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The addition of 37 new LED lights has created a beautiful night scene at the Sunset Gardens.

We have a new, beautiful glow in our community

On Top of the World has a vision of making your community extra special.

And the latest improvement project to head in that direction is the addition of 37 new lights at the Sunset Gardens entrance.

Just one look at the picture above should tempt you to take an evening stroll and enjoy nature's beauty around us.

Or at least drive very slowly and admire the glow of five new lights around our signature globe.

"We're always looking for ways to enrich each resident's living experience in

our community," said Parkway Operations Manager Shawn Tobias.

The LED lights are state-of-the-art. They provide 1,850 lumens per light, automatically come on in the evening and each light is expected to last 50,000 hours before needing replacement.

Sunset Gardens is now worth exploring again.

New crepe myrtle trees were recently added. The leaves will return in spring and the flowers will bloom in summer. The trees will give year-round residents an appreciation for the change in sea-

sons. While we don't usually get to enjoy the change in seasons here, the crepe myrtles will give us a subtle hint.

Surrounding the crepe myrtles are new sidewalks with a safer surface for walking and throughout the community more park benches are being added.

What residents won't see are electrical improvements, which will help provide wonderful upgrades in the future.

Best of all, On Top of the World is proud to say that about 80 percent of the recent work has been done in house by our own employees. While a contractor

has overseen the Sunset Gardens project, OTOW construction, electric, utility, landscape and building crews have all chipped in.

Next on the list is the Pavilion Project near the East Activity Center. The same lights at Sunset Gardens will be installed around the new pavilion, sidewalks, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits.

Once completed, we will have yet another new beautiful glow in our community.

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OTOW Snowbird becomes a USA representative at international lawn bowl tournament in China

By Doug Kates

In 2011, Sandy Wall had just become a Snowbird resident at On Top of the World.

Eager to take advantage of the amenities, she walked over to the East Activity Center swimming pool and saw everyone splashing around.

But she decided it wasn't her type of activity.

Sandy continued her morning walk and a few yards away discovered the lawn bowl courts. Moments after arriving, she bumped into some Lawn Bowl Club members who explained the game to her.

Eight years after that verbal introduction to the sport of lawn bowling, Sandy was in China competing in an international lawn bowl tournament. Not just any tournament, but the Tiger Bowls World Invitation where she was one of four American women chosen to represent Team USA.

Sandy competed from March 9-16. On March 18 she was facing the On Top of the World media in Clearwater. It turned out to be a very big deal - Sandy was proudly wearing a third place medal.

"I was absolutely thrilled to be able to represent the United States," Sandy said. "It was an honor."

Sandy's teammates were from California and Wisconsin. They had never played together before, but had competed at various divisional tournaments throughout the United States.

The premier Tiger Bowls tournament took place in Hong Kong, followed by a second event in Zhuhai and a third event in Shenzhen.

It was at Zhuhai where Team USA went 4-1 to reach the quarterfinals and finished in third place.

"We would have loved to have earned the gold, of course," Sandy said. "But we were pleased. There were very good bowlers over there."

Team USA competed against two teams from Malaysia, and one each from England, South Africa, Singapore and China.

"It was so cool to play against bowlers from those other teams," Sandy said. "I would definitely do it again."

Sandy was very proud.

Announcements were made for Team USA to board a bus and she felt proud as others watched the American bowlers get on board.

Opening ceremonies included bowlers from every country, and at each venue Sandy didn't take for granted seeing the American flag wave.

Win or lose, it was an incredible achievement for someone who had never even seen a lawn bowl court until that morning walk at the East Activity Center eight years ago.

"I didn't know anything about lawn bowling," she



Fresh off an international flight from China to the United States, On Top of the World resident Sandy Wall proudly displays a third place medal and team jersey from the Tiger Bowls World Invitations held in Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Shenzhen.

said. "I tried it and in three days I was hooked. Kind of reminded me of chess on grass."

On Top of the World lawn bowlers not only compete against each other during the winter season, but some compete at division tournaments all across the country.

In 2017, Sandy participated in a U.S. Open doubles tournament with OTOW teammate Cathy Mills. They took first place.

Then, in 2018, Sandy was selected to participate with Team USA in the North American Challenge - United States against Canada. At this event she took first place in singles.

In December 2018, Sandy received her invitation to compete in China and this October will represent the United States at the World Singles Champion of Champions in Australia. She will be the only American female making the trip.

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Keeping the residential character of On Top of the World

One of the things that keeps me up at night is the thought of this great community losing its residential character.

To ensure that doesn't happen, your Board adopted the Amended and Restated Rules for the On Top of the World Condominium Community, specifically, Rule 10.

"Leasing and Sales of Units" states that "No unit may be occupied, leased or sold without the prior written approval of the occupant, lessee or new owner by the Association."

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to deny approval of any proposed occupancy, lease or sale if, following the taking of the proposed occupancy, making of the proposed lease or closing of the proposed sale, the unit will not be occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

As a condition precedent to consideration for approval, each prospective occupant, lessee and purchaser must inform the Association in writing whether the unit will be occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older and each proposed occupancy, lessee and new owner shall appear for an interview with a designated representative of the Association.

In no event may any unit be leased in a furnished condition for an initial term of less than six (6) months plus one (1) week, and no unit may be leased in an unfurnished condition for an initial term of less than one (1) year."

Your Association is aware of a high rate of tenants within the community who have not been through the review process necessary for occupancy. As a reminder, it is the responsibility of the unit owner to submit for approval, to the Occupancy Compliance Department, the following documents: (1) a completed lease application, (2) a notarized lease completed by the owner(s) and tenant(s), (3) a government issued ID such as a driver license or passport and (4) the appropriate review fee(s).

Additionally, it is also the responsibility of the unit owner(s) to obtain Association approval prior to any tenant(s)



occupying the unit. As a reminder, owners are required to surrender their activity card when leasing their unit so that activity cards can be issued to the tenant(s).

For your convenience, lease forms may be obtained online at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com under the Community Info tab at the top of the page. From there scroll down to "Direct Owner Leasing Application" and print out the checklist as well as the application.

Completed forms and fees may be dropped off at the East Activity Center Community Service Office or can be mailed to: Occupancy Compliance Department

Attention: Ritzy Norindr
2069 World Parkway Blvd.
Clearwater, Florida 33763

Your Association works diligently to ensure that occupancy meets the standards and rules of the On Top of the World condominium community. If you are aware of underage or unauthorized occupants, please notify the Association in writing so that steps can be taking to bring the unit into compliance.

Did you know?

If you receive a compliance notice, please promptly comply!

You are not being singled out.

Other unit owners in violation of community rules have and will also receive notices. These notices are sent to make you aware that there is a violation that needs to be corrected in a timely manner to ensure On Top of the World is a beautiful and safe community in which

to live.

In the event you choose not to comply, your Association has specific procedures for rule violations that must be adhered to. Don't assume that the rules are not being enforced. Compliance enforcement oftentimes can be a lengthy process.

Update Emergency Contacts

Recently the Management Company received a letter from a resident expressing concerns for a neighbor and their unit.

In attempting to make contact with the neighbor's family using the three emergency contacts provided by the owner in 2006, I was not successful.

Trust me when I tell you, if you haven't done so recently, update your emergency contacts with the Association and please do so on a regular basis, as those contacts can and do change.

In this particular instance it was discovered that the resident lived alone and had passed away with no family to contact.

During times of an emergency, it may become necessary to reach out to family and/or friends for information or to make them aware of a need to resolve an issue with your unit.

If your contacts are not current, the Association has no alternative course of action available.

Depending upon the nature of the emergency, this could prove to be catastrophic, for instance, in the event of a water leak.

So the take away here is update your information using the form available in the OTOW newspaper. For your convenience, you can also update this information online at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com and click on the Service Department tab. From there click the link "To submit an online Emergency Contact Update: Click here."

Community Service Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

Calls and voicemails are responded

to during normal business hours. Once the resident's need is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request to discern if it is urgent or a non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items exclusive to the unit are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests. For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number afterhours in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit.

Again, dial 911 for a health related emergency. 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.

Four Ways To Turn Your Water On or Off

1. Call 727-799-3417 (Option 6). Messages will be retrieved Monday-Friday, 7 am - 5 pm.
 2. Visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, 8:30 am-3 pm, Mon-Fri.
 3. Go online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
 4. For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 pm weekdays and 12-9 on weekends.
- A \$35 payment by check will be required.



Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 am - 5:15 pm weekdays and 7:30-11:30 am on weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours.

You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on.

It takes a little work to be a

Condominium living has many wonderful advantages: Great amenities, affordability, numerous social opportunities and being part of a community come to mind.

Condo living can be very successful when residents remember they must also be good neighbors to each other.

Condo living can also become a little complicated as well, like when the upstairs neighbor's sewer backs up, or a shower pan leaks, or when an air conditioner drain over-flows.

Fortunately, such events are infrequent.

By now, most residents know to visit the Community Service Office or call the after hours Emergency Service telephone number with these concerns.

What happens next requires the cooperation of all impacted parties.

The Management Company maintains a 24-hour presence on the property, which enables a rapid response to at least determine the scope of the problem and to begin to execute on a solution. If the problem is water related, the Management Company Remediation Team will pay a visit and begin the process of limiting further damage, to the extent they can. In most cases, a licensed plumber will need to address a sewer back-up or a licensed air condition technician is called in to address a failing air conditioning system.

Time is of the essence in addressing such matters: Water related complaints cannot be put off and do require immediate attention.

I mention this because the Remediation Team supervisor has reported several instances where residents have been uncooperative by either denying access into the condo to investigate the source of the leak, or to refuse to take action to repair the problem within their unit causing



damage to an adjoining unit.

The Declaration affords the Association emergency rights of entry into any unit. That said, this right is used very sparingly. In a few instances, such non-cooperation has been referred to legal counsel for action.

My purpose in writing this is to remind everyone that if you want good neighbors, be a good neighbor. If a water leak occurs, allow Management Company personnel access into your condo to limit further damage to your neighbor's property.

Depending on the source, it may be your obligation to address a repair promptly.

Travel Season

Despite a crazy, blustery March in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions, spring is right around the corner for many parts of the country.

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

Your Association has planned extensive work throughout 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 us 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 7 is a list of things to do.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

"April showers bring May flowers" is a popular and relevant poem for our neighbors in the northern states, however, April in Florida means below average rainfall and the perfect weather for many large-scale projects.

Two of those ongoing projects are painting and waterproofing of On Top of the World condominium buildings. The painting crews will be wrapping up their work on the west side of property and transitioning back to the east side with Buildings 5, 6 and 48 being the next in line for these improvements.

As always, notices will be posted in advance of the work. Please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that unexpected inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in April as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front façade coatings.

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors. Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Elevators

The elevator servicing division will be undertaking their next equipment modernization beginning in late April with state-certified elevator technicians beginning work at Building 57 on or about April 29.

The scope of their work includes the remodel of the elevator's cab interior including new LED lighting enhancements. The entire process is anticipated to take

seven business days, so residents should plan accordingly while these upgrades are being undertaken and the elevator is out of service.

Bulletins will be posted in the building advising of this work by the time this article reaches the community.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Asphalt improvements are anticipated to begin in late April with many main thoroughfares scheduled for paving improvements.

A licensed contractor will be working on both the east and west sides of property with many road crewmembers managing the altered traffic patterns around the work sites. The paving work should be completed in mid-May with the vendor working in multiple areas on any given day.

It is important that residents keep an eye on the building bulletin boards for the latest paving updates. Any parking areas serviced this maintenance cycle will be cordoned off for a minimum of 48 hours after the work has taken place in order to allow the new pavement time to cure correctly.

Please remember that this curing time is crucial before it is driven upon and allows the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions as well as minimize tire scuffing. We ask that residents observe the closures and wait until a management company representative has removed all the barricades at their parking lot before venturing onto the parking surface. 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 attention to any direction given by flagmen and obey posted speed limits. Workers safety depends on your cooperation.

A licensed roofing contractor began the tear off and re-roof process at Building 95 in late March. This work was scheduled to begin in late April, but favorable conditions allowed for an earlier start date.

Parking is limited on the west facing side of this building. Residents are reminded to use the large parking areas on the south side along Utopian Drive. Residents on both sides of the building should anticipate a temporary closure of up to two weeks per side.

Please observe the cordoned off safety areas and utilize the center core entrance on the building side that is open for pedestrian foot traffic.

As always, safety is the number one priority.

Potable Water Line Update

(The following project slated to begin in February has been delayed until April):
(Continued on page 7)

Boat storage renewal, guidelines

A reminder that renewal fees were due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2019 registration period is \$25. Residents looking to inquire about available space should contact the inspection services division of the management company through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. Please keep in mind that space is limited and on a first come/first served basis.

If you elect not to renew, removal date was March 7. Unregistered boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded and ultimately donated to a local charity if not claimed 60 days after removal. Thank you for your cooperation.

On Top of the World - Public Notice Unclaimed Water Vessel Charity Donation/Donation Auction

Pursuant to 2018 Florida Statute 328, Parkway Maintenance is giving notice that it will be donating unclaimed property within 60 days of this published notice.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2019, and published in the March 2019 edition of OTOW News.

good neighbor

A utility contractor will begin the process of replacing potable water lines that service condominium units this spring.

The project will affect residents in Buildings 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 19 and 18 over the spring months and into early summer.

Because this work involves open trenches, for safety reasons, residents are asked to avoid grass areas in close proximity to their rear porches when the contractor is operating in these specific areas.

Please help us make safety a number one priority in the community.

Reoccurring 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 hanger 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 any-

thing to the common element in the future.

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance approval via a modification permit issued by your Association. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the community service office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt based softeners, are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service company to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

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 begin to hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are 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.



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 any 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 homeowner'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!

New form coming for reserving rooms for community activities

Spring is officially here and what better time to renew or reinvent ourselves.

Here are some spring "rituals" to help you get started:

1. Hopefully, you cleaned out your clothing closet and donated to the Good Neighbors Association Clothing Drive in March. If you missed it, the next clothing drive will take place in November.

Don't forget to clean out your kitchen cabinets, junk drawers and your storage unit (rule of thumb, if you haven't worn it or used it in two years, donate).

2. Dispose of medications and first aid products beyond their expiration date. Pinellas County Sheriff's Office "Operation Medicine Cabinet" locations nearest to On Top of the World are as follows: 645 Pierce Street, Clearwater, 901 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Belleair and 2496 Bay Shore Blvd., Dunedin. They will take and properly dispose of your expired medications.

3. Clear out mental and emotional clutter. When we think of renewal, we think of rebirth. Allow yourself to let go of the past to make room for new things to come into your life.

4. Challenge limiting beliefs about yourself. (If Mom, Pop, or your ex gave you a negative label, it doesn't mean it's true. It's more likely they held this negative belief about themselves and merely projected on to you. It's never too late to change.)

5. Commit to getting your affairs in order or make decisions you've been putting off. Get it done so you can enjoy today and the rest of your life.

6. Start a daily practice: A new discipline will ensure that you invite mindfulness into your life. A daily practice affords you a "time-out" from your everyday routine. Practice yoga, tai chi, writing, painting or even coloring. This is a gift you give to yourself to honor who you are.



7. Set a goal to join a club, activity or take a class at On Top of the World: Take your daily practice up a level and devote one day a week or month to join others doing the same practice at one of the activity centers. See this newspaper's pull out calendar for resident clubs and activities and Nancy's "Bulletin Board" on page 9 for events.

New Activity Office Schedule & Procedures

I am pleased to announce that the activities department is in the process of implementing some necessary improvements to the process for reserving rooms and activity-related functions.

As you know, I love this community and will work diligently to make these changes a success. So, please be patient and cooperative as we work through this transition.

One change is to the location of the activities reservation office. It has moved to a location with a separate entrance at the southeast side of the East Activity Center. The office can be accessed from the parking lot off of World Parkway Boulevard. East. The Activity Office will

have a set schedule for in-person visits, and telephone and online reservations. (Please see below)

Activity Office Schedule

(Subject to change)

In Person:

Mondays and Thursdays

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Internet and Telephone Reservations

Email and telephone reservations will be taken Monday through Thursday. Please allow up to 24 hours for processing and to review your room selection(s).

After reviewing your request, I will get back to you with any questions and to finalize your reservation.

No reservations can be taken on Fridays or over the weekend. Simply stated, please do not submit room reservation or reservation-related questions in an email or voicemail during that time frame.

New Facility Request Forms will be available soon and will include a first and second room preference and a date preference. This form is to be completed by the resident and will soon be available in the Community Service Office.

Residents must take the time to familiarize themselves with room names as a matter of completing this form. When reserving your room, it is important to take the time to read and understand the SCA Facility Rules before signing them.

My recommendation would be to pick up your Facility Request Form in advance at the new activity office and complete the form at home. You could also buy a

cup of coffee and complete the form at the Good Karma Café and then return it to the Activity Office during open office hours.

For your convenience, you may also drop off your completed Facility Request Form to the Community Service Office. However, CSO reps do not have access to the calendar and cannot answer calendar reservation questions.

The new forms will include a first and second room and date preference and are meant to be completed before submitting to the activity office. This change alone will vastly improve the entire process.

Also, residents interested in joining or managing a club must take the time to understand our forms, rules and processes. This includes renewing your activity cards in a timely manner.

If you are representing a club or activity reserving space on a regular basis, you will also be required to complete annual club forms to ensure the activity office has all up to date information.

This is the kind of cooperation we will need to improve communications, build relationships and better meet your needs.

Also, for your convenience, residents will soon have a link at the otowclearwaterinfo.com website to complete various activity-related forms. More information will be forthcoming.

Again, after years of overseeing the calendar and working closely with Facilities Management, I am confident this new process will cut down on confusion for you, the activities department and the SCA facilities team.

With smoother operations, we can focus on building an even greater community, events and activities.

I am excited about the future and hope you are too!

Thank you!

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Nancy's Bulletin Board

OLLI Classes

**All classes in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt: American Royalty
Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am-Noon

**Beyond Bogart's Sam Spade:
The Neo Noir Detective**
Friday, April 12, 10:30 am-Noon

Leonard Bernstein: Innovator and Inspiration
Friday, April 26, 10:30 am-Noon

**Let's Get Small: Five Florida Towns
that are the Real Disney Springs**
Tuesday, April 30, 10:30 am-Noon

Osher Lifelong Learning Provided by Eckerd College.

Lectures are \$10 per resident.

Register online at eckerd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld
or call 727.864.7600.

Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am
Preventing Falls

East Activity Center Art Room
Falls and the risks of falls should be taken seriously.
Falls are the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injuries among people 65 and older.

Opera Tampa

Free Event
Thursday, April 11, 10 am
EAC Auditorium

Florida Orchestra Concert

Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m.
East Activity Center Auditorium
Free Concert

Fish & Wildlife Seminar

Tuesday, April 16, 10-11:30 am
Topics to be covered include coyotes,
regulations, pet safety and hazing.
Co-Hosted by the Pinellas County Humane Society.

Empath Health
Legacy Writing Workshop
Wednesday, April 24, 10 am - Noon
Room to be announced.

Master the Possibilities

"The Beatles: All You Need is Love"
National Geographic author and cultural historian Gary McKechnie
will connect the dots to reveal the magic and mystery behind
the Beatles' fame and lasting influence.
Wednesday, April 10, 3:30-4:30 pm, Learning Lab, Cost \$8.
Call (352) 861-9751 to register. Make sure you mention
you are a Clearwater resident.

Tampa Ballet Theatre

Free preview to 'Peter Pan'
Thursday, May 9, 10 am
East Activity Center Auditorium

Art Guild gets demonstration on turning trash into a spectacle

The Art Guild's Art Show and Sale took place on Sunday, March 4, and was, once again, a huge success.

Eighteen artists displayed extraordinary paintings from a number of different genres including oil, pastels and watercolors.

Congratulations to Barbara Holland for receiving the "People's Choice Award" for her beautiful watercolor scene.

Our regular second Friday meeting showcased the talents of Brigitte Miner demonstrating her unique techniques in resin art.

Brigitte's purpose is to inspire people who believe they have no artistic talent. Her form of artistic creation is designed to put you at ease, be restful and, of course, be fun.

Resin Art can be used on tabletops, knives, cutting boards or recycled old glass windows, to name a few. So visit the trash room often for inspiration!

Brigitte got two volunteers to help her demonstrate the techniques - Irene LeBel and Sally Roush. Each was given a square framed piece of glass which Brigitte had glued together with a special dynamite-proof glue so the resin doesn't leak through to the back. Arrayed in front of our volunteers were about six or seven bowls full of such things as broken up shells, starfish, sand dollars, colored sand, snails, bits of colored glass, old jewelry and dried flowers. However, Brigitte stated several times that anything can be used, so it's back to the trash room.

Irene and Sally each arranged some of the items from the bowls on their glass using a tongue depressor to tidy them up.



Irene's bits of colored glass represented a large wave adorned with tiny starfish.

Sally elected to create a beach scene using starfish, shell fragments and beads evenly placed on the glass.

Then Sally poured the hardener and epoxy in exact proportions into two cups, which Irene and Sally then stirred for exactly three minutes, no more no less.

Now the moment had arrived; it was time to pour this thickened solution all over the items on the glass.

Naturally you have to pour it slowly so as not to displace any of the bits in your work. The resultant piece of art has to set over a 24-hour time span. We can hardly wait to see the results.

Sue Naylor was named Artist of the Month at this meeting for her pastel painting of "Any Pond, U.S.A." featuring a beautiful and dynamic frog readying himself to jump. Sue is pictured here with her painting.

For the first time in recorded history, and thanks to John Fier's efforts, the Art Guild participated in the St. Patrick's Pa-



Sue Naylor is the Artist of the Month. This frog is ready to pounce and looks far more beautiful in the East Activity Center lobby than in a photograph. Go see it.


rade on Saturday, March 9. Perched jauntily on a cushion above the rear seat of John's friend's convertible was our lovely president, Rosemarie Lugg, waving regally and royally to all of the onlookers.

Sue Naylor was driving a golf cart

festooned with green leis, leprechauns and beads. Our own leprechaun, Dolly Newcome, with her fake green hair and nifty socks, was handing out candy as were other Art Guild members.

A good time was had by all.

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2019 Art Show

Shown are just some of the artists who participated.



Darcy Meininger



People's Choice Award Winner
Barbara Holland



Bob Siblingud



Alice Anderson



Dolly Newcome



Martha Buford



Ewa Pilarska

O'TOW News photos
by Mary Lou Wall



Gloria Agosto



Svea Anderson

APRIL

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

Activities Below Include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

ART

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
Acrylic Painting: Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Art Room
Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9 am, Art Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Sunrise Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room

CANADIAN CLUB SOCIAL GAMES

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Sunrise (ends April 11)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

Thursdays 11 am, Small Card Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room (ends April 11)

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Yellow

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Yellow Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 am, Computer Room & Small Card Rm

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Yellow Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAN

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

EXERCISES

BALANCE MATTERS

W, 12:45 pm, Exercise Room

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

IAZZING IT UP WITH AMY

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Exercise Room (may not meet)

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Yellow Room

TAI CHI

Level 1: Chi Kung: T,H 3 pm, Exercise Room

Level 2: W, 12:45, Exercise Room

Level 3: M, 3:15 pm, H, 4 pm, Exercise Room

Level 4: T, 4 pm, Exercise Room

Level 5: M,W, 2 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

Mondays, Fridays, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

Wednesdays, 11:45 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Yoga Basic, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

Thursdays, Yoga Mixed, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Sunrise Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 7 am, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 9 am, East Swimming Pool

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Craft Room

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

	(1) Canadian Club Meeting 5:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Board 10:00 AM - Veranda Ent. Committee. Meeting 10:30 AM - Veranda
(2) Karaoke 6:00 PM - Auditorium No.78 Englander Meeting 3:30 PM - Sunrise Room	(3) Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Family History Meeting 12:30 PM - Learning Lab German Interest Group 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room
14 Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium	15 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Health Screenings Eye Blood Pressure 9:00 AM - Auditorium Cancer Support Group 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room
21	22 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium
28	29 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium

East Activity Center Rooms

Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room, Art Room, Small Card Room,
Yellow Room, Exercise Room,
Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.

West Activity Center Rooms

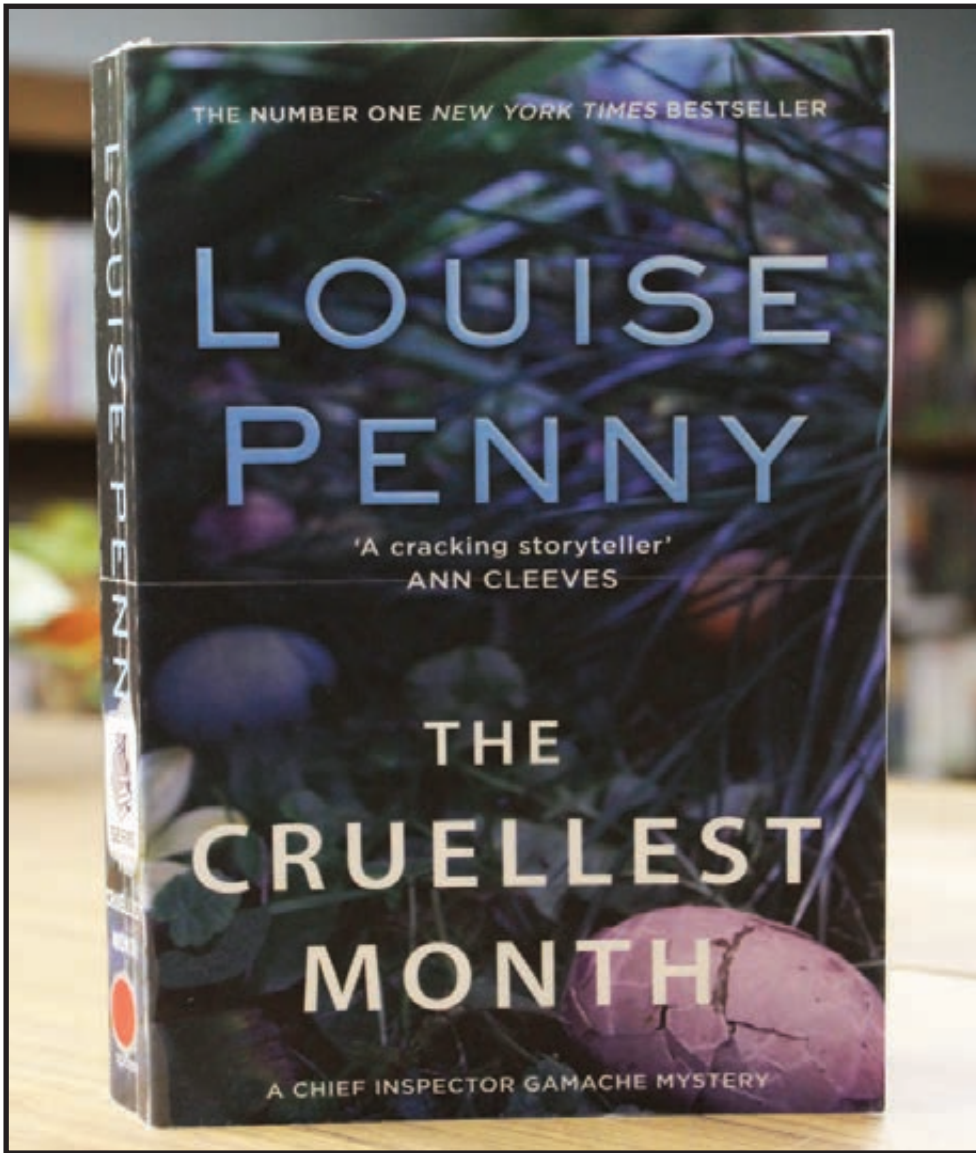
Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room,
Learning Lab, Billiards Room.

are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

SUNDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	07 NY-NJ Club Dinner/Dance 6:00 PM - Auditorium Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda	08 Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Jesters Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room Veterans Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Yellow Room Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Art 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	09 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab	10 Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	11 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room
	09 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 10:30 AM - Learning Lab Republican Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room	10 Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Art 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	11 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room No.80 Orizaba Meeting 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room	12 Irish Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Auditorium Art Guild Meeting 1:00 PM - Art Room Lambda Club Social 6:00 PM - Art Room Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 10:30 AM - Learning Lab Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	13 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Dance 8:00 PM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room No.90 Queen Victoria Meeting 10:00 AM - Sunrise Room
	16 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda	17 Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Italian Club Dinner 4:30 PM - Auditorium Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Art 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	18 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab	19 Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	20 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room
	23 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda	24 Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Art Room Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Art 1:00 PM - Learning Lab No.89 Siboney Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room	25 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room	26 Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 10:30 AM - Learning Lab Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab	27 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room Lambda Club Activity Night 7:00 PM - Learning Lab
	30 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 10:30 AM - Learning Lab	Fish & Wildlife Seminar Tuesday, April 16, 10-11:30 am Topics to be covered include coyotes, regulations, pet safety and hazing. Co-Hosted by the Pinellas County Humane Society.			Opera Tampa Free Event - Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday, April 11, 10 am EAC Auditorium

Louise Penny mysteries come to library



By Katy Gerritt

This past month, your On Top of the World library started a collection of Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache mysteries.

We have the first six in the series - all of which have great characters and lots of intrigue in the small town of Three Pines.

The author has been published in many languages and her books are popular all over the world.

We will continue to add to the collection. For now, we have "Still Life," "A Fatal Grace," "The Cruellest Month," "Bury Your Dead," "A Rule Against Murder" and "The Brutal Telling."

We also have added "The Boy" by Tami Hoag, "The Rule of Law" by John Lescroart, "Never Tell" by Lisa Gardner and "Untouchable" by Ann Krentz.

If you enjoy stories from the World War II era, you will like "The Light over London" by Julia Kelly and "The Wartime Sisters" by Lynda Cohen Loigman.

"Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler is another book by this Baltimore-based author.

Another popular author, Robyn Carr, has released "The Best of Us" and you will also find James Lee Burke's "The New Iberia Blues" and Brad Taylor's "The Daughter of War."

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Library

Hours

Mondays 10-12

Wednesdays, Fridays 1-3

Fridays 1-3 p.m. We also have free books and great sale books at the lowest prices around.

The Good Karma Book Club is starting its third year. We are now assembling a list of books to read this year. The first three months will be "No Regrets, Coyote: A Wylie Coyote Novel" by John Dufresne for April, "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian in May and "Peril at End House" by Agatha Christie for June.

We meet to discuss the monthly selection on the first Thursday of the month and then discuss other things during the third Thursday of the month.

We meet at the West Activity Center Learning Lab at 10:30 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. Please join us!



Good Karma Book Club

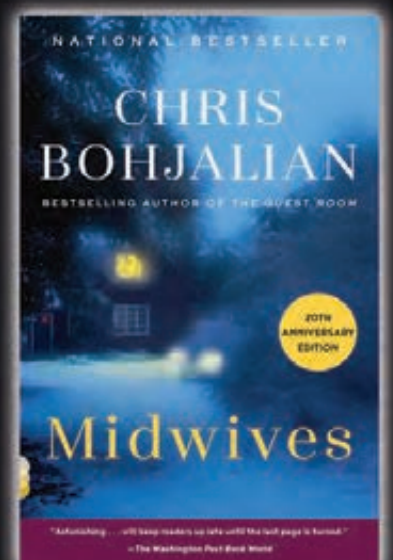
April • May

At the meeting on Thursday, April 4,
book club guests will discuss

"No Regrets, Coyote" by John Dufresne

and at the meeting on Thursday, May 2,

guests will review "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian.



**Join us 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab
and share your thoughts. Open to all residents.**

For more information,
visit our Web page on the Box Office.
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.
Click Box Office,
and look for the Good Karma Book Club link.

The Good Karma Book Club also will meet on
Thursday, April 18, and Thursday, May 16, for open discussions.
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Ingredients

- 4 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 2.5 ounces baby spinach (about 3 packed cups)
- 1 cup frozen diced potatoes (do not thaw)
- ½ cup roasted red pepper strips
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 6 large eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

1. Place oven rack in the middle. Pre-heat oven to 375°F. Coat 9x12x2-inch baking dish with oil.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil until shimmering in large frying pan. Add mushrooms and carrots. Cook about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add spinach and toss until wilted, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in potatoes and red peppers.
3. Transfer to baking dish and spread in an even layer. Sprinkle with cheese. Whisk eggs, milk, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Pour over the vegetables.
4. Bake 50-55 minutes until the top is slightly golden-brown. Cool 5 minutes.

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Eggs for Easter!

This dish nicely incorporates vegetables, which is not easy to do for breakfast, and serves four people. It is also lovely for brunch, served on a bed of tossed salad greens. A baked egg casserole dish is often served on Easter. The symbolism of the egg at Easter time represents a rebirth of mankind. This is a flexible entree when you have a houseful of guests. You can double the recipe to serve eight. The casserole can be assembled and chilled overnight before baking. Proceed with baking as instructed.

Health Value

For years, there were concerns about eggs — especially yolks — for fears they could raise cholesterol and contribute to heart disease. But recent research failed to find a connection between eggs and heart disease, even in people whose genetics puts them at higher-than-normal risk. Today, science is clear that up to three eggs per day are fine for healthy people. Eggs offer one of the best protein sources available. They contain the right ratio of all essential amino acids, along with many vitamins, including vitamin D. Eggs contain two antioxidants that are very important for protection of the eyes. These antioxidants are zeaxanthin and lutein. They reduce risk of cataracts and macular degeneration. Eggs have a high score on the satiety index. This means eating eggs help you feel fuller for longer.

The Science

If you want to ensure you’re getting the most of vitamin D, don’t bake your eggs. A study in the journal Food Chemistry states eggs retain only 39 to 45 percent of vitamin D when baked in a 350°F oven for 40 minutes. When you fry or boil eggs, you retain 82 to 88 percent of the eggs’ immune- and mood-boosting vitamin D. My dear chefs, you may prefer the flavor and look of eggs labeled “omega-3 enhanced,” but this label is more of a marketing tool than anything else. They are typically twice the price of regular eggs. Farmers produce these eggs by adding flax seed or oil to chicken feed. According to the Flax Council of Canada and others, the specific DHA and EPA omega-3s are not in flax. The FDA authorizes omega-3 heart health claims for DHA and EPA only; however, the FDA rarely enforces veracity of labeling. If you want omega-3s, it is better to find them in traditional food sources (like salmon) rather than eggs. Vegetarian-fed chickens are raised on grains and grasses, free of animal by-products. But chickens are natural omnivores who readily devour bugs and small animals. Vegetarianism can be a disaster for them. Protein animal sources – milk whey, liver, fish scraps, meat or meat meal - are more effective in promoting growth and egg production. Grains, alone, are inadequate in amount and kind of protein, even when chickens also get protein additives permitted by the government. Vegetarian/organic eggs may be a good for marketing, but it is not so good for the chickens. The most nutritious egg is one from a pasture-raised chicken. This is if you can find them and afford to pay around \$6 for a dozen eggs.

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Even though notice appears on ‘county letterhead’ you still don’t need a copy of your certified deed

Hi folks.

It’s Jerry Colen and I want to discuss a new form of what, in my humble opinion, is a re-mix of the old “certified copy of deed” scam.

In the latest one that I’ve seen, a letter is sent which appears to come from a county records office. They even call themselves something akin to being a county records office. It looks very official and seems to be from a real county office.

But it isn’t.

And I know that because on the back page of this letter, down near the end, there is a “disclaimer” where it says that their office is not affiliated with the county in which a deed has been prepared.

It’s a solicitation.

You are not obligated to pay for anything.

Now, the front page — the one that looks official, refers to itself as from the county records office — makes itself appear to be a real governmental office and even has a statement that refers to the actual county where a property is located.

They are asking you to pay \$89 to get a record that you already have in your possession. I know that because they list the address of the property that is involved. Thus, they got it from public records and since they got it from the public records, it means that the public records must have your recorded deed on file.

The name of this company is County Records Office, LLC. Go ahead and Google it.

I took the name right off its letterhead. The company is filed with the office of the secretary of state of the State of Florida.

Look!

No one ever needs a certified copy of their deed. You don’t even need a copy of it because you will have the original and if



you want to make a copy, go ahead and do it. Or you can always go online and get it for free.

What should you do if you get this letter?

First and most important, DO NOT PAY ANYTHING.

Second, toss it in the trash or shred it.

If you are going to read it, make sure to read both sides of the letter, and especially, the part that says: DISCLAIMER. Then toss it in the dumper, or did I already say that?

Q. What is the difference between a living Will and a Will?

A. A living will, now called an Advance Directive, is the document that provides for what you want to occur to your person if you are sick or hospitalized or in a facility. The purpose is for you to state, in advance of a health problem, how you want to be treated, and that includes your statement regarding life prolonging procedures.

A Will, which, to be specific, is a Last Will and Testament, is entirely different. It’s the document where you specify what you want to happen to your assets at the

time of your passing.

An Advance Directive does not need to be in writing, and for that matter it does not need to be signed or witnessed; but now that I’ve said that, please, please, please don’t let that happen.

Always, make sure to have your Advance Directive (living will) signed, witnessed and notarized. It’s just the best way to do that.

Your Last Will and Testament must be witnessed and, if it’s a Florida Will, (as well as from most, but not all States) it must have at least two witnesses. It must also be notarized in order to make it self-proving.

By being self-proving, once the testator passes on, it is not necessary to find the witnesses since their signatures will already have been affixed and then notarized.

Q. I’ve been to one of your seminars where you discussed annuities and it’s clear that you don’t like them and are against us purchasing them. Do you have anything good to say about them?

A. It is not my purpose to say anything pro or con about annuities. My seminar on them is merely to provide the “other side” to folks who come to that lecture.

All I want is for you to know all the facts about the specific annuity that you might want to purchase. And it’s not that I dislike annuities. As a general statement, I worry about the way they are marketed to seniors.

In my opinion, folks who are retired probably never need to purchase a new one. For sure, they don’t need to exchange an older annuity for a new one, no matter what “bells and whistles” you might be told the new one has while the old one

doesn’t.

Q. My boyfriend wants us to go on a cruise. He is going to bring his two children and he wants me to pay half the cost and that includes paying half for his children. We are both in our late 60s. He says it’s perfectly legal? What are your thoughts?

A. I suppose it’s legal if you want to do it, but why would you?

Is there something that’s going on between you and your boyfriend that requires him to bring along his children? Are they going to guard him from having too much at the midnight buffet?

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Half of ‘Country’s Greatest Love Story’

Tom T. Hall arrived in Nashville in 1964 with \$46 in his pocket and a guitar.

Within months, he had songs climbing the charts.

Tom has been nicknamed “The Storyteller” and has written songs for dozens of country stars, including Johnny Cash, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Waylon Jennings and Alan Jackson.

One of his earliest successful songwriting ventures, “Harper Valley PTA,” recorded by Jeannie C. Riley in 1968, went to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. The single sold more than 6 million copies, won a Grammy Award and would inspire a motion picture and television program of the same name.

In 1996, Tom’s song, “Old Dogs. Chil-

dren and Watermelon Wine,” rose to No. 2 on the British charts and later became a huge hit in the USA.

His song, “I Love,” in which he lists the things in life that he loves, was used with altered lyrics in a popular 2003 TV commercial for Coors Light beer.

Tom was born in Olive Hill, Ken., in 1936. He was one of eight children. His mother died of cancer when he was 13 years old and two years later his father was injured in an accident. Tom was forced to quit school, find work and look after the family.

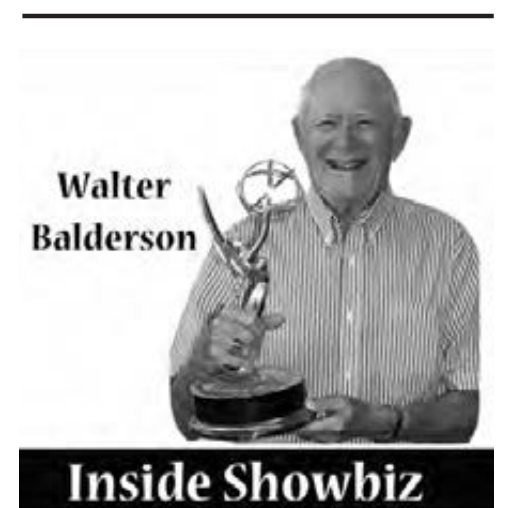
Tom married Dixie Hall, who was already a force in the country and bluegrass song writing, with more than 500 songs to her credit. Song writing became a huge part

of the couple’s legacy. He met Dixie at the 1965 BMI Country Awards in Nashville.

In country music circles, Tom and Dixie were referred to as country’s greatest love story. To say the Halls were successful as a song writing team, is a gross understatement.

When Dixie passed away at age 80, the Tennessee Newspaper showed a picture of the two and reported that both were dead. The newspaper was mortified at the error and wrote many articles to inform everyone that Tom was indeed still alive.

Tom is now 82 years old, semi-retired and lives in Nashville. He makes some appearances in local clubs and, if you are a singer and good friend, he still might write you a song.



Heading north? Make sure a neighbor has a spare set of keys to your condo.

Don't set yourself up to get ripped off**State investigators encourage residents to hire only state licensed contractors**

By Doug Kates

Someone knocks on your door and asks if you have any plumbing problems that need to be fixed.

What do you do?

You're in the process of trying to find a contractor to remodel a room in your condo.

Should you be concerned if a contractor asks for cash only or an expensive deposit?

What if you visit a hair salon and the technician doesn't have a license posted on the mirror?

Should you say something or keep silent?

Answers to all these questions, and many more, were addressed in March when state investigators from the Department of Business & Professional Regulation visited On Top of the World for a special seminar in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Most important, investigators want On Top of the World residents to know who needs a license to operate a business. They include air conditioner companies, building contractors, electricians, general contractors, residential contractors, home inspectors, cosmetologists, mold-related services and plumbers.

Anyone in these categories, who wants to operate a business in the state of Florida, either has to have a state license or a local license, such as a license issued by Pinellas County.

Operating such businesses without a license is illegal.

Why?

The state is looking out for customers.

Too many times, unlicensed contractors are more interested in taking your

Must Be Licensed

Plumbers
Electricians
Air Conditioning
Residential Contractors
Building Contractors
General Contractors
Home Inspectors
Mold Remediation
Pool/Spa Techs
Roofers
Sheet Metal
Solar Power

money than providing a quality product. Completed work can be unsatisfactory and can go unfinished.

You can pay a contractor a special price, and think you are saving money, only to have that person take your money and never show up to do a job.

And legally, there can be consequences to the customer if you hire someone who is uninsured. If a workplace injury takes place, the unlicensed contractor can actually sue you. Your insurance company will likely not assist you.

Do you want to pay someone's medical costs because you hired an unlicensed contractor?

Probably not.

Yes, licensed contractors generally cost more money, but they are more apt to start a project on time, finish a job on time, provide quality work and have insurance.

Investigator David Houlihan told a story about an individual who hired an unlicensed contractor to do a \$30,000 job for just \$17,000. Halfway through the project, the contractor fled with the money. Then the resident had to pay another \$20,000 to get the job finished by a licensed contractor.

Unlicensed contractors will leave flyers seeking work. Their vehicles could be unmarked and they cannot provide proof of having a license. They may ask for large deposits and cash only transactions – both of which you can easily lose and are untraceable to get back.

Investigator Matt Dunklin told a story about an unlicensed contractor who collected a lot of money through down payments and then left the state without doing any work.

Unlicensed contractors could be people starting new businesses. Do your own research before hiring someone.

Browse the Internet. Visit the Better Business Bureau Website. Visit <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/> and check a license.

Ask for references. Be aware of scams. Check a company vehicle to make sure the business license number is right on the vehicle.

Be cautious if someone asks you to make out a check to an individual and not the business you thought you were hiring.

Call state investigators if you have suspicions or know of someone operating without a license.

Another thing to do before a job gets started is to get a list of supplies needed for a job and a list of people or partners who will be participating in a project. An unlicensed contractor may add extra supplies as a project progresses so they can get more money from you. You also want to know who is entering your home to work on a project and make sure they are working for the same contractor you hired.

Never let anyone into your home just because they knocked on your door with a tool box in hand.

If your home project involves plumbing or electrical work, take extra precautions. It's not only your condo which someone is working on, but the quality of work can affect the neighbors around you. No one wants to pay damage costs because you hired an unlicensed plumber or electrician and the work done turned into a disaster which led to damage of another unit.

If you didn't hire a licensed contractor, your insurance company is not going to help you.

Handymen are not licensed by the state. They may help you with minor repairs around your condo, but cannot do any electric or plumbing chores, except change a lightbulb or replace a toilet seat.

If our community should ever fall victim to a natural disaster, please keep in mind contractors from out-of-state are not allowed to come into Florida and offer their services. Even after a tornado, hurricane, fire or flood, only employers with licenses can offer you their services.

Watch this newspaper for another date when investigators return to OTOW for another seminar.

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Joy Katzen-Guthrie (piano) and Vera Ginsberg (flute) performed for On Top of the World residents during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in March.

On Thursday, April 11, Opera Tampa will be back for a free performance. Pictured above is an opera duet that was previously performed here. In May, Tampa Ballet Theatre returns for a free preview of 'Peter Pan.'

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Busy spring season includes Easter Sunday service

By Jim Bjorgo

The past several weeks has been a bit of a merry-go-round for all your friends here at Good Neighbors Association.

When will it stop? We're not quite sure, but it really is a fun ride.

Our spring clothing drive was held on March 15 and 16. We were so appreciative of all of the donations that were received from our generous residents. All of the items donated were given to charities that in turn give them away for free to the needy. Nothing is resold. This is a principal that was established by Good Neighbors many years ago and we will continue to adhere to it.

The annual Good Neighbors Flea Market and Craft Show was another busy day for us. Almost all the vendor tables were sold out a week before the event.

Sellers and crafters brought their goodies to showcase at their tables. The crowd of eager customers had a plethora of items to choose from.

There were special "Hawt Dawgs" from the food court that were scooped



up, along with gallons of lemonade.

Thanks to everyone who bought a table and attended this event.

Once again, Good Neighbors is joining The Salvation Army to present an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April



21, at 7:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Corp Officer Major Ted Morris will conduct the service. The Citadel Band and Citadel Songsters will add their special touch to the service.

Our own Ray Willis will play pipes prior to the start of the service.

A 'free will' offering will be taken at the end of the service to benefit The Salvation Army and the work they do in our community.

Coffee and donuts will be available to anyone who wishes to stay after the ser-

vice. Everyone is welcome.

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee has two big events coming up and more is coming this spring and summer on the second Thursday of each month.

On Thursday, April 11, Opera Tampa will be here and on Thursday, May 9, Tampa Ballet Theatre will give us a free preview to their upcoming performance of "Peter Pan."

Tampa Ballet Theatre was a smash success in February.

Clubs will be selling tickets and answering your questions starting at 8:30 a.m. Free coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m. Announcements, entertainment and raffles will follow.

Do you have the desire to get involved in your own community? Come see the Good Neighbors Association. We are always looking for motivated volunteers. Look for our information table any Monday or Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. during the winter season and one day a week during the summer season.

Blackout returns for another spring-summer season

By Tom Jamrozy

Great news for card players who are here all year round. Blackout starts April 11.

Our Canadian friends will be departing in April, so

Blackout will start on the April 11 in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Tom Jamrozy will be available on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. at our information table for

training anyone who wants to learn. Once you have had a training session with Tom, come on over any Thursday at 6 p.m. and start playing at the practice tables.

Join in the fun.

Chili Cook-Off to add chocolate flavor next year

By Jim Bjorgo

The first annual Good Neighbors Association Chili Cook-Off was a gastronomical success.

There were nine competitors and 88 judges, who were required to taste chili of every entrant.

The number of taster tickets was limited to 88 and every ticket was sold.

The contestants brought their "own-style" recipes to the contest and the judges had their spoons ready.

In the end, Tom and Cheryl Butcher took first place and their recipe is provided at the bottom of this page.

Cheryl also was the winner of a 50/50 drawing and Kim Ellison won a prize for best dressed table with the chili theme.

Tables were decorated with jalapeno peppers, flashing red lights and anything Mexican.

Kim even wore a sombrero and had her table decorated with maracas.

There were a variety of hot sauces available, and side items, such as crackers, cheese and sour cream.

All in all, the evening was a complete success and Good Neighbors is already making plans for a second annual Chili Cook-Off next year. Plans will call for an expanded event, which will give residents an opportunity to display their favorite home-made chocolate treats. The Chili-Chocolate Cook-Off will take place in the Art Room, Starlite Room and Auditorium.



When asked, 'Who has the best chili?' Tom and Cheryl Butcher both pointed down at their table and said, 'We do!'

Winning Chili Recipe

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil	1 tablespoon chili power
4 cloves garlic minced	1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 onion, diced	1 teaspoon salt
1 rotisserie chicken (pulled off the bone)	1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced
1 12-ounce bottle beer, preferably Mexican	1/4 cup of corn starch
1 14-ounce can black beans, drained	5 limes, 1 juiced, 4 cut into wedges
1 14-ounce can kidney beans, drained	1 pound sharp Cheddar, grated
1 14-ounce can pinto beans, drained	16 ounces sour cream
5 Roma tomatoes, diced	1/2 bunch fresh cilantro

Directions

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the garlic and onions and cook for a few minutes until the onions soften.

Add the chicken, add three-quarters of the beer, reserving the rest, then cook for a couple of minutes to reduce.

Add the black beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, tomatoes, chili powder, cumin powder, salt and chipotles and stir to combine. Bring to a simmer, then cover the pot and cook for one hour.

Combine the corn starch with the rest of the beer and stir to make a paste. Add this into the chili, along with the lime juice. Stir and cook until thick, 10 more minutes.

Serve with the grated cheese, sour cream, cilantro and lime wedges for squeezing.

The Perfect Beverage: Corona beer with lime (Mexican).



Kim Ellison took the prize for best decorated table.

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We have been hearing nothing but rave reviews!

The Theater Workshop cast and crew would like to thank all of you for attending this year's show.

As one of OTOW's oldest and longest running clubs, we are starting to plan for next year's 50th anniversary show, which will take place in March. We are currently looking for a director and new ideas.

If you are interested, please email



Theater Workshop cast members wave flags during the finale of 'Best of Broadway, Part 2.' Of course the final song was 'You're a Grand Ole Flag.'

LBF1954@gmail.com with your experience and show proposal by April 8. We will be announcing next year's director shortly after that date.

Music and dance auditions will be held on Dec. 9 with rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays starting the first week of January 2020.

Our 50th anniversary show will run

from Friday, March 6, to Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Thank you to all of our members for another great Theater Workshop year!

On March 21, Theater Workshop held its annual Installation Dinner at the Olive Garden and the following board members were installed for the 2019-2020 year:

President Laurie Fischer, Vice President Paige Johnson, Secretary Lillian Foy, Treasurer Keith Elder, Assistant Secretary Tony Baker and Assistant Treasurer Tom Portsmouth.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



OTOW resident uses wood shop for wood carving

By Bob Backlund

Adolf Kazanovich has been carving art out of wood for 50 years and now he practices his master wood carving at On Top of the World.

Adolf enjoys using the state-of-the-art equipment offered in our own wood shop and recently created three stunning products. One is a wood carving of an old fiddler, one is a baroque-style clock and one is a replica of the Cathedral of St. Basil.

Adolf was born in Russia and became a United States citizen in 1979. He previously lived in New Jersey and is a retired mechanical engineer.

He and his wife, Leonora, now call OTOW home and we hope his skills rub off on some of the other residents who enjoy our wood shop.

If you want to learn more about the wood shop or are interested in becoming a member of the Fixers Club, stop by and talk to anyone fiddling around. If you need a small project done, we will also help for a small donation.



At left is the beginning of a wood-carved clock project started by Adolf Kazanovich. The finished product will look like the image on the left. Above is a completed fiddler - all carved by hand.

Annual general meeting April 1 (today)

By Laurie Fischer

Here we are at the end of another successful On Top of the World Canadian Club season!

I have been honored and proud to serve as your president.

Tonight (if you are reading this newspaper the day the newspaper comes out) is the Canadian Club executive meeting, 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Your board will report to our members on this past season's events which included three dinner dances (Christmas, Canada Day in the USA, and Spring Fling), four happy



hour cabarets, Lawn Bowl Triples Tournament, A Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs, a Blue Jays spring training baseball game, the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade and social games.

We will also look ahead to next sea-

son when we gather together and escape the harsh Canadian and Northern USA winter here in beautiful Florida at On Top of the World - our paradise and second home!

What a whirlwind it has been!

I would like to thank my dedicated board consisting of Ian Hunter (vice president), Ken Campbell (treasurer), and Don Jones and Susan Cober (co-registrars/secretaries).

Special thanks to Connie Stanley (volunteer coordinator) and Lydia Côté (ticket sales coordinator) for their tireless efforts.

This year could not have happened without all of you and our countless Canadian Club volunteers. Your support and dedication makes it all happen!

Thanks so very much!

As I ride off into the sunset and become one of several proud Canadian Club past presidents, I would like to also thank all of our Canadian, American and other members from around the world for continuing to support the OTOW Canadian Club.

Here's to another great year in 2019-2020!

OTOW News

Pet of the Month

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"Hi, my name is Sofie and I'm a Papillon."

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There was a little problem when mom's milk dried up, so I got to live in a nice house and be hand-fed on really pretty china dishes by my keepers.

They were really nice people and I got to stay with my mom and pop for a while.

When I got big enough, I went to live with my new pack, Ray and Joyce Grasso, in Jamestown, N.C. They treated me pretty good, too!

We moved to On Top of the World in March 2016.

With the move came a job - I was put in charge of protecting my pack. Now, I may be little, but I have a nice bark!

I protect my condo from squirrels, big weird birds and rabbits.

I really am a people person, so if you meet up with me while I'm on a walk, I'll crawl on my belly and give kisses to y'all freely.

I am 6 years old now and live in the Nagoya building. It's really nice there.

My pack has lots of family here, too, so I have to make sure I play ball when anyone comes to visit.

If you come see me, I'll play ball with you, too!

Doggy hugs and kisses.

-- Sofie



Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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 OTOW.newsroom@gmail.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 of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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OTOW veterans enjoy marching for first time in parade and now look forward to Armed Forces Day celebration



By William Peterson

The On Top of the World Veterans Group wants to thank Mike Cooper and members of the Irish Club for donating a banner to our group for the St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 9.

Mike did a tremendous job of coordinating the parade. Our group salutes you and the wonderful Irish Club board.

The Veterans Group is proud to say that we had eight veterans, who rode on our beautifully-decorated flatbed truck during the parade.

We also had two World War II veterans who rode in a yellow Corvette convertible donated by Don and Marion Lemy, driven by Don.

This was followed by a Mustang convertible driven by Tom Powers, who decorated it to the hilt. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of our group and made the day a success.

On Wednesday, March 13, Pam Rosenblatt and I met with four of our veterans for breakfast at The Village Inn. We discussed some possible fundraising events. We also talked at length about our Mission Statement.



Some of On Top of the World's veterans march in the St. Patrick's Day parade with a Veterans Group banner donated by the Irish Club. Vets also rode in classy cars.

We enjoyed our breakfast along with the "free" pie. It would have been great to have had more of our members attend. We plan on doing this again and hope that more of you will join us.

We will be meeting with Empath Health on March 21 at 11 a.m. They are coordinating our Armed Forces Day Veterans Celebration which will be held on May 15 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Remember, it is important that you turn in an attendance form, which was in past editions of the OTOW newspaper, so we can tally the number of people who

will be attending the Armed Forces Day event.

Also, your names will be displayed on a screen and name tags will be given out with your branch of service listed. This event has been well attended in the past and this year we hope to make it extra special. Cake and coffee will be served.

We are proud to say that we now have some samples of hand-made bags created by Song Brooks, an OTOW resident, who makes them specifically for vets to be put on walkers or wheelchairs.

Song does a wonderful job of sewing

each bag with meticulous detail. If you are interested in obtaining a bag, stop by our information table on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium and have a look at them. You will be very impressed.

If you wish to order a bag, we will take your name and phone number and give it to Song.

The Veterans Group will have its next meeting on Wednesday, April 3, at 2 p.m. It will be held in the EAC Yellow Room, just off the elevator and near the old gym.

Thank you for your service!

Travel Club sends two bus loads to casino cruise

By Tom Jamrozy

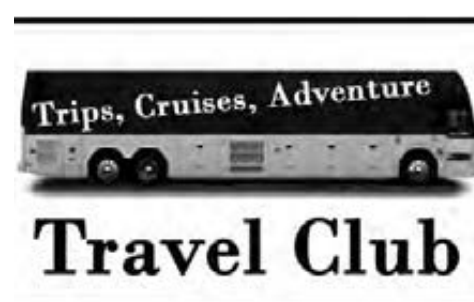
As the saying goes, "everyone is Irish around St. Patty's Day."

Well it's true. Fifty-nine Travel Club members invaded O'Keefe's restaurant for our Lunch Bunch in March with many having corned beef and cabbage and pitchers of green beer.

Earlier in the month, we took the Odyssey Boat ride in Tarpon Springs and saw several dolphins playing and were told it was mating season for them as well as for the birds we saw.

There was a wonderful guide who explained all about the animals as well as the eco system of the river. It was chilly that day, warm coats were worn, the boat had the side flaps down, but still, it was a great time.

We took a second trip in March to the Victory Casino Cruise from Port Canaveral. We had 60 people in two buses sign up, but this will have taken place after this article was turned in so we will report if we had any big winners next month.



As announced at our March meeting, our big fall trip will be to Memphis, Tenn., and we will stay in Tunica, Miss., which is the "gambling capitol of the south." The trip will be from Oct. 27-Nov. 2 and it sold out in less than one hour. We have a waiting list started, so feel free to stop by the tables to sign up.

We also added a three-day, two-night trip to St. Augustine for the "Night of Lights Festival" for Dec. 10 and 11, and we will return on the Dec. 12. Tickets are going fast.

Our next Travel Club Meeting will be held on April 5 in the EAC Starlite Room.

Lunch Bunch in March



Nearly 60 Travel Club members and guests enjoyed lunch at O'Keefe's restaurant in March. You can't tell be the picture, but the pitcher of beer is green.

(Photo by Barb Jamrozy)



OTOW News Publisher Kenneth Colen (top photo) and Editor Doug Kates (right photo) address the Press Association during its annual Appreciation Luncheon this past March.



On Top of the World thanks staff for work on past 12 newspapers

In an effort to thank more people for a year's worth of work, the Press Association moved its annual Appreciation Luncheon from April to March this year.

Nearly 40 writers, photographers, proofreaders, board members, columnists, editors and guests attended, and lunch was catered by Clearwater Family Restaurant.

For everyone who contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months, the lunch was free as a thank you from On Top of the World. Anyone on staff who did not qualify could have attended for \$20.

"We had more than 100 people contribute to the newspaper over the past year," said Editor Doug Kates. "Those of you who are here are the ones who not only helped fill the newspaper each month, but helped us get better and better."

Normally, the Appreciation Luncheon takes place in April, but in past



years, some Snowbirds have missed the event because they are already heading back to their northern homes. The luncheon was moved up in hopes a larger crowd would attend.

The requirements to qualify for the free lunch include contributing to at least

three newspapers and attending at least three meetings. There were 114 people who contributed - 31 qualified.

A vote will take place at the April meeting to see if the staff wants to keep the Appreciation Luncheon in March or move it back to April. If a two-thirds majority chooses March, a change to the by-laws will be made.

Staff will also have a chance to vote on the Appreciation Luncheon qualifying process. If staff wants to make a change, they will get a chance to speak up.

If there is a request to add night meetings, another vote will be taken.

The whole idea is to get 114 people to the Press Association monthly meetings - not just 40.

"Writing stories for the newspaper is only half the job we face each month," Doug said. "We hold monthly meetings so we can set goals, adjust the newspaper and improve our skills. If no one ever attended the meetings, we would never get

better. It's a credit to those who do attend the meetings that we are as good as our newspaper shows."

In March, 11 members of the Press Association marched in the Irish Club parade. They passed out newspapers to anyone in the crowd who wanted to read good news.

Our April 4 meeting will take place 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. This will be a pizza party for anyone on staff. Lunch will be paid by money collected through 50/50 drawings. The luncheon was scheduled for the Pavilion, but has been moved indoors. Rizzoli's Pizza is providing the lunch. They have an ad on page 15 of this newspaper.

Also at the meeting, we will get an idea who wishes to remain on the board or if anyone new wants to run for a board position. The 2019-2020 board will be elected in May.

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* Contributed to at least 3 newspapers and attended at least 3 meetings.

Lambda Club has at least one event each week in April - including a Western day

By Bruce Lovett

March is behind us. Gone are the shillelaghs, leprechauns and St. Patty's Day floats.

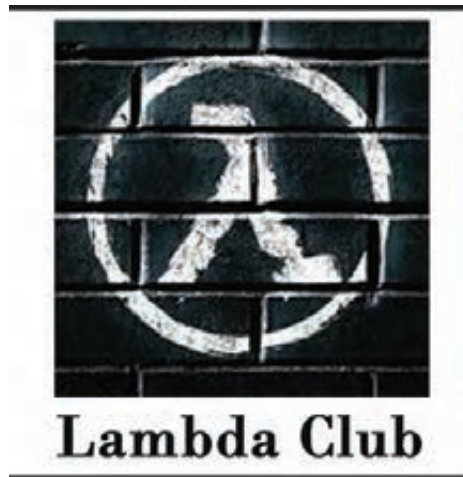
Lambda's "Green Party" was a big hit as always. Green was everywhere. Clothes, decorations, drinks and even some of the foods were all green.

A few of our members were even green with envy at our returning Caribbean cruisers, who sported tropical tans and told tales of seaside adventures and lost gold.

But by the end of the evening all Irish eyes were smiling.

Now we look forward to April.

It has been said that April showers bring May flowers. Well if the outpouring of Lambda's social activities for the month of April are any indication, their



members will be blooming all through May.

And our beloved snowbirds will be going home exhausted.

Starting off the month is our semi-annual pot-luck picnic in Philippe Park on Friday, April 5. Time has yet to be determined so check our web page at [HTTP://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com) for the latest up-to-date information.

The next Friday is our yearly Ho-Down. Don your western apparel and mosey on down to the East Activity Center's Art Room on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

Expect to hear a little George Strait on the boom box and it's a guarantee our Tombstone punch will put you in the ground. And don't forget some down home vittles for the buffet.

If that wasn't enough, the next week is Holy Week and we will be having our Easter Feast on Sunday, April 21, in the EAC's Art Room. The Easter Bunny will

be supplying the ham. All we ask is our good little boys and girls be on the look out for delicious desserts and sides to fill out the table while searching for eggs earlier in the day.

And on our last Saturday of the month, we will be having an activity day, and our Sunday outing, an odd movie and gosh knows what else.

Lambda is an informal group that serves our gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW as well as their friends and neighbors.

Should you have any questions, or wish more information, email us at Lambda@g.mail.com, call Dave at (727) 410-7566, check us out at the Box Office: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com or click on the aforementioned Website.

Guest speaker says number of Democratic presidential candidates makes for an exciting election season



Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

Thanks to all who contributed to the Democratic Club participation in the March 9 Irish Club parade.

We had a larger presence this year by including two banners, a convertible, golf cart, truck and marchers handing out treats.

At our club meeting in March, the guest speaker was Barbara Scott. Originally from New Orleans, she has lived in Florida for more than 30 years.

Barbara said she always considered herself a good Democrat because she voted in every election. Due to her work schedule as a chef, however, she didn't have time to really get involved with the Democratic Party.

After the November 2016 election, Barbara said she resigned her work of 20 years as a chef because she wanted to become more involved with the Democratic Party and our community. She served as the Chair for House District 67 for two years and then became the Chair of the Pinellas County Democratic Party in December 2018.

Her goal is to maintain relationships with the local clubs within the county and benefit from the positive energy that currently exists. She is excited about the large number of presidential candidates that will be speaking about Democratic



Barbara Scott talks to the Democratic Club about the upcoming presidential election.

values across the country and we will be working hard to increase the number of Democratic state representatives in Pinellas County.

Barbara addressed questions from the audience and there was considerable discussion about voting by mail. Barbara said she has met with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, Deborah Clark, and is impressed with the efficient and responsible system we have here for handling mail ballots. You can always check the status of your mail ballot at www.VotePinellas.com.

Denise Coet, Co-Chair for the Voter Services Committee, within the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee, also spoke to us about the importance of voter registration. She is looking for volunteers to help with voter registration or assist the committee with ideas of how to improve voter services. She can be reached by email at denisecoet@gmail.com.

com.

Our next club meeting is at the usual time and place, the second Thursday of the month, April 11. Time and location for the meeting is 2-3:30 p.m. in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

This Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting.

You can also send us an email at this site.

Look for more club announcements on the OTOW television channels 98.1 and 732.



Cancer support group event

If you have cancer, have had cancer (but it is now in remission), or you are supporting someone who has cancer, you are invited to a one hour cancer support event at On Top of the World.

There will be motivation and music to encourage, inspire and uplift you as you fight your battle.

Please join fellow residents on Monday, April 15, at 1 p.m. at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

If there is enough interest, this single event could expand into a club which meets regularly throughout the year.

Please register for April 15 special event on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium. Look for our cancer support information table.

You can also email Laurie Fischer at LBF1954@gmail.com for more information.

Pizza Night will be final Italian-American Club function if new leadership does not step up



By MaryAnn Fontaine

We only have a few more events and the season will be over. Seems like we just started.

Our annual picnic is Friday, April 5, noon – 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members \$12 for non-member. Last day to purchase tickets is April 1 (which is probably today).

We realize it is lent, but still found members prefer doing a picnic on a Friday.

Pete Marchetti will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and “Mama” will do potato salad, macaroni salad, and sausage and peppers.

If anyone wants to help with the grilling please let us know.

Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage as we will not bring any.

We hope to end with “Day at the Races.”

Pizza Night

April 17

5-8 pm

On April 17 we will be having a pizza and salad dinner from 5-8 p.m..

Cost is \$10 per member and \$12 per non-member. Last day to purchase tickets is April 15. When purchasing tickets, please choose from plain, pepperoni, veg-

etarian, or sausage and peppers.

There is one more show at Hudson Show Palace on Easter Sunday. I may still be able to get tickets, but not after April 7.

I again end this article by saying Pete Marchetti and I have enjoyed our eight years with the Italian-American Club, but it is time for someone new. As I am writing this column, no one has come forward to take over. That will mean that the Pizza Night will be our final club function at On Top Of The World, unless someone comes forward to take over.

We will end with a meeting to vote on what to do with any leftover money. Depending on balance, we will choose from a spaghetti dinner in November or donating funds to a charity.

So if you want a say, please come to Pizza Night. It will be sad to see the club come to an end.

At final meeting of season, Family History group will look into the future for a change

By Shirley Perry

By the nature of our hobby itself, as genealogists we spend much of our time looking into the past.

Where did we come from?

Who were the people that were responsible for creating us as we are today?

But sometimes we need to

pause and look ahead - not to find ancestors, but to rethink how we can attain a goal by restructuring our approach.

Prior planning prevents poor performance.

Therefore, at our final session on April 8, we will replace our planned program with examining the path that we wish to

pursue for future meetings.

At our March meeting, the use of Probate Records in genealogy was highlighted by Tom Gerber, a local genealogist. Tom demonstrated how information found in Probate Records can be used to confirm or further our research and help add to our family tree.

We invite you to join us at our final meeting of the season. We will meet in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center from 1-3 p.m. on April 8.

Everyone will have an opportunity to learn firsthand what is in store for the upcoming fall.



Newcomers



Donna Kamali
of New York



Lois Paduano
of New York



Lowell and Karen Cornell of Maine

Welcome!

April is last chance to try Snowbirds Line Dancing before season ends - restart will be in October



By Dale Stackhouse

April can be a bittersweet month for many Snowbirds Club members.

Although we look forward to seeing family and friends when we return to our northern homes, we also must face saying good-bye to the many activities and friendships which have kept us so happy over the winter months.

One such activity, of course, is line dancing, and while the last day for the Snowbirds Club Line Dancing is April 17, that still gives you time to try us out.

If you have absolutely no experience with line dancing, and worry that you have two left feet ... we have the class for you! At 8 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, Ed Foland conducts his "Twelve Step Program for People With Two Left Feet."

For the first 30 minutes, Ed teaches the most basic line dance steps, such as the vine, basic toe struts and heel struts.



Pictured above are four On Top of the World residents who took Ed Foland's basic line dance class while on a Snowbirds cruise in Key West. From left to right are Doug Springer, Dick Stackhouse, Ted Soltys and Ed Foland.

At 8:30 a.m. those steps are incorporated into simple dances. Ed's method of teaching is slow and deliberate, because he willingly confesses to having two left feet himself and needing step-by-step instruction.

But something must be going right. A recent head count in Ed's class totaled close to 50 residents!

At 9:30 a.m., Dolly Foland takes over and the dances get progressively more challenging, but she always starts off with a few easy ones with the hope that some of Ed's students will stay and try her class,

too.

Line dancing is a process ... very few people are good at it right away, but keep at it and you might surprise yourself!

For the more experienced dancers, Dolly introduces more challenging dances between 10:30-11:30 a.m. All this dancing is for a low membership fee of \$10 a season!

However, if you would like to give it a try before Ed and Dolly "fly away" in April, we are happy to let you come for free.

I mentioned friendships, didn't I?

Well, line dancing is a great place to

make friends. We are all struggling together towards the same goal, so there is plenty to talk about during the social breaks. We also have at least two parties a season, for members and their guests, which are always well attended.

Hope to see you on the dance floor before April 17, but if not, we start up again on Oct. 16 for a whole new season of fun and exercise.

You can also watch Snowbirds Line Dancing at 11 a.m., Wednesdays on OTOW-TV channel 732. Try it in the comfort of your own living room.

Aqua Aerobics uses noodles to help stay in shape



Aqua Aerobics

Do you like noodles?

No. Not the kind in chicken noodle soup. Noodles that help keep you afloat while enjoying the swimming pools on the east and west sides.

Every weekday morning, the On Top of the World Aqua Aerobics group meets at the East Activity Center swimming pool and we enjoy using noodles. If the air temperature is between 65-165 degrees, we are in the water exercising.

Our cardio workouts benefit the heart and are comforting to people with arthritis. You can exercise in the shallow end, use noodles and you can even bring walkers or canes into the pool.



Aqua Aerobics uses noodles to help with in-pool exercises. Come give it a try.

You don't have to be a member to join us. There is no fee. We recommend shoes and sun tan lotion. Wear a hat to protect your face.

Our group is active year round, as long as the weather cooperates.

When we are not in the pool, we are celebrating birthdays at local restaurants. In February, Kara Lynn Kitchen celebrated a birthday and in March Edith Shields celebrated a birthday. At both luncheons, about 12 people from our group were

present.

Aqua Aerobics is taught by Elsie Jane Anderson and takes place from 9-10 a.m. If you join us, you will have fun, get a good workout and maybe meet someone new. Men and women are welcome.

If you are an OTOW line dancer, most likely you have received instruction from Sheila Bolster



Line Dancing

By Leila Walker

Sheila Bolster has been a very dedicated and enthusiastic beginner line dancing instructor for the last 12 years.

On Feb. 26 she was honored by line dancers for her years of service. Testimonials were given by many line dancers who have had the privilege of learning to dance because Sheila is a patient and determined instructor. She taught everyone the basic line dance steps so they could then advance to the intermediate level.

Sheila loves line dancing, and she hopes that she has instilled the love for linedancing to her students.

Congratulations to Sheila! She is truly an exemplar for service to her community.

On Feb. 17, line dancers gathered for the Entertainment Committee's Meet-and-Greet held at in the East Activity Center auditorium. Ralph Rogers performed



Line Dancers pose for a photo with Sheila Bolster (center on chair), who has been a member of the club for 12 years. Among those in the picture, most said Sheila was one of their first line dance instructors.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

many songs that got the line dancers moving! The afternoon proved to be great fun.

This is just one example of the many social events On Top of the World line dancers attend together. You can join us for the fun! If you are a beginner dancer, try the 1 p.m., Tuesday session, or the 8:30 a.m., Saturday session.

Regular classes are held after the be-

ginner class. All classes are held in the auditorium and Starlite Room of the EAC. Practice classes are held weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room at 7 a.m.

Information about our club can be seen on the OTOW Box Office, OTOW-TV channel 732 and on Facebook.

Our OTOW-TV dance-at-home-videos have changed times. They are now

on TV at 11 a.m. every weekday morning. We have made two new videos for Mondays and Tuesdays. Please check them out and try them in the privacy of your own condo. If you have fun watching our line dances on TV, then join us live!

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.

Local politicians joined Republican Club in parade

By Marvin Lazernik

The Irish Club parade took place on a beautiful Saturday morning and the parade went off without a hitch – thank you Mike Cooper and your staff for another wonderful time.

Also a thank you to the On Top of the World staff and vendors who served us.

State Senator Ed Hooper, his wife Lee, Pinellas County appraiser Mike Twitty and District One Commissioner Dave Eggers all walked the entire parade route with Republican Club members.

The 2019–2020 election of officers was held at our regular Tuesday night meeting in March. Prior to the nominations, Mary Jane Lofton read a brief speech on why unity and clearness of purpose is so important.

President Bea Purcelli announced that she was not running for a second term as president and Marvin Lazernik, a former president, was elected.

The balance of the slate elected was Edwina Schick, vice president; Ann Brown, secretary and Mary Jane Lofton, treasurer. Marge Sutton was appointed second vice president and will work closely with Edwina.

Jeff Antous will be our guest speaker dur-



Republican Club

ing our April 9 meeting. Jeff is a political consultant and was present at the Broward County recount. He also served a period of time with the Department of Justice. Should be a very interesting lecture. Get your questions ready!

Make plans to attend our May 14 meeting – State Senator Ed Hooper will be here. All Republican are welcome. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. Check in and registration starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 7 p.m. For further information call Susan at 951-377-0909; Edwina at 678-414-5300 or Marge at 727-754-7290.



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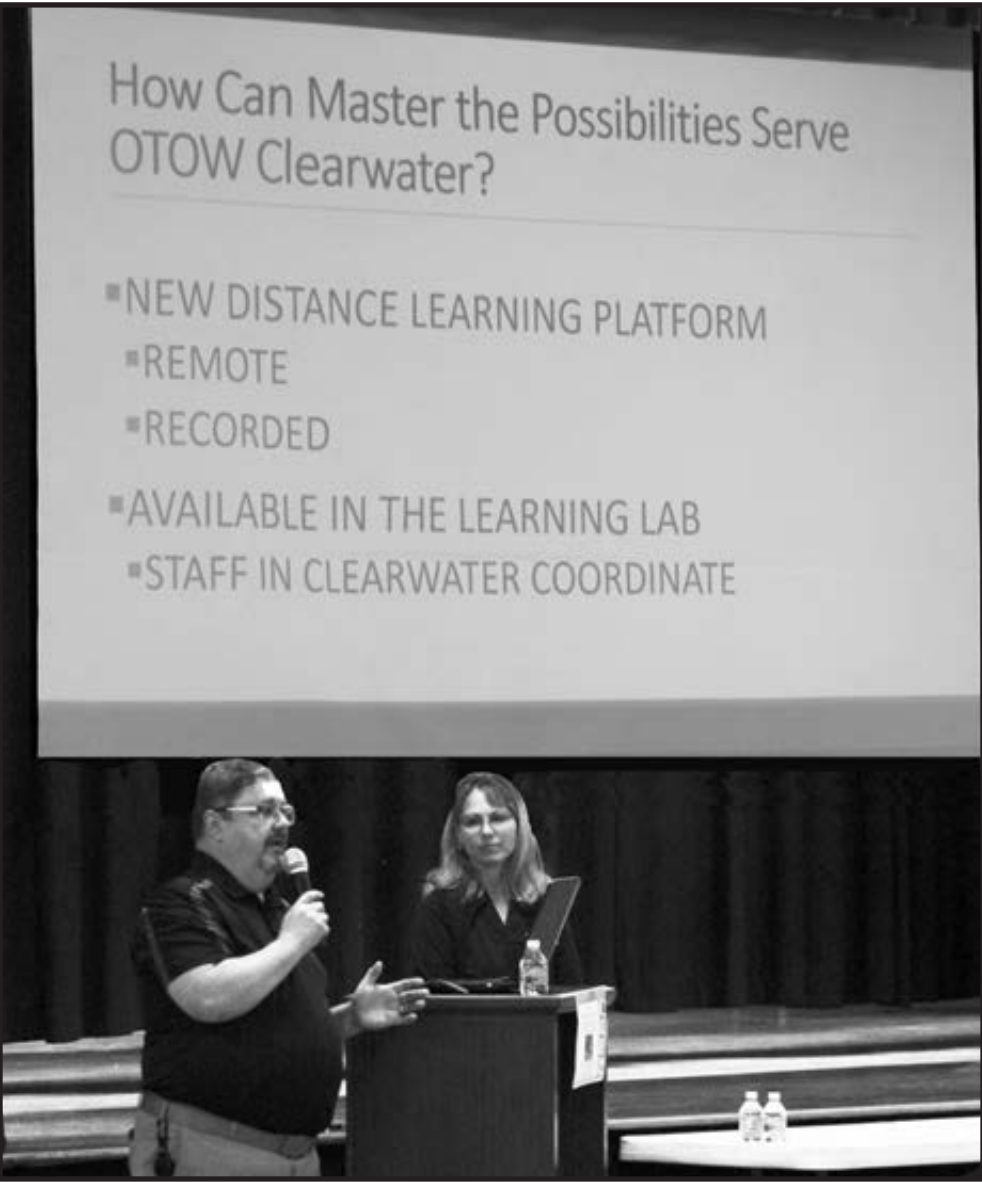


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Jim Shook, systems administrator for Master the Possibilities, and Michelle Shideler, director of education, take the time to explain what Master the Possibilities is to residents who attended an information seminar in March.

You’ve probably heard about Master the Possibilities by now - here’s what it’s all about

Over the next few months, On Top of the World residents are going to be hearing more and more about Master the Possibilities.

But do you know what it is? Master the Possibilities is a well-established education program at On Top of the World in Ocala. We are just starting to get a taste here in Clearwater.

Master the Possibilities offers a variety of educational programs without an instructor in the classroom. In Clearwater, residents will be instructed in the West Activity Center Learning Lab by watching online presentations on a movie screen. Most programs are interactive. Even though no instructor is present in the room, you will still be able to ask questions by way of two-way communication.

On March 27, Clearwater residents attended a lecture entitled “NASA Celebrates Apollo 11’s 50th Anniversary.” This program was presented by Greg Clements, Chief of the Strategic Implementation Office, in the Exploration Research and Technology Programs Directorate at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. He shared this unique historical event from NASA’s perspective.

On April 10, from 3:30-4:30, National Geographic author and cultural historian, Gary McKechnie, will conduct a class, “The Beatles: All You Need is Love.” The program will cover the mystery behind the Beatles’ fame and lasting influence. Cost is \$8.

You must preregister for all Master the Possibilities classes. You do so by calling (352) 861-9751. Please state you are a Clearwater resident.

Master the Possibility classes are endless and unique. To get an idea of what has been offered in the past and what will be offered in the future, please go to the official Website <http://www.masterthepossibilities.org/>.

If you miss a class, there is a good chance it will be recorded and available for viewing at the Learning Lab.



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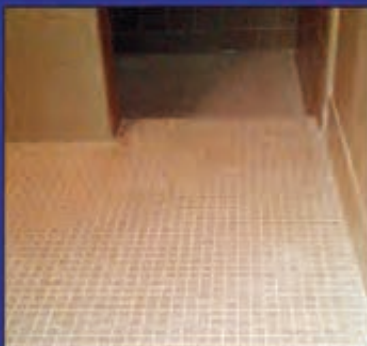
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Computer Club learns about the power of smart phone apps

The smartphones that most of us own are amazing devices.

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Still, many people, who use these devices every day, don't realize the variety of applications, or apps, available.

So the On Top of the World Computer Club recently heard a presentation on "Smart Phone Apps you might find useful Every Day."

Club president Joe Wisinski led the discussion and said smart phones can improve our lives in many ways.

"With all due respect to Ben Franklin," Joe said, "It's actually smartphones that make us healthy, wealthy and wise."

The apps Joe discussed perform tasks ranging from monitoring sleep to automatically keeping travel information all in one place.

Other apps, Joe talked about, provide news alerts, help save money at the grocery store and encourage exercise.



Computer Club

All these apps are easy to use and are free or inexpensive.

There's no shortage of smart phone apps to choose from — there are more than 2 million available for both iPhone and Android-based phones.

"I encourage you to get onto Apple's

or Google's app store and see what you can find," Joe said. "You'll be amazed at what's available for your phone."

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

OTOW residents may come to the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for free assistance with computer issues. Assistance with iPhone or iPad issues is available at the same time.

For more information about the club, go to www.otowcc.com.

Major changes have been made to the On Top of the World Box Office Website. See Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club if you want to learn how to find the site, which hosts information on all OTOW clubs along with community information and thinking games.



Apple's and Google's app stores contain millions of useful smart phone applications.

Jesters end season with parade and installation banquet

By John Hooker

Fourteen members of the Jesters Club appeared in the community's St. Patrick's Day parade, distributing candy and greeting On Top of the World residents who lined the parade route.

Several Jesters wore their costumes from this year's show, including actors for Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, as well as actors in our comedy skit about an imaginary "clothing optional" section at OTOW.

Liberace was also there and he was surprised that so many people thought he was miming a recording rather than actually playing. He indignantly set that straight, saying, "Liberace only and always gives live performances. That was me, playing just for you!"

The last business meeting of the year was held March 13 to elect officers for the coming year.

The Nominating Committee's slate was presented by Tom Portsmouth on behalf of the other committee members, Lillian Foy and Keith Elder.

Since there were no nominations from the floor, the following were elect-



'Liberace' AKA John Hooker, really did play live piano during the Jesters' show this past February.

ed unanimously: David Bucchiere, president; Susan Calinski McMillan, first vice president; Vicky Portsmouth, second vice president; John Hooker, secretary; Con-

nie Ballard, assistant secretary; Richard McMillan, treasurer; and Jennifer Hansen, assistant treasurer.

The final meeting of the year will be



the Installation Banquet on Wednesday, April 3, in the East Activity Center auditorium. Arrangements for the evening are in the hands of Cheryl Butcher and Marge Gipperich, who promise a fine dinner by Felice, with musical magic by D.J. Alice Balmer.

We will dance the old season out and welcome in an exciting new season for the OTOW Jesters.

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Boomers were marching, cooking and socializing in March

By Penni Telleck

What's happening with the Boomers? The Baby Boomers group loved the St. Patrick's Day parade here in On Top of the World.

Dressed in green and strumming guitars and ukuleles, they serenaded viewers with an old traditional Irish song.

Other mischievous Boomer leprechauns rode their bikes, whizzing around and wearing wild hats.

In other Boomer news, our own Baby Boomer, Tom Butcher, took first prize at the first annual Good Neighbors Association Chili Cook-Off. Tom was voted as having the best chili in the field of nine entrants. His chili was made with chicken and had a definite kick to it!

Congrats to Tom and his lovely assistant and wife, Cheryl.

Recently, many Boomers have been heading to Major League Baseball spring training games. They belt out "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," without much talent, but, as always, with loads of enthusiasm.

Boomers represent many USA hometowns, so don't be surprised to see car-pools of Boomers with some wearing Pirates shirt wedged between some wearing Eagle shirts in a car driven by a someone wearing a Jayhawks' baseball cap.

Last month, Boomers were biking,



In most cases, it was easy to tell who was a Baby Boomer and who was not a Baby Boomer at the Irish Club Parade. The Boomers were there to have lots of fun. So what do you think about the guys above? Boomers?

Zumba-ing, mall walking, festival attending, food sampling at local restaurants, golfing, kayaking, movie going, parading,

socializing, sunset watching and wine tasting.

Sheesh!



Baby Boomers

That's a lot of fun we are having.

If you are interested in our events, you need to be included on our emailing list. To be on our list, come to a Boomers meeting and sign up.

Come join us on April 3 and April 18 in the East Activity Center Art Room at 5:30 p.m. for meetings this month.

We will have a quick discussion about upcoming events, followed by raucous laughter at a local restaurant.

The Baby Boomer group is an association of friends. There are no age restrictions. Being a Baby Boomer is not an age, it is a state of mind. We have no dues, officers or formal rules. You do need to have a valid activity card.

Five tips to make sure your condo is secure over the summer

By David Beaven

April is the month that our Snowbird neighbors start heading back to their summer places. Sounds like a lovely lifestyle to me – following the seasons.

An important part of leaving is making sure that your condo will be safe and secure for you to return to next winter.

Here are some tips that can help.

- Lock all entry doors and windows. This keeps your property secure and prevents burglars from gaining easy access. It is often a requirement on your homeowner's insurance that can determine whether you get paid after a break-in.

- Turn off the water to prevent any



untimely leaks or flooding while you are away. Your neighbors will definitely appreciate this prevention.

- Leave your air conditioner on at a

steady temperature to maintain a low humidity in your vacant condo. This will prevent mold from occurring. A temperature of 80 degrees is recommended.

- Put a couple of lights on timers to make your place look occupied.

- Perhaps most importantly, have a key buddy. This would be a trusted neighbor who can watch your place while you're gone. They can also periodically enter your place to make sure that everything is OK and to call you if there's a problem.

Your Neighborhood Watch core group has been happy to meet many of you during this past year. We wish our Snowbird friends a safe and happy trip

back north. Meanwhile, we will remain here hot, but happy, in our own little piece of paradise.

Area Watch 2020 is a Neighborhood Watch group started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect. We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better.

If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our Webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com. We are also on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

A story about a potato named Yam

A male potato and a female potato got married. Their first child was a sweet potato they named "Yam."

The parents wanted the best for Yam, so one day they sat down and had a talk.

They warned Yam about going out late at night and getting half baked.

They didn't want her getting mashed in an accident.

They also didn't want her hanging out with a lot of boys because then she would get the reputation of being a "hot potato" and could end up with a bunch of tater tots.

Yam said not to worry. She was not going to let any Spuds get her in the sack.

She didn't want to become a rotten potato.

But Yam didn't want to become a couch potato either.

She wanted to stay skinny like her shoestring cousins.

Yam made plans to visit Europe, but learned some Europeans can be hard-boiled. She was also going to visit France, but was told to avoid the grease or risk getting fried. Her skin doctor said avoid the sun or you might get scalloped.

Upon returning to the States, Yam visited the West where she went Gold digging in the Yukon.

She hitched a ride on a Frito Lay truck to Idaho, where she enrolled in the na-

tional college for potatoes.

After graduation, Yam met the love of her life and got married.

Her parents were disappointed to learn, however, that Yam married a news broadcaster. They thought they had taught Yam better.

"Just what we needed in this family," Mom said. "A common tater."

The story above was edited from its original version. The original version can be found at https://www.reddit.com/r/cleanjokes/comments/1onto4/girl_potato_and_boy_potato_bad_eyes_for_each_other/

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Internet Humor

EAC will sizzle at Latin Night



**New York - New Jersey
Club**

By Pat Hayes

How does this sound?

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Sound good?

Bring your dancing shoes to the New York-New Jersey Club's annual Latin Night on Tuesday, April 2, from 6-9 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.

This year the menu has been improved with Felice's Italian Deli catering the event.

Coffee and dessert will be served. Ice and water will be available

On May 15, in the EAC, the On Top of the World Veterans Club will bring to the community a "Salute To All Veterans" in honor of Armed Forces Day.

We urge all our members to participate in this important event.

Our club is currently finalizing plans for the following events:



Pictured above is the East Lake High School Premier Group, which sang and danced during the New York-New Jersey Club's Strawberry Festival. The picture above shows students in their hand-made costumes.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 5:30 p.m., we will host a "Summer Sports Festival" in the EAC. Mama Felice will be serving sandwiches and there will be a DJ.

Please wear a T-shirt or hat representing your favorite sports team.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., our club will present "Dessert Night" in the EAC.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m., we are planning "Southwest Night" including dinner and a DJ.

And on Thursday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m. in the EAC, we will host our Harvest Dreams Dinner Dance with a DJ.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of OTOW. We are a social club with volunteer spirit. We are

made up of many volunteers.

Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5.

For future events, tickets will be available in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Strawberry Festival on March 1. This is always our most popular events! Strawberries, pound cake and mounds of whipped cream were served.

We would like to thank the East Lake High School's premier group of "Madrigal Singers" for entertaining us during the

festival.

In addition, the school provided solo performances by a concert pianist, a dance and several singers.

We were spellbound by all of the performances. The group has been invited again for next year.

We also were treated to a sneak preview of "The Best of Broadway, Part 2" performed by OTOW's Theater Workshop group in March.

On Saturday, March 9, the club marched in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. We would like to thank our members who participated.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Residents enjoy a St. Patrick's Day dance that took place on March 16 in the East Activity Center auditorium. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

So far in 2019, Entertainment Committee has sold out two shows in three months - and there is more to come!

By Marvin Flam

The first three months of 2019 were exciting months of entertainment here at On Top of the World.

Residents had several opportunities to see, hear and enjoy both professional talent and talented OTOW residents.

Two of the shows presented by the Entertainment Committee were sold out with no tickets available at the door.

Don't miss out!

Tickets for all of the remaining shows and dances, including New Year's Eve 2019, are on sale at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday morning, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Our new Sunday Meet and Greet is free to all OTOW residents. No tickets are

required.

Check the following sources for scheduling and ticket information and questions: The Entertainment Committee slides on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 or 732; On the OTOW Box Office (OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com); and on bulletin boards in the EAC, West Activity Center and all the buildings.

Call us direct at 727 449-9243 or email us at entcom2014@gmail.com.

For April, the Entertainment Committee presents the following:

The Boomerz Show

Enjoy this vocal group with rich harmony. Cost is \$15 per ticket. The date is Thursday, April 11.

Easter Parade Dance

Music by Chello Hollyday. Cost is \$10. The date is Saturday, April 13. Enter the Easter Parade and Hat Contest and win a prize!

The monthly Sunday Meet and Greet and will be April 14. This free event is at 2 p.m. and will feature Al Forman.

Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a drawing that's held after the entertainment. Enjoy light refreshments served after the drawing.

Entertainment Committee shows and dances feature reserved table seating, where you can bring snacks and beverages of your choice. We provide ice, coffee and surprises.

The Entertainment Committee will

be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020!

The club was formed in 1970 through suggestions from staff and residents who were aware that the duties of the program director were overwhelming. So the Entertainment Committee was created to supplement the program director's work in programming events at OTOW.

In July of 1970 the Entertainment Committee was formally organized. Its officers and staff were, and still are, all resident volunteers.

We are planning an outstanding year of entertainment, celebration and fun for 2020! If you have any suggestions, we welcome them. Please contact us . . . we want to hear from you.

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Four players reach semifinals in annual Match Play Tournament

The Thursday Golf League's annual Match Play Tournament has reached the final four.

Christy Mills, Mike Dietterich, David Mills and Harry Barbin made it to the final four. The winner will be announced in next month's OTOW News.

Congratulations to all those who participated.

The annual Four Person Scramble results will also be available next month.

There was a smaller than usual turnout at our annual Equipment Sale and Trade Day. The good news is, money was raised for the league to purchase a new awards plaque and many golf clubs were donated to local Hospice.

Marjorie Olsen was our league's week 15 champion. Tom Gerkin was second and Mike Dietterich placed third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round and one skin. Mike Dietterich, Jim Keagy, Gary Sandine, Jim Gray and Harry Barbin col-

Thursday Golf

lected one skin each. The long drive winners were Lynne Godfrey, Carl Charlton, Steve Roessner and Mike Dietterich. Jim Gray and Harry Barbin had the closest to the pin shots.

The week 16 winner was David Mills. Edmund Molina was second and Len Howell took third place. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Bill also collected two skins. Don Campbell, Bill Gambacurta, Mark Legin, Bruce MacPherson and Edmund Molina also took skins. Lynne Godfrey, Jerry Fugatt, Jim Gray and Paul Hanco were the long drivers. Ken Smith and Bill Higgins were closest to the pin.

Week 17 needed tiebreakers to decide

the winners. Don Campbell edged out Angelo Santucci and Dave Hoffman who finished third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Angelo Santucci collected three skins. Don Campbell, Fred Schick, Bruce MacPherson and Rick Muchler all collected a skin. The long drivers were: Ginny Chilcote, Carl Charlton and Gary Herr. Bruce MacPherson and Angelo Santucci had the closest to the pin shots.

For a second straight week, tiebreakers were needed to determine the winners. John Maloof prevailed over Mike Dietterich and Jim Gray in week 18. Bill Higgins was low gross and collected two skins. Jim Gray, Jerry Fugatt, Scott Rogers, Tom Pettit and Paul Meyers took one skin each. Jerry Fugatt, Jim Keagy and Scott Rogers were the long drivers. Fred Schick and Mike LaViolette had the closest to the pin shots.

For 26 weeks, league members play by a point system, our version of the PGA's Fedex Cup. The better you play, the more

points you accumulate.

The person with the most points at the end of the season is league champion.

The current standings have Paul Meyers leading with 36 points. Don Baker is in second with 32 points followed by Len Howell and Bill Higgins with 29 points. Bruce MacPherson 28. Gary Sandine 27, Mike LaViolette 25. Dan Hyden 24. Ron Reeves, Fred Schick and John Maloof 23. Bill Gambacurta 22 and Dave Pittenger 21. Eight weeks remain in the season which leaves plenty of time for players to grab the top spot.

The league welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

Players must sign in between 9-9:30 a.m. for the new season.

Banquet honors Club Champion and flight winners

By David Cox

The Men's Golf Association held its annual luncheon on March 13 to recognize the Men's League Championship winners.

The banquet included a luncheon of hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad and beverages.

We had a great turnout and everyone had a great time.

Vick Ruggiero was honored for winning the Club Championship in February. Low net champion was Bob McGrogan. Flight champions were David Cox, Jack Sousa, Gerald Morrisette and Bob Earley.

Also, many thanks go out to 18-Hole Ladies Golf League members who devoted their time to help serve and make our banquet a success.

The men's league would like to thank all the people who contribute all the work they do to make everything possible to have tournaments, food and beverages, schedules, cooking, and cleanup afterwards.

What's coming up for our golf course?

Todd Six has provided us with an upcoming schedule of projects.

(1) Management will continue to renovate the Coquina cart paths and remove dirt piles to fill in erosion on lake banks and ditch at No. 8 green.

(2) Management will remove weeds

Men's Golf

from the wildflower beds.

(3) Improvements will be made to the rough areas using a growth regulator, weed control, over height of cut changes and added fertility for a more consistent and playable lie.

(4) Plans call on creating more playable approaches and fairway areas at hole Nos. 1, 6, 9, 13 and No. 4 practice area.

(5) More wildflowers will be added by fall 2019.

(6) Ornamental grasses, flowers and plants will be added around the No. 1 tee and practice area on the 18-hole course.

(7) Management will continue to trim and remove unwanted plant growth in the fences at the tees.

(8) Water drainage will be renovated at holes No. 7 and No. 12.

(9) The height of cut will be raised on out-of-play Bahia/St Augustine areas to enhance the appearance of those areas.

Notice: Aerification dates for greens, tees and fairways are: 18 hole course - June 3-9; 9 hole course - June 10-16.

Todd also would like to thank all the support and compliments he gets from the players of all the leagues. He also wants to thank his Bright View employees who dedicate their hard work to improve



Pictured above is 2019 Club Champion Vick Ruggiero receiving the title trophy. Vick will hold the honor for one year.

and make our golf course what it is today.

Men's Wednesday Golf League tournament results are as follows:

During February and through March 6 we only had play on Feb. 20 due to inclement weather.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the A Flight

winner was Don Sorensen, runner-up was Bill Haener. B Flight first place went to Buddy Sayer, runner-up was Pete Gagnon. C Flight first place went to Larry Martin, runner-up was Darrel Collins. D Flight first place was C.J. Messina, and runner-up was David Westin.



Feeling nifty - hitting 50!

Ladies play tournament commemorating 50 years

By Pat Cassidy

Fifty years ago, 24 golf enthusiasts turned out for the first women's golf tournament on the newly opened On Top of the World Golf Course.

On April 14, 1969, a meeting was held and the organization was formerly organized. It was the first golf league at OTOW.

How do we all know?

Karen Beaver and her team did a spectacular job taking current members of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League down Memory Lane at our spring luncheon on March 27.

Elaine Stretavski and her team prepared a delicious lunch for the tournament, which started on March 12. It was the opportunity for us to wear our new 50th anniversary T-shirts.

The second round was scheduled for March 26, which was after this newspaper went to press.

On March 9, members of our league participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Thanks to all who helped us make a good showing.

Our last golf clinic of the season will be Wednesday, April 3, at 9 a.m.

Ladies 18 Golf

Weekly Play

On Feb 19, players participated in an 18-hole tournament, but only nine holes counted on the scorecard. We called it a "Front or Back Tournament" and each player had to decide ahead of tee-off to count the front nine scores or the back nine scores.

In Flight A, the winner was Maureen Stewart with 30, Christine Miller was second with 30.5 and Nancy Lo was third with 31.

In Flight B, Joy Ray and Margot Ulrich tied for first with 28.5, Donna Osborn was second with 32.5, and Dottie Graham was third with 34.

In Flight C, Billie Pineau finished first with 28, Natsue Dawson was second with 28.5 and Carole Lacey was third with 29.

There was a chip-in event with two winners. Billie Pineau and Maureen Stewart both had one chip-in on hole 12.

On Feb. 26 and March 5, both days of golf were rained out. Our February 50/50 winner was Verna Lundgren.



Members of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League show off their 50th anniversary shirts during day one of their club championship tournament.

March 12 was the first day of our two-day tournament. In Flight A, Gloria Sayer was first with a 62, Christine Miller and Ursula Taylor tied for second with 63s, and Becky West, Maureen Stewart and Margot Ulrich tied for third place with 64s.

In Flight B, Robin Goralczyk took first place with a 65, Karen Beaver and Jacqui Dolan tied for second with 66s, and

Mary Beth Devine took third place with 67.

In Flight C, Donna Smerz was first with a 59, Joan Yorkery was second with a 63 and third place was a tie with Donna Osborne, Joy Ray, Judith Weaver and Rose Mulhall with 64s.

The chip-in event was won by Joyce Majewski on hole No. 3.

March meant tournaments and a parade

By Nancy Schifferle

Well, another March has come and gone, along with St. Patrick's Day, Presidents' Day and all the activities each March brings us.

The Irish Club, along with On Top of the World, held their annual St. Patrick's Day parade on a beautiful Saturday morning under blue skies with warm temperatures. An abundance of participants resulted in a large viewing audience. It's always a crowd-pleasing morning.

Our Ladies 9-Hole Golf League participated in the parade of course, marching and chanting their "almost" famous line "nine hole golfers, come swing with us ... four!"

Our league held a "best ball" tournament in March to honor the memory of

Ladies 9 Golf

loved ones who have passed on before us.

Shortly thereafter was our Flight Tournament, which drew in 32 of our 50 golfers. Honors for these two tournaments and our upcoming President's Tournament will be presented at our April banquet.

We continually encourage new membership. Come "swing" your clubs with our fun golfers any Tuesday morning by showing up at the nine hole course at 8:30 a.m.

Beware of those April fools pranks!



Ladies from the 9-Hole Golf League prepare for the Irish Club Parade.

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More than 40 participate in St. Patrick's Day tournament

Luba Biolova takes first place at annual Novice Tournament

By Bob Laplante

The regular season of lawn bowling begins to wind down by the beginning of April as people begin to head north for the summer season.

A few year-round residents continue to take advantage of the facilities and coordinate play amongst themselves.

If you wish to play, or learn how to play, drop by the greens when someone is playing and you could end up well prepared to compete when the 2019-2020 season begins this fall.

Our annual Novice Tournament, open to players who are relatively new to the game, was held in March. Barb Lenzi and Barb Thomson coordinated the game with Luba Bialova medaling as the Novice Champion. Dave Weston came in second and Roger Amundson placed third.

Congratulations all.

Our annual General Meeting was held with elections for the coming year's executive board. The new executives include Shirley Hunter as president, Sandy Wall as vice president, Dave Weston as secretary and John Wigle as treasurer.

In addition, the directors will include Jerry Cotton (grounds), Rick Carr (mem-



Luba Bialova, center, is the Novice Tournament champion for 2019. On the left is Barb Lenzi and on the right is Barb Thomson, tournament coordinators. (Photo by Gabe Taillefer)

bership), Rod Jones (games), Bill Swain (training), Mike Lenzi (social) and Bob Laplante (publicity).

The club relies on volunteers, not only to serve on the executive board, but

also to tend the rinks, oversee the daily games and coordinate the many tournaments or special activities such as meals after special games. Appreciation for their contribution over the last year is extended

Lawn Bowls

on behalf of all club members. Based on this history, we are looking forward to a great new season.

The club held its final regular tournament on Sunday, March 17. It is an easy stretch to guess that it was called - the St Patrick's Tournament - and it was well supported with a near full registration being attained.

The Irish supper of corned beef, cabbage and carrots as the main course was an enticement for players and guests with more than 40 sitting down to the meal coordinated by Jocelyne Laplante, Nicole Pelletier and Pat Murray. A great way to finish off the day!

For those returning north for the summer, safe travels. We hope to see everyone return healthy and ready to play with your friends.

Editor's Note: A special story on international lawn bowler, Sandy Wall, appears on page 3 of this newspaper.

OTOW softball features many athletes who can still hit, field and run ... well ... kind of run

By Bob Rittner

Softball is a game of discrete skills. The five-tool player, who translates his tools into skills, can hit, hit for power, field, run and throw.

Here are some examples:

2nd Time Sports 13

Project Advance 10

Jim Kemp is one of a number of five-tool players in our league. To wit, he went 4-for-5 with a double and a triple, stopped everything at shortstop and made two brilliant throws from the outfield grass to nab runners at home and first.

As for the game, 2nd Time Sports led by 11-0 in the fifth inning, but behind triples by Joe DeChiaro and Henry Zussman, and a flurry of singles by teammates, Project Advance scored 10 over the last three innings to close the gap.

There is no clock in baseball, but sometimes a team just runs out of innings.

2nd Time Sports 8

Project Advance 5

Jim Tiano led off the sixth inning with a long home run to the right field fence, breaking a 1-1 tie and opening the inning for two more runs. It was the key

Softball

hit of the game.

Two players stood out on defense as Rick Champ started two double plays, one as the middle infielder and the other by hitting the cutoff man from the outfield and getting an out at home plate.

The game ended on a spectacular play by Ron Shields, who snagged a screaming one hopper for the final out.

2nd Time Sports 5

Project Advance 4

On Ladies Day, wives were cheering, a dance team provided spectacular entertainment and Debbie Champ umpired.

It was our best game of the year.

We celebrated with a post-game breakfast for players and partners at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor.

The game hero was Rick Metzger, who not only fielded flawlessly at middle infield and recorded the last out on a difficult play, but also hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to turn a two-run deficit into a lead.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Roger Martel scotched an incipient rally with a fine catch of a rising liner in center field. Henry Zussman's second double of the game followed, but he was stranded to keep the 5-4 score.

Project Advance 9

2nd Time Sports 2

Star of the game, Ron Shields, first raced in for a difficult catch of a fly ball and then got three hits, including a long triple.

Eddie Ramirez's three hits drove in three runs and scored one.

Both 2nd Time Sports runs came on a double and triple by Alex Scaranda and RBI hits by Joe DeChiaro.

Project Advance 7

2nd Time Sports 6

We have a new star in the league.

Dino Raptis debuted with a long double to the fence and a series of spectacular plays at third base, including a tumbling over-the-shoulder catch.

Behind another fine running catch and four hits from Jim Tiano, Project Advance raced to a 6-0 lead before 2nd Time Sports plated four runs in the seventh in-

ning.

Guy Bertuzzi, with four hits, including a double, kept 2nd Time Sports close, and Rick Metzger's leaping grab of a sizzling line drive stymied a Project Advance rally, but Dino's snatch of a bad hop ended the game.

Project Advance 11

2nd Time Sports 9

After 2nd Time Sports went up 2-0 in the top of the first inning, two excellent plays by third baseman Rick Metzger, and a brilliant running toe-top catch by Roger Martel, put Project Advance out in order in the bottom of the inning.

But four hits by Alex Scaranda and Rick Champ, as well as doubles by Joe Maley and Guy Bertuzzi, brought Project Advance back over the next few innings and shortstop Steve Garvin's fielding kept 2nd Time Sports' bats quiet.

The score seesawed all game until Project Advance scored three runs in the sixth inning to pull ahead for good.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

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BUILDING REPORTS



Mural is more than just a painting to former resident's family up in Minnesota

By Doug Kates

There is a mural in the On Top of the World Nagoya Building, which means more to a young lady in Minnesota, than any other resident in our entire community.

The young lady is Laura Nusbaum and the person who painted the mural was her grandmother, Karen Russell.

As a child, as a college student and as a young adult, Laura visited her grandmother more than 20 times - even taking a break from college courses to come to Florida.

Each trip, Laura said she always stopped to take notice of the mural, which is in the center core of the building. The scene depicts Mt. Fuji and Laura said Karen was very proud to be the one who painted it.

The painting symbolized tranquility.

"My grandma was very intelligent, kind and a lot of fun to visit," Laura said. "I really do cherish the memories. The mural is very pretty artwork and symbolizes who my grandma was. I'm glad it can be comforting and people can enjoy what she did."

"It was her way of leaving a mark."

Still today, Laura says she is equally proud of the mural and her grandmother. Not a trip to Florida ever went by that she didn't stop at least once to admire her grandmother's work.

But five years ago, Karen passed away in her early 90s and Laura admits she never prepared for the day she would not visit her grandmother's condo again.

In recent years, Laura has married and now has children. Not only have the trips to Clearwater stopped, but start-



Pictured above is a mural in the Nagoya Building center core. The mural was painted by resident Karen Russell many, many years ago. Today, her granddaughter, Laura, treasures the memory of her grandmother's artwork. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

ing a family means there may not be another trip to Florida in the near future.

With no photos of the mural, her grandmother's artwork has become just a memory.

Until last month.

Laura's father, Kent, contacted On Top of the World News in March. He inquired whether the mural was still up in the building. When it was confirmed the mural was still there, he said the family was going to try to figure out a way to send someone down from Minnesota to take photos of the mural and bring pictures

back home.

He said his daughter was missing her grandma very much and seeing Mt. Fuji again would partially fill the void.

Turns out, a trip to Clearwater was totally not necessary. OTOW News took some pictures and emailed them up north.

Laura's response ... priceless.

"I've been searching out memories," Laura said. "I really do appreciate it."

And the photo is already in a special album for the entire family to see.

Laura said she has many memories from her days of visiting grandma. Obvious ones include the beach, going to Disney and eating clams for the first time.

But she said her fondest memories will always be when her and grandma teamed together to catch lizards (they called them chameleons) all around the Nagoya Building.

Karen took responsibility to find the "meleons" and Laura's job was to try to catch them.

Well, they never did, but Laura says it was fun just try-

ing.

Now, today, there is one more memory Laura wants to treasure ... but this memory hasn't taken place yet.

Laura said some day, when money is not an issue, and her children are a little older, she wants to bring her own family to Clearwater and show them where grandma and grandpa used to live.

The final memory will be lining her own kids up for a picture ... with grandma's mural in the background.

That would be peace.

That would be tranquility.

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Bike room discards made like new, thanks to ‘Musketeers’

We bid adieu to Sue Arnold and Roger Connell who sold — in a day — their lovely place here at On Top of the World.

We understand the new owners are fellow New Englanders from New Hampshire. We will miss Sue and Roger and wish them well.

Speaking of new neighbors to the Villa, as you read this another new couple will have moved in. Their unit is being readied as I type.

Our bike room was squared around by Jim Shepard, Russ Lamesfield and Howard Rochte. Those “Three Musketeers” set forth and cleaned and repaired at least eight bikes in various states of disrepair and others no longer in use. A couple of bikes were given to those who wanted a bike. The rest were donated.

Next, the storage areas are to be cleaned out. Please check your items and toss or donate things you don’t want or use. Items not permitted by OTOW



will be removed and disposed of.

Many have heeded Ken Colen’s suggestion of using the dog park due to the coyote issues. We understand new fencing will be installed (just in time, as the old gates and fencing are in poor repair). Dogs are able to get under the broken fence.

The park is a social gathering point with or without a dog. A couple more



Russ Lamesfield helps Karen Beaver select a bicycle, one of a number of bikes refurbished by Russ, Jim Shepard and Howard Rochte. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

benches are also needed. If you do use the park, best take some of your own bags along, in case the park has run out.

Well, boys and girls, that wraps it up

for another month. Happy birthday and anniversary to all celebrants.

Remember any news fit to print, just send it along to fresca@maine.rr.com.



Enjoying a luncheon at Lucky Dill are (L-R) Edna Oeth, Esta Schwartz, Phyllis Canonico, Patty Arden, Susie Edgeworth and Debbie Hall.

Our event volunteers strive to develop pleasing activities

Phyllis Canonico was responsible for the March Brahman Building events. She had a successful coffee, then arranged a luncheon at Lucky Dill for our building.

There were six of us able to attend that day. Food was delightful and the discussions were fun.

Our dinner at Olive Garden was enjoyable and food was great.

For April, Nancy Schifferle will be hosting the month. The lineup will be a coffee on Friday, April 5, a luncheon at Sweet Tomatoes on Friday, April 12, and ending with dinner at Duffs on Friday, April 19.

Remember to check the bulletin board to sign up. More info to follow if changes are needed. Hope to see many of you there.



Again, if anyone is interested in planning events for the month, feel free to post ideas on the board. We are here to help you if needed. See you soon.

Building fire alarm activations require fire department notification

I would like to start with a very important subject. Last month, our building fire alarm went off around midnight.

We were lucky that there was no fire in the building. It seems someone pulled the fire alarm.

It has come to our attention that On Top of the World does not have a monitoring company monitoring fire alarms in the buildings.

We learned that when our alarms go off, someone needs to call the fire department. When the firetrucks did not arrive, Chris Casey took it in hand and called the fire department.

He and his wife banged on doors to wake people to get out of their condos. The fire chief complimented Chris on how well he handled the situation.

So, if your building fire alarm ever goes off, make sure someone in the building is designated to call the fire department.

Also, you need someone to bang on doors to get neighbors out that do not hear the alarm.

Set up a meeting place for everyone to go following evacuation. Our meeting place is the flagpole.

We have new people moving into our building, so say “hello” and introduce yourself. If you know of a new resident that would like something written about them, please send them to see me or let me know.



Speaking of new residents, Bob and Sandi Failing and their precious dog, Pixie, are new full-time residents.

Bob and Sandi came back and forth from Atlanta for several years for short visits as Bob was still working. Make sure you welcome them when you see them.

Diane Metcalf’s son got married this month. I don’t have many details except that her daughter, son-in-law and new granddaughter were here from England for the wedding.

We had a nice luncheon at Daddy’s Grill in Oldsmar with 18 people attending. The food was excellent and the company was great.

We are planning a going-away luncheon near the end of the month at Queen’s Pizza for our departing Snowbird residents.

Popular park is site of building barbecue

Over 30 Azorians enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's at our annual Activity Club barbecue at Philippe Park. The weather, food and company were extraordinary. A big thanks to Peggie Longfellow for arranging this event and to our chefs, Jerry Cather and Paul Bunker.

The "We Never Met a Meal We Didn't Like Bunch" gathered for a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage at Marguerite's Cafe on St. Patrick's Day.

Continuing the theme, that very Irish of couples, Kelly and Celeste Fitzgerald, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a "proper Irish meal."

They were joined by Kelly's cousins and his own Fitzgerald sister, Terry.

Next they set off to the "Bluegrass State" and Celeste's nephew's wedding held on a beautiful Lexington horse farm. "Down home cooking" was the order of the day, complete with BBQ, burgoo and their famous bourbon balls.



Bob Kelly shared that Carol Gasparre spent the month touring the South of England enjoying all the local favorites such as bangers and mash, angels on horseback, stargazy pie, spotted dick and, of course, fish and chips.

While Carol was dining like a Brit, Bob was marching. First with the Vietnam

vets in our own On Top of the World Irish Club parade and then with his fellow St. John's University alumni in the massive Naples College parade on St. Patty's Day.

Paul Bunker and Jerry Cather showed off their dog, Riley, at the OTOW parade.

We've had several Azorians celebrate "milestone" birthdays recently, but none more so than Doris O'Meara's 90th. First a dinner bash with friends at the Dunedin Country Club. The next night 30 family members feted her at Grillsmith, then her bridge club felt she needed yet another birthday dinner.

She also received a lovely birthday call from our former neighbor and friend, Elsie Colvin from California.

The bar has certainly been set for these April celebrants: Sy Mackey, Nicole Breton, Jeff Dulmes, Ian Inglis, John Geanakos, Connie Debloise, Pete Forlini, Chuck Kilgore and Jo D'Auria.



A recap of Mandarin winter events

It has been a busy past few months for residents at Mandarin Building. Quite a few had relatives and friends drop in to get warm over that very harsh cold weather they had up North.

In January, we all got together and went to Johnny's Italian Restaurant for a building dinner. With over 30 residents, it was very well-attended and we all had a great time.

February was our building meeting. All previous officers were retained in office for the coming year. Many items were discussed, including the ongoing issues of the garbage room.

Please read all of the notices that are hung up on the wall above the recycling cans. Remember the phrase "When in doubt, throw it out," as we are still having the wrong items going into the recycle cans.

Dues are in the process of being collected by our wing captains on both sides of the building. Amongst other things, dues go for purchases of the car washing equipment and also to send donations to charities for residents who have passed away. So if you are able to give, we appreciate it.

Your reporter took a much-needed vacation cruise to the Bahamas at the end of February with a dear friend. The weather was fantastic as was the food and entertainment.

We went to the aquarium at the Atlantis resort. Always worthwhile. My favorites are always the manta rays — such beautiful creatures!

If anyone would like share their trips, hobbies, etc., please let me know. I'd be happy to write about it in my articles. Until next time, take care.

Building takes note of season change

Happy spring! Spring blooms are becoming vibrant in color. Cars are yellow with pollen, the grass is getting greener and is beginning its growth spurt.

Summer is well on its way to On Top of the World and the Swedish Traditional Building. Warmer days and longer days are certainly welcomed here.

While neighbors enjoyed the Plant City Strawberry Festival, we enjoyed our festival in the building core. We enjoyed an abundance of homemade goodies with strawberry shortcake (with lots and lots of whipped cream) as dessert.

The best part was enjoying our neighbors' company along with some of their visitors who were spoiled by our weather! What wonderful and enjoyable neighbors we are blessed with!

The OTOW Irish Club St. Patrick's parade was another fun time. Our building was well-represented by participants as well



as spectators. The beads that were collected will be given to ladies in a few neighboring nursing facilities which I visit weekly — the ladies just love the beads!

Please be considerate to each other and wipe up your drippings from household garbage bags. We live here so please help



Delicious strawberry shortcake was in abundance at a recent Swedish Traditional Building "strawberry festival."

to keep our building clean. Walking dogs is a pleasure but cleaning up after them is a responsibility. Please do your part.

Wishing all a very blessed Easter.

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A look back at the OTOW News April, 1994

- **Good Neighbors:** Our regular monthly meeting held on March 10, 1994, was opened promptly at 9 a.m. by President Tom Stockebrand, who graciously welcomed one and all. First vice-president Elsie Gerhardt reminded the assembly that an "Appreciation Tea" for all volunteers will be held on Monday, April 4, 1994, at 1 p.m. on the Veranda.
- **OTOW Caring and Sharing Project:** Thanks to the many hours of dedicated work by the wonderful ladies who volunteer their service sewing garments and various items to be given to people less fortunate than ourselves. This year, over 2,500 wooden toys were painted, stamped and packaged under the direction of Helen Baldwin. Items are catalogued by Madeline Nangle.
- **New England Club:** "Kiss Me, I'm Irish!" green decals were pinned on each of us as we arrived at the St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday, March 13, 1994, at the Sunrise Room. Our hosts (Joan and Bud Anderson, Betty and Bob Christensen and Rosalie Smith) gave us a warm welcome. They set the tone for us to enjoy a truly splendid evening. The tables had been decorated using the St. Patrick's theme by our Decorating Committee.
- **Married Women's Club:** Our regular meeting in the East Side Card Room will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 15, 1994. Our speaker will be State Senator Don Sullivan from Seminole. He will speak on "What's going on in Tallahassee." Bring your 1994 membership card or buy one for only \$2 for all year.
- **Art Guild:** Mark your calendar for April 8, 1994, at 1:15 p.m. in the Art Room. Mary Bowler of Dunedin will demonstrate acrylics painting. At the March 11, 1994 meeting, Mr. Harold Johnson, one of the two judges at the Feb. 27, 1994 show, presented award certificates to the winners. The show was a great success, thanks to Louise Krambeer and Karen Russell.
- **Old World Spanish Building:** Congratulations to Michael McCue on his 101st birthday on Feb. 24, 1994. A reception in his honor was held in his apartment. His two daughters, Coke Apple and Jean McCue, celebrated Mr. McCue's birthday at a family dinner in Coke's Hawaiian Towers apartment.



Residents chow down at a recent going-away pizza party for Rila Renaissance Snowbirds.

Snowbirds going-away pizza party a hit for all

This year there was a great turn-out for the Rila Renaissance annual pizza party. The party celebrates the Snowbirds and lets them know how much we will miss their camaraderie and friendship once they start to head back home in the near future.

The building buys the pizza and our residents supply the salads and desserts, so we can sit back and enjoy our neighbors.

Gerri Jaeger, and her crew of happy volunteers, who she wishes to thank very much, set up the area with tables, plates, napkins and utensils so we can all sit back and thoroughly enjoy ourselves.

We want to thank all of you who participated, and again say we will truly miss our Snowbirds when they head home and



will be counting down the months until we will see them all again in the fall.

We wish them all safe travels and good health until we meet again.

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Mandalay residents enjoy a fine dining experience recently at the Country Inn Pizza.

**Spring is definitely in
the air at Mandalay**

The weather has warmed up and the Mandalay building once again gathered together March 16 for another wonderful luncheon for our residents.

Lee and Linda Siegal chose the Country Inn Pizza, a favorite of all those in attendance. We are all so happy to see that they are back at orchestrating what they were doing in the past as the social directors.

We welcomed three new neighbors: Sally and Lowell Cornell with their dog, Cinnamon. They are Snowbirds who reside in Maine as well as at On Top of the World. We also welcomed Marie Heestand and her



precious little dog, Toby. Marie is a former resident here who has returned.



**OTOW 55-and-Over
Driver's Safety Course**



Class is 9-Noon, May 16 & 17, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room

Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by May 10.

Note: Class size is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

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Telephone: _____

You must bring a check for \$20 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.

Picnic allows residents to meet some of our new people

Shaking off the winter doldrums, the residents of Viking ventured out into the warm sun to attend our annual spring picnic.

The weather could not have been better as we spread out under our shady trees on the Spanish Drive cul-de-sac. The air was filled with the dulcet sounds of Canadian crooners like Michael Bublé, as provided by Mary Marsden.

There was quite a variety of foods, starting with chicken tenders, as supplied by the building committee.

Several potato dishes, salads, deviled eggs, and ziti with meat sauce were provided thanks to Lucy Frucci, who was there with her husband, Bruno.

Lucy and Bruno came to On Top of the World from Naples, Italy, by way of New York City.

Lucy worked in hospital food service, while Bruno worked with Delta Airlines.

Another new resident is Sharon McGrath, who came to us from Naples, Florida, where she worked as a nurse.

Diane and Gilles LaFrance came to us from Cornwall, Ontario. Diane has



worked in newspapers for some 22 years and brought a copy of their paper, Seaway News, to share. Gilles was a bus driver for the Cornwall Transit Authority.

Building Coordinator Pat Drake conducted the business meeting part of the afternoon. Ilene Bargerstock read the minutes from our last meeting; her husband Rod gave the treasurer's report. Brenda Shapiro talked about recycling and what should and should not be put into the bins. Glass is no longer recyclable. Pat



A number of Viking Building residents sit under the trees listening to Pat Drake as she conducts a business meeting following an enjoyable picnic. (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

mentioned that someone had put an office chair in a bin. No furniture should be left in the trash room.

Pat asked those present to keep checking our bulletin board to find out about events and projects at OTOW and our building.

Patrick Ellingham also encouraged everyone to read our newspaper for important information. Pat Drake will continue as building coordinator for the coming year. Thanks, Pat.

Everyone left the picnic looking forward to our next event.

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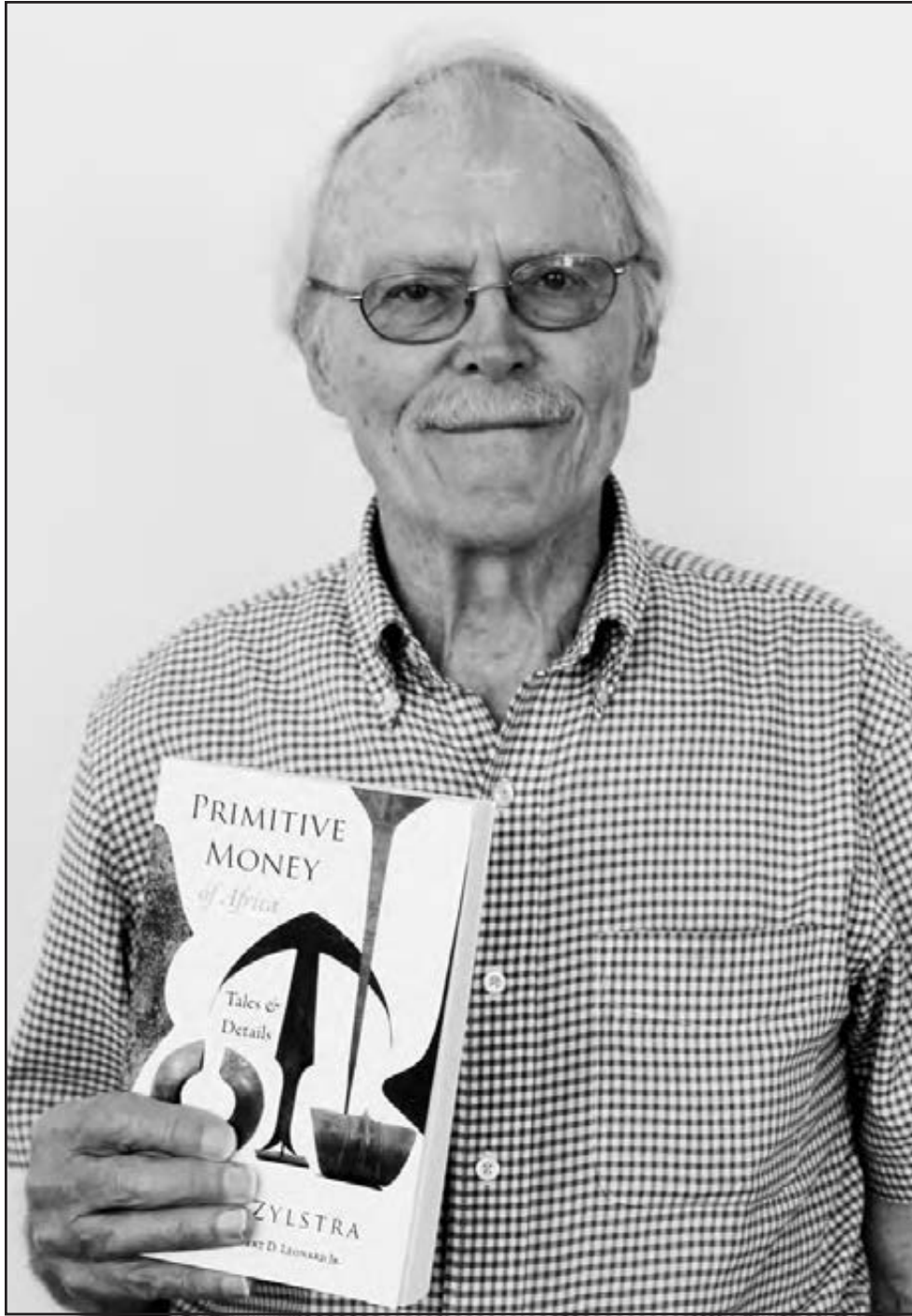


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OTOW resident writes book on ‘primitive money’



OTOW resident James P. Zylstra with the book he wrote, “Primitive Money of Africa.”
You can email James at zyls@sbcglobal.net

By Doug Kates

One day, in the mid-1970s, current On Top of the World resident James P. Zylstra was visiting a young student during his missionary years in Africa.

After the visit to the student’s hut and the father’s hut, the student presented James with a live hen – a gift of appreciation.

The hen was highly important to the family. It was important not only as a food item, but also as an item of value. There was nothing else that he could give that compared to a live hen.

“I did not need or really want another hen in my small flock,” James said. “But I could not say no. It would have been a bad-faith gesture. They truly gave out of their poverty.”

This is just one of many stories that has influenced James into writing a novel entitled, “Primitive Money of Africa: Tales and Details.”

James and his wife, Marilyn, were missionaries in Nigeria from 1974-78. Not only did they experience four years of living in Africa, but James discovered that money is not always in the form of a dollar bill or a shiny coin. Primitive money can be anything from goats to jewelry, or from sticks to stones.

James took an extreme interest in this matter and has written a book, which just went on sale in March.

“By and large, the book is about the culture of Africa,” James said. “The truth is, I enjoy studying money of different kinds, from different countries, from several historical periods, and money that has unusual characteristics.”

“The book contains tales about sociology, history, geography, archeology and geology. The book is really about cultural stories concerning Africa. Primitive money is actually the vehicle that transports those tales.”

James points out, many people are very

serious about collecting money and showing it off, but writing about it is a complicated matter that took a lot of research. There was a need to find photographs and images to complement his research and Marilyn contacted photographers for permission to publish their art.

The result is a book full of stories going back hundreds of years – many stories from James’ own viewpoint as he and his wife traveled and came face-to-face with many different traditions.

This traveling also created another desire – to help out.

Like the boy who gave up a hen, many African families struggle financially day-to-day. A hen is an extremely valuable form of money to their economic way of life.

Upon returning to North America in the late 1970s, James realized what he had left behind in Africa. He and his wife wanted to make a contribution, which would lead to a better future.

James said living in an African environment is not a difficult task. “What is difficult is returning to your home country and seeing ... the contrast of affluence with extreme poverty in most of Africa.”

So, before his book even got a cover, James and his wife decided all proceeds were going back to Africa. They wanted the funds to go to a territory with a North American presence, a territory with a medical component and a territory with a spiritual bond.

The location they chose was the country of Togo, West Africa.

James is hoping enough money will be raised from book sales to train staff to create a second medical clinic in that territory. The goal is not to create a temporary facility, or one to just handle emergency situations, but to start a medical facility that will grow roots and have personnel that are qualified to do more sophisticated procedures.

Plans for annual picnic may include Philippe Park

Siboney residents enjoyed a core party on Feb. 24. The attendance was the largest that we’ve had in a long time.

Plans for our annual picnic are underway. Possible locations are Safety Harbor or Philippe Park. Please check the information bulletin board for details.

Thank you Doug Kates and the Press Association board members for a great appreciation luncheon honoring those who volunteer at the On Top of the World News.

Coyotes have been spotted in our parking lot. Please be cautious when walking your dogs.

A building luncheon was held on March 16 at Chili’s restaurant.

Congratulations to the cast of “Best of Broadway, Part 2,” a job well done as usual.

Our next Siboney building meeting



will be April 24. Our core party will be April 28.

Have a happy Easter and a happy Passover.

This will be my last Siboney building article. **Ha-ha “April Fool.”**



Theater Workshop cast members get ready for their production of “Best of Broadway Part 2,” which was performed March 8–10 at the East Activity Center. (Photo by Lillian Foy)

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Featured resident makes music any way you like it

A very talented musician lives right here at American Gothic. His name is Rudy Richardson.

Rudy sings, writes music, and plays a rocking keyboard. Rudy’s background includes composing, recording and performing.

He plays gospel, cultural, and world music on his keyboard. He also loves smooth jazz and rhythm and blues.

If you haven’t yet heard Rudy play Motown, you are missing something really special!

Born in Harlem, New York, Rudy migrated to Los Angeles to join the music scene. He then returned to Florida and completed his Master’s degree in Human Services / Organization Management.

Presently, Rudy works at ARTZ 4 Life Academy, where he has created a music-mentoring program for under-served elementary school students as part of a doctoral thesis. At ARTZ 4 Life Academy in Clearwater, Rudy combines his cultural music experience with expertise in community youth development. There, he serves as Musical Director and Administrative Manager.



In other news, you know your American Gothic neighbors love to eat! Some American Gothic folks drove to Tarpon Springs where they munched on yummy Greek food. Some of us then stopped for dessert at the Hellas bakery.

And then there was dinner at Sonny’s BBQ. It doesn’t get much better than gobbling Bar-B-Q sliced pork. We had a great time talking, laughing and eating.

In other neighborly news, American Gothic held its annual “Clean Up the Storage Room,” on March 2. Now, please be a good neighbor and keep our storage room looking (and smelling) clean and clear.



Featured American Gothic resident Rudy Richardson plays his keyboard at Donatello’s Resturant as an intent fan sits nearby. Rudy plays there every other Sunday. (Photo by Dennis Telleck)

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Reporter gives us his glimpse of the 'future'

It's April first, which means that a quarter of the year has passed.

We have seen a dramatic rise of neighbor participation in our Valencia Building activities. Last February, our Dining Divas, led by Lillian Klan, had a huge turnout for their luncheon at Benedict's Restaurant, always a favorite.

Similarly, our monthly luncheon hosted by Donna and Hal Hahnan, held at Joey's, could have set a record for attendance.

In addition, Tom and Linda Monson will have hosted a pizza party in the second floor core (note that this article was written prior to the party) and based on the past participation, I expect it will be a sell-out.

It is very encouraging to see so many of our neighbors meeting their neighbors and enjoying themselves. Let's keep it going.

Here's something few people are



aware of. When this community was being developed, the designers knew that there would be a finite number of buildings and units, and that when all the land had been built on, the only possibility of expansion would be "up."

With that in mind, the West Side construction included extra reinforced

foundations to accommodate a fourth floor. Well, Phase 5 of this construction includes a plan for just that. Our Valencia Building has been selected to be the first to add the fourth floor.

Construction should begin mid-2020. When this fourth floor is completed, the new elevators will allow residents to access the roof, which will be modified to include rows of lounging chairs for sunning on two wings, while another wing will be covered with putting green material and will include nine putting holes.

For the daring, there will be a zip line installed that will allow one to ride the line to our adjacent building to our east with the ultimate goal of someday traveling between all buildings on the West Side without touching the ground.

You saw it here first, so write down the date of this newspaper: April 1, also known as **APRIL FOOL'S DAY!** (Yes, this part is all a joke!)

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Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone claiming 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 grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere in Florida and the entire country

— not just here at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming 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.



SNOWBIRDS!

Purchase a six-month summer subscription to OTOW News.



Bring this form into the newsroom no later than April 30, 2019. Make check out to OTOW Press for \$35. An actual newspaper for May, June, July, August, September and October will be mailed to your summer residence.

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Bible Study Club

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 Friday afternoons from 2–4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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

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SERVICE OFFICE:
8:30 A.M. — 3 P.M.
(LUNCH 12–12:30 P.M.)
EAST ACTIVITY
CENTER

Four of 54 Espana condominiums still occupied by original owners

This month marks the Espana Building’s 26th birthday. It was mid-April, 1993, when the first moving vans started to arrive.

Today of the 54 condos, four are still occupied by original owners. Who are they? Millie Anderson lives on the South side of our building. The north side has Nancy Savelle, Connie Wells, Jim Osborne and Minnie Orsburn, and me.

It is interesting that over these 26 years, Jim Osborne and Minnie Orsburn have lived in three different condos here in the Espana.

If you notice the wooden bench in the lobby across from the elevators, original resident Millie Anderson was the shopper who chose it. She also selected the wall decorations, over the bench and beside it.

I designed the original Espana telephone directory and produced it for the first five years. It was a two-sided,



single page document. I changed its color each year.

In addition, I have been the Espana Building reporter for the On Top of the World News since 1999.

A potluck dinner together with the semi-annual building meeting was held in February. Twenty-four residents

attended. The Christmas lights situation was discussed, and the officers are going to look into hiring someone to put up the lights next time. It was decided that the building would provide valet parking for everyone at next year’s Christmas party. Recycling and the garbage room were reviewed with suggestions for off-site recycling. The meeting lasted 25 minutes.

Sheila and Les Meneilly just returned from a fantastic trip to Israel. They had toured Israel 10 years ago and were very impressed. They once again went with their good friends, Terry and Dick Kuplen.

Among the places visited were the Jordan River baptismal site, Jerusalem, the Jewish Quarter, the Wailing Wall and the Dome of the Rock.

Their last day was spent visiting Golgotha, site of the crucifixion of Jesus.

Don’t forget that Passover is Friday, April 19 and Easter is Sunday, April 21.

Reporter conducts informal poll of building

Listening at a building gathering recently, I heard many languages represented that day.

At this particular event, I realized the dialects represented included German, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Montenegrin and English with a Canadian twist. We all came from various countries or states with many different stories to tell. Given all this, we meld together and I ask the question: why?

This thought in mind I set out to forget differences, instead, set my mind to what we have in common. I surveyed 18 of the aforementioned families (or a quarter of the building) and found the common elements.

Asking about 10 simple everyday events one might participate in, the compiled results demonstrate why we are



able to establish a commonalty.

We found Clearwater Beach is our overwhelming favorite beach: Cinema Café and Cobb tied for best movie houses, as did Publix and Aldi’s for favorite food store.

It is interesting given all the shopping that surrounds us that the majority prefers Beall’s, TJ Max or Ross as their haunts, but it is undeniable that Loew’s is a runaway for hardware needs.

Finally, when it comes to the cultural and literary arena, our favorite playhouses are Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater and the Straz Theater in Tampa.

The Dali tied with the new James, in St. Petersburg, for the top museums and when it comes to reading, no one came close to James Patterson.

My conclusions are: We may come from far and wide but there is so much that binds us together. My uncertainty comes when I consider all of this and wonder, are we unique as Bohemians, or are all buildings a composite of ours?

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OTOW Clearwater Website: otowclearwaterinfo.com

Some Handy Pinellas County Phone Numbers

Duke Energy Power Outages 800-228-8485

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Pinellas County Consumer Line (scams, rip-offs, etc.) 727-464-6617

Enjoying springtime weather at the Granada Building

Now that winter is over and spring and daylight saving time are here, many of us enjoy sitting outside and visiting with our neighbors.

The golf courses always seem very busy and the birds are everywhere. It's wonderful living in a place where people are walking around and stop, sit and visit before going on their way.

Several of us get together and go out to dinner. Some of us enjoy shopping together at thrift stores and area flea markets, going to bingo events in the area as well as attending dinner, shows and dances at the VFW posts.

We have been seeing an increase in the eagles and hawks over the area by the golf course. Watching them soar against the beautiful blue sky is awesome.

We had a great showing for our March luncheon at Joeys.

Our monthly "Gathering on the



Green" continues on the last Thursday of every month.

Please continue to check the bulletin board for lunch sign-ups, activities, and information.

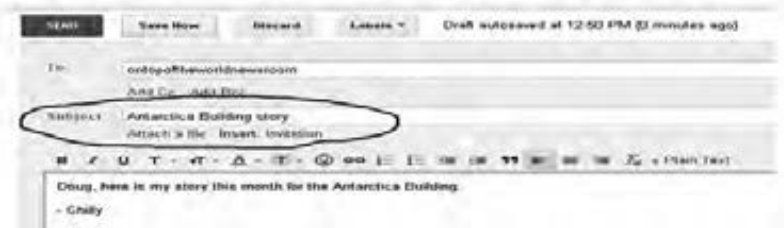
Our building will have its annual outing to Tampa Bay Downs on April 7.



While dining at Bascetti's Italian Grille in Dunedin recently, these Granada residents took note of birthdays for Carol Mattana (on the far right) and Stan Berger (on the far left with head poking out).
(Photo by Barb Jamrozky)

Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.



OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart

Tuesday Mornings

Start time: 9 am

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza and Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza

Tuesday Midday

Start time: 12:30 pm

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

Wednesday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Aldi and CVS

Thursday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Thursday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Publix

Friday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Walmart

Friday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Walmart

On a busy day, please allow 30 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time.

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- OTOW bus service is for On Top of the World residents with a valid activity card. There is no charge.

- Your OTOW bus driver is not allowed to accept tips, but you can say "Thank You." The bus driver is not allowed to help you on or off the bus.

- The bus driver is only allowed to pick up residents who make a reservation. Due to limited seating, you may not make more than one reservation per day. If space permits, you may ride the bus home one way.

- Medical devices, number of shopping bags and size of shopping bags may be restricted on the bus, depending on the passenger load.

- There is no eating or drinking on the bus. If you create a safety hazard, or cause an unsafe distraction to the bus driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.

- Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes, which begins at drop off.

- Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and can only be made 24 hours in advance.

- The 24-hour bus phone number is for reservations only. When making a reservation, please leave name, trip request, phone number, building number and unit number.

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER

(727) 799-3417

then press # 7 when asked to type an extension.

Dumpster brought in to support storage room cleanup

In February, our building held a storage room cleanup. We had a 10 cubic ft. dumpster delivered to our parking area.

Over a period of two days, building occupants went through their storage areas and discarded unwanted items.

The building committee in charge of “making it happen” included Building President Ed Fox and residents Edgar Belliveau, Joyce and Rich Krauss, Jan and Jim Gurath, and Laurie Cole and Stu Gerstein.

The effort was a huge success and years of accumulated “junk” was removed. The team also separated metal items and offered it to an enterprising individual who hauled it away for recycling.

“Our storage rooms have never looked this good,” stated Ed, when asked about the results. “We also removed years of accumulation left behind by residents who are long gone,” Ed said.

He continued, “I highly recommend



a winter storage room clean-up for all buildings. It reduces the combustible fire loading while also improving on storage room neatness. The committee in charge of making it happen should be proud of what they accomplished!”

The building luncheon was held at Eddie’s. Everyone had a great time.



Nearly ready to haul off another load of junk from the recent Rural French storage room cleanup project. Many of the items went to local recycling firms and metal scrapyards.

ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver’s vision and could cause an accident. Remember to make a complete stop when you come to any stop sign within the On Top of the World community.

The other cars and pedestrians around you are depending on it, even though you may not see them. A “rolling stop” places you and others at risk of an accident. Stop, look both ways, and look in front of you. Thanks for being a cautious and safe driver!

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Resident joins in memory improvement program

Ottoman Building resident Dolores Reilly recently participated in the "Use It or Lose It" Senior Education Pilot Program developed by Dr. Alexander T. Gimon, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist, and Frank L. Natter, J.D., M.S. Communication Education.

Small group discussion activities stimulate visualization and social interaction to improve right-brain hemisphere focus and perception to stimulate left-brain hemisphere cognition, slowing memory loss and dementia.

Dolores was one of 11 participant volunteers, age range 68 to 88, all high school graduates, and three college graduates. Eight were women (one female had been diagnosed with early dementia).

The group met two times a week, two hours per session, over a period of eight weeks. There were three testing sessions: pre, mid-term and post. With average to above average intelligence, high pre-test scores, and not much room for improvement, mid-term and post testing found an average three-point gain showing improvement for all participants, including the woman with dementia.

Results of this "Use It or Lose It" Senior Education Pilot Program suggest that seniors will benefit from



neurological brain plasticity by continually reestablishing pathways allowing optimum brain functions.

This process extends the independent useful life of seniors, as they continue to contribute knowledge and experience to enhance the quality of their lives, as well the lives of their fellow citizens of all ages.

Dolores feels that this program has improved her thinking and her memory, and feels this would benefit other seniors as well.

A large group, adding more conclusive results for this type of educational program, is the next step.

For more information, call Dolores Reilly at 727-524-2323 or e-mail Frank Natter at fnatter@gmail.com

Month of March was a busy one for Dorado folks

March was a busy month for the Dorado Building residents.

It began with about 20 residents enjoying the afternoon and lunch at the Tampa Bay Downs, then to Cricketers British Pub and Restaurant in Dunedin for our monthly building luncheon.

Later we enjoyed a warm welcoming "meet and greet" social hosted by Kim Hunt, Rosemary Meyer and Sharon Wadel.

Not all of our get-togethers revolve around food, as it may seem. Over 30 residents met to talk about reviving the Dorado Building Social Club and, at another meeting, we elected our 2019 officers: Edwina Schick as president, Ann Brown as vice-president, Nancy Coan as secretary, and Mary Jane Lofton as treasurer. They were all elected unanimously.

We want to say "thank you" to past officers Miss Ednamae Jordt, Don Jones, Kim Hunt, and Mary Ann Christian for being there and being so helpful.

Keep an eye on the core bulletin board for new events. We welcome any suggestions. Just place them in the core suggestion box.

Some of our residents participated in the On Top of the World Irish Club St. Patrick's parade. Ann Brown drove



a shiny red convertible, while Mary Jane Lofton, Fernando Mariz and Edwina Schick helped honored guests Senator Ed Hooper, Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty, and Pinellas County Commissioner Dave Eggers hand out candy to parade watchers.

Dorado residents sure have a lot of talent! In March, Robyn Kunar had several parts in the hit show, "The Best of Broadway Part 2" put on by OTOW Theater Workshop.

Robyn sang several show tunes and was part of the dance team. Many of our Dorado residents, as well as her children and grandchildren were there to support Robyn and the OTOW Theater Workshop.

OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:

OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763

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(Submit new form upon return)

Box Office Sudoku

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	6	9	3		2	7		5	0

New To Sudoku?

Sudoku is a numbers game. Pictured above are 10 rows of numbers and 10 columns of numbers. In each row and in each column, there is space for 10 different numbers (0-9). The same number will never appear twice in the same row or column. Start the puzzle by finding a row or column with only one or two blank squares. Through the process of elimination, determine which number is missing and write it in. As you proceed, you will start to discover that some rows and some columns become easier to guess the missing numbers, until you have filled in every square on the board. At the end, if you have a row or column with two-like numbers in it, you have not completed the board correctly. Try again. For more practice, visit the On Top of the World Box Office and play Sudoku online: [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](#)

8 6 9 0 2 4 3 1 5 6 Obviously, the missing number is 7.

OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World 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 submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

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Men's Dr. Scholls shoes, new, 10 1/2-D, two pairs, make offer; used gas grill, make offer. 669-2539

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