent many years both in the corporate setting and in trying her own business in the fields of accounting, finance and internet technology.

Liz wanted to go into real estate when she moved here, passed the licensing test after a few weeks of self study, and is now working for a prominent brokerage firm.

She is very busy but seems to enjoy the challenges.

Not only does Liz work in real estate, she volunteers for the St. Petersburg visitor's center. She was asked to



Que'T Billiards

join the board of Business and Professional Women of St. Petersburg and she has a part-time job doing finance and accounting for the Morean Art Center (she started as an art major in college).

Liz has always loved shooting pool. She said she was 15 when she first started shooting and, despite being under legal age for the setting, used to sneak into bars to play on their pool tables.

She has played in pool leagues. She enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and tennis, and has played com-



Pictured above are the top tournament players for February. From left to right are Maureen Doire, Helen Crombie and Becky Balder-son.

petitive racquet ball. She is thinking about taking up kayaking and is working on her pilot's license.

Our end of the month Que'T tournament was held Feb. 24 and, with

the currently expanded membership, required the use of every pool table.

Helen Crombie won first place and Maureen Doire and Becky Balder-son tied for second place.

Pizza party leads to high scores on shuffleboard courts

Free pizza!

Do I have your attention?

Yes, our annual pizza party was in March, and nothing went to waste, except for one slice set aside for latecomer Rashanee Turner.

After dessert, provided by Mona Dryer, we headed next door to the courts for our 1:30 p.m. shuffleboard match.

March is always the perfect weather for our favorite activity. Lots of newcomers are coming out each week and we enjoy showing them the ropes.

Two of our seasoned participants, who are happy to help, are pictured in this article. Meet Angie and Rick Helton.

Angie and Rick drive all the way from Albany, N.Y., to winter at On Top of the World, and they enjoy shuffling.

To be fair they also enjoy swimming, playing cards, dancing, and the horse races, but surely shuf-

Shuffleboard

board is a huge draw.

Rick and Angie both had successful careers spanning three decades. Angie worked with a family dentist and Rick was with the New York State Health Department. We are so happy they chose OTOW to avoid shoveling the "occasional" snow in upstate New York.

Winners of all three daily games this past month were Rick Helton, Mac Gray, Marge Sivek, Bob Rittner, Maureen Doire, Joyce Young, Dan Iacovelli, Paul Santacroce, Bob Kurdt, Debbie Welker, Gary Smith, Phyllis Williams, Anne Lawrence, Barb Lenzi, Joan Healy and Dave Williams.

We play through mid-April, so there is still time to join us on a Monday or Thursday. Come out and do the shuffle!



Rick and Angie Helton

Recent holes-in-one on the OTOW courses

Bill Speck used a 7-iron on the fourth hole of the nine-hole course.

Bob Valenti used a 7-iron on the second hole of the nine-hole course.

Dave Pert used a 3-wood on the 16th hole of the 18-hole course.

Joe Disidski used a 3-iron on the third hole of the 18-hole course.

Ron Parnham aced the 17th hole on the 18-hole course.

Paul Bruyere aced the 16th hole on the 18-hole course.

"My heartiest congratulations to each one of you," says Director of Golf Corby Ratliff. "Great job and way to go!"

Remember, there are no strangers in the game of golf, only friends you have not met."



Prediction: Eddie Ramirez will win on his birthday next year

Ron Blaettner wins three of four weeks in nine ball



Billiards

The Billiards Club, like so many other clubs here at On Top of the World, exists on the commitment and dedication of its members.

At our general meeting held Thursday, March 3, members volunteered and were elected to the following offices: Joe Ventimiglia, president, Howard Wilson, vice president, Joe Wisinski, secretary and Barb Sundberg, treasurer.

The following were elected to serve as Members-at-Large: Ron Baltrunas, John Fier, Phil Perez and Andy Suhar.

Congratulations to each of these members!

9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23, Ron Blaettner walked away with first place and Howard Wilson captured second place.

On March 1, Ron Blaettner edged out the field to claim first place for the second week in a row. After a playoff between Tony Baker and Henry Chapman, Tony took second place.

On March 8, Eddie Ramirez walked away with first place. There was a three-way tie for second between Tony Baker, Bob Eads and Joe Ventimiglia. Tony edged out the field to claim second place for the second week.

On March 16, Ron Blaettner took first place. Eddie Ramirez took sec-



Pictured above is the new Billiards Club board. From left to right are Barb Sundberg, Phil Perez, John Fier, Joe Ventimiglia, Ron Baltrunas, Joe Wisinski, Andy Suhar and Howard Wilson. Their titles are listed in the story.

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8-BALL

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, in B Flight, Herb Jordan walked away with first place. New member, Bill Davis, took second.

On Monday, Feb. 22, in A Flight, after a playoff between Joe Gora and Dave Williams, Joe captured first place, Dave took second.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, in B Flight, for the second year, Eddie Ramirez took first place on his birthday. Bill Goza and Mario Rodriguez tied for second places. No playoff was held.

On Monday, Feb. 29, in A Flight, Denny Balderson captured first place, Joe Gora took second and Pat Elliott settled for third.

On Tuesday, March 1, in B Flight, the room was split. First places went to Mario Rodriguez and Nick Sapienza, second places went to Bill Davis and Terri Wittman.

On Monday, March 7, in A Flight,

Joe Gora took first place. After a playoff between Vinnie Martinez and Eddie Ramirez, Vinnie captured second place.

On Tuesday, March 8, in B Flight, Barb Sundberg took first place, Henry Chapman claimed second place.

On Monday, March 14, in A Flight, Joe Gora took first place for the second week in a row. Joe Doire and Dave Williams tied for second. No playoff was held.

On Tuesday, March 15, in B Flight, there was a playoff between Mario Rodriguez and Nick Sapienza. Mario captured first place with Nick settling for second.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Feb. 18, the team of Bill Davis and Joe Wisinski captured first place, and the team of Ian Hunter and Mario Rodriguez took second place.

On Feb. 25, the team of Gene Baranowski and Joe Ventimiglia captured

first place with the team of Bill Robertson and Lee taking second place.

On March 3, the team of Joe Gora and Phil Perez captured first place with the team of Joe Doire and Mario Rodriguez claiming second.

On March 10, the team of Bob Ellis and Vinnie Martinez took first place, and the team of Phil Perez and Dave Williams settled for second.

Players in the A Flight play 8-ball on Monday evenings and the B Flight play Tuesday evenings.

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When in Florida, you can find them in the Key West Building.

As this picture indicates, Callie frequently entertains us with her many antics. She also helps us meet many people on our walks.

When Callie sees people approaching, she plants her feet and watches them closely to see if they will stop and say "hello" to her.

Most people love Callie's wagging tail and will stop to pet her and comment on how soft she is or how cute she is.

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Callie is by far the best dog that we have ever owned. She is great company for us and follows us wherever we



go. She is well-behaved and seems to understand what we are taking about.

Callie loves to watch television. Her favorite shows are those with dogs in them. She gets excited when she sees them and tries to talk to them.

In other words, she barks!

At night, Callie can be found in our bed sleeping with her head on Mike's pillow part of the evening and Janice's pillow the remainder of the night, while we all dream of happy times we spend together.

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 boootss@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 entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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Lifelong love of the guitar keeps this musician busy



How many of us can say we have mastered anything on our bucket list?

Well, Marianne Segal has filled the first and foremost bucket on her list. And it's her love of music keeps that bucket overflowing.

Marianne first picked up a guitar around age 13. "Fiddling around" with the guitar alongside a close girlfriend are favorite memories of her teen years. No formal training. They taught themselves. "Learning an instrument is good clean fun." Marianne commented. "It keeps your hands busy. Makes you think."

The oldest of seven children, Marianne pestered her father for a guitar. He bargained if she could learn to play 10 songs on a ukulele, he would buy that guitar. Marianne polished off the 10 songs. Her father bought the promised guitar. "It was a large 12-string guitar with a big neck," Marianne reminisced. "I could hardly get my fingers around it. I was happy to have it. And, I learned to play that guitar."

Adulthood sneaked up. Years passed. There was less time to play the guitar. Marianne graduated from nursing school in 1972 and a long



Marianne Segal first picked up the guitar at age 13. She has been playing ever since.

nursing career began. Then, three children kept the working mother real busy. And, before she knew it, there were six grandchildren.

The dusty guitar called to her endlessly from the corner. It was always in the back of her mind that she was going to be a musician. She was going to play and sing in public. At age 57, she took her first guitar lesson. She practiced diligently. Her husband, Howard, bought her a beautiful guitar.

Four years later, Marianne played and sang in her first gig.

She was hooked. She and her guitar now head out often to entertain. She joins drummers, bass players, and other guitarists and singers.

She plays often with a worship group at her church, Anona Church, in Largo.

Her music goes to work with her, too. She joins Dr. Trevino on guitar in their medical research office. His daughter also sings. Music truly is the best medicine.

Marianne and Howard recently celebrated their anniversary

with a trip to Nashville. She relished going from venue to venue listening to struggling talented musicians pouring their hearts into trying to make it big.

Marianne practices at least eight hours a week. And most likely there are captive audience members living alongside her in the Nagoya Building who would like to help her practice.

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New building meeting format instituted

Isn't it great to have forward-thinking neighbors who are willing to try new things and improve on old ones?

That is just what we have in the Capistrano building. In the past, our building had a very structured social organization with bylaws and elected officers.

At the January building meeting, the majority of the residents in attendance voted to try a less formal format that is working well for many other On Top of the World buildings.

In a nutshell, we have suspended the bylaws for 2016 and will have a few volunteer positions. At the end of the year we will discuss how this new format worked and determine if we should continue with it.

Here is what our new format looks like: On Top of the World management requests that each building designate a Building Coordinator. Don Drake volunteered to fill this role for 2016.



On a volunteer basis, Janet Stafford remains our treasurer. Because we currently have more than adequate funds in our coffers, we voted to suspend dues for 2016.

At the same meeting, we also formed a Hospitality Team, with Joan Baptist, Lillian Santiago and Sue Calinski volunteering for the team.

Your volunteers will host a "Meet and Greet" on April 2 in the building

common area on the first floor. At this gathering, there will be handouts describing the responsibilities of the Building Coordinator and the Hospitality Team. Each resident who stops by the gathering will also receive a packet of information that will be the same materials the Hospitality Team plans on providing to new building residents.

Speaking of which, we have a new resident who can test our Welcome Packet — Nancy Fender. Several years ago, Nancy and her mother, Mary Fender, shared a unit in our building. However, for the past five years, Nancy has lived in her own home on Indian Rocks Beach, while Mary remained here.

Early this year Nancy sold her home, and she and Mary are once again housemates. As one could guess from the beautiful potted plants on her front patio, Nancy loves gardening. Welcome back, Nancy!

Resident has land development background

Last fall we welcomed many new residents and I have yet to get to all of them due to one thing or another.

One of our newest residents is Rajaram Khatri, or "Raj," as he is known to all of us.

Raj is originally from India and came to the United States in 1969 with his wife Godavri. They were married in 1959. They lived in Sterling Heights, Michigan for 45 years.

Raj and his wife had five children and he now has nine grandchildren. After Godavri passed, Raj made On Top Of the World his home.

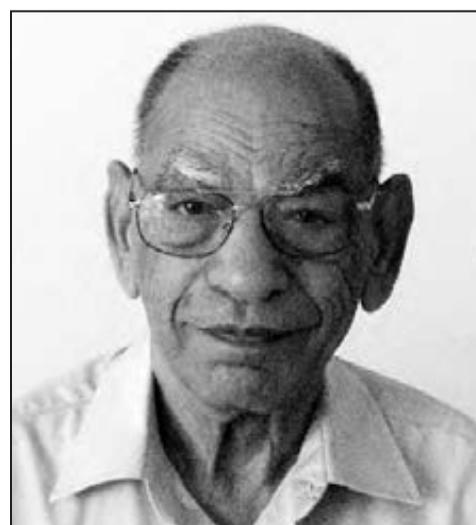
Raj was Executive C.E.O. of his own company, R.K. Engineering and Surveying Assoc. Inc., in Michigan.

He recently ran for a position on the board of directors in our community, but fell short of votes.



He has 40 years of engineering and land development experience, including condominium design and building.

Raj keeps busy now taking yoga three days a week at the East Activity Center, as well as enjoying the pools. He enjoys the weather here in Florida



Modernage resident Rajaram "Raj" Khatri. and says the weather is much like it is in India. He has been hosting his family here and looks forward to many more visits from them.

Thanks to building's 'helping hands' for a successful St. Pat's potluck



Brittany Farm House residents had a great time celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a potluck dinner March 12.

Thanks to so many helping hands, the tables and chairs were put up and soon enough two big tables were filled with delicious food.

We have quite some talented residents. They made salads, wonderful desserts and we had

grilled chicken. Thirty residents and friends gathered and had such a good time.

We decided to do another potluck in April, calling it "Post-Easter Spring Feast." If you missed the last one, make sure to join the next. Watch for the signup sheet on our bulletin board!

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Golf winners, lawn bowls star highlight building news

On Feb. 27, the Southern Georgian golf tournament was held on the nine-hole course with bright skies and rather cool-ish breezes.

After the tournament, both participants and building residents joined in for a "sociable" and prize presentation in the courtyard on the Columbia side (see photo).

Low net winner under the modified Calloway scoring system was Ducksie Stoddard with a score of 30. Tied for second low net were Gary Sandine and Charles St. Maurice with scores of 32. Low Gross winner was Bob Stoddard with a score of par 33.

On another sports note, Pauline MacKinnon has been excelling at lawn bowling. Not only has she been winning regularly at the On Top of the World bowls, but finished second in a tournament at the Clearwater Bowls. Most recently she and her team won their three games at a tournament in Sarasota. Well done, Pauline!



Our building enjoyed a Strawberry Social on Feb. 28. It was well-attended with great weather, fresh strawberries, cake and ice cream. Everyone left full and happy after eating and playing lawn games.

Our last event of the season was held on March 20, with a wonderful BBQ. We all enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs along with side dishes and yummy desserts that many brought for



Some of the Southern Georgian golfers who participated in the building's recent tournament. Bright skies and cool temperatures made for excellent playing conditions.

all to share. Corn hole and washer games were also part of the entertainment.

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Viking residents enjoy the first barbecue of the year with pleasant weather, good company and plenty of great food.

Resident Information Forms are now available

The weather, the food, and the company of the friendly residents made for a very successful event as Viking celebrated its first barbecue of the year on Feb. 20 (see photo, above).

The cul-de-sac on the Spanish Drive side provided the perfect setting. Thirty-one residents found their way to the festivities. It was nice to see that several residents from the Norwegian side made it.

As is usually the case, there were many different foods brought along, much more than we could all possibly eat. The delicious deviled eggs disappeared very quickly.

The building association supplied drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs. Rod Bargerstock once more took on the role of chef. Walt Kellogg displayed his skills on the grill, as well.

As he did at our last barbecue, Ken Roberts brought another cake to the event. Well-decorated and very rich, the cake disappeared quickly even as protests were uttered by those that said they can't really eat cake.

Once everyone was full and settled Pat Drake, our building coordinator, ran a brief business meeting. One of the items handed out was a Resident Information Form. This contains vital information that could be useful



for someone to know in case of an emergency.

You can obtain a form from Pat Drake. Welcome packets with very useful information (which will be handed out to new residents) can also be obtained by visiting Pat.

A new position of Wing Captain was introduced. These persons will work to disseminate information to residents on their side of Viking and share their concerns. Hart Kraimer and Pat Ellingham will serve for the Spanish and Norwegian sides, respectively.

Even as everyone was still celebrating another fine event, we are already planning more. Keep your eyes on the bulletin boards so you won't miss the next opportunity.



A look back at the OTOW News (April, 1991)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- The Am-Pol Club's "Ethnic Extras" excited a packed house. It was their fifth annual "Evening in Poland" extravaganza. The floor show was a surprising class act. The B-Sharps opened the festivities with a medley of toe-tapping polkas. Henry Klimecki's attire was a replica of the dress uniform of a major domo of the Royal Palace Guard. It was a wonderful evening for all.
- The Mid-America Club held a St. Patrick's Day party with Marguerite's as the caterer and were very pleased with her service. At the upcoming annual picnic, Denny Gibson and Don Hill volunteered to do the cooking.
- The Great Lakes Club reported that their membership and participation are both up. They were on a roll and getting ready for another successful stage hit with "Bonnie and Brian," a musical variety show. Tickets were \$2.
- The OTOW Chorus presented their Spring Concert, led by director Shirley Say, along with two outstanding musicians, accompanist Gretchen Dangman and organist Nancy Pasche. The 67 choristers performed in a 90-minute program (two days) which delighted an audience of over 1,545. Carolyn Siegrist and Fred Neiman were big hits, along with Charles Gehrling and John Warrick. The biggest thrill enjoyed by everyone was the four musicians playing together on one piano.

COFFEE CORNER

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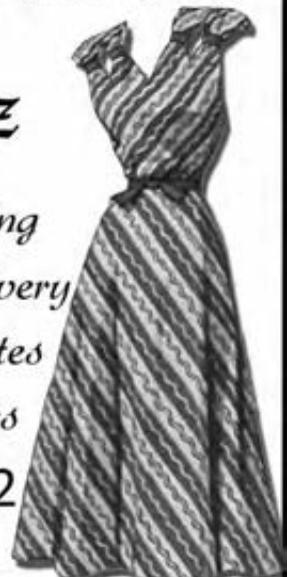


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Book-loving reporter gets up close and personal with authors

Since I am an avid reader of adventure or mystery books, February was a book bonanza for me. Let me explain.

Gus and Nancy Smith purchased Muriel Landau's condo. Before my interview with Gus, I met Nancy walking her two standard poodles, Clint and his sister Jazz.

Gus was born in Tampa and as an adult worked in building supplies. He had even supplied On Top of the World. For 10 years, he lived in the Caribbean, the Leeward and Windward Islands near St. Martin. Tourists were called "Sugar Birds."

In the 80's he wrote a novel entitled "Sugar Birds" by Augustus Smith. It was mostly sold on the Princess Cruise Line ships. He generously gave me a signed



copy of his book. Gus has been back in Florida for 25 years. We welcome this colorful author and his wife Nancy.

My niece and nephew were recently in town from New Jersey. Before going out to dinner, my niece and I went to

the Art Show at OTOW. One artist, Paul Zipperlen, told us his second wife was the famous journalist, Mariann Coe. He handed me her mystery novel entitled "Legacy." Bingo again! By the way, the same niece loaned me two good mystery novels to read.

Betty McKay attended a golf tournament in Burnt Store, Fla. Her daughter from Michigan accompanied her on the trip.

Phil Meissner spent two days in the Everglades with his friend, and even took in the town of Flamingo. He sure gets around!

Jean Gaines' sister from New Jersey, along with her daughter and dog, stayed with Jean a few days and then headed down to Key West.

I see Fred and Linda Zellmer are back and enjoying our lovely Florida weather. Someone must be watching over their cattle ranch outside of Kansas City.

The Carrolls sold their condo and left for Ottawa. They promised to be back to rent sometime.

Building Captain Paul Bruyere will plan a Snowbirds going-away party in April. Details are pending.

In March, John and I attended our granddaughter's wedding at the Grand Plaza Hotel on St. Pete Beach. The reception was at the hotel's Penthouse Restaurant. The bride is a critical care nurse and the groom is a respiratory therapist, both at Tampa General. They honeymooned in Hawaii.

Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone call was a scam to try to

get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of children or grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this

is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.



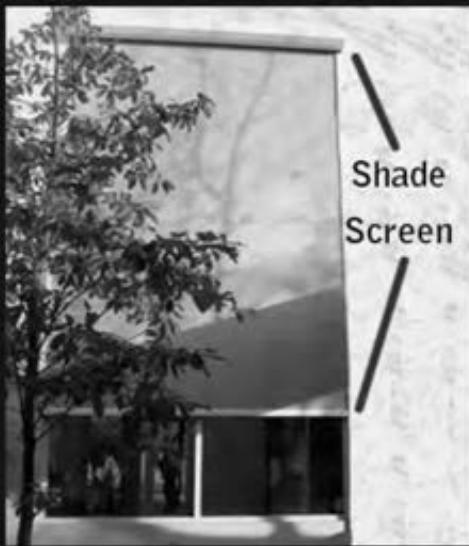
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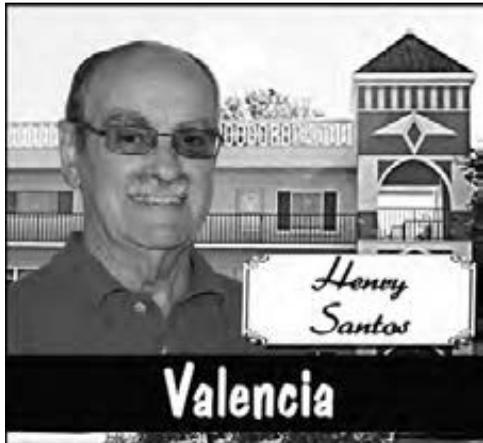
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Granddaughter recognized by Peace Corps



February's luncheon hosted by Donna and Hal was held at the famous Beachcombers at Clearwater Beach, one of everybody's favorites.

However, it seemed like nearly half of our building including me and my wife Pauline was suffering from the winter flu or from that persistent cough that is hanging around. Those who did attend reported a great time with delicious food and good company.

Just a reminder — keep checking the bulletin boards for upcoming events. I believe Phil Roth is still looking for a few volunteers to host the remaining socials. Check with Phil.

Had a nice talk with Dick and Elaine Langford this past month. They were telling me about their grandchildren. You could see the pride in their eyes as they described their granddaughter.

She is a Peace Corps volunteer now serving in Bonga, Ethiopia, and will be teaching English as a second language for the next two years (see photo at right). This is after serving two years in Thailand teaching the same.

They also beamed when we talked



Dick and Elaine Langford's grand-daughter being congratulated by the U.S. ambassador and the head of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia for her Peace Corps volunteer efforts..

about their grandson, who is flying his F-16 around the world keeping us all safe. You both have a lot to be proud of and the next time you talk to your grandchildren, would you thank them for all of us for their dedication and service?

Whenever I talk to people like Dick and Elaine, I'm always reminded of two movies: "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Six Degrees of Separation." First, we never fully realize the impact and influence we have on our children, grandchildren, friends and acquaintances and to what extent it is spread to total strangers all the way around the world.

In Dick and Elaine's case that really shows up in their grandchildren. A tip of the hat to you both.

Finally "Who's That Mystery Person?" Wow, nearly everybody got last month's entry correct. Yes, it was Mike Turbolino.

I think I'm making this too easy.



Valencia's "Mystery Person" of the month. See story for details and clues.

From now on I will only use an anagram with a few extra letters. This month's mystery person's name is imbedded in the following phrase: "My Line, a Rocky Charmer."



Look for Tampa Bay Downs trip, farewell picnic

On Feb. 28 the Granadans had a golf outing and pizza party.

Les and Joyce Marsden and Thomas and Betty Gerkin were the winning golf teams, and they won the grand prize of (what else?) golf balls! Trish Burch dished out her homemade ice cream and we were told that the pizza was delicious as well.

February was a busy month for the Berger family starting with our 60th anniversary and ending with Stan's birthday observance on the same day our son Stuart was honored for his community service in both Pinellas and Pasco counties.

We are looking forward to our day at Tampa Bay Downs, and to be able to tell you next month that we were all big winners.

Sunday, April 10 we will have our season "farewell picnic". All residents should bring one dish and chair to the



lawn behind Bill and Karen Johnson's condo. The chicken will be provided for us and the fun starts at 5 pm.

We all send our very best wishes to Dascilda Allen, Bill Johnson, Marilynne Kuestner and Carol Mattana.

Until next month Happy Passover, stay healthy and keep smiling.



Roman Byzantine

We welcome new couple to OTOW family

New neighbors joined us just before the New Year.

Joy and Robert Notbohm relocated from Auburn, Ala. When you have a conversation with Joy, you will hear her beautiful English accent. She was born in Bedford, England.

Joy moved to the United States in the 1960s. She and Robert have two sons. One son lives in Tampa and the other in Phoenix.

They have two granddaughters. One girl is 21 years old and the other is 7.

The Notbohms lived in Wisconsin before moving to Alabama, where they resided for 20 years. Moving to Clearwater enables them to live closer to their son, who lives in Tampa.

Joy and Robert have been married for 46 years.

They recently rescued a Chihuahua named Bailey. Joy enjoys playing bingo and Robert golfs. They both enjoy going to the pool and love living at On Top of the World.

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Second-generation gentlemen add history to OTOW

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Just how many current On Top of the World residents are second or third generation? More than you think and this column will highlight a few of them each month.

Theresa and Don Drake

In a reversal of the story of adult children following their parents to Florida, Theresa and Donald Drake followed their son Don to the Sunshine State.

After Vietnam, son Don was stationed in Key West with the Navy. In 1973, he moved to Clearwater to work in HVAC and construction. He always liked Clearwater and Theresa and Donald liked it too (see photo below).

In 1978, Theresa and Donald moved to Seminole, so their youngest daughter could finish high school. Theresa worked for Pinellas County. She was familiar with On Top of the World, as her lawyer had two units at OTOW. Her bridge-playing friends also lived here and she often came to OTOW to play cards.

In December, 2000, Theresa asked an OTOW realtor about units for sale. There happened to be a contest for realtors that year, and the winner received a new car. Long story short, the realtor won her car and Theresa got the Punjab unit she wanted.

Theresa enjoys the action here: she shoots pool with the Que-T Billiards Club, plays and teaches pinochle, works in the OTOW library, and was in the Red Hatters.

Don and his wife Patti also liked OTOW and found a unit in Capistrano five years ago, through Theresa's realtor. Don renovated their unit with



beautiful built-in cabinetry, counter space, and other upgrades.

He gets the Baby Boomers kayaking on the area waterways and goes fishing in his kayak. Don also plays guitar and ukulele with fellow enthusiasts, is the building coordinator in Capistrano, and enjoys golf.

Patti volunteers at the OTOW library and has fun with the Baby Boomers.

Don's brother, Gary, and his wife Pat moved to OTOW two years ago. Pat volunteers with the Snowbirds, is the building coordinator for the Viking building, and meets with the Baby Boomers.

Roger Nicoll

Roger Nicoll. You see him everywhere, 'cause he is everywhere!

Roger (in photo at top right) performs in the Jesters and Theater Workshop shows and sells tickets for them every Monday and Thursday mornings. He dances at Sunday in the Park and at the Saturday night dances.

Since he doesn't drive, he walks to and from the Acropol Restaurant. I (Cele) have picked him up many times along the road. Once it was outside Publix, but he had already walked all the way from Bright House



Roger Nicoll in his late teens in his DeMolay uniform, shown at right with his parents.

Field on Coachman Road after a game. Naturally, he walked there. He used to ride his bike everywhere, but his knees gave out.

The lack of a car does not prevent him from participating in all the OTOW activities. Roger is a member of the Jesters, Theater Workshop, Snowbirds, Canadian Club, New York/New Jersey Club, Shuffleboard Club, and is treasurer of the Good Neighbors Association. He also sets up the tables and chairs for the Entertainment Committee.

Roger is also an avid stamp collector and belongs to the OTOW Stamp Collectors Group. Stamp collecting runs in Roger's family, as they have been doing so for over 200 years and have stamps from a great many countries.

Roger is a second-generation owner. His parents Ed and Eunice Nicoll had lived in the Saratoga Building since 1981. His mother loved Florida and would travel to Daytona Beach each year with Roger. He would attend school there from September to April and then return to Arlington, Mass. His father was unable to join them as he was a pharmacist and owned the local drug store.

In high school, Roger was very involved with the DeMolay fraternal organization and performed in many of their shows.

In 1957, an unusual event occurred when his father was installed

as Master of his Masonic Lodge and Roger became Master of his DeMolay chapter at the same time.

Roger grew up around the soda fountain in his dad's drug store, but ended up in the banking field, working there for 35 years. He retired in 2001 and came to OTOW in 2002.

Roger has traveled extensively all over the world, even to Africa with his minister and a church group. In addition, he has been on at least 27 cruises.

In Massachusetts, Roger was a student at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio for four years and participated in dance competitions in Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey.

He has been president of his building for four years and is always "on call" when problems arise.

In OTOW shows, Roger has been a love bug, a sailor, a nudist, an Indian, Cher, Macho Man and a Scotsman (complete with kilt!) who sang and danced to "What Does a Scotsman Wear Under his Kilt?" What's next for him?

Roger is very content living here and being a second-generation resident enjoying life to the fullest!

If you are a second or third generation OTOW resident, call us at 727-470-2989 and we'll interview you for this column!



The Drake family in Theresa's Florida room in the Punjab Building.



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Successful pizza party caps eventful winter season

As another "winter" season comes to a close here in sunny Clearwater, we are already bidding farewell to many of our Snowbirds.

We've had a good season, welcomed new neighbors, made new friends and some happy memories with our potluck supper, Chinese buffet dinner, and the festive holiday party, which has become an annual event.

Our pizza party on March 11 topped off the list, with a wide array of homemade goodies ranging from appetizers to salads and scrumptious desserts, in addition to our pizza, of course!

Once again, our thanks to Bill Clark for entertaining us with his tunes on the keyboard. We even had line dancers, Carol Wharton and her husband, Doug Erickson, plus Joanne Wallend and Tamara Preston taking to the floor. Bill provided music with a smile.

Thank you Joanne and Bob Wallend for arranging this party. We all enjoyed a lovely evening of friendship and fellowship. To those who came a little early to set up and stayed to help clean up, a big thank you!

If you haven't already done so, please check the storage room and label and date your belongings with your name, unit number and year 2016. Remove anything that shouldn't be stored there. The lists of prohibited items are on the storage room doors. Also, kindly only use the space allocated to your unit and keep it neat.

Once again, we need to remind residents that the trash room is for ordinary, everyday household trash. Do not dispose of furniture, computers, televisions, appliances,



Bill Clark provides musical entertainment on the keyboard for a recent pizza party.

cabinets, toilets and the like in the trash room or in the core.

If you have clean, serviceable items, please consider donating them to the charity of your choice. Most will come pick up bulk items from your home.

If your old things are no longer useful, please see bulletin boards for proper disposal instructions. With everyone's cooperation, we can keep the Bavarian Chalet a safe and happy place to live.



Enid Goodman, seated, was honored at our annual building meeting and luncheon, for her many years of actively serving Loch Lomond building as Sunshine Lady, Decorations, Special Events and always being a good neighbor. (Photo by Sophia Kugeares)

Long-time OTOW resident honored for contributions

The photo above of Enid Goodman was in recognition of her many years of contributing to Loch Lomond's spirit of community.

She has helped with any and all activities such as cards, appropriate decorations in the core and bringing great food (usually desserts) to potlucks.

Enid's unit is on the ground floor, so she buys and cares for the plants in the yard. She presently is hosting her longtime friends who exchange visits with her almost every year.

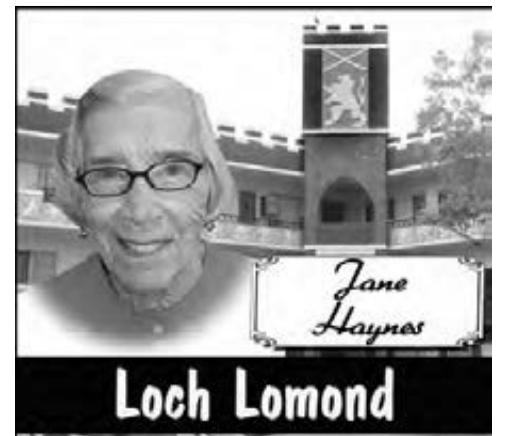
Dottie Liberti and Sophia Kugeares, along with suggestions from others, organized the very enjoyable annual meeting and we had a good turnout and a very congenial and productive meeting.

On Top of the World had offered several areas to receive attention and we summarized those into events planning. We will have several volunteers who will formulate plans for social activities.

Anne and Jack Casey, always willing, are seeking a place for a Snowbird send-off in April. Others are helping deliver announcements to units, etc.

Phil and Linda Woods will announce monthly luncheon venues (the last Monday, usually).

More discussions took place about four areas of concern: the storage rooms,



the trash room, the bike room and the laundry room. All of these areas were resolved before, so with a little attention to these problem areas, we can expect more improvement.

Please read the very explicit notes mounted on the bulletin board and speak up to Sophia or Dottie with your thoughts.

Place any suggestions inside the box on the bulletin board or slip them inside the storm doors of Sophia, Dottie or Jane.

We are trying to observe birth dates (month and day), so I hope you indicated yours on the list.

Time is going fast, so keep in touch with one another and enjoy your neighbors before the annual exodus begins.

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Featured residents come down from Ronkonkoma, L.I.

We zipped right into March with On Top of the World turning green for St. Pat's day.

First, a fantastic parade with floats, revelers in Irish green, and bagpipes — the whole nine yards. Even the trees got into the spirit and coated our cars with a thin film of green!

To celebrate St. Pat's day, we at the Azores descended on the Sunset Point Grill for corned beef and cabbage plus the opportunity to sample their award-winning key lime pie. A great opportunity to visit and build the sense of community, so necessary for living together in our building. I think we have the best and most active building on the East side.

March was a month of celebration: We turned our clocks forward for day light savings, we celebrated the arrival of spring, and paused to consider the meaning of Easter and prayed for world peace. All of this plus the beginning of the Snowbird migration north.



I have a leftover or two from last month. On Feb. 27, Ava Smith and 13 ladies from the Azores attended the Phi Beta Psi Sorority 23rd Annual Luncheon, Fashion Show and Jewelry Boutique. The proceeds generated by this function were donated to cancer research. Ava participated in the fashion show as a model. The ladies raised \$700 for cancer research. Good job, ladies!

Since the ladies were out doing their good deed, Gordon Fowlie organized the Azores R.O.M.E.O.s for lunch at our favorite watering hole, Molly Goodhead's. As usual, the food and service were supreme.

I had the opportunity to spend a little time with Lou and Jo D'Auria (see photo), who arrived this year in the brightest red car in the parking lot. They came down from Ronkonkoma, Long Island, N.Y. They have been coming to Florida for the last 15 winters, mostly to that other coast. Finally they discovered OTOW and find it a great place to spend the winter months.

Lou's sister and family live in New Port Richey, so every Sunday is devoted to visiting family. Lou has a lot of interests including reading, sunshine, golf, pool, and poker.

Jo was born in Italy and she remembers the American G.I.s coming into town and tossing gum to the kids.



Featured residents Jo and Lou D'Auria.

Lou and Jo have been married 55 years, a truly happy couple.

Keep checking the bulletin board for the spring cookout. Our spring business meeting was held March 24 in the third floor core. I'll have more to report at the meeting in April. Slip a little something into my in-box, please.

Many homeowners getting into spring landscaping

Some of the residents have had an exciting spring, with cruises or new landscaping, etc., and some are just enjoying the warm weather.

Shirley Crowder and this reporter went on a five-day cruise to the Keys and Cozumel. We ate too much, of course, however we walked a lot of miles and no one gained any weight.

Many of the residents are having new landscaping done, removing all the white stone and replacing them with bright mulch. Two new residents have new patio covers, which certainly look nice.

We want to welcome back Shirley Olbrecht who was very happy to return from Illinois and the cold weather.

We want to welcome back Dawn Rubio. In addition, we all wish Sally Morgan well.



The weather has cooled well enough to enjoy walking. However, the pollen is high and many of us have to take allergy medicine to get through the spring season.

A meeting will be held Saturday, March 5 to discuss replacing the mailboxes. Try to be there if you can.

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New book club sparks interest among OTOW bibliophiles

Hello all, On Top of the World neighbors.

Well I am not going to comment on how short the time is before everyone goes home, or saying goodbye to the Snowbirds, and I won't comment on when they will return. There is still enough time to enjoy each other until the season actually ends.

After a very eventful time in early February, the coffee was held at my house with a large turnout and enjoyable face time with those we hadn't seen for a while.

For the guys and women's dinner, many of us tried out the Besa Grill (one of the new advertisers in our paper) and were very pleased with the service, accommodations and food served.

Some of the ladies began a book club, thanks to Josephine Zito Walsh. She participates in many of them back up North. She gets so excited about it that I was inspired to take part.

The ladies are Anne Armature, Gloria Sayer, Patty Dowe Hayes, Ann King, Rita Levene and myself. Because we started so late and four of the members are Snowbirds, we only have read two books.



Our last meeting was March 15. We discussed a book "The Mermaids Sister" by Carrie Ann Noble. Previously we read "The Handmaids Tale" by Margaret Atwood. We decided one more book can be fit in on April 26. It will be the "Light Between Oceans" by Margot L. Stedman. We always have great discussions. If there is anyone who is interested in keeping this going during the spring and summer, let me know.

Gloria Sayer, Patty Dowe Hayes, Josephine Zito Walsh and myself spent the day at Clearwater Beach with wonderful weather and a good lunch at the Palm Pavilion.



Book club members front row, L-R: Anne Armature, Rita Levene and Gloria Sayer. Back row, L-R: Esta-Lee Schwartz, Ann King, Patty Dowe Hayes and Josephine Zito Walsh, who started the new group.

The last thing to finish off the season is the Annual Fish Fry that took place on March 22. Many signed up to attend bringing great side dishes. Thanks to the Moons, it has been a success every year.

Please continue to check the bulletin board for happenings.

I hope everyone enjoys a very good Passover and healthy year ahead.

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Seasonal events and activities wrapping up

Wow! Talk about one busy month, as March was packed with events.

The OTOW Theater Workshop presented "A Las Vegas Review." Once again, Viennese Villa was well represented on stage and behind the scenes. Russ Lamesfield, Nolan Shade, Pat Sprouse and Howard Rochte all partook in making it a memorable performance. Yes Elvis was in the building!

If you hear what sounds like hammering it's probably the guest Pileated Woodpecker (pictured at far right), which has taken up residence in a tree behind Dave and Marion Spitzley. Marion, being an avid photographer, provided us this grand photo.

Our cocktail hour, captained by Bill Carey, is a most welcomed event. Since one of them fell on St. Patty's Day, we brought dishes to compliment Fred O'Schick's corned beef. Good food and fun!

A farewell dinner for our Snowbirds was held in the Sunrise room. We will miss our neighbors who soon depart. Safe travels to you all.

Ducks are also enjoying our lovely pool. One actually joined the Polar Bears class. Unfortunately, Gert the gator does not scare them anymore. So we get extra exercise chasing them



out of the pool! The Polar Bears had their well-attended March luncheon at Country Pizza.

The OTOW Chorus, of which Les Ermold represents Viennese Villa, will present their Spring Concert Saturday evening April 2, and Sunday afternoon, April 3. Tickets available at the door or from a chorus member.

OTOW Chorus member Dana Garlick was one of over 100 singers who recently sang under the direction of Mack Wilberg, director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Mr. Wilberg was guest conductor at St. Petersburg's First Presbyterian Church. It was a delightful standing room only concert.

The Family History under the tutelage of Anne Watkins recently had



This Pileated Woodpecker has taken up residence near Viennese Villa.

(Photo by Marion Spitzley)

a full house for guest speaker Shirley Perry's talk on tracking your DNA. If you are interested in climbing the family tree this is the group for you.

Does anyone want to get a can of paint and have a porta-potty painting party for the bright blue potty on the golf course? Many have mentioned it would be nice to have a privacy fence from our vantage point.

Happy Birthday and anniversary to all celebrants. Any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

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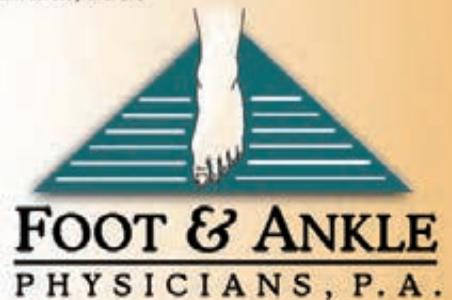
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Travelers get chance to strengthen bond with grandson

Our travelers, Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell were away again, but their trip was in the U.S. this time and according to them "it was a wonderful vacation."

Gerri and Richard flew to San Diego, Calif. Their son, daughter-in-law and 6-year-old grandson flew from Washington state to meet them.

The family stayed in San Diego a few days and then drove 40 miles to Lego Land for three days. The whole family stayed at a hotel right on the grounds. Their grandson was in awe of everything, especially the large pirate ship in front of the hotel.

In their suite, there was a Lego safe. You had to figure out the combination to open it. Once opened, there was a Lego puzzle. Every day, the maid put a new puzzle in the safe. Gerri's grandson couldn't wait to go back to the room to find the new puzzle.

One day, the whole family went on a tour of the aircraft carrier, the USS Midway. The Midway is permanently docked in San Diego. Richard was like a little kid exploring the ship as it is the sister ship of the USS Intrepid. Richard



served on the Intrepid, which is docked in New York City.

His grandson held his hand through the whole tour and was as excited as his "Pop-Pop." Richard's grandson just wanted to be with his grandfather. This is a trip Richard will remember forever. He also developed a great bond with his grandson.

Don't forget to give your building captain the phone number and name of who has your key when you are away. This is a precaution in case there is a problem. Also, let the Community Service Department know of this.



Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell are shown with their grandson during a recent vacation trip to San Diego.

Thank you so much for giving me information for my articles. I will be interviewing the new residents and introducing them to all of our other residents.

When you see the new residents, introduce yourself to them and welcome

them to Rila Renaissance. Let me know by telephone or leave a note in the white mailbox in the core under the bulletin board. I check the mailbox periodically.

We hope our neighbors have a good April. Enjoy the spring!

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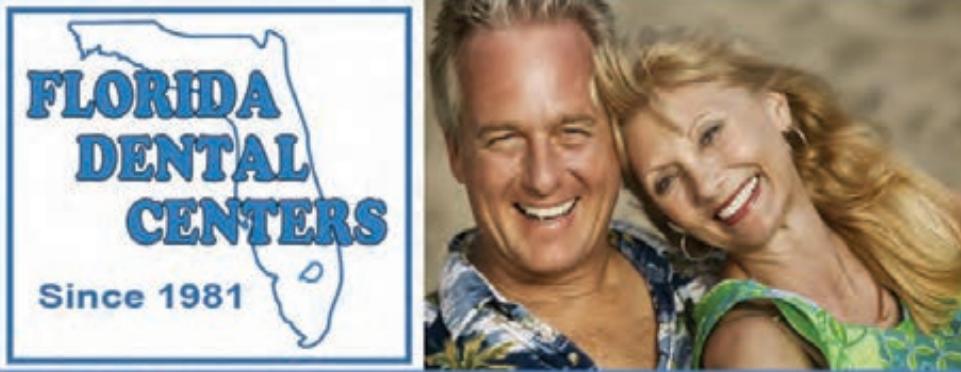
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What's in a number?

By Lori Montanari Gottshall

Trixadexaphobia? Tricky word if you ever saw one!

How many other words in the English language have two X's? Well, OK, some people superstitiously leave out the X's and spell it trisadecaphobia, and others spell it triskaidekaphobia. Maybe we should be more afraid of the word itself than the number 13.

Anyhow, that's not me. I am a trixadexaphiliac. Thirteen is definitely my lucky number. And, more importantly, if it's a Friday the 13th I am one happy girl. By the way, that's paraskevidekatriaphilia, if you favor the Greek for Friday, or friggatriskadekaphilia if you favor the Norse goddess after whom Friday is named.

So, back to the belief that Friday the 13th is an unlucky day. Wikipedia lists many different potential sources of the superstition — some mythological,

some historical and others just plain hysterical. No telling which is the truth.

Just so you know, in other countries it is sometimes a Tuesday which is considered unlucky and other times the 15th, as in the Ides of March. If you search carefully, I'm sure there are enough unlucky days to make you want to stay in bed with your head under the covers every day of the month.

In my research of this very serious topic, I came across a website which used universal calendar theory to calculate how many Friday the 13ths have happened since the Roman calendar began. There was a whole grid which showed by month and year every one of them. Years were classified by whether they ended in an even number or an odd, and if it was a leap year. Then the years were grouped based on which day of the week January first occurred. Thus, the layouts of

the days of the months were identified.

A subsidiary chart indicated which years contained a Good Friday the 13th — the Friday before Easter. Since Easter can travel about the calendar from late March to late April this must have been a very arduous task. It's wonderful that there are people who are willing to devote their energy in this way for the good of mankind.

One thing I know for sure, April 13th, 1990, was a Good Friday the 13th, and this goes back to why I'm a philiac about thirteenth. That's the day my husband and I had our first official date. When planning the day we laughed about it being a Friday the 13th and considered whether to just go out on Saturday instead, but then decided it would be OK since it was a "Good" one. Actually, I wasn't worried. After all, I was born on April first.

April marks 23rd anniversary of Espana

April is the Espana's birthday. In April, 1993, the first residents moved into this new building.

We have now just completed our 23rd year. Of the 54 apartments in our building, there are eight apartments that are still occupied by the original residents. Those eight are: Nancy Sevelle, Jackie Manfredi, Ken Russell, Connie Wells, Ruth and Jim Orsborne, Minnie Orsburn, Millie Anderson, Lill and Herb Cervinka, and me.

I think it is time for all you "new folks" to meet the remaining original Espana owners. Every now and then I will introduce one of them to you. I will start by introducing you to Nancy Sevelle.

Nancy and her husband Clarence were raised in Ohio. They both attended Kent State University and met while in college. After graduation, Clarence served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years and eventually became a Lt. Col.

Nancy and Clarence lived in many places. As Clarence was transferred to different areas, Nancy went along and spent her time raising their children and researching her family tree.



After she proved she had an ancestor dating back to the Revolutionary War, Nancy joined the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Nancy's maiden name was Harper, and she is descended from Alexander Harper, who was a captain in the Revolutionary War.

Clarence's next to last Air Force assignment was MacDill AFB in Tampa, where he served for six years prior to being assigned to Langley AFB, Va. When he retired in 1979, they knew they wanted to return to Florida, and purchased a home in Largo.

After Clarence passed away, Nancy no longer wanted the work involved with

a large home, desiring to downsize.

As she drove around the area, she said she kept seeing many strange-looking buildings. After a while she discovered that they belonged to a place called On Top of the World, an active lifestyle retirement community.

Nancy eventually decided that she would like to live here. She discovered that a building called Espana that was to be built. At the time, the building's site was still an orange grove.

After checking the plans, she purchased one of the first-floor corner apartments. She then sold her house, rented an apartment in the Mediterranean Building on the East side of OTOW and waited while the Espana was being built.

Nancy meets many neighbors as she takes her dog, Scruffy, on daily walks.

Nancy has two daughters, a son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Of her children, two live in the area and one daughter lives in Virginia.

Nancy — It is a pleasure to have you as a neighbor.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

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

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Head of OTOW building coordinator project holds briefing

Guest speaker for the March Mandarin building party was Valerie Martin.

Her slide presentation illustrated the many reasons why people choose to live at On Top Of the World.

She then presented the objectives and goals of the building coordinator project she is heading up.

One of her objectives is to increase the number of buildings that have an active social structure focusing on improving the lives of the residents. Valerie is a good source of information who gives guidance to building coordinators.

Jim Grant called the meeting to order and followed with election of officers. The elected officers are: Building Captains Jim and Jeannette Grant, Secretary Phyllis Marsteller, Treasurer Bill Boll. SW Wing Captain Joan Brown, SE Wing Captains, Rick and Debbie Figaski, NE and NW Wing Captain Linda Bouley.

Jeannette Grant volunteered to continue as Sunshine Lady and Ed Foland volunteered to continue as Building Reporter.



The Mandarin Building provided a free lasagna dinner catered by the Grants. Several volunteers assisted with set up and clean up before and after the meeting. Thanks to all!

Dues of \$10 per condo were collected from those who attended the meeting. Wing captains will contact the other residents and collect from them.

Phyllis Marsteller and Carmella Papariello organized the monthly ladies' luncheon for March. The group enjoyed the food and service at First Watch in Clearwater on St. Patrick's Day.

After the business meeting,



Guest speaker Valerie Martin presented a slide show of the many activities available at OTOW and discussed the building coordinator project that she heads up. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Eduardo the Great performed some magic tricks and entertained the group with some redneck humor. He was invited back to perform at a future meeting.

Residents looked on as the Snowbirds' float for the Irish Club

St. Patrick's Parade took shape in front of the building on Costa Rican Dr. Later in the day, they watched it being disassembled.

Be sure to check the bulletin boards frequently for announcements, meetings and upcoming events.

Italian-themed dinner party was gastronomic delight

If any of you attended the Jester's "A Night to Remember" show in February, you might have recognized one of our residents, Adele Friedlander.

She appeared in a skit entitled "Try to Remember," along with her friend, Mike, who even sang a couple of songs.

Helen Valentine entertained a group of On Top of the World friends in her home on March 6 with a genuine spaghetti dinner, along with hors d'oeuvres all made by friend, Carmela Assarian, who also lives at OTOW (see photo).

Carmela spent the day at Helen's preparing her spaghetti sauce from scratch, along with wonderful bruschetta and mozzarella, tomato and basil on baguettes, Italian meats, and a fresh salad with all the fixings.

Everyone who attended marveled at all the delicious food. After dinner came cheesecake, melon and ambrosia. No one went home hungry; in fact, we all took home doggie bags filled with spaghetti and bruschetta.



February's building lunch was at the GrillSmith with nine in attendance. March's lunch is planned for the Village Inn with free pie being offered. Be sure to keep checking the bulletin board for details on our April luncheon and other important information and events for our building.

With April upon us, it's time to think about cleaning out your storage area. Be sure to check the list of items that are not allowed in storage, and if you happen to have a green notice



Helen Valentine's March dinner party featured dishes prepared by her friend, Carmela Assarian. Folks in the photo beginning from the front center are Carmela Assarian, Phyllis Washuda, Dorothy Churchill, Naomi Manoogian, Steve LeDuc, Miriam McCarty, Pat Hedgecoth and Helen Valentine.

from OTOW on items that must be removed, be sure to take care to remove and/or discard those items in the proper manner.

As always, if you have any news to add for the May article, please let me know.

Need An Extra Newspaper?

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

Time to start cooling off at one of our pools

The hot, hazy days of summer are nearly upon us.

The cooler days that we happily looked forward to have gone and we are starting to feel the humidity again. Many of our residents complain about the hot weather, but I notice that the pool area is crowded, the golf course is active and the air conditioners are working double time.

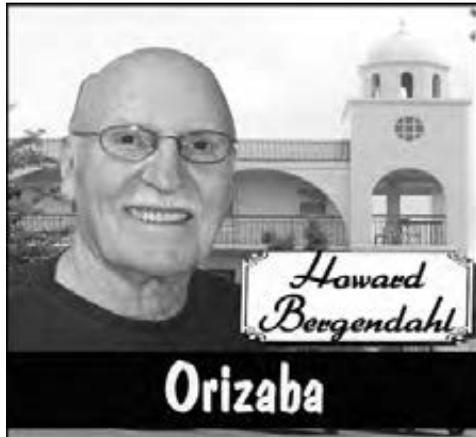
The Orizaba breakfast club is still going strong.

Happy birthday to Bob Rittner, Jackie Blair and Howie Bergendahl. Seems odd, they all turned 39 together!

Hope that everyone has gotten their tax returns filed and are looking forward to a large return.

The campaigns for president have given the news networks plenty to talk about. But, with the election coming up, how about a look at the home where the newly elected family will live?

I recently received a newsletter



stating that the White House has been known as the President's House, the President's Palace and the Executive Mansion until Theodore Roosevelt officially named it the White House.

George Washington, our first President, never slept or lived in the White House because of his demise about one year before its completion.

The White House, which stands on 82 acres of land set aside by Congress

in 1791, has been renovated, gutted and remodeled to suit every president and first lady.

For informational purposes the White House has 132 rooms, 32 bathrooms, 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, seven staircases and three elevators.

In employment are three full-time chefs. The White House kitchen is able to serve dinner to as many as 140 guests and hors d'oeuvres to more than a thousand visitors.

The residence has many facilities available to its elected head of government, including a tennis court, swimming pool, track, theater, and billiard room. All in all a very nice place to call home for a few years!

Here's some humor for you: "Old" has many meanings, but the one I like is when the wife says "Let's go upstairs and make love," and the husband says "Pick one or another of them because I can't do both!"



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Caribbean cruise provided relaxation, adventure

The Bohemians on our recent cruise appear to have spent their time relaxing and enjoying the benefits of wonderful entertainment, delicious cuisine, comfortable accommodations and terrific weather.

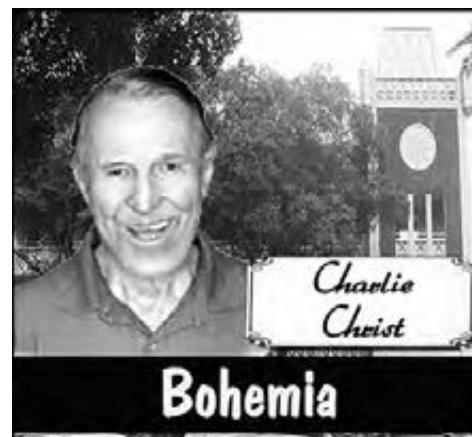
There were adventures ranging from the Devil's Hangout in Hell to river rafting and climbing the falls at Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

There was a terrific barbecue in Jamaica, a tour of the turtle farms in the Cayman Islands, and a visit to Ernest Hemingway's haunts at Key West.

Craig Golding said he enjoyed "Just laying around the pool on the ship and hooking up with neighbors."

I asked who won the money at the casinos. "Ask Carol," was the answer. I did. Her answer, "A little." That's all I know.

But I am sure of this, guys: Now may be the logical time to consider what's coming up on the horizon: A Panama Canal cruise!



Edward and Fay Landry have been entertaining their friends, Victor and Marilyn Jones. They were the owners of "Capones," an Italian restaurant in Ottawa, for many years.

Following retirement, they have enjoyed the Florida sunshine along with the friendly people here for the past two weeks. We're hoping they'll return again.

Eight of our fellow Bohemians

recently completed Pinochle lessons at the EAC. However, none have showed up at Pinochle Club nights to play.

We're hoping some show up so they won't forget what they learned.

A sizeable group of Bohemians gathered for Sadie Hawkins Day, but the originator of the event was absent. Box lunches were made by the participants. As diners arrived, they were given numbers. At dinner time, each person drew a number and matched it to the corresponding dinner. It was great fun seeing the expressions on people's faces as they opened their containers. It was also fun watching people trade or share the contents.

We had a great time by devouring those box lunches, visiting, and enjoying another beautiful Florida day.

Painting our building is almost finished. It takes about 15 days, is done every five to seven years, and takes four people to complete. The main problem can be weather. We should know the total cost for our next issue.

ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO DIRECTLY RENT THEIR UNIT must request necessary forms for securing Condominium Association approval and Recreation Cards for their tenants.

Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail.

Mail requests to:

**On Top of the World Recreation Card Department
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NEW! Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate office receptionist.

This application can ONLY be sent to, or picked up, by OWNERS of On Top of the World apartments and only the OWNER shall process applications for renter Recreation Cards.

OTOW Boat Owners & Future Boat Owners

- All boats must be registered through the Community Service Office.
- Registration fees of \$10 are due by the beginning of March, yearly.
- Boats will be assigned a rack spot number upon registration.
- Boats must be registered before they can be stored at Lake Arbor.
- Maximum kayak/canoe length is 16 feet. Maximum Jon boat length is 14 feet.
- All watercraft must be maintained in seaworthy condition.
- Unregistered boats are subject to removal and impound.
- The management company is not responsible for theft or damage to stored watercraft.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR GUESTS LAUNDRY HOURS ARE 8:00 A.M. til 8:00 P.M.

2016 building committee includes co-captains

Well March came in like a lamb and hopefully it will not go out like a lion!

We are having beautiful weather right now and hope everyone is taking advantage of it by going to the pool, playing golf, tennis and going to the beach.

The Casey's had a surprise visit from their daughter, Kristen, who lives in Georgia. They had no idea she was coming and really enjoyed her visit.

Many of our Snowbirds are leaving us for the season this month. Make sure you wish them well and a safe journey home.

I wanted to take the time to let everyone know we have a new committee for our building.

It was decided to have co-captains on each side of our building. The captain on the Columbia side is Gino Traficante and on the Ecuadorian side is Michael Malkov.

The rest of our committee consists of our treasurer, Jane Johnson, secretary, Zully Colangelo and reporter, Mary Casey. We also have a decorating committee and special events committee. Please make sure you check the building board for any activities planned and when the meetings are. Please try to



attend the meetings so that you have a say in what is going on in the building.

Some of the activities that we have had with the residents were a well-attended cookout hosted by Mike Malkov and Rebecca Savage and a well-attended luncheon held at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor.

There will be an activity the first Saturday of each month. We hope to see all our residents attend if possible.

If you have any news for me to put in the paper please make sure I get it by the 12th of each month.

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Irish Club parade gets more popular each year

What glorious weather we had for our Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade, which seems to be more popular than ever.

The bands and our Line Dancers were terrific and we loved the Baby Boomers. Did you view it on our Ch. 96 or 732? It also was seen all day on St. Patrick's Day.

At the parade, I was looking forward to buying my hot dog but they were all gone when I got there. The Good Karma gals cooked 500 hot dogs. Note to organizers: Make it 600 next year!

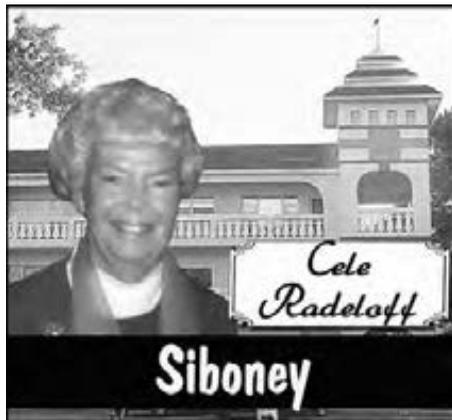
The Siboney monthly luncheon was held at Johnny's with 12 residents attending. Many of us had prior commitments and couldn't attend.

Peg Dugan drove to Land O'Lakes to watch her grandson coach his son's soccer team. The little guy is only 3 years old and the team is undefeated!

I missed the luncheon as I went to our annual Cancer Survivors Celebration picnic at Philippe Park. It's a joy to greet old friends and count our blessings. Former residents, Mary Allen and Edna Mae Androvetta joined me there. Mary and I were the "T.O.W. Tappers" in the Jesters shows and she and Florene Morris did the Abbot and Costello "Who's on first, what's on second," routine in the 1994 Jesters show, for which they received a standing ovation!

I'll also miss the Siboney picnic on Thursday, April 7, for the first time as it's our Press Luncheon on the same date. All these conflicts....

The March green decorations in the core were put up by Cathy Amorella and president Lillian Foy, with a little help (just a little) from this



reporter. We thank you very much.

A lovely group of ladies in our building and several friends met in Philippe Park to just enjoy one another and the scenery there. The group consisted of Sue Rausch, Linda Mathewson, Elaine Maynard, Audrey Decker, Arla Gossiaux, Rita Tombari, Catherine Rosenbaum, Cathy O'Keefe, Paula Ergang, Mary Jane DeVoe, and Dottie Provost. Each brought a dish to share and plan on another get-together in April.

We had many visitors during Spring Break. Didn't they luck out with the weather? Of course they all headed for Clearwater Beach.

My granddaughter, who has been a music teacher for only two years, was nominated for "Teacher of the Year" in her community. I'm so proud of her. Her competition consists of two other teachers, one who has been teaching for 28 years and the other with 35 years of experience. Whatever the outcome, it's still an honor.

The next Siboney meeting will be Wednesday, April 27.

The Chorus Show is April 2 and 3. It's always a great performance.

Happy Passover to all.



Dolly Newcome was thrilled at the amenities of her latest cruise ship, including this full-size merry-go-round on one of the promenade decks.

Building's cruise traveler takes another exciting trip

Cruising again! Dolly Newcome just got back from a Caribbean cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale on Royal Caribbean's cruise ship *Oasis of the Seas*.

Visited ports were Nassau, St. Martin, and St. Thomas.

The ship was breath-taking. There was a full-size merry-go-round (see photo) on one of the three promenades. "Central Park" was on another.

After the cruise she visited friends in Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. It was another great trip!





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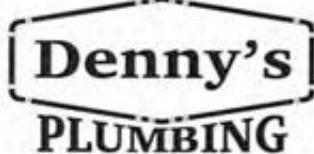
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Cruise news highlights recent Austrian Alpine events

Austrian Alpine residents love to cruise and enjoy old and new friends as they seek new experiences in different ports.

Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segall joined 70 area softball teams and a group of friends for the Cubbies Threescore Softball Cruise. On this yearly cruise, the couple snorkels on coral reefs and shipwrecks. "I love the colorful fish and marine life," Kathy said. "But I did swim into a two-foot-long barracuda."

When the cruise stopped in St. Thomas, Kathy and Lenny traveled to the snorkeling site by catamaran. Underwater there were concrete slabs with signs that explained the history and gave information about the fish.

Grace Hodek usually cruises with five of her gal pals. They always take side trips and on a recent cruise with a stop in Aruba, the ladies traveled to the interior of the island where they saw rare birds, lizards and geckos and sampled native food.

On one turbulent night at sea, the rocking of the ship pushed Grace out of bed. "It's a good thing I'm short; it's not too far for me to hit the ground." Grace laughed.

During one of the shows on the cruise ship, there was falling "snow" as part of the performance. The ladies



got to play in the snow, a rarity for Florida residents.

Marilyn Whelan, vice president of the On Top of the World Travel Club, plans the club's trips and cruises, along with a very able Travel Club team.

The latest cruise was to Cozumel and Key West with 70 club members. "Being on a cruise with neighbors and friends enhances the trip," Marilyn said. "And we all look out for each other."

The group had an OTOW cocktail party and a personalized shopping experience run by the Royal Caribbean.

The transportation to and from OTOW and the cruise ship in Tampa was seamless. "The Barracuda Bus" put our luggage on the bus in the



During a recent cruise, Kathy Ahrens stopped off in Mexico to view dancers in their native ceremonial costumes.

OTOW parking lot and we next saw our luggage in our cabins." Marilyn commented. "That ease of transfer is a trip organizer's dream come true."

A reminder that Austrian Alpine will hold an important building meeting later this month. Check the bulletin board for date, time and place.

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Baghdad's person of interest is 'a whirlwind of good will'

Vicky Portsmouth and husband Tom have been residents of On Top of the World for only two years.

However, their history in Clearwater and the Tampa Bay area goes back nearly 40 years. Vicky's career in financial services brought her to Florida from Texas.

After retiring and spending a few years "playing," they decided to retire to OTOW and chose the Baghdad building because of its appearance and location. She says "Once the grandkids saw it looked like Aladdin's castle, we knew we'd stop here."

Vicky enjoys her associations in the Jesters and Theatre Workshop. Recently she appeared in the Jesters performance about Broadway in which she sang and danced.

You will also see her in the Theatre Workshop presentation on Las Vegas, where she'll try her hand at some comedy! And, you'll also see her volunteering at Bingo.

Just belonging to an organization is not enough for Vicky. She likes to help others, and gives her time and energy to make someone's life a little better. You may see Vicky racing around the Baghdad building: watching someone's pet, bringing someone a dish of food, or taking someone to a



doctor's appointment. She's a whirlwind of good will!

Vicky has joined a volunteer project working with OTOW and other volunteers like herself to develop a set of guidelines that all buildings will use to manage their social clubs/associations. It's to help new residents get familiar with OTOW and help building volunteers know what their volunteer jobs involve.

Vicky says, "By having something in writing to lead our residents, I think we can bring about a pleasant approach to problem solving in our buildings. Many buildings feel disjointed and without any voice in the decision-making. We're working on bringing every owner into the decision-making process."



Vicky Portsmouth is Baghdad's featured resident for April. Her husband, Tom, is beside her.

OTOW is home to star Columbian athlete

Hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday.

Our building was busy with moving vans and remodeling trucks this past month. We appreciate the hard work our homeowners do to keep our building beautiful.

We also thank the maintenance crew for replacing the wind-torn sheet metal on our steeples.

Our building is fortunate to have wonderful and talented people, ranging from a star entertainer in the recent Jesters' Show to a star futbol (soccer) player from Columbia, South America.

Let me introduce to you Ray "Moncho" Gonzalez. His career began at the age of 17 in his native country of Columbia.

While in high school, he listened to a representative from a large petroleum company that was interviewing young, enthusiastic futbol players for their team. (We call it soccer in the U.S.) Ray was offered a contract with



many incentives. He would be paid fifty dollars a month with all living expenses paid.

This offer fueled his enthusiasm for futbol. His next step was to convince his parents to give him permission to leave his family and native country.

After much discussion he got his parents' blessing, however, he had to promise them not to smoke or develop any fondness for beer. Two thousand miles away from home, he created

many glorious memories with his new found team.

The original contract was for five years, then extended to 11 glorious years.

Even today at 84 years of age, he is free from "undesirable vices that are responsible for human destruction."

Ray married his high school sweetheart, Yolanda. They were blessed with five beautiful daughters that all married in the U.S.

After Yolanda's passing, life continued on for Ray, who married a wonderful woman named Helen. For the past 18 years they both continue to enjoy life to its fullness here at On Top of the World.

Ray says his proudest moment in life was "becoming an American citizen." What a pleasure it has been getting to know such a delightful couple with such a rich history.

Oh by the way, drop me a line if you missed shoveling snow up North this year. I sure didn't!

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Bi-lingual couple get to use their ability at Canadian Club

Norm and Pauline Couture are friendly Dorado residents who have the unique ability to speak French and English.

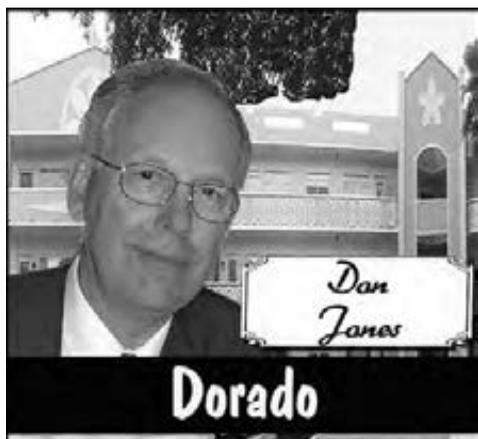
As lifetime residents of Maine, one might ask how that could be. They hail from Lewiston, Maine, and their bilingualism was a gift from earlier family members who were from Canada.

As it turns out, there are many French-speaking citizens in Lewiston who have a similar heritage. The family of Pauline's mother came from Rimouski, Quebec, and Norm's father was from Thedford Mines, Quebec.

In my interview with them, I learned a great deal about their community in Maine and the history of the French immigration from Quebec in the early 1900s.

Norm and Pauline's French-speaking abilities have made them very comfortable members of the Canadian Club, where they get the opportunity to speak French to members often. As a Canadian, I wish I was as at ease with the two languages as they are.

Norm was a strong member of his community in Maine, where he served on various boards and committees. He was chair of the City Zoning Board of



Appeals and chair of the city's finance committee.

Like so many of us, upon retirement, they looked south for the winter months. They had been renting in Sarasota when former Maine neighbors informed them of On Top of the World. Norm and Pauline came to visit and when they realized the potential here at OTOW, decided to locate here.

Norm and Pauline quickly realized the benefits of OTOW, and they enjoy the friendships, clubs and amenities that are available.

These friendships enable them to visit Canada when they are back in Maine for the summer, to see the friends they have made here at OTOW.



Dorado featured residents Norm and Pauline Couture stand on either side of their daughter, Ann, who paid them a recent visit. (Photo by Don Jones)

They have enjoyed getting to know their Dorado neighbors and participate fully in golf, travel club, lawn bowling and other events. Norm was the lawn bowls treasurer for two years.

Norm and Pauline were high school sweethearts and married immediately after Norm's service years in the U.S. Navy. That was 56 years ago.

They have three children and five grandchildren that keep them busy these days when they are not involved in

their many activities around OTOW.

In fact as I write this, their daughter, Ann is visiting and is pictured with them in this article (see photo). Their three children are Denise, a chiropractor in Maine, Ann, a Mechanical Engineer in New Hampshire and Jim, a lab technician at L.L. Bean in Freeport.

Norm and Pauline Couture, happily married since 1960, have found their formula for a happy retirement here in the Dorado Building.

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

THE OTOW BUS COMES DIRECTLY TO YOU!

For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

(Note that pickup times can be anywhere from 30-45 minutes early.)

Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

Nearly three dozen residents enjoy prizeworthy party

JoAnn Dameron, our activities director, produced another outstanding holiday party on Feb. 23 at Kally K's.

We had the best turnout ever, with some 35 residents, some with their holiday tops on. Marilyn Solivan really dressed for the occasion with matching earrings and blouse.

Every attendee received a large pine cone sprinkled with glitter and a bow with their name. JoAnn also had made a money tree for a door prize. Dorothy Carpenito won the 50/50 raffle.

Marilyn Solivan won a Publix gift card and Mary Ellen Henry won a KFC gift card. Rose Fiore won the money tree with 25 dollar bills tied to the branches.

JoAnn likes working with Kally K's because they are so accommodating. They allow her to decorate the private room and order off the menu instead of the standard group fare. This is the second time she has worked with them.



I hope you were one of the lucky residents who saw the Jesters' performances of Broadway show on Valentine's weekend. It was indeed "show-stopping!" JoAnn and I went on Sunday. I am always amazed and pleased at our talented individuals here at OTOW.

The building held a potluck on Saturday, March 19. The building fund supplied the fried chicken. Residents brought their own chair, a side dish to share and their drinks. This was the last event before our Snowbirds fly home.

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OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. **If the submitter's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

FOR SALE

Woman's righty golf clubs; water dumbbells; 8-10 foot decorative curtain rod. 796-8616

White Classic III treasure finder/metal detector, good condition \$50. 725-9550

GE electric built-in oven \$50; Jenn-Air electric cook top \$50. Photos available. 502-594-2444

Old Town Sport 14-foot canoe with two life jackets, paddles, oar locks and two-blade kayak paddle. OTOW boat facility slot F \$250. 503-5799

Men's and ladies' golf sets, right-hand w/pull carts \$35/\$30; ladies' Almark lawn bowls set, size 2H, w/tape measure, carrying case \$50. 799-6335

Banquet table, wood grain, folding legs, 2-1/2' x 5' \$25; Black & Decker Cyclone blender, like new \$15. 480-9456

Hospital bed and roll-a-way bed. Make offers. 669-3831

2-wheel golf cart \$10. 266-4078

Lenox cup/saucer, white, in gift box, perfect for Mother's Day \$15. 791-7610

Brown leather powerlift recliner, 4-shelf corner piece, brown leather recliner and ottoman, large shell painting. All like new. 446-9797

White portable sewing machine, model 999; card table & 4 folding chairs; old 3 1/2 records, one autographed (Jesse's Maui). 725-7748

Breakfast bar chairs, household items, golf, pool tennis and prophecy books/magazines/videos, pool cues, tennis racquets, other items. 791-1444

Two like new, custom Broyhill swivel rockers, beige microfiber upholstery \$350 each. 953-3668

Wooden rocking chair \$40. 724-1756

Twin comforter, Tommy Hilfiger, beige w/flowers \$22; weather/hazard alert radio, new \$15; handicap over-toilet system, holds up to 300 lbs. \$20. 692-7028

Blue glider rocker with foot rest \$50 OBO. 726-5032

Olive green recliner and rocker \$75; Whirlpool stackable washer/dryer \$150; Hoover rug shampooer \$30. Call after April 8. 796-7180

Two matching sofas, coffee table, dining table with 4 chairs, all for \$500. Will sell separately. 402-423-5088

IZIP hybrid electric bicycle w/2 battery packs, saddle bag and helmet, all for \$475 firm. 725-4843

12" Oriental doll in glass case \$35; six Royal Doulton soup bowls & saucers \$25; six snifter glasses \$5; other items. 799-3086

Two-end recliner/love seat with center console, brown siege \$250. 796-4555

Used golf balls \$1.50/dozen; Schwinn bike \$35; tableware; misc. dishes; carpet, 6' x 6'. 352-391-8044

Netbook computer: HP Mini, 1GB RAM 250GB hard drive, 10-inch screen, wireless Internet, great for traveling \$50. 458-8954

Men's new clothes & shoes; women's like-new shoes size 5-6; petite clothes; household items; new memory foam mattress topper. 515-4163

Car bike rack (double), for Class II hitch, excellent condition \$90 OBO. 754-3695 or 463-8240

WANTED

King James Bible wanted, large print desired. 559-1851

Spinet piano wanted. 791-1264

Ladies' 26" bicycle wanted, preferably free. Will be grateful. 330-6020

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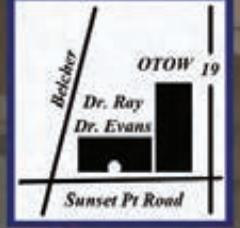
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- Educational Workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association - on April 11 
- National Volunteer Week celebration - on April 14
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