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Good Neighbors Association hosts ballet in final show of winter season

The winter entertainment season wasn't supposed to end suddenly on March 12, but at least the final performance was beautiful, professional and left everyone cheering for more.

Tampa Ballet Theatre was the guest of Good Neighbors Association during Get Acquainted Coffee. Six performers danced live on stage and the object was to entice residents into seeing "Swan Lake" at the Central Park Performing Arts Centre in Largo in May.

As of press time, it was uncertain if that performance will still take place.

On March 13, Good Neighbors hosted its annual spring clothing drive at the East Activity Center and collected 38 bags of good and slightly used clothing and canned food for donation to local charities.

Then our community closed for a while for health precautions.

Everything indoors and outdoors in our community was canceled. The same precautions are expected to go into April.

OTOW residents are asked to browse OTOW-TV channel 732 to keep them-



selves updated on future postponements, cancellations and policy changes. Other good sources of information are bulletin boards, otowclearwaterinfo.com and otowboxoffice.com, where clubs and groups are posting their own updates. Help each other stay safe in April.



Pictured above, Calder Taylor and Baylie Dockins, members of Tampa Ballet Theatre, perform on the East Activity Center stage during Get Acquainted Coffee in March. At left, volunteers from Good Neighbors Association collect slightly used clothing and canned food items for donation to local charities. Spring activities will resume when life gets back to normal. (OTOW Photos by Doug Kates)

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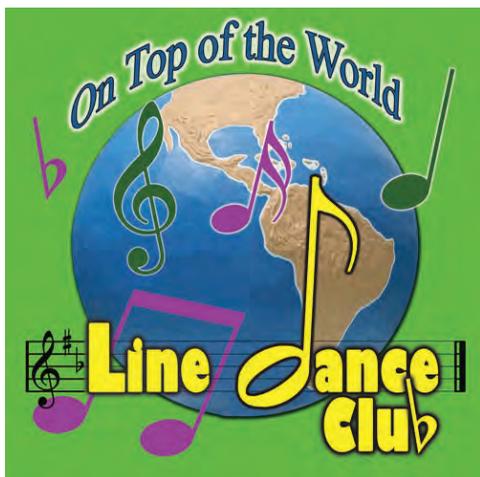
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The Line Dance Club and Snowbirds Club combined to line dance in the Irish Club parade.



Line dance tradition continues at parade

By Hope Tera

During normal times, there is certainly no shortage of fun activities in which to participate at On Top of the World.

A definite highlight is the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Over the years, this celebration has expanded and acquired quite an impressive reputation in Pinellas County. Marching bands, colorful floats, Doodles, oh my.

And let's not forget about the line dancers.

On March 7, the OTOW Line Dance Club and the Snowbirds Line Dancing Club united for a special event. Wearing almost all white, with green sashes, the dancers presented an impressive display. There was marching and a traditional Irish dance performed to the song, "Stealing

the Best." A great time was had by all.

It was an extra special performance because Dolly Foland, who along with her husband, Ed, run the Snowbirds Line Dancing Club, was back in business after being sidelined for a few months.

It was obvious to all that Dolly was beaming. According to Dolly, "Being in the parade really lifted my spirits, all of the cheering along the parade route and hearing some spectators shout out 'Hello, Dolly.'"

Under the guidance of Dolly and Dale Stackhouse, the group performed like a well-oiled machine. At the end of the parade route, the line dancers got to celebrate with a tasty lunch and cold beer, socialize, and bask in the beautiful sunshine.

It was a great time had by all at the

St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the line dancers are looking forward to donning their green sashes and dancing a jig again at next year's event.

Looking to become more active and discover a new passion? We hope that you will consider joining the OTOW Line Dance Club. We will help you keep your mind and body alert and active. We are very fortunate here at OTOW to have a number of talented, devoted line dance instructors, who provide many opportunities to learn how to line dance.

For you early risers, when the East Activity Center reopens, basic instruction will take place Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. In addition, we have recently introduced an

EZ Beginner Line Dance Class on Tuesdays at noon in the East Activity Center auditorium.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., you are welcome to join our regular line dancing sessions. Usually lasting about two hours, we focus the first hour on more basic dances and the second hour we try more challenging dances. We encourage you to stay as short or as long as you'd like.

If you are a bit shy or uncertain if line dancing is for you, our club has posted dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV, channel 732. Why not give them a try and then decide if you'd like to join us.

For additional information, you may contact Leila Walker at 727-330-6621 or Hope Tera at 914-217-9206.

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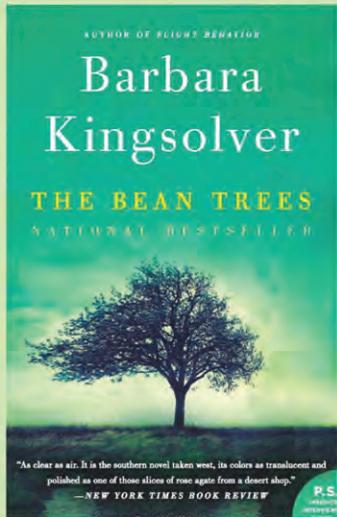
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Good Karma Book Club

Changes announced for monthly format

The Good Karma Book Club has switched routines. The group is now holding open discussions the first Thursday of each month, and then discussing the "Book of the Month" during the third Thursday of the month.

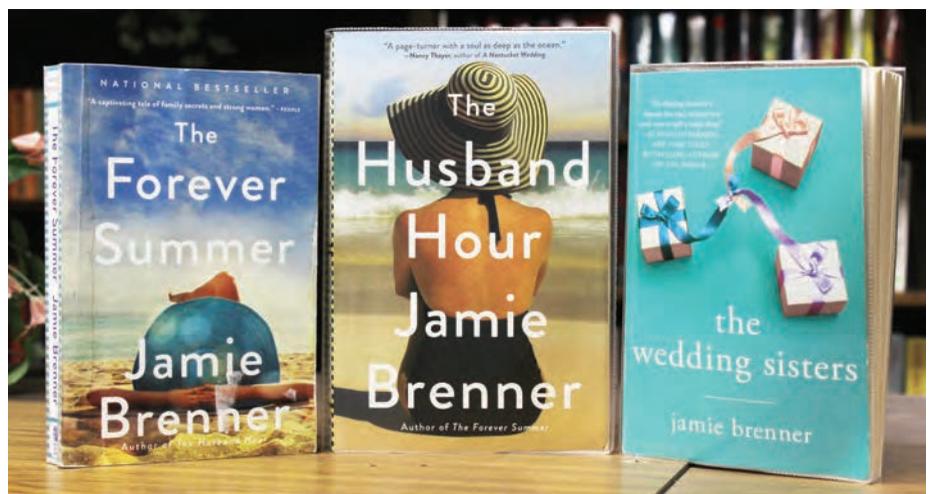


The Book of the Month for May is "Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver.

May 7 - Tell us what you're reading.
May 21 - Join us for a discussion about the "Book of the Month" selection.

Good Karma Book Club meetings are 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab (Open to all OTOW residents)

The Book of the Month for June is "The Good Neighbor" by Maxwell King. A discussion will take place June 17.



In March, your OTOW Library staff started a new section highlighting books by a specific author, such as Jamie Brenner. Stop down in April to see the new author of the month.

New Books at your OTOW Library

- "The Wicked Redhead" by Beatriz Williams
- "Cilka's Journey" by Heather Morris
- "The Great Unexpected" by Darin Mooney
- "The Winemaker's Wife" by Kristen Harmel
- "Cut & Run" by Fern Michaels
- "Huckleberry Lake" by Catherine Anderson
- "The Dog I Loved" by Susan Wilson
- "Moral Compass" by Danielle Steel

We have a new Author Section. Come check it out!

This is the time to renew your On Top of the World library membership. Cost is only \$4. Also a reminder, you can purchase sale books or pick up free books without a library membership. Stop in and see what's available.
Library Hours: Mondays 10-12; Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3.

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Before we bid you adieu

It's that time of year again when Snowbirds prepare to head north for the summer.

There are some simple things you should do before you go.

First, I cannot stress enough, the importance of requesting your water service be disconnected in your absence. This simple action will help save you and your neighbors from some very disruptive and costly repairs should a water leak occur.

You may request a water meter valve turn off by calling 727-799-3417, Option No. 6 or by going online to www.otow-clearwaterinfo.com and filling out a request. Click the Service Department tab at the top and then select the online Service Request link.

Directly below this link are links to change your address and provide an emergency contact. In the event your Association would need to contact you, this would provide the most current contact information for you.

For your convenience there is also a change of address form on page 58 of the OTOW newspaper. For April, forms should be placed in the EAC drop box.

Have a reliable friend or neighbor inspect your unit on a regular basis (no less than once a week). This is recommended. Ask them to inspect all of the rooms and all water sources for possible intrusion or leaks, including under sinks, toilets, HVAC units, a hot water heater pan and around windows because there are many sources for potential water leaks and intrusion.

The most common cause of water intrusion by far is improperly maintained air conditioning units. Make sure you have your air conditioner serviced before you leave for an extended period.

Also, a poorly-fitted replacement window may be another source of water intrusion. Proper window caulking material, acrylic urethane or polyurethane should be utilized.

If you are like me, you never think about your water heater. Water heater leaks are a common cause of water leaks in OTOW. The tank is not immune from corrosion and rust. If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it needs a yearly visual inspection. If it is more than 15 years old, replacement is recommended.

To give you some peace of mind, the "Summerize" checklist has been included



on page 7 to assist you in preparing your home for the time when you are away.

While there is no guarantee that your unit won't experience water intrusion, in your absence, taking the time to review and implement these simple things can help prevent many problems and unwanted surprises on your return. After all, dealing long distance with water damage, and the possibility of mold growth that is secondary to water damage, is burdensome and costly.

The Management Company recommends the use of residential water leak detectors. The smaller, inexpensive models, are good only if someone is home to hear the alarm. There are, however, many types of residential leak detectors on the market and a few companies do offer units that can transfer alarm information via your home phone or alert you with a text.

You may want to contact your local home improvement store, electronic store, or plumbing supply store to determine if a water leak detector may be right for you.

And, last but certainly not least, have safe travels and we'll see you next season.

Leaving Your Vehicle Behind?

The Management Company has another aggressive paving schedule through October 2020 and it is critical that all vehicles be removed from the parking lots during this process.

If you are leaving your vehicle in your parking space for the summer, or are parked in another designated area, make sure you leave an extra set of keys with a neighbor in the event your vehicle would need to be moved to accommodate work

crews.

The contact information for your key holder should be passed along to the Community Service Office or the Association. There will be drop boxes outside each activity center.

You may also place a note in the dashboard advising of the key holder. Watch for paving schedule notices to be posted.

Coronavirus (COVID 19)

General Information

The Management Company, as well as Sidney Colen & Associates (SCA), are taking precautionary steps to ensure CDC and Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County recommendations are being followed. This includes frequently wiping down surfaces in "high touch" areas as the fitness center, restrooms, counters, door knobs, and hand/stair railings, ramp railings, and elevator panels.

General Precautions

- **NO HANDSHAKING.** Use a fist bump, slight bow, elbow bump, etc.
- Use **ONLY** your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc.
- On the road, please lift gasoline dispensers with a paper towel or use a disposable glove.
- Open doors with your closed fist or hip - do not grasp the handle with your hand, unless there is no other way to open the door. This is especially important on bathroom and post office/commercial doors.
- Use disinfectant wipes at stores when they are available, including wiping the handle and child seat in grocery carts.
- Wash your hands often with soap for 20 seconds or longer and/or use a greater than 60 percent alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from ANY activity that involves locations where other people have been.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands for after touching surfaces.
- Clean with a disinfectant all "high touch" surfaces often.
- Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances AND in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects when you can't immediately wash your hands.
- If possible, cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard. Use your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbow will contain infectious virus that can be passed on for up to a week or more.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home.

NOTE: High-touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tables, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves

and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

Symptoms of the Coronavirus:

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Contact your physician if you develop symptoms and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you have recently traveled from an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of COVID-19.

Important CSO 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. If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter 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 immediately to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. 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. As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is exclusive to the unit and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

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 for general building matters 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.

After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for issues such as water intrusion into your unit. For all other inquiries regarding general matters or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office. For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

CORONAVIRUS QUESTIONS

- Have a question about the coronavirus outbreak?
- Contact Florida's COVID-19 call center: **1-866-779-6121**
- It is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Being a good neighbor takes

When I first drafted this article in early March, we knew Covid-19 was “out there.” In the space of one week, our world, and the life in this community, changed in strange and unsettling ways.

Notable, the President issued executive orders designed to stem the rapid spread of the virus. Directives were issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the State of Florida, and the Pinellas County Health Department.

In an effort to comply with the intent of these notices and directives, it became necessary to close all facilities and areas where residents may gather. We anticipate the closures will last for two weeks ... maybe longer.

By the time you read this column, I hope we will be past this period.

The overachieving goal of all these efforts, both nationally and locally, is to suppress the spread of the virus. “Flattening the curve” has become a common phrase. Indeed flattening the exposure curve is only possible if everyone participates. This takes both patience and sacrifice.

We apologize for the inconvenience you may experience. I firmly believe this difficult time will pass, and life, although changed, will resume its normal course.

Spectrum Update

By the time you read this article, you should have already received a letter explaining the Spectrum Bulk Video and Internet proposal, along with the channel line-up, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and the ballot.

If you have not indicated your choice of Option 1 (Bulk Service Video and Internet), Option 2 (Internet only), or Option 3 (no change from the current limited service), please complete that ballot and return it to the Community Service Office by fax, email or mail.

To be counted, we ask that you please return the ballot by April 17, 2020. Once the options are tabulated, the Board will meet, announce the result, and proceed accordingly on negotiating, or not, with Spectrum.

Although a condominium board has the authority to enter into contracts, including contract, for cable and internet services without the consent of the members, your Board believes that in this case, because of the substantial financial impact of this decision, it was imperative to poll the residents for guidance on the options.

You speak, we listen.

The workshop held at On Top of the World on Feb. 27, was very informative. The question/answer format with representatives of Spectrum worked out very well. More than 600 people jammed into the auditorium to get reliable information in the first person.

I congratulate everyone in attendance for helping make this both informative and orderly given the strong feeling some people have on this topic.

It is not at all unusual that small communities run on rumors. OTOW certainly falls into that category, so reliable information is the best antidote to rumor and misinformation.



Chairman

The questions submitted both before and during the meeting formed the basis for the updated FAQs included in the mailing. We tried to make sure the FAQs captured the majority of concerns expressed by residents and that the answers accurately address those same concerns.

I have received several letters from residents asking to review the Spectrum contract in advance of voting. While we welcome input and ideas, the Board votes on adopting or not adopting a final contract. Residents are voting on a preference giving the Board a clear indication for a specific option. So let us not get the cart before the horse.

The Board will not begin any negotiation of contract terms until after the referendum and there is a clear indication of the desire of residents to have a specific option. To do so otherwise may be a waste of time and Association money if option No.1 or No. 2 is not the favored outcome.

I will add that the outcome of any negotiation with Spectrum is uncertain. If the Board is unable to come to an understanding with Spectrum that is fair for this community, it will not execute a contract.

No deal may be preferable to a bad deal.

The Board, at an advertised meeting, would adopt a final contract for cable and internet services. An agenda will be published prior to that meeting together with any matters for consideration before the Board. Residents will have ample notice.

The big caveat here is this period of self-imposed quarantine we may all be in for a while and the risk large assemblies pose to the spread of the virus. At this time, we cannot foresee either the outcome of the vote, or if it goes that far, of the contract negotiations.

Timing and outcomes remain fluid. We will of course keep you informed.

Warm Weather is on the Way

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 plumbing backs up, a shower pan leaks, the kitchen or bathroom sink overflows, 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 emergency service telephone number after hours 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 will need 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 a 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 mostly mild 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 through the summer and into the fall. We schedule as much as we can in this time period so we are impacting the lowest number of residents.

With the summer travel season right around the corner, we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches 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 the next page is a list of things to do. Please review the list.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

Spring in Florida is an ideal time for contractors who perform work primarily outdoors because of the low humidity, moderate temperatures and the lack of rainfall.

One of the contractors that benefit from this yearly “drier spell” is the paint

and waterproofing applicators as conditions are just right for this nature of work.

If averages hold true, April's forecast looks to afford them the luxury of working all month with little if any weather delays. That means that the resident of Buildings 15 and 16 will see the front façade of the building re-painted in April.

Notices will be posted by the contractor in advance of the work so please keep an eye on the building's bulletin boards for details. Please keep in mind that the contractor will be utilizing aerial high-reach equipment in the main parking areas and possibly in the surrounding secondary lots requiring residents to relocate their personal vehicles as necessary.

As always, please use caution in these areas while the improvements are underway and be aware that inclement weather can affect these approximate start 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.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Asphalt improvements are anticipated to begin in late April with many main roadways seeing paving improvements.

A licensed contractor will be working on both the east and west sides of property with traffic flagmen alerting drivers of temporary altered traffic patterns.

The work is estimated to wrap up in mid-May with the vendor working in multiple areas on any given day. It's important that residents keep an eye on their bulletin boards and car windshields 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 product time to cure correctly. Please remember that this curing time is crucial before it is driven upon and will also allow the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions as well as minimize tire scuffing.

We politely 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.

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a little work

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. The worker's safety depends on your cooperation.

The elevator division of the Management Company will be undertaking their next equipment modernization beginning in mid-April with state certified elevator technicians beginning work at Building 83 on April 13, and again on April 27 at Building 75. The scope of their work also includes the remodel of the elevator's cab interior, including new LED lighting enhancements. The entire process is anticipated to take seven business days total so residents should plan accordingly while these upgrades are being undertaken and the elevator is out of service.

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

A licensed roofing vendor under contract to the Management Company will be close to completing the replacement of the shingle mansard at Building 17 by the time this article reaches your hands. They will move to Buildings 44 and 45 to do a small replacement of the shingles on a roofline feature and then head to Building 75 to replace the shingle mansard there in mid-April.

Residents on both sides of Buildings 17 and 75 should anticipate a temporary closure of their parking areas for up to nine days total per side which will require the relocation of their personal vehicles until the work is completed. As always, please observe the cordoned off areas and only utilize the center core entrance on the building side that is open for vehicular and pedestrian foot traffic. As always, safety is the number one priority.

A reminder that renewal fees were due on March 1 for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2020 registration period is \$25. If you have elected not to renew, and your boat/kayak is still in the storage area, you risk it being impounded and ultimately disposed of if not claimed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the 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 encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. Residents will be advised that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office.

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

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.

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 anyone unit beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set at between 78 F to 80 F. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevents the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- Make sure your home owner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water and mold. In most cases, this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew may result and become a serious problem for the owner. Improperly vented dryers may also be a source of both heat and moisture in your home. Water leaks in the home may also be a source of moisture.

If you suspect a water leak, contact the Community Service Office immediately! A fast response on leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Mold growth is secondary to the presence of high humidity levels or saturation by water. Mold is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect you have mold, it is best to contact the Community Service Office and arrange for a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service.

Please remember that the proper maintenance or repair of your HVAC unit, water heater and drain pan, and ice maker line (if any) is always the owner's responsibility.

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

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

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

Use common sense and have a great summer!



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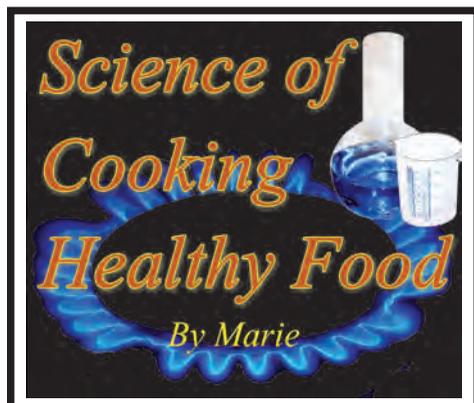
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Ingredients

1. Monkfish
2. Dijon mustard
3. Salt and pepper

Instructions

1. Completely thaw the fish.
2. If a blue-gray membrane exists, remove before cooking. The membrane shrinks and the meat will curl and become tough.
3. Cut tail into 3-4 inch rectangular steaks. Butterfly by partially slicing the steak down the middle to ensure even and thorough cooking. A steak should be about 6 ounces.
4. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Monkfish is sturdy enough to stand up to a very hot oven.
5. Brush Dijon mustard on the top.
6. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Place fish on a rack over a roasting pan. Bake for 17 minutes. Serve delicious, crusty little roasts that are extraordinarily juicy when cut.

Links

- (1) fishforthought.co.uk/
- (2) rd.com/
- (3) phys.org/
- (4) pressherald.com/

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

Marie

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

otowboxoffice.com



Roasted Monkfish Mustard Steak

Why Monkfish?

Monkfish is a lesser known fish that is unfamiliar to many people. But upscale restaurants, markets and fishermen are increasingly seeking it out. Demand for monkfish has increased both locally and internationally, especially in Europe.

Monkfish holds a delicious secret: It has a taste and texture similar to lobster. Its flavor is delicate and sweet without being fishy. The meat is firm and boneless. Monkfish is the “steak of the sea.”

The skinless tail of the monkfish is sold in retail markets. Grill it or sauté, poach, bake or use in chowders. It also can be

steamed and put in salads as a substitute for the pricier lobster. Monkfish typically retails for around \$8 per pound.

Ask for it. It is available in Costco, but it sells out quickly. The peak fishing for monk is late fall to late spring, but they are available year-round.

A few spots of blood are normal and are a sign of a recently caught fish. Dried up or brown-colored blood indicates a fish that’s started to age. Don’t accept tails when the edges of the meat are discolored or there’s a fishy odor.

Health Value

My dear chefs, practice healthy cooking when you prepare monkfish. Avoid high-fat recipes with breading or frying. Pass over fat-laden tartar sauce.

Monkfish is a moist fish. You will see juices draining on the pan when roasting it.

Monkfish is very lean protein and a good source of Omega-3. It also provides many vitamins and minerals required in our daily diet. (1)

Monkfish is a great source of:

- Phosphorus for energy and to maintains the body’s chemical balance
- Selenium and Vitamin B6 for the immune system
- Vitamin B12 to protect against heart disease and cancer
- Niacin for energy production

Monkfish’s mercury level is rated by FDA in the “Good Choice” category (eat once a week). (2)

The Science

Global seafood consumption has more than doubled in the past 50 years. (3) What does that mean for fish stocks and the health of the ocean itself?

Eating a wider diversity of fish is a way to relieve pressure on most commonly requested varieties. Also, we consumers can take into consideration catching practices to be sure fish stocks are sustainable.

To help diminish overfishing, search out less requested fish. They may be quite delicious.

The commercial U.S. monkfish fishery operates from Maine

to North Carolina and is especially important in the Northeast.

U.S. wild-caught monkfish is a smart seafood choice because it is sustainably managed and responsibly harvested under U.S. regulations. U.S.-landed monkfish is taken by trawlers and gill-nets and as by-catch from scallop dragger.

Monkfish stocks in the U.S. have stabilized since the management plan was enacted 20 years ago.

The New England Fishery Management Council recommended a 10 percent increase in annual catch limits until 2022.(4)



Barbara Holland



Martha Buford



Svea Anderson



Cheryl Rosseau



Bob Siblingrud



Laurel Wilson



Rosemarie Lugg



Rick Slater

Here are some of the artists who took part in this winter's Art Guild annual Art Show. Community artists not only had the work on display, but many pieces of art were sold. Barbara Holland was voted Best Artist by those who attended.

(Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Art Guild art show has 13 entries

By Mary Slack Maynard

The Art Guild thanks everyone who came by and made the 2020 Art Show a success.

We had 13 exhibitors and a variety of art.

See page 10.

More than 200 votes were cast this year for the Best of Show art piece. Barbara Holland's painting "River Paradise II" won that designation.

Barbara's inspiration for this acrylic painting was a picture from an old Florida calendar.

"I love all the Florida trees, especially the palm trees and birds, and this scene spoke to me," she said. "I had painted the scene from this inspiration piece once before, in oil paint, and wanted to do it again in acrylic. I find so much beauty in my Florida surroundings and lots of inspiration. I enjoy painting very much. It's a great hobby."

You can see this award-winning painting in the Guild's display case when the East Activity Center reopens.

We encourage anyone who wants to learn to paint or to brush up on old skills to watch for the fall calendar of classes.

Damaged wood can be made beautiful again

By Bob Backlund

This finished cabinet was built from damaged wood table leaves.

The top is finished with gray granite-colored Corian.

One picture shows the "in progress stage" while the second picture shows the completed project.

Certainly a real beautiful cabinet made by our own Vince Alber.

This cabinet was designed and built to expand the kitchen area in a home.

In addition to this unique project, Vince is one of the wood shop's master pen makers and also volunteers his time as a shop monitor. Way to go, Vince!

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Earth Day is April 22

Tips to keep active in April and help with shopping

While you may be cooped up in your condos for a majority of April, On Top of the World is trying to help keep you busy.

OTOW-TV Channel 732 will be adding aerobic exercise classes which you can do in the comfort of your own condo. The classes will take place for about 30 minutes, seven days a week, at about 4 p.m.

The pre-recorded classes will be led by Jessica and Cammy from Ocala, who currently do chair exercise classes at 6 a.m. and noon every day on OTOW-TV.

OTOW-TV also has line dancing at 11 a.m. and Slimnastics at 7 a.m. Try one!

Master The Possibilities

Residents may register to watch Master the Possibilities lectures from your computer at home. Email me at general_activities@otowfl.com for more information.

Shopping Alerts

Publix at Beckett Lake, Sunset Point Road, will be open to shoppers 65-and-over on Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-8 a.m.

Go online to

<https://www.instacart.com/>

to arrange for grocery pick up or delivery.

Walmart at Coachman and US 19 will open one hour early on Tuesdays for Seniors 60-plus commencing Tuesday March 24 from 6 to 7 a.m.

Or, shop at

<https://grocery.walmart.com/>

for pick up or delivery through Door Dash.

Earth Day

April 22 officially marks 50 years of celebrating Earth Day. Many of us have a clear memory of that first Earth Day when we were young and full of high



hopes for our planet.

Even though we only celebrate once a year, it's never too late to make a difference every day with a few lifestyle changes.

Shop at a Farmers' Market

Buying produce farmed near your home usually gives you access to better quality food than you find at a grocery store.

You can speak to farmers directly to learn more about the food as you're supporting small business.

Switch to Reusable Bags

Those plastic bags we get from nearly every shopping experience can't be recycled. Make all of your shopping outings BYOB (bring your own bag) and reduce the need for plastic or when asked choose paper.

New York grocery stores, finally, recently switched to paper only

Go Meatless

Try going meatless for at least two days a week.

Giving up meat will open you up to other food options that are better for the planet. The United Nations reports that

the meat industry is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. It's also estimated that over 1,800 gallons of water are used to produce just a single pound of beef.

Make Your Own Cleaning Products

Ditch those harmful ingredients found in store-bought cleaning products and just make your own. It's amazing what some vinegar and baking soda can do.

Clean Dishes by Hand

Washing dishes in the dishwasher uses approximately six gallons of water. If you scrub quickly, a sink faucet usually flows at two.

Shop Second-Hand

Buying used items, whether it's clothes or equipment, can reduce waste (packaging materials) and your spending. The item will be new to you so what's not to like?

Go for a Hike

The simplest way to celebrate the Earth is to explore it. Find your nearest park or open beach and just walk.

Keep your phone with you but turn off the ringer and place in a deep pocket. Get away for a bit and just enjoy your surroundings.

Shape Our Community's Future Take the 2020 Census

By April 1, you will get an invitation in the mail to take the 2020 Census online.

The census is quick, easy and confidential, and your participation will help shape our community's future.

The nationwide count will determine our state's representation in Congress and how hundreds of billions of dollars in

program funding are distributed over the next 10 years.

An undercount could cost our local community millions of federal dollars each year for health care, education, highways and more.

Let's make sure our community gets its fair share — take the census, and help us make Pinellas county!

Learn more at www.pinellascensus.org or on social media, follow: #MakePinellasCount.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room) from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 51 of this newspaper.

Watch for updates on OTOW-TV.

Activity Card Information

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

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Clubs and groups hoping to be back in April

Many On Top of the World clubs and groups have cancelled their events through April, due to concerns over COVID-19, but below is a list of clubs, groups and activities which had not canceled as of press time:

• Ticket Sales (most but not all clubs have cancelled already)

• Bingo

• OTOW Line Dance

• Goodwill Suncoast Donation Truck on site April 17

- Rummikub
- Contract Bridge
- World Quilters
- Italian Language & Culture
- Duplicate Bridge
- Writers Ink
- Scopa
- Caring & Sharing
- Ceramics
- All exercise classes including yoga, Tai Chi and water aerobics
- All art classes

Mahjong (Safety Harbor and Palm Harbor Rooms)

• All poker card games

• Travel Club

• Eat Right Be Well

• All Baby Boomers events and activities

• Bid Euchre

• Bible Study

• Coloring Book Club

• Computer Club

• Family History

• Socrates Café

• All billiards games

• Ping Pong

• MTP (online)

• All Lambda social events

• Good Karma Book Club

• Tennis

• Shuffleboard

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• Library

• Woodworking

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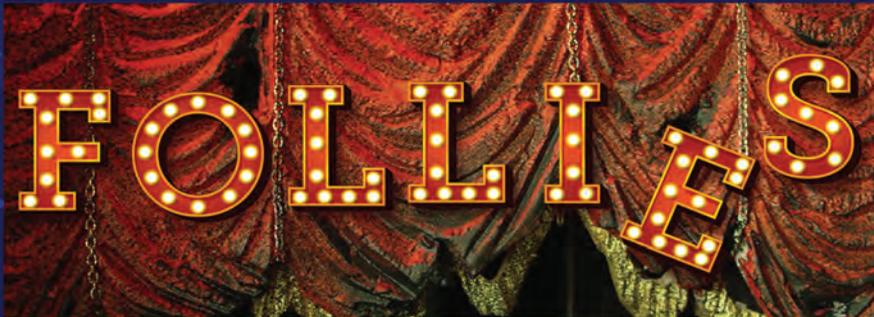
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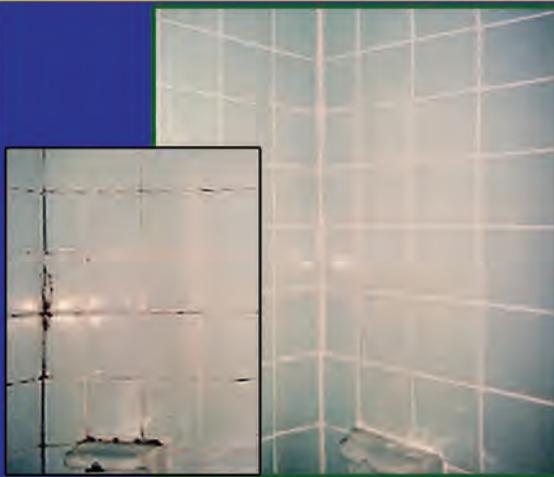
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East Activity Center First Floor
 Community Service Office, Activity Office

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 Pool, Spa, Billiards Room, Real Estate Office, Learning Lab, Dog Park

EAC Pavilion Park Grill Map
 Tennis and Pickleball, Grills, EAC

East and West Activity Centers Room Maps

Important Phone Numbers

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727-799-3417 Option 6

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Boat storage renewal, guidelines

A reminder that renewal fees are due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2020 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, you will have until March 7 to remove your boat from the area. Unregistered boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded and ultimately donated to a local charity if not claimed after 60 days of removal. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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Dated this 1st of March, 2020, and published in the March 2020 edition of OTOW News.

Spectrum Bulk Service Mailing

OTOW owners will be receiving information in the mail after March 13 pertaining to the vote on the Spectrum Bulk Service Agreement. Residents may go online for this same information:

<https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/association-owner-census/>

The link will take you to:

- (1) A letter from the Association
- (2) Questions and Answers
- (3) A Worksheet
- (4) Spectrum Channel Listings for Our Area
- (5) A Vote Ballot Form



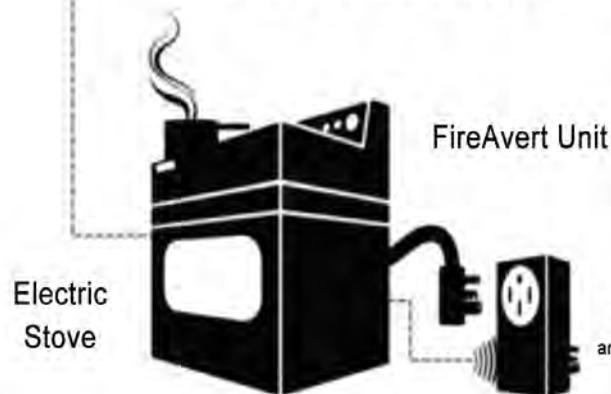
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Her company, she allowed, would pay off our loan and give us money to boot. Then she gave us a phone number to call. Neat-o. Only thing is that we do not have any property that is in foreclosure. Another thing is that I never, never call back.

You shouldn't either.
SCAM. SCAM.

This is just another form of the scam where you get a text or an email and someone is offering to buy (steal is a better word) your home or any other property for way, way below its true value.

We must never fall victim to scammers who try to steal our property. More than likely, they offer to pay you instantly. Then you sign a deed, their funds are invalid, and you are out your property.

Then, they lease it out and, in the meantime, they collect rental income from YOUR property. Or, they just flip it.

Yeah, you might get it back after costly litigation, but don't you think it'd be a lot less stressful if you just did not ever respond to these characters?

That's what my wife and I did with "Jessica's" text.

Scam Alert: I received an email from someone who said he learned of an issue on satellite radio about thieves who steal your



home via the internet and then you get stuck with some payments or you have to go to jail.

First and foremost, you would NEVER, NEVER, NEVER go to jail in such a circumstance. No exception. There are NO debtors' prisons in Florida or anywhere else in our country.

Next, yes, there can be a situation where a false deed (sometimes called a wild deed) to your property can be forged and then recorded in the public records. Ultimately, you will be able to prove the deed was forged so you would not lose your property. But I admit it would be a painful and costly process.

Why not sign up for a Fraud Alert?

In Pinellas County, go to the Website for the Circuit Court: mypinellasclerk.org. Then look for Fraud Alert and fill out the form.

Q. I am a citizen of the U.K. I'm a Snowbird. Is my British Will or Trust valid in the U.S.?

A. First, you should contact the U.K. attorney who prepared your estate planning documents and ask about this. It also makes sense to meet with an attorney who practices law in Florida.

In the past, I've had citizens of other countries meet with me to discuss what should be needed in Florida in order to avoid probate of their assets in this State (or anywhere in the U.S., for that matter).

Well, it depends on what type of assets you have that are here in Florida. Frequently, if it's a banking account, coupled with a condominium or homeowners association property, you might consider having the accounts set up in payable on death mode to beneficiaries. That will absolutely avoid probate for those assets and a trust is not needed.

Next, consider having your apartment or house set up in what is known as an enhanced life estate deed (You probably know of a ladybird deed, which is what it is.)

Should you have a trust to avoid probate? Maybe yes, but maybe no. That will depend on what you are trying to do. Remember, it is probable that your foreign-country assets will be governed by your will or trust from your home country but NOT your Florida or U.S. properties.

If your Florida assets are in banking accounts and you want to avoid probate, the simplest and least costly thing is to have the account made payable on death to the beneficiaries you wish to have the accounts.

It is more expensive to have a trust although they work well. Sometimes a less expensive plan works exactly the same.

Attorneys can differ on this. My law partner, Rachel Wagoner, and my approach is to

propose probate avoidance planning that avoids probate but is less expensive.

I wish to be clear on something: I do not want my clients' estates to go through probate. No question about that. What I do want is to suggest the best and least costly way of avoiding. Sometimes, yes, it is a trust; but often if it's banking accounts and real estate, a trust is not necessary, if probate avoidance is the issue.

Note: you will almost always need to consider having a Florida (or U.S.) durable power of attorney, but it can be drafted to deal only with your Florida property and Florida issues.

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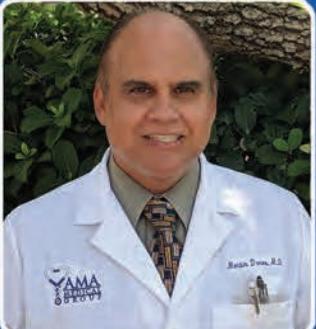
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Press Association staff thanked at luncheon



The Press Association got very good news in the beginning of March but then we didn't get to enjoy it.

The new Pavilion at the East Activity Center was scheduled to open on April 3 and the Press Association had scheduled in advance a pizza party on April 2.

We were set to be the first club to enjoy the pavilion, but for now, the pizza party has been postponed.

We will try again on May 7. Watch OTOW-TV and the Box Office for updates.

The Press Association held its annual Appreciation Luncheon on March 5. Nearly 30 staff members and guests attended.

Lunch was catered by the club's own Tom and Cheryl Butcher. They were up early in the morning cooking pulled pork and chicken. The entire luncheon was a treat.

This event takes place annually to thank those staff members who not only contribute to at least three newspapers each year, but also attend at least three



The Press Association held its annual Appreciation Luncheon in March for staffers who contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three monthly meetings. Our our staff members, Cheryl and Tom Butcher, catered the event. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

newspaper meetings each year.

Everyone who contributes to the newspaper is invited to monthly meetings. The meetings are important to keep improving the newspaper and help reporters write better. All it takes are three meetings to qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon.

In May, the Press Association could elect its 2020-21 board. President Yvonne Courtney and Secretary Patrick Ellingham indicated they would like to come back for another term. Penni Telleck is stepping down as vice president and someone will

be needed to fill her position..

The Press Association could vote at the May meeting and a swearing-in ceremony will take place at the same time.

In light of current health concerns, editor Doug Kates is planning an online meeting for staffers on April 2. Google has a Website called Classrooms and there is an online meeting Website called ZOOM. One of these may be used at 1:30 p.m. Everyone who writes for the newspaper is encouraged to participate in this online meeting. There will be a lot that

needs to be discussed if we are to publish a May newspaper. This will be quite the challenge.

For the May newspaper, everyone is asked to write previews for May events. Do not write anything about the health crisis.

More details about an online meeting will be emailed to each member.

There will be no press meetings in June or July, but Editor Doug Kates reminds all staff there are still summer newspaper to publish.

What does the Computer Club do? Visit us to find out

By Joe Wisinski

Some On Top of the World residents have asked, "What do you do at the Computer Club?"

There's no short answer, because club meetings consist of discussing a variety of technology-related topics, including computers, smart phones and tablets. We learn about them all and our instruction ranges from the most basic information to more advanced concepts.

"The Computer Club prides itself on helping people become more proficient in using technology," said board member Tony Sinopoli. "If someone learned something new at a meeting, we've done our job."

In recent months, the club discussed these topics, and more:

- What Internet browsers are and which one is right for you

Although all browsers are pretty much the same, all have unique features. By learning about the differences between them, we become better equipped to decide which one best fits us.

- Using a smartphone to take great photos

In addition to their many other func-



Computer Club

tions, smart phones take excellent photographs. The club recently discussed how to take better photos using either an iPhone or Android phone.

- Basic computer terminology

Many club members are new to computers, so during a recent session we learned some basic technology terms.

The club is always looking for people to give presentations. If you have a topic



Computers, smartphones and tablets — Computer Club members learn about all of them ... and more.

you'd like to share, please attend a meeting and share your idea with one of our members.

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 or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance. Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Why are so many On Top of the World residents smiling at a bowling alley?

Well, the two children bowling at the left had higher scores than every single person in this picture. That's why they are all smiling.

Baby Boomers find fun and adventure in a bowling alley

By Theresa McAllister

Yes, the Baby Boomers do bowling too!

A group of our Boomers found a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. They went to Maple Lanes for a fun game of bowling.

High score, low score or anything in-between, it didn't matter – we did not judge!

Gutter balls were acceptable.

The only rule was to arrive by 11:45 a.m. to take advantage of \$1.50 games.

And, if that was not enough, there were specials on shoe rentals, too.

What more can you ask for!

As you can see by the smiles on faces of our Boomer bowlers, there was never a shortage of laughter.

In addition to bowling and our regular weekly activities – golfing, biking,



Baby Boomers

Zumba-ing, jamming, kayaking, and mall walking to name a few – we also love to keep our minds sharp with monthly book clubs, and keep our palates cleansed and refreshed with monthly wine tastings.

With all that we do, you can see why the Baby Boomers at On Top of the World epitomize the key characteristics that define the most influential generation in history. We are goal-centered, we have a strong sense of community, we value the relationships we have formed, and we have redefined the term “active.”

On March 7, our participation in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade was over-the-top. No shenanigans – just fun! We jammed along World Parkway rocking our shamrocks and shaking our shillelaghs.

We marched in the parade.

A kayaking trip to Weedon Park in St. Petersburg is in the works. Hopefully, we will have some great pictures to share!

Baby Boomers are, loosely translated, the cohort born between 1946 and 1964.

They were aptly named “Baby Boomers” following an increase in the birth rate

after World War II.

Boomers are considered the most influential generation because of their roles in the societal and political movements of the 1960s. They are also responsible for the “Boomer Effect,” due to the significant impact they have had on the nation's economy.

Moreover, the Baby Boomer generation is defined by certain key characteristics: They are goal-centered; they have a strong sense of community; they value interpersonal relationships; they are highly focused; and they are active and involved.

So, if you want to learn more about the activities that keep us busy, plan on attending our next meeting. Watch for updates when that meeting may take place.

See you there.

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I live with Ted Cruise in Building 14. Ted recently retired from his job in Indiana and we moved to Clearwater. I enjoy all the quality time I now have with

him and enjoy being able to get acquainted with my neighbors, who have now gotten to know me. I look forward to becoming a true Floridian.

Each month, OTOW News 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 at 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 the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a 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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Italian-American Club suspends events

By Maryann Fontaine

The Italian-American Club hosted a Casino Night on Feb. 19 with games and sub sandwiches for dinner.

Everyone had a good time and we are all looking forward to having another Casino Night again next year. Some of our club members went home big winners.

On March 25 our club was scheduled to host its annual St Joseph Dinner Dance, but the event was canceled for health safety reasons.

The club has also canceled a Pizza Day on April 15.

Please read this newspaper and watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for updates on events next season.

The Italian-American Club is scheduled to have an ice cream social on Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 6-8 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Tickets should be available this summer.

On Nov. 20, our club is scheduled to

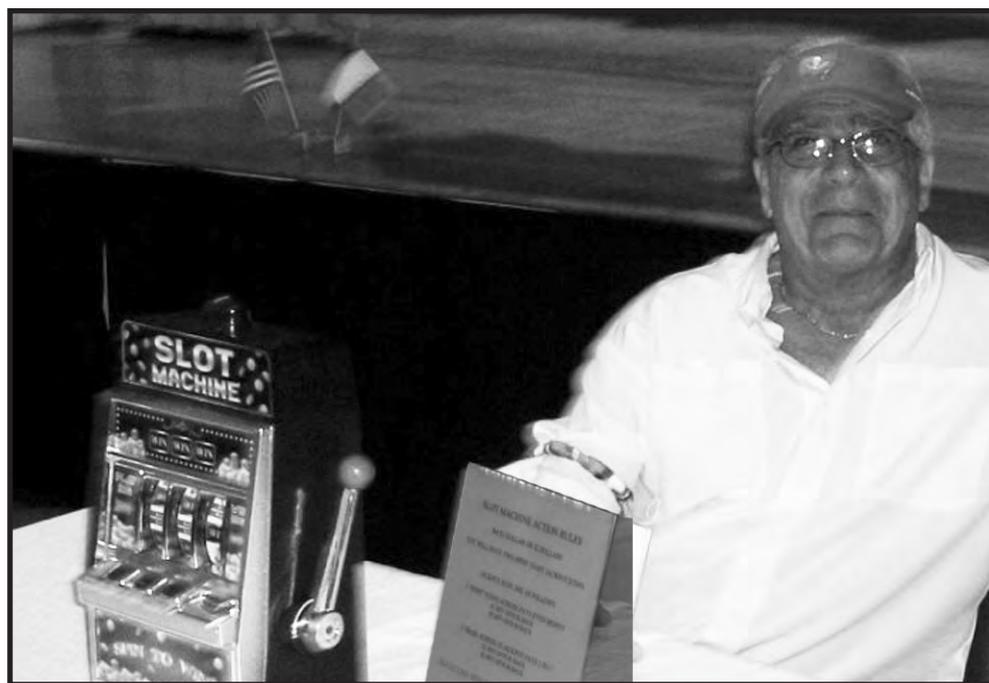


Italian-American Club

host an Italian Pasta Night from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

On Dec. 12, the club is scheduled to host a Christmas luncheon at Alfano's Restaurant. Cost is \$25 and this is for club members only.

If you have any questions about our club or future events, please visit our representatives at our information table.



Frank Ingrassia gets ready for customers during Casino Night at our February sub sandwich night. Everyone had a good time.

For first time, Knitting Club offers lessons

By Cheryl Butcher

Have you ever wondered how people create beautiful hand-knitted blankets, scarves or other articles?

Have you ever wondered how difficult it would be to learn that skill?

Now you can find out.

Our Knitting Group has decided to give knitting and crochet lessons to residents of On Top of the World.

The lessons will be held on Mondays from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room on May 11, May 18, June 1 and June 8 at a cost of \$5 for all four sessions.

We will supply the knitting and crochet needles, but attendees should bring a skein of yarn in the color of their choosing.

Please make sure the yarn is 4-ply acrylic yarn.

We have members who have volunteered to teach both disciplines so you will have good supervision in whichever one you choose to learn.

And at the end of the classes, you will have finished or made a good start on a scarf.

If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Cheryl Butcher at 636-346-9645.

We are so happy to offer this class.

Hand work is a dying art so it makes us happy to know that we are passing this skill on to other people.

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Knitting

you anywhere to idle away a few minutes, especially while watching television in the evenings (as many of our members do).

And perhaps you would then like to join the Knitting Group as we work on our main mission of supplying lap robes to nursing homes.

When life returns to normal, please stop by our information table on Mondays and Thursdays to see what's available for purchase. The profit from these sales helps us buy the yarn to continue our work.

If you knit or crochet, and the East Activity Center is open, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Club.

Offer to help a neighbor - safely

By David Beaven

Neighborhood Watch encourages residents to watch out for each other. We can all begin doing this in our own buildings.

In a senior community, there are many folks who could use a little help. It could involve assisting them with carrying groceries to their condo. Or perhaps helping with a simple task like changing a light bulb. But mostly, you can help by spending a little time in conversation with your neighbor.

Safely, of course, under today's conditions.

Actually this already is going on here at On Top of the World. Many of our residents look after each other. Oftentimes, family members are far away, so local relationships really make a difference in quality of life for people here. Helpers also find benefits themselves in the assistance that they give their neighbors.

There have been studies showing that people who volunteer tend to be healthier both mentally and physically.

Sometimes, you may encounter a neighbor whose needs are more complex. These can include issues of nutrition, caregiving or transportation. There are agencies in Pinellas County that may be able to help. They are the Area Agency on Aging: agingcarefl.org and Neighborly Care Network: neighborly.org. Ultimately, our combined efforts can make a big difference in others lives and make OTOW a stronger community.

Neighborhood Watch was 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.

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Canadian Club hosts first picnic



By Connie Stanley
Canadian Club is happy to announce that the club's first picnic was held on Thursday, March 12, at Shelter No. 7 at Phillippe Park in Safety Harbor.

Joanne Fenn stepped up to volunteer as event coordinator back in December 2019 and quickly got her planning and organizational skills into action.

Because the Pavilion approval and opening was delayed over the winter, Joanne knew she needed to look elsewhere for a site and followed the lead of the Irish Club which has had many successful picnics at Phillippe Park!

Her target originally was for 35 participants. In the end, 41 tickets were sold at \$10 each. Joanne brainstormed with President Ian Hunter and Registrar Shirley

More than 40 people attended the Canadian Club's first picnic. This event was held at Phillippe Park. Next year's event will take place right at our own Pavilion.

Hunter to develop the menu which was a huge success.

Joanne also partnered with volunteers Robert and Debra Kerrison, Theresa Gates and Lydia Côté for many of the activities and events during the picnic.

We enjoyed a multiple choice 'Canadian' brainstorming quiz for "bragging rights" and asked that our American members partner with Canadians to come up with the answers.

The winners were everyone and it was a fun way for all of us to learn a little more about Canada!

We plan to continue next season with another picnic in late January at the new Pavilion at On Top of the World.

Due to current health concerns, the club's annual General Meeting was canceled and our new slate of officers will be announced in the May newspaper article.

We are very pleased to announce that

the Canadian Club has experienced another very successful year in its 45th year! We recognized a total of 290 members of which 55 percent are American! We are sending wishes for a happy, healthy and wonderful summer to all and hope to see you at Registration Night on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

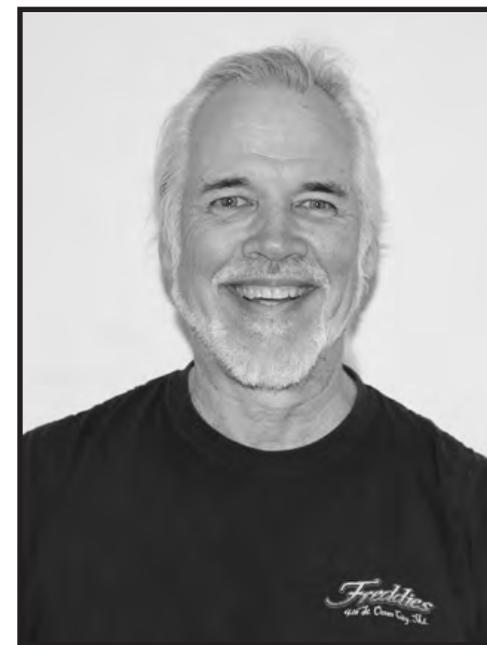


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Welcome New Residents



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Kenda Pardy of Illinois



Jane Selinske of New Jersey

Democratic Club elects new officers

By Donna Lukas

April showers may bring May flowers, but March elections brought new officers for the On Top of the World Democratic Club.

At our March meeting the following officers were elected for a one-year term of office.

President Dave Cordes, Vice President Donna Lukas, Treasurer Glenda Greenman, Secretary Elizabeth Ingham and Parliamentarian Kathleen Walker.

On the local level, as you read this article we should know which candidates won the Clearwater elections. On the national level, you know the number of delegates your choice of presidential candidate captured.

Now is the time for making decisions on what you can do to change the Florida political climate. In addition to what you can do, think about how often and how much you can do.

County Commissioners, School Board members, Circuit and County judges all have elections coming in August.



County Commissioner Charlie Justice rides with the Democratic Club in the Irish Club parade.

There are also primaries for State Representatives.

In the March 7 St. Patrick's parade, our club's guest of honor in our convertible was County Commissioner Charlie Justice. He is one of those candidates who

are up for re-election in August.

At our March meeting we also talked about our county party's big fundraiser to help Get Out The Vote. The gala Truth And Justice Dinner is scheduled for May 2 at the Carillon Hilton in St. Petersburg.



Democratic Club

Guest of Honor at the dinner will be Congresswoman Val Demings. Tickets are \$100 and several of our members at the March meeting voiced plans to attend. Contact Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

Our next meeting was scheduled for April 9 at 3 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center. Please check OTOW-TV to see the status of that meeting.

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'America the Beautiful' concert postponed until spring 2021

By Ilene Bargerstock

Unfortunately, the On Top of the World Chorus Board of Directors found it necessary to cancel our annual spring concert in March.

Our proposed concert, "America the Beautiful," will take place in the spring of 2021 instead.

If you already have a ticket, please hold it until next year.

Some of our Snowbird members have already gone, due to the current circumstances, and others will soon follow.

We worked very hard on this music and look forward to performing it when all members can participate.

Two more persons have joined the Chorus.

Pat Landgraf came from Indianapolis to On Top of the World in 2015.

Pat was a member of a 1000-voice All Chicago Choir made up of seventh and eighth graders who sang eight-part harmony. They performed at the National Association of Music Supervisors in 1953.

In addition to high school choir, Pat sang in the girls' choir at St Peter's Episcopal Church in Chicago and later served as a choir mother for two boy sopranos.

Pat enjoys the Chorus and also the



Chorus

OTOW Travel Club, Art Guild, Republican Club and Snowbirds Line Dancing.

Donna Smith is from Hicksville, Ohio, and came to OTOW, along with her husband, in May 2019.

She was a soloist in her high school and church choirs.

In 1980 Donna cut a tape titled "A Brand New Touch," and she traveled performing in many churches.

Donna says she came to the East Activity Center for information and heard the Chorus singing.

In her words, "I gravitated toward the music. I love to sing so it was the perfect fit for me."

We welcome Pat and Donna to our



Chorus President Donna Smith, left, Rod Bargerstock, center, and Pat Landgraf get acquainted during coffee time.

growing Chorus family.

Several persons have expressed an interest in joining Chorus in the fall. This could make our 2021 spring concert even bigger and better!

Look for more details about our

next season in subsequent issues of the OTOW News.

For more information, or questions regarding Chorus, please call Rod Bargerstock at 727-249-6807.

Strawberry Festival canceled but Armed Forces Day still on for May

By Will Peterson

On Saturday, March 7, the On Top of the World New York-New Jersey Club marched in the 25th annual Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

It was a cool day, but a beautiful one, and those who participated enjoyed refreshment in the new area outside the pavilion.

New York-New Jersey Club President Pat Hayes and the board thank all those who were a part of this day and helped make it special.

Our club's most popular event, the Strawberry Festival, has been canceled in April due to health safety concerns. We thank you for your understanding in this matter as our concern is for the health of each and every one of our members.

Anyone who bought a ticket is encouraged to come by our information

table in the East Activity Center on any Monday or Thursday to get a refund.

At this time, our May 13 Armed Forces Day event is still on schedule and we encourage you to come out and support the veterans here at On Top of the World as they celebrate a day in their honor. The event begins at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. The event is free to everyone.

Other New York-New Jersey Club events are in the process of being finalized and as soon as the information on these events becomes available, we will announce them in the On Top of the World newspaper, and of course, at our information table in the EAC every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of On Top of the

World and is strictly a social club that provides good times, good food and good entertainment throughout the year. Membership is only \$5. All tickets for our events must be purchased in advance. No tickets can be purchased at the door as most events are catered.

Our members give donations each year to Kimberly Home, a home for women in crisis here in Clearwater. We accept cash and items for newborns.

We welcome volunteers at our table on Monday and Thursday and to help in setting up and taking down tables chairs and decorations at our events.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events!

The Veterans Group meets the first Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.



New York - New Jersey Club

OTOW clubs and groups are providing daily updates on the Box Office. Stay informed.
otowboxoffice.com

Snowbirds Club hoping to be on an Alaskan cruise in August



By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club announced three bucket list cruises at their March monthly meeting.

Guest speaker at our monthly meeting was Marie Emmerich, cruising expert and owner of Advantage Cruises and Tours. She discussed the three bucket list cruises on our schedule.

The first one is pending this summer. We fly to Seattle and cruise Alaska from Aug 21 to 29. Next is to the Eastern Ca-

ribbean from Jan. 17-24, 2021. The really big cruise is flying to Honolulu and cruising the Hawaiian Islands, then flying back home from Feb. 18-27, 2021. This cruise is filling up fast and the prices have started going up.

Snowbirds are starting to migrate back North. The Snowbirds Club will go dormant after our last line dance class tentative set on Wednesday Apr 15. We will be back in October of 2020 to start season 12 of the Snowbirds Club.

Line dancers strutted their stuff and enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches and hand dipped ice cream at our Fly Away Line Dance Party and Luau. DJ's Ed and Dolly Foland and the Snowbirds line dance team led the dancers through several different dances. The highlight of the party was the hula girls in grass skirts doing a dance to the song, Tiny Bubbles, under the direction of Jan Springer.

For info contact Ed Foland at endfoland@aol.com or call 727 417 3272



Line dancers relax after the trophy-winning performance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Irish Club. (OTOW Photo by Ed Foland)

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Theater Workshop spring show postponed - maybe become an early winter show

In mid-March, Theater Workshop and the Entertainment Committee made a very difficult decision to postpone the 2020 show "Theater Workshop: 50 Golden Years."

The postponement took place for health safety concerns for all residents, including the cast and crew.

However, the show was postponed and not canceled.

Everyone involved in the 2020 spring show is hoping to resume rehearsals when life returns to normal and it is hoped that at least one show will actually take place on the East Activity Center auditorium stage very soon - maybe December.

If the show cannot be performed live, a taped version of the show will air on OTOW-TV channel 732 at a future date.

Please watch OTOW-TV for the very latest updates.

Under the directorship of Vicky Portsmouth assisted by Keith Elder, Lillian Foy and Musical Director Tom Portsmouth, a cast of 30 On Top of the World residents had prepared a variety of songs, dances and skits witnessed by our ever-faithful and loving audiences over the past five decades.

For two and a half months, our directing team spent hundreds of hours perfecting the on-stage antics of this year's cast and crew.

Hopefully, we will still get to share



Theater Workshop

those memories with you.

At this time, Theater Workshop would like to look forward to the 2020-21 season.

The search for next year's show director is open and now underway. If you are interested, please contact President Laurie Fischer by email at LBF1954@gmail.com with your experience and synopsis of your proposed show. Please respond by April 15.

Now is the time to act as we will be announcing our new director later this year.

Also, at our March meeting, Theater Workshop's new Board of Directors for 2020/2021 was elected as follows: President Laurie Fischer, Vice President Amy Green, Past President Paige Johnson,



Pictured above is one of the many scenes you will eventually see in Theater Workshop's 50th Anniversary Show. It is not known whether the show will be presented live later this year or the show will air on OTOW-TV channel 732. Stay tuned to OTOW-TV for updates.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Treasurer Robyn Kumar, Secretary Vicky Portsmouth, Assistant Treasurer Tom Portsmouth and Assistant Secretary Jackie Dunn.

If anyone is interested in joining the OTOW Theater Workshop Club for the 2020-21 season, please contact Laurie at LBF1954@gmail.com.

Jesters wrap up production of 2020 show



Bubbles (Susan McMillan) manages to pull a rabbit out of a hat despite the dismay of the Great Giovanni (Richard McMillan) who tried four times to produce a rabbit, but was unsuccessful. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

There was singing, dancing and plenty of comedy during The Jesters 2020 variety show "One Season Following Another" in February.

The only person who didn't have a great time was famous magician "The Great Giovanni" who tried very hard to pull a rabbit out of a hat, only to pull a leg and a snake out instead.

It wasn't until The Great Giovanni's assistant, Bubbles, took the magic wand and pulled the darn rabbit from the hat.

The audience cheered her success.

But when The Great Giovanni next informed the audience he was going to saw Bubbles in half, the assistant refused, reminding the magician he had just pulled a woman's leg out of his hat.

She wanted to keep all her body parts intact.

The audience agreed.

Throughout the show, the Jesters did songs and routines for each season, including "Summer Nights" for summer and "Winter Wonderland" for winter.

Poor George.

Actor George Kolitsas tried so hard to set up a rendezvous with actress Lori Gernstein, but after several random run-ins throughout the show, all George got in return were several purses to the head.

Actor Will Peterson expressed his pleasure for wearing women's underwear and the entire cast did a routine mimmick-



Jesters

ing our typical On Top of the World New Year's Eve party, which ended all four seasons.

A very humorous skit showed what might happen if The Dating Game did a live show at OTOW. In the end, however, actress Connie Ballard chose host Will Sundblad for her date, instead of choosing from three "perfectly fine" bachelor contestants.

"One Season Following Another" was videotaped by OTOW-TV and will air on channel 732 on Friday, Aug. 7, at about 8 p.m.

The Jesters are already making plans for the 2020-21 season. Watch for an article in the May newspaper.

Irish Club honors two dedicated residents for 15 years of contributions to our community

By Barbara Rice

Volunteers give from the heart and Pat and Patricia Fallon have big hearts.

The couple was selected as the Irish Club's 2020 On Top of the World Honorees.

Pat and Patricia's longtime hours of service to the community were applauded by 150 fellow residents attending the club's annual dinner dance on March 4.

President Barbara Lenzi and Parade Chairman Mike Cooper presented the honor.

Residents of the Nagoya Building, Pat and Patricia have lived in OTOW for 15 years. They have tirelessly devoted their talents and time through many volunteer endeavors.

It was "love at first sight" when they were sweet-16s making eyes across a dance floor in Dublin, Ireland.

Pat immigrated to New York in 1956. His bride made the journey in 1957. Their family grew to include six children, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The New Yorkers have always strived to promote Irish music, culture and hospitality. Their summer retirement home is in Greenville, NY.

During the dinner, club members and

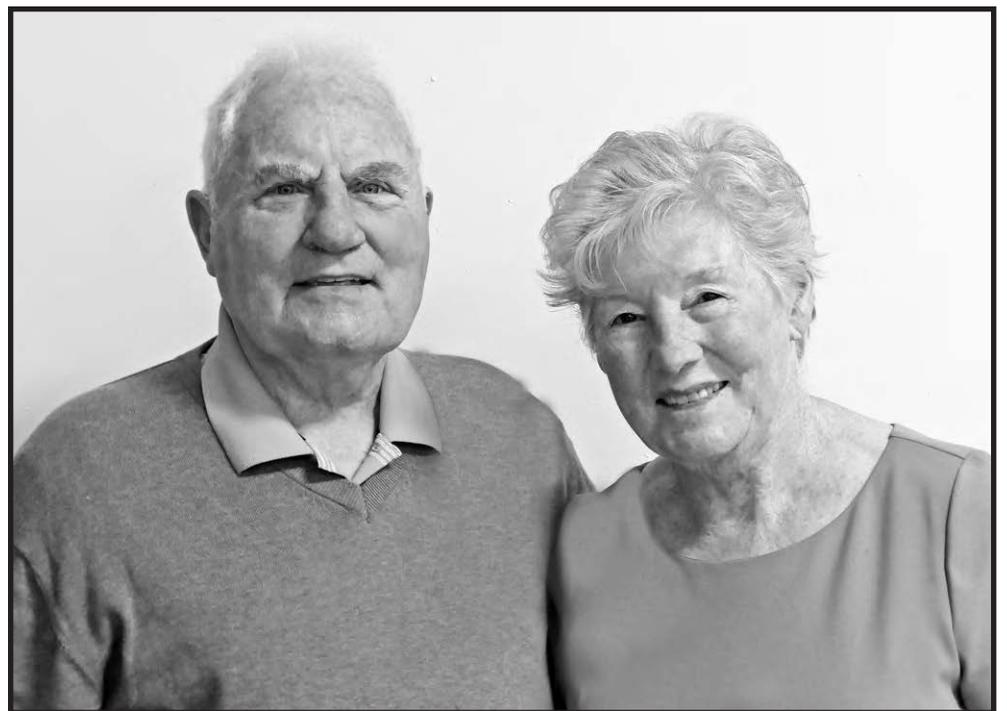


Irish Club

guests took time off from gearing up for the St. Patrick's Day Parade a few days later. They enjoyed an evening of dancing and delicious Irish dinner prepared by Mama Felice.

Irish Club 2020-2021 officers were announced. Barbara Lenzi will serve as president, Agnes Helms as vice president, Bill Mooney as secretary, and Rick Helton as treasurer.

The annual picnic to be held at Philippe Park on April 6 is canceled. Watch future articles for activity updates.



Pat and Patricia Fallon were honored on March 4.



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What happens after you get your DNA?

So, you have your DNA -- now what?

This is just one of the topics the Family History group explored in reviewing videos prepared by Connie Knox, online genetics researcher.

With more than 30 million people tested through companies like Ancestry and 23andMe, receiving those ethnicity estimate pie charts, as well as lists of genetic relatives, we sometimes learn that our families are not exactly what we thought they were.

These revelations can be heartwarming and they can be heartbreaking.

In the last two years, law enforcement has begun accessing certain quasi-public databases to use genetic information that was gathered for family history purposes to solve cold cases. And this has opened up many more debates about privacy, civil liberties and consent.

Exploring further, our group leader, Dave Cordes, presented several more videos pertaining to genealogy research, filtering DNA matches, and staying organized with Family Tree charts and software.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., Monday, April 13 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Watch OTOW-TV to see if that meeting takes place.

Meetings are scheduled to end at 2:30. We will entertain Denise Manning as our guest speaker from Tarpon Springs public library. This will be our last meeting until we meet again in November.

We hope you will join us. We'd love to hear your story.



Family History

Travel Club has June road trip still on schedule



Travel Club

By Janice Berman

The On Top of the World Irish Club went a little Irish overboard on March 10 when host Mary Skaarer took us to O'Keefe's Tavern in Clearwater.

Lunch included corned beef and cabbage and green beer while singing "Oh Danny Boy!"

It wasn't long until we actually saw a leprechaun.

Our club has a trip scheduled in June to Sarasota. Please watch OTOW-TV to see if this event takes place.

We will take the morning cruise on the LaBarge Tropical Cruises. A Mote Marine trained biologist will enhance our experience by informing us about the local population of bottle nose dolphins.

Our guide will explain their behavior and much more, as well as what measures are being taken to protect this magnificent mammal.

Our lunch and shopping stop will be



Pictured above are five Travel Club members and a leprechaun who enjoyed a March lunch in Clearwater. What? You cannot see the leprechaun? Well, they saw it.

St Armands Circle, a one-of-a-kind place to shop and dine on St. Armands Key. Sign up early as this trip is sure to be a sell out!

At the March 6 Travel Club meeting, Terri Mikszenas announced her annual October bus trip will be to Savannah, Ga, with stops in Jekyll Island, St Simons

Island and Beaufort, SC.

Tour highlights include guided tours at each stop, a visit to the First African Baptist Church and historic Penn Center. Members may sign up at the April meeting.

Club member Pat Martel spoke at the March meeting about a recent day trip she

and her family took to The Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Tampa.

The museum is a community-based institution and educational resource that is dedicated to advancing public interest, knowledge, and understanding of science, industry and technology.

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Celebrate our veterans service at Armed Forces Day tribute on May 13

By Will Peterson

April is upon us and we are getting closer to our Armed Forces Day annual celebration on Wednesday, May 13, at 2 p.m.

This event is now in its planning stage and promises to be a big surprise to all our veterans as this year we are going to be doing things a bit differently than has been done in the past. So come out and be a part.

The Good Neighbors Association second annual Chili Cook Off proved to be very special for our group. Thanks to chili prepared by Stu Rosenblatt, we won first prize of \$50. Thanks to all of you who came out and supported us.

The 25th On Top of the World St Patrick's Day Parade was a huge success. We had four World War II veterans riding in convertibles driven by Don Leamy and Mike Caramanna.

Twenty-five veterans participated and made this a great showing and the crowd cheered their appreciation as our veterans as we rode or marched in the parade.

Thank you everyone for coming out on the brisk, yet sunny, day and especially Don and Mike for the use of their vehicles.

And a very special thank you to Mike Cooper and the Irish Club for all their hard work.

Our Veterans Group meeting on Wednesday, March 4, proved to be very informative. Joe Malandro, who is also a resident of OTOW, spoke about Honor Flight, along with Tom Mahoney. The dates of upcoming Honor Flights are as follows:



Flight 41 - April 28
 Flight 42 - June 9
 Flight 43 - Sept. 22
 Flight 44 - Oct. 27

There are also in-home presentations for veterans who cannot make the actual flight. Contact Tom about the in-home flights at tmahoney6@tampabay.com or call 727-524-9202.

Jim Rudolph, president of Veterans Funeral Care, also attended. He spoke about eligibility for all veterans. You can contact him at VeteransFuneralCare.com or call him at 727-524-9202.

Jim also told us about a museum that we might be interested in going to visit as a group, and he would provide us with a complimentary breakfast or lunch. If you might be interested, please contact Pam Rosenblatt or myself, Will Peterson, at the Veterans information table, or email us otowveteransgroup@gmail.com

Don't forget the Good Neighbors Association Flea Market fundraiser to be



Members of the On Top of the World Veterans Group prepare to start the Irish Club parade in March. In back is World War II veteran Bob Backlund in a Corvette.

held on Saturday, April 3. Donations of pet items, jewelry, military memorabilia, bric-a-brac and serviceable items are appreciated. Flea Market donations can be made to Gail via email at bocag43@yahoo.com or you can bring items to our table in the EAC.

Duck Drake invites us to attend the Baby Boomers weekly Friday Jam session at the West Activity Center. If you play an instrument or not, can carry a tune or not, all are welcome. It's a lot of fun!

The YMCA located at 1005 Highland St., Clearwater, is offering a monthly Pot Luck luncheon on the second Tuesday of each month. All veterans are welcome. We are going to ask a representative to be at

our meeting the first Wednesday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center's Bellear Room.

Do you have any old cell phones lying around your condo? If so, we have a box at our table to collect them. So go through your drawers and bring them in to us so that we can redistribute them.

We have a table in the EAC from 8-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and volunteers are always welcome to help staff it. We have all types of information that veterans can use to find assistance for almost any questions they have about veteran's affairs

Thank you for your service



Armed Forces Day Registration Form

This event takes place on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 2 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our On Top of the World Veterans Group hope to hold a special tribute for community residents who served their country honorably - whether it was for the USA or our Allied Forces.

Each honoree will be recognized individually. Please register in advance using this form, which can be dropped off through the newspaper office front doors anytime. Forms must be submitted by Thursday, April 30.

Family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend this event with all veterans.

If this event is canceled, announcements will be posted on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

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Years Served: From 19__ to 20__ Email address: _____

List medals, awards, ribbons, citations you received: _____

I plan on attending this tribute. I cannot get across the stage on my own.

I cannot attend this tribute, but I would still like to register

Celebrating 50 Years

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Spring Bonnet Dance scheduled for April - you can win a prize

By Marvin Flam

For the past 50 years, the Entertainment Committee has brought professional entertainment to On Top of the World's East Activity Center Auditorium at a reasonable cost for residents only.

The entertainers have performed in other venues throughout Florida, on cruise ships and in entertainment centers like Las Vegas.

The fun and excitement continues!

In the first three months of our "Celebrate 50" year of 2020, "sold-out" shows and dances have been enjoyed by OTOW residents.

We recommend you get your tickets for upcoming events early once the East Activity Center reopens!

From the very beginning, Entertainment Committee dances in the auditorium have featured favorite local bands. The dances are currently held on Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per guest.

The New Year's Eve Dance is always presented on Dec. 31 starting at 9 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per guest. This dance has sold out over the past 20 years, so we recommend getting your tickets early!

For dances, seating is reserved table seating with eight seats to a table. This is perfect for getting a group of friends or neighbors together and having a party while you dance the evening away.

Special seating for OTOW club groups is also available. Please advise us when purchasing your tickets so that group seating arrangements can be made. Your club will be acknowledged during the dance.

You can bring your own light snacks and beverages. The Entertainment Committee provides free ice and decaf coffee. Come and celebrate your birthday and/or anniversary with your friends and neighbors.

Every guest will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10 in a drawing. You can get your picture taken by the Entertainment Committee photographer and pick up your free print at our information table in the auditorium on any Monday and

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Harry La Bree
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We have witnessed the Easter parade held down 5th Ave. in New York City. We have been crushed in the sea of humanity that crowds the sidewalks and streets. We have seen the Irish marchers with their bowler hats, swagger sticks and flash cloths. We have thrilled to the marching bands, the thousands of people, the push, crush, and shove.

Parade: A pompous display of

Sunrise Services

APRIL 15, 7:00 A.M.

Harry La Bree
All OTOW residents and their guests are invited to attend the Easter Sunrise Service which will be held in the Activity Center, East, on April 15 at 7:00 A.M.

This service which has been held each year since the arrival of the first OTOW residents will be conducted by Reverend Tom Clark who will be assisted by the following OTOW resident ministers: Reverend Jerry Cardo, Reverend Charles Creibaum and Reverend Joseph De Bardi.

Refreshments will be served in the Activity Center after the conclusion of the Service.

6:30 P.M. The price of each ticket is \$8. Ticket sales will begin March 12, 8:30 - 10:30 A.M., and will be sold every Monday and Thursday until show date.

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In April, the Entertainment Committee is scheduled to host an "April Showers Baby Boomers Spring Bonnet Dance Contest." This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Watch OTOW-TV for updates.

If you plan on attending one of our events and you have "special needs," please advise us when getting your tickets.

Also ask us about the dress code for the dance. Shorts are not allowed at any of the dances, unless waived for the theme that evening.

If you show up wearing shorts you will be asked to leave.

Get your reserved seats for the rest of the year, including New Year's Eve. Tickets are on sale from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the auditorium. For information call (727) 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

You can view scheduling information on OTOW-TV

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Information is also on bulletin boards in the East Activity Center, the West Activity Center and on your building's bulletin board.

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Lambda members enjoy the theatre



Lambda Club

By Bruce Lovett

I know what you are thinking!

Another Lambda article about fantastic parties, great food and beautiful retired people having the time of their lives.

Well you're wrong.

This is an article about a classy group of individuals appreciating the arts and celebrating significant spiritual occasions.

Rarely in Lambda's 10-year illustrious history has it canceled its monthly second Friday of the month social. Once was because of hurricane Irma, another was March of this year due to COVID-19 virus and we will be doing so again this April.

It seemed wrong to be have a hedonistic celebration on Good Friday when



two days later we hope to be holding our Easter Celebration at 5 p.m. on Sunday April 12 in the East Activity Center's Largo room.

As always the club will be supplying the ham and everyone else attending will be asked to RSVP and tell what side/salad/desert they will be bringing.

Watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for updates on this event.

And as for being classy, let's talk the latter. The Francis Wilson Playhouse could not have been more welcoming when 20 of us descended upon the theater to see the classic Scottish musical

Brigadoon.

"The Heather on the Hill" came to life, but the question still remains: what are they wearing under those kilts?

As always they put on an incredible show and did mention they have two more left this season: the classic comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and Stephen Sondheim's bittersweet "Follies."

If you haven't been to this cute little theater, where there isn't a bad seat in the house, you are missing a chance to see Broadway level productions come to life.

Barring health concerns, Lambda hopes to see the latter of the two afore-

mentioned shows as well as mid April's American Stage in the park musical production of "Footloose." And at the end of the month Tampa will be holding their annual pride celebration.

Should you have any questions about these events or any questions at all about Lambda, the club that services OTOW's LGBT community and their friends and neighbors, you can visit our official Web page: <http://lambdaclasswater.blogspot.com>.

We are also on Box Office at otow-boxoffice.com or you can contact us by e-mail at: lambda@gmail.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Residents having fun playing Blackout.

Blackout will restart when West Activity Center reopens

By Tom Jamrozy

The Blackout Club was scheduled to return on April 9 in the West Activity Center Belleair Room and remain there all summer.

Watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for updates.

When the game resumes, Tom Jamrozy will be offering training on Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium at our information table. This is good for new players to learn the game. It takes about 10-15 minutes.

Then you can join in the fun on Thursday evenings in the WAC. Come at 6 p.m. for practice games and then the action starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. There are no dues to join. The only thing we ask is that you come to have fun.

Everyone is welcome. This is a great way to join friends, old and new, and share laughs and maybe win a little coin. Our club is scheduled to play from April through November so we hope you will have many months to have a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

SPORTS

Club champions crowned in March

Ladies 18 Golf

By Robin Goralczyk

Congratulations to the Ladies 18 Hole League Club and Handicap Champions!

The Ladies 18 Hole Club and Handicap Championship was a two week event.

The winners had to be at their best on March 3 and March 10. Congratulations to Becky West, our 2020 Club Champion, and to Joy Ray who is the 2020 Handicap Champion.

Wear your crowns proudly ladies!

We were well represented with decorated cars and golf carts at the annual Irish Club parade, and many were wearing green, Irish-spirited costumes.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the decorating and in walking in the parade.

As the winter golf season comes to a close, there are a couple dates to remember.

April 14 is scheduled to be a shotgun start and the Snowbird Farewell Lunch. We are grateful to Sharon Hackenmiller and Suellen Dowe for doing those preparations.

May 19 is the last day of winter golf. We hope to have a shotgun start and our end of season social. We thank Karen Beaver and Elaine Stretavski for their



Joy Ray and Becky West were big winners in March.

work taking care of those preparations.

Congratulations to our weekly winners.

On Feb. 18, in Flight A, Dottie Graham came in first, Joy Walker, took second and Kim Norried third. In Flight B, Cindy Schell won first place, Donna Stadler was

second, and Katie Quelch and Donna Smerz tied for third. In Flight C, Song Kyong took first, Jane Hanley second, and Margie Hanson came in third. Terry Kuplen had a chip in on hole 13 and Sheila Meneilly had a chip in on 11. Becky West won closest to the pin.

Feb. 25 was our Low Putts contest. In Flight A, Low Putts first place went to Maureen Stewart. Joy Walker and Gina Yoon tied for second, and four people, Terry Kuplen, Sharon Hackenmiller, Joyce Majewski, and Becky West tied for third. In Flight B, Jacque Dolan and Donna Smerz tied for first place. Nancy Lo was second, and Donna Stadler was third. In Flight C, Joy Ray was first, Gwen Lemke second, Marge Hanson came in third. Jacque Dolan had a chip in on 12. Maureen Stewart chipped in on 17, and Becky West won closest to the pin.

On March 3, in Flight A, first place went to Nancy Lo, second to Joy Walker, Ursula Taylor and Sharon Hackenmiller tied for third. In Flight B, Joyce Majewski won first place. Debbie Figaski second and Katie Quelch was third. In Flight C, Joy Ray took first, Donna Osborne second, and Fran Zaloski and Gail DuCharme tied for third. Nancy Lo had a chip in on hole 1 and Gina Loon chipped in on hole 14. Joy Ray won closest to the pin.

On March 10, In Flight A, Ursula Taylor took first place, and Nancy Lo came in second. In Flight B, Joyce Majewski won first place, and Debbie Figaski took second. In Flight C, Song Kyong came in first and Suellen Dowe was second.

Sharon Hackenmiller chipped in on hole 9 and Arlene Hansen chipped in on 11. Terry Kuplen won closest to the pin.

Joey Dowe records an ace with a wood

By Peter Milner

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association reaped the rewards of Florida's wonderful winter golf weather in March. Sunny days, cool mornings that warm up to perfect golf.

We were getting ready for our annual Awards Banquet to be held after our March 18 weekly golf tournament. Our champions were supposed to receive their awards.

That event was canceled.

On Wednesday, March 4, Joey Dowe had a perfect score on hole No. 5. Joe hit his 3-wood into a very stiff wind which bounced once on the front of the green and rolled directly into the hole for a "hole in one."

Witnesses were Jay Schwallie, Kenny Nield and Les Whynot. This was Joey's second hole in one. Congratulations Joey on having attained this awesome feat. That completes a grand slam for this four-

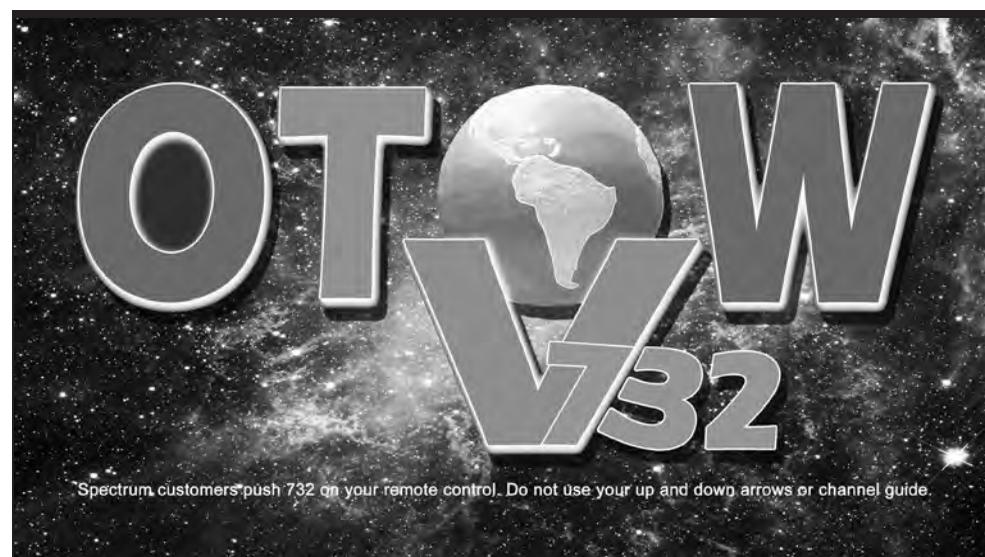
Men's Golf

some as everyone in this group has had a hole in one.

Please remember that the Men's Golf Association is always ready to welcome new members. Just come over to the golf course any Wednesday morning between 7-8 a.m. when the course reopens and one of the officers will sign you up.

The dues this year are \$30. You will be assessed \$1 per week to play and you will be in business. You will play with someone different every week, attain a handicap and meet new friends. You will always be welcomed.

Check out our web page at OTOWmen'sgolf.com for all our updates.



For the latest
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Some of the best fans in softball.

Softball season apparently ends with early March games

By Bob Rittner

An enthusiastic Ladies Day crowd cheered on both teams with pom poms, dance moves, the wave and more and later joined us for breakfast at the Paradise to review the day's excitement.

2nd Time Sports 8 West Siders 7

Exhilarating heroics is the descriptive; Bob Dembinski is the name.

Bottom of the ninth, his team down by two and the bases loaded, Bob drilled a drive to the fence clearing the bases for the victory. High fives and cheers all around.

Earlier, Steve Garvin homered and amazed the participants with his range at shortstop. Henry Buyny at second grabbed a sizzling one hopper to save a run.

West Siders 9 2nd Time Sports 7

The airtight right side of the infield with second baseman Guy Bertuzzi gobbling up every ball hit his way made the difference in the game.

Down 8-3 in the seventh, 2nd Time Sports, with Jim Kemp and Tara Gunning doubles and a Lenny Segall homer, fought back to within one but could not get closer.

Softball

West Siders 11 2nd Time Sports 10

Three players stood out for their defense.

Roger Martel made a shoe-top catch of a liner he had to race in to reach and later stalled rallies with running catches in left field.

Middle infielder Jim Costello backhanded a sizzling grounder behind second, beat the runner to the bag and winged a perfect throw to first for the double play.

Jim Tiano raced back and made a tumbling catch of a deep fly in left to keep the score close.

West Siders 13 2nd Time Sports 6

Lenny Segall hit an over the fence homer for the third game in a row. Given that there have only been four such homers hit, that is impressive.

After five innings, the game was tied at four, but the West Siders exploded for nine runs thereafter.

2nd Time Sports 13 West Siders 10

Fundamentals were on display in this game.

Twice outfielders Rick Champ and Robert Bannick grabbed one hoppers and relayed to Joe DeChiaro who winged perfect throws to Lenny Segall. Lenny then pegged strikes to Joe Maley to cut off runners at the plate.

Steve Garvin homered in a perfect four hit day as did Joe DeChiaro while Roger Hebler also was a perfect four for four with a double.

2nd Time Sports 13 West Siders 4

First time pitcher Rich Hillberry demonstrated a natural talent for the mound, keeping pitches on or near the plate and even striking out a batter, a rare occurrence in senior softball.

A 4-4 tie turned into a rout as a barrage of hits with every 2nd Time Sports batter contributing led to nine unanswered runs.

The final out came on Bill Holland's bullet throw from right center field to first base.

West Siders 4 2nd Time Sports 3

Steve Garvin's three run homer was the difference in the game. He added two

doubles while Phil Goodwin also doubled twice and Alex Scaranda tripled accounting for all three runs their team scored.

2nd Time Sports 13 West Siders 8

In the fourth inning, the West Siders scored five runs to tie the game at eight on consecutive singles by Jim Costello, Phil Goodwin, Tara Gunning and Jim Tiano, all of whom scored on doubles by Bill Holland and Henry Buyny.

But over the final five innings, 2nd Time Sports scored three unanswered runs behind Bill Lepping's double and singles by Bob Fields, Reggie Phelan and Jim Kemp and later two more as Bill, Bob and Reggie singled again and came in on Dick LeTourneau and Jim Kemp singles.

West Siders 14 2nd Time Sports 9

Game hero Eddie Ramirez twice cleared the bases with doubles to drive in five runs for the victory margin.

At second base, Ron Shields made a remarkable play on a sizzling grounder almost past him to get one out and later on a waffling popup that he caught over his shoulder.

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



SPORTS

Weekly champions crowned

Good weather, excellent course conditions and competitive play have made this season a memorable one. With just a few weeks left, league members are positioning themselves for a run at the League Champion title.

Dave Hoffman was the winner on week 16. Joe Maslowsky was second and Carl Charlton placed third. Mike Marsh recorded the low gross round and took one skin. Don Campbell and Pat Mahoney took one skin each. Christy Mills, Don Campbell, Fran Majewski and Rick Muchler were the long drive winners. Bill Higgins had the closest to the pin shot.

The week 17 champion was Paul Farrell. Len Howell finished second and Fran Majewski was third. Scott Rogers had the low gross round. Harry Barbin took two skins. Angelo Santucci, Don Hahs, Dave Hoffman and John Maloof took one skin each.

OTOW Mixed Golf

A team tournament was held on week 18. The selective drive-alternate shot competition required a tie breaker to decide the winner. Ken Smith and Len Howell edged out the team of Mary and Bill Bernard to take first place. Sandy Herrick and Bob Hunt placed third. Ron Reeves and Tim Carr took fourth place.

Ken Smith came right back in week 19 to claim first place again. Phil Albury was second and Fred Schick took third place. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross

round. Christy Mills and Mike Dietterich collected the only skins. The long drivers were: Christy Mills, Don Hahs, Jim Keagy and Scott Rogers. Don Hill and Bill Bernard were closest to the pin.

Harry Barbin repeated as Match Play Champion narrowly beating Tim Belcastro in the final match. Jahn Lawson and Don Hill rounded out the top four. The season saw some of the best matches we have had in this annual event.

We are nearing the end of our 26 weeks of league play. The league uses the USGA Stableford 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 Len Howell in first place with 38 points. Fred Schick follows with 37. Bruce MacPherson 35, Don Hill 32, Tim Belcastro 30, Mike Marsh,

Ken Smith and Bill Higgins 29. There are still over 20 players who potentially could win it all.

The league is a mixed league, providing an opportunity for couples to compete each week. Our League uses the USGA Stableford scoring format. This is a "Quota point" system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota not directly against other players.

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. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Golfers sign in from 9:00 to 9:30 every Thursday. You can find the details at the Thursday League spot on the Box Office Website: otowboxoffice.com

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Ping pong doubles champions crowned

Ping Pong

On Friday, Feb. 21, the On Top of the World Ping Pong Club held its second annual doubles tournament.

There were 24 members who participated in the tournament. Players were divided into an A Division and a B Division. Both divisions used the same format.

In the A Division, Karen French and Anna Krown played Bob O'Donohue and Phyllis Tetzlaff in the finals and took first place after a grueling match.

Phyllis and Bob settled for second place.

In the B Division, Anna Ventimiglia and Jack Pratt battled Don Guidara and Lela Nincov in the finals.

Don and Lela outlasted Anna and Jack to capture first place.

Anna and Jack settled for second place.

Club President Joe Ventimiglia and



From left to right are the Ping Pong Division A winners Anna Krown and Karen French, and the Division B winners Lela Nincov and Don Guidara.

Secretary/Treasurer Anna Krown said they would like to thank all members of the club who took part in this tournament.

They would also like to thank all the members who showed up to cheer even if

they didn't play in the tournament.

It was a nice show of support.

A special thank you to Oscar Kanter for helping to set up the tournament and run the tournament.

Tennis

Tennis lessons in the near future

By Joseph Spahalski

Tennis lessons were scheduled to take place in April.

Watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for updates.

A lot of inquiries have been made requesting info about playing tennis. Our matches are doubles tennis. Two persons on each side of the court. That means to return a ball you normally move 2 or 3 steps forward, backward, left or right from your initial position. Enough movement to get some nice fun exercise.

The instruction will not only be for beginning players but for players who want to improve their game.

Our system insures that everyone will play regardless of ability. Usually less than a 10 minute wait to play.

We will see you on the courts when the courts reopen.

Nine-hole ladies end season with two tournaments and parade

Several members of the On Top of the World Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League participated in the annual Irish Club parade and once again they really had a good time.

It's always acceptable to be Irish for at least this one day each year.

Also in March, our golf league introduced new officers and directors for the 2020-21 golf season and thanked the past officers and directors for their services.

Our golf league took time off in March and it is not known when league play will resume. Watch OTOW-TV channel 732 for details.

One plan under way is construction of a new picnic table for the golf course. Duane Anderson has provided President Carroll Harris with a detailed estimate. Construction will start with OTOW's approval and when life returns to normal.

On Feb. 18, our league held a low

Nine-Hole Golf

clubs and a putter. In Flight A, the winner was Paula Ergang, Ann Stewart was second and Kathy Ahrens was third. In Flight B, Gilda Gambacurta was first, Donna Smith was second and Ann Jarvis was third. In Flight C, Betty Gerkin was first, Margo Smith was second, and Carroll Harris, Wendy Colquhoun and Marge Sivek tied for third. In Flight D, Theresa Gates was first, Sarah Fergas was second and Elaine Ellis was third. There was also Lois Van de Bogart in fourth, Nancy Schifferle in fifth and Jackie Cornett Small and Penni Telleck tied for sixth.

On Feb. 25 our league held a birdie tournament. There was only Flight A and Flight D.

In Flight A, the winner was Betty Ger-



kin, followed by Lois Van de Bogart, Mary Ellen Makowski, and Cheryl Butcher and Carroll Harris tied for fourth. In Flight D, the winner was Celeste Pert, followed by Nancy Schifferle and Penni Telleck. Birdies were recorded by Gilda Gambacurta, Lois Van de Bogart, Shawn Welch, Kathy

Ahrens and Celeste Pert.

Need some humor for the month? Children looking for eggs in the grass is an Easter Egg Hunt. Seniors looking for golf balls in the grass is well ... an Easter Egg Hunt.

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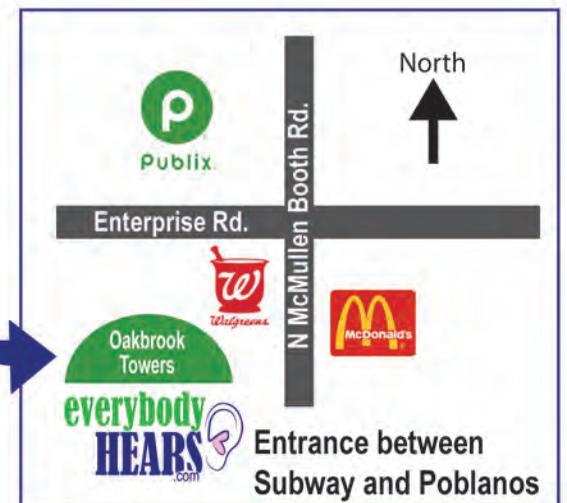


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Vets win cook off



Stu Rosenblatt and Will Peterson took charge of the Veterans Group chili table during the second annual Good Neighbors Association Chili Contest in late February. The Veterans Group took first place for best chili. Below is the Republican Club table at the contest. The Republicans took first place for best decorated display. Judges decided the best chili by way of a secret ballot and Good Neighbors Association staff picked the best table.

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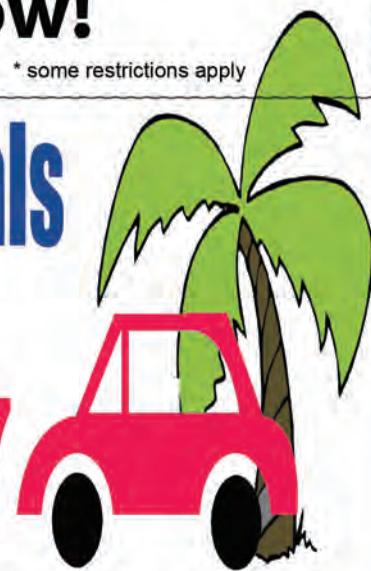
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A look back at the OTOW News April, 1995

- **Press Association:** The speaker we had for our March meeting was fantastic. Fred Stones gave a short talk about the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, showed a movie about their work and their various facilities, then took questions from the floor. It was a very informative meeting and enjoyed by all who attended. The nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for the coming year. They will be voted on at our April, 1995, meeting.
- **Theater Workshop:** Theater Workshop President Grace Gallela has announced that the Workshop will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a sit-down dinner for the cast on Wednesday, April 5, 1995, at the East Activity Center. The dinner, to be catered by Copper Pot, will include chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, salad, coffee and dessert. BYOB. Director Audrey Flannery was very pleased with her production "A Bite of the Big Apple," and will give her report at the dinner.
- **Kiwanis Club:** The OTOW Kiwanis Club had a record season for citrus fruit orders this year. We still have Entertainment Books for sale and are good for all of 1995 and the cost of \$30 can be recovered in just two or three uses. See any Kiwanian. Profits from both citrus sales and the Entertainment Books will be distributed to local charities such as All Children's Hospital and UPARC.
- **Horseshoe Club:** Ask the guys about our "staying young oldest player," Phil Perkins. Phil continues to amaze everyone with his skill and ability to adjust. He has been active in the club since 1976 and was throwing better than 35% ringers. At age 83, he has adjusted with maybe a longer back swing, a slightly longer stride, changing the grip on the shoe and perhaps stepping a foot or two closer to the stake 40 feet away (seniors over 70 are allowed to 30 feet).
- **OTOW IBM Computer Club:** The computer is changing so fast that we are all learning from each other. The 21st century is fast approaching! Come join us. Your grandchildren are already on the information highway. It is time we all at least get on the information trail. If you have a computer or are considering buying one, this is the place to come. We are your neighbors and we want to help you make a choice that could make your life more exciting.
- **Williamsburg Building:** – "Spring is sprung and the grass is riz. The golf course is where the good times is ..." "Our own "Pollyanna," Ann Reed, recently took a two-week motor trip to visit friends in Arizona. It was a 5,000 mile drive through six states. She saw the Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert. She also took in a rodeo, climbed a mountain, and took in a lot of beautiful scenery.

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Rila Renaissance residents enjoy the annual building pizza party, held in early March. This party has become one of the most popular events of the year.

Annual Rila pizza party always has large turnout

Spring socializing continued for the residents of Rila Renaissance in March with both our monthly building luncheon and our annual pizza party.

The luncheon was held at Frenchy's Outpost on Dunedin Causeway. It was a beautiful sunny day, but the wind gusts threatened to blow us all away. Everyone, men and women alike, thoroughly enjoyed the food and the conversations at our tables.

The annual pizza party was held in early March (see accompanying photo). We always enjoy this event as it has the largest turn-out of all the social events of the year. The building fund provides the pizza, and our residents bring salads, sides and desserts to accompany the mix of pizzas available. We all gather in front of core with our chairs and refreshments to enjoy the food and the view of the golf course in front of us and to chat with their building neighbors.

The building captain, Gerri Jeager, took the opportunity to thank all of us who have checked out our storage areas to be sure that we had removed all our flammable items from our allotted spaces.



She also reminded those who had not done so yet that they could have any flammable items removed immediately when the fire department next inspects the storage rooms.

Our next building luncheon (men welcome) will be announced on the bulletin board when it is finalized. We will meet as usual in the core at 12:15 p.m. Come one, come all and bring your friends, relatives and visitors, as usual our open-door policy continues for all who are welcome!

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Here's the latest 'chatter' from American Gothic

Our loudest chatter is we have a new building coordinator. He is C.J. Messina. We welcome C.J. and his helper, his lovely wife, Ann.

The AG neighborhood also wishes to thank Joe Borowczyk for his past efforts as our building coordinator. We give a big shout-out and kudos to Joe and his wife, Rosalie.

Let's learn a little about our new building coordinator, C.J. He is a retired NYPD police officer. Presently, he serves as vice president of the Pinellas County Fraternal Order of police.

One of the American Gothic Building's goals is to clean up our storage rooms. This effort will be led by C.J.

The first clean-out day was March 14. Because the first floor storage room seemed to be the most in need of cleaning and organizing, we began there.

Please ensure that your items are not in a locked cabinet. All items need to be marked with your name, unit number, and the present year. Read the bulletin board for more information on what is approved by On Top of the World management.



Due to current national and local health safety concerns and restaurant policies, etc., the next ladies' breakfast and building luncheon will be announced on the bulletin board when they are finalized

Our annual building picnic will again be hosted by our gracious neighbors, Bob and Elaine Ellis in the future. Again, check the bulletin board. Please bring your chair, a drink of choice and a dish to share. Come spend time with your neighbors. Burgers, hot dogs and ice will be supplied.



A typical American Gothic Building "ladies' only breakfast," a regular activity of the building.

Keep your eyes on our bulletin board as we are planning lots of future events. They include organizing a building dinner to include our working residents and having some backyard evening socials. Please sign

up on the bulletin board if you want to be on a planning committee. It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood. Keep smiling!

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Espana Building marks a milestone: 27 years old

The Espana's first residents started moving in April 1993, thus we have just completed our 27th year of existence.

Of the 54 apartments, only four are still occupied by original residents. They are Millie Anderson, Connie Wills, Jim Osborne, Minnie Orsburn, and me. We all have many happy memories of our early days.

Over these 27 years, we have had only five presidents. The third president did not like to be called "captain," as was the usual On Top of the World way, and said that he wanted to be called "president."

For approximately the first 15 years, we had monthly meetings in the Sunshine Room. The meetings were followed by snacks, paid for by the treasury, and laughter. That is how we all got to know one another.

I was one of the original residents of the Casa Verde Building (by the northern pond) when Sidney Colen decided to build the Espana. I was on the second floor in the Casa Verdi and my father fell and broke his hip so I needed a first floor. It was 1992 as I watched the Espana being built. I took



pictures of the area prior to the Espana being built, one of which is shown here.

Most of the area was an orange grove. The pier to Lake Harbor existed and there was a private house with a barn beside it on Norwegian Drive.

The Espana backyard facing the lake had nine trees. One year, the first floor residents purchased geraniums and placed them around the trees. The next day the walkers left the side walk to smell the flowers and were shocked to find that



View from Philippine Drive prior to the construction of the Espana Building in 1992. (Photo by Clare Pebworth)

they were all silk flowers and not real. We residents had a good laugh.

The yard behind apartments two and four had two huge trees. I don't recall if they were willows or oaks, but I do remember the residents having cocktails in the fantastic shade on their patios in the

evenings. I was jealous due to the fact that the trees on "our" side were all small by comparison and all we had was the sun.

We had our own maintenance man and had our own library on the second floor lobby.

"Happy Birthday, Espana."

Steering committee meeting had full agenda

The Viking Steering Committee recently met with building coordinator Pat Drake to talk about building concerns and future programs. Key points were Christmas decorations, a spring picnic and the state of our storage rooms.

The garlands that we have used as decorations for several years have been retired. They had clearly outlived their usefulness. To plan for next Christmas, we need some volunteers to help choose and organize the decorations. Part of our building dues are used to buy new decorations. This is where we hope the creativity of our residents will step forward.

A pot-luck picnic on the Spanish Drive cul-de-sac is being planned for this spring. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be supplied by the committee. A sign-up sheet will have been posted before this for desserts and salads. Cost will be \$5 per



person, if you have not paid your unit dues for the year.

Speaking of building dues, as of this writing, only 18 units have paid their dues for 2020. Picnics, Christmas decorations, outside hoses and anything else not supplied by On Top of the World come

out of the dues. Please see treasurer Rod Bargerstock to pay your dues soon.

The other area of constant concern has been the storage rooms. While some units use no storage space, others have taken up several spots that have encroached on the spaces of others. Items like furniture, bicycles, and even a washer and dryer are currently in these spaces, in violation of OTOW guidelines. OTOW management will be asked to review and mark any items which are in violation of their guidelines with the end result being their removal.

Another issue is to insure storage room security is maintained. Be sure the door is always locked. We may ask OTOW to provide a new lock and keys for this area, as was done once before.

It is important that we remain vigilant, especially if we see people hanging around the building who clearly don't belong here. We do need to look out for each other.

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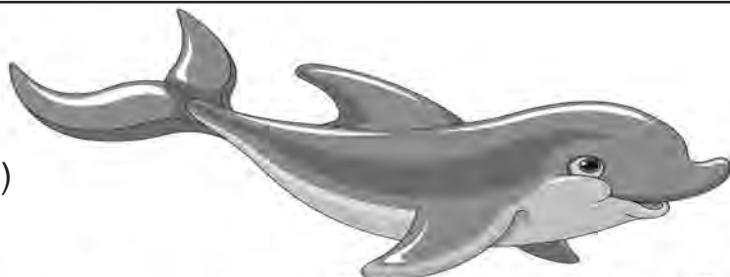
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Cocktail party thrown for departing long-time residents



Welcome to spring! Our season has eclipsed, or so it seems. Snowbirds are taking flight earlier than usual.

The Villa had a farewell cocktail party for two long-time and wonderful neighbors. We bid adieu to Howard Rochte and Russ Lamesfield and their little Lulu. Minnie Bucella, our resident poet laureate, composed and read a beautiful poem dedicated to Howard and Russ. We wish them well.

The On Top of the World staff is doing its level best to keep us safe during these unusual times as we sail in uncharted waters. We thank and wish safety to them along with first respondents and the medical community.



Minnie Bucella reads her sonnet to departing Viennese Villa residents Howard Rochte (second man seated, with crew cut and dark shirt) and Russ Lamesfield, next to Howard (third man seated). (Photo by Brian Lance)

Anniversary wishes to Pat and Bill Johnson as they start yet another year of wedded bliss. To your friends leaving, safe

travels. Birthday and Anniversary greeting to all April celebrants. Happy Easter. Let's hope the bunny brings good news in his

basket this year. Remember any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Recent fun OTOW events include Austrian Alpiners

Hats off to the active participants in On Top of the World events!

Austrian Alpine residents enjoy getting involved and have the hats to prove it. Visors for tennis and pickle ball, helmets for biking, wide brims for kayaking, baseball caps for softball, and any kind of hat that covers the head for golf.

In the Irish Club Parade, Austrian Alpine residents walked in a variety of green hats and hair with the Baby Boomers, 9-Hole Women's Golfers, Line-Dancers, Irish Club, the OTOW News and other groups.

The second annual Good Neighbors chili cookoff was a popular and fun event, too. Flavorful and spicy!



Getting involved in positive and fun activities opens up opportunities to meet new people and sometimes learn a new sport.

So, hats on and join in!



At left, Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segall get into the spirit of the Irish Club St. Patrick's Parade. At right, Mike and Virginia McDowell serve delicious chili in fashionable chili pepper hats.



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Newsy notes from Hawaiian Towers



Welcome to all the new people who have moved into Hawaiian Towers this past month.

Our bulletin board is no longer up, so if you have something about the building you want to post, put it up on the big board by the elevator.

Thank you to Sylvia Shlemon for organizing the luncheons the past months. We always have a nice turnout. Anyone in the building is welcome to attend.



Hawaiian Towers residents enjoyed a well-attended luncheon recently at the Clearwater Family Restaurant. (Photo provided by James Harrington)

The weather is warming up. I see so many folks out walking, standing and sitting outside, just enjoying everything. Happy Easter, everyone!



LOOK FOR PEDESTRIANS

Before you turn onto Belcher Road, make sure no one is in the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right of way.

Extra copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, May 28 & 29, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (Formerly the Veranda Room)

Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by May 22.

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Checking out the wildlife at Azores

Living in the Azores building means frequent sightings of the majestic wood stork, a wading bird that loves our tropical climate. Whenever I see one, I imagine a little bundle hanging from its beak.

The wood stork made one of its special deliveries to Carl Maietta's son and daughter-in-law. The couple welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world – their first child and Carl's third grandchild. Carl was thrilled to join the newly expanded family, who live nearby in North Tampa, to celebrate the little one's baptism.

Carl's family gathered again for Carl's 70th birthday, which might best be described as a birth-weekend. Festivities were made brighter by a surprise visit by Carl's daughter, who flew in from Massachusetts. Highlights included dinner at Texas de Brazil in Tampa and a birthday party at the home of Carl's son.



Between parties, Carl has been busy playing golf and pickleball. He recently joined his son and two old friends for a golf outing at The Golf Links of Charlotte Harbor.

It's always nice to welcome new

neighbors, and here at the Azores we're especially pleased to welcome Jim Rostick's sister-in-law, Anne Marie Davis. Anne Marie recently retired and made the wise decision to join Jim and his wife, Anne, at On Top of the World!

Anne and Jim have been enjoying short walks through Safety Harbor Park, where manatees, dolphins, and sea turtles are frequently spotted along the pier. The Rostick's give the park high ratings, so check it out.

Our building socials are always a big hit, thanks to our socials guru, Marie Pirrello. To celebrate Valentine's Day, fifteen Azoreans broke bread together at the Dunedin Golf Club, which offered a delicious special menu. In March, corned beef and the luck of the Irish were on the menu for at the Sunset Point Grill.



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Party time at the Mallorca Building

March came in with a bang and went out with one for us. It was party time in March.

We ended February with a hop, skip and a leap as it was a Leap Year day party. This was a potluck and White Elephant sale. The sale was a success. We got rid of some bric-a-brac that tends to accumulate in all those nooks and crannies, and the leftover items have been recycled to a local thrift shop. The food was delicious as usual and the fun was just that: lots of laughs and more. We held a 50/50 raffle which added monies to our party fund.

The next get-together was on St. Paddy's day which this report has to be in before the event, but I can assure you that again the fun was there as well as the corned beef and some Bailey's was thrown in for good measure.

"Wearin' of the green" took place for sure. This event was held on the back patio of Mary Beth and Dennis Devine's place.

And we ended the month with our usual golf outing and picnic behind Dick and Terry Kuplen and Rita and Jim Rudderham's units.

The picnic of burgers and dogs with the trimmings was on the patios not the golf course. We do eat a lot, don't we? And we laugh a lot and just plain have fun together.

We are looking forward to whatever Dick and Terry have planned for us before the Snowbirds fly north again.

Temporary Cancellation of Bible Study Club Meetings

The club usually meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Due to current national and local health safety concerns and the need for social distancing, these meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

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.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, (727) 772-3119 or Woodie Tully, (727) 399-1773.

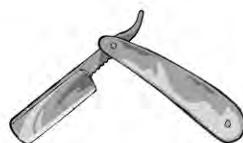
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OTOW Paradise resident is award-winning artist



Submitted by Elaine Miller

Butch Miller, a Paradise resident of the Rio Riviera building and a self-taught artist, was awarded the Clearwater Library Art Walk first place ribbon on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2020.

Butch has been painting as a hobby for many years, but only got serious when he moved to On Top of the World and joined the Artist Guild. This year he is also teaching the sketching class on Thursday afternoons.

His media of choice is acrylics. He is also interested in photography. During a recent trip to South Africa with his wife Elaine to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Butch took numerous photos of the wildlife there. Some of the photos were displayed at the March 1 Art Show.



Butch Miller stands by a display of his paintings and other work at the recent Clearwater Library Art Walk, at which he won a first-place ribbon.

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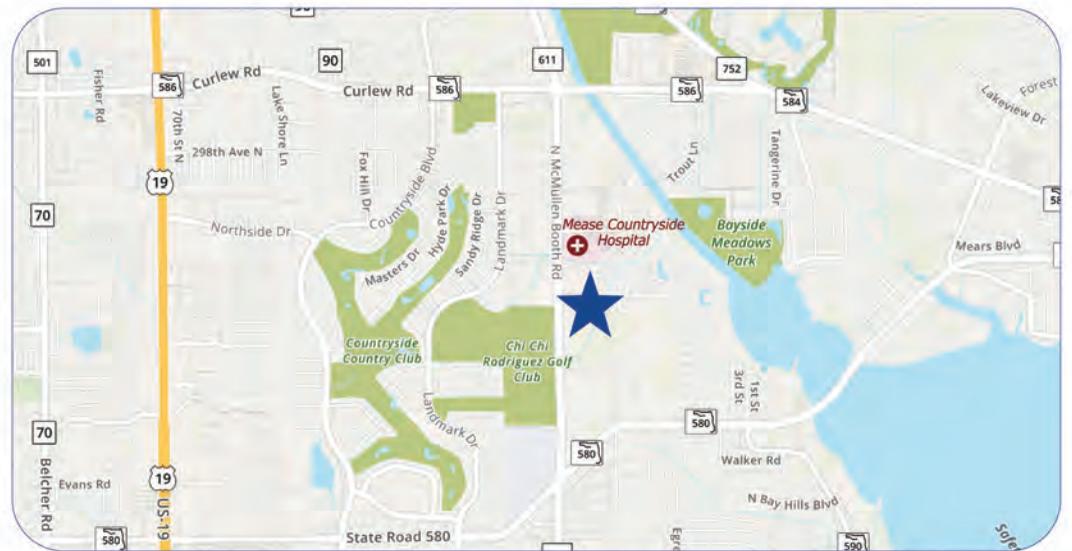


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New World French residents study their programs during the building's 'Day at the Races' outing at Tampa Bay Downs.

New World French residents enjoy day of horse racing

A group from the New World French Building decided to go the races at Tampa Bay Downs recently.

As you can see in the photo, they have been studying the racing forms on the programs (Wednesdays are free admission if you purchase a program.) They all had a great day, but there was only one winner in the group.

Recently a pizza party was held in the building so we could meet some of the new residents. It was chilly in the core and we were all wearing jackets to keep warm.

Audrey Fontaine, originally from Springfield Mass., was a Snowbird in Fort Myers, but moved to New World French to be near a good friend, and will now be a year-round resident.

Linda Herron is originally from



Philadelphia. She moved to Florida with her family in 1975, recently decided to downsize, and moved to on On Top of the World, where she, like Audrey, will be a year-round resident.

Building treasurer honored for 28 years of service

At our recent monthly meeting, we had a surprise thank-you celebration for long-time resident Rita Tombari, who has been our treasurer for over 28 years. We presented her two beautiful thank you cards and a delicious cake with strawberry filling.

Linda Tarka was nominated to take her place as treasurer and if no one else volunteers, a vote will be taken at our next meeting. Good luck, Linda!

Tom Tarka is our new building president. Congrats to him.

The Siboney Building hopes to have its annual picnic this spring. Please watch for information on the bulletin board. Games and great food will make this event a fun day. Please plan on attending.

Due to current national and local



health safety concerns, please consult our bulletin board for the date and time of the next building meeting and core party. Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Bohemia girls always find interesting things to do

The Bohemia Building girls closed out February with a night at the mall.

The mall, Westfield CountrySide, holds these game nights periodically. They offer bingo with gift card prizes, blackjack, trivia, putt-putt golf, snacks and refreshing beverages.

Having had such a good time, the girls registered for the March end of the month night out. Best part of these events, they are free and we have had winners.

The girls' day out group headed to Tampa's Union Depot to welcome home Maria Denehan from a cruise she had returned from. Maria was surprised by the overwhelming reception she received but what a good reason for a day out. It seemed only fitting that it still being March and Maria being a Denehan, an appropriate place for dinner was Irish 31 at Westshore Plaza.

The girls also took a trip to St. Petersburg to explore the History Museum, get a sneak peek of the new pier and lunch at the Birch and Vine.

March found our residents enjoying an Irish meal at O'Keefe's. This event drew a crowd of 40 residents, along with



surprise guests Sandy and Jim Foxworth from Atlanta.

Sandy is our building's cruise travel agent. She has been working with us for the past nine years. Being so far away, she enjoys coming to Florida to meet face to face with the clients that she talks with. We all agree she is pleasant to work with and always looks out for us.

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and our building is no exception, so we started St. Patrick's Day with a morning coffee. Everyone was in a festive mood, many sported green attire and all enjoyed the luscious treats.

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Luncheon held to honor a special Malaguena resident

On Thursday, March 12, a group of friends got together to honor a very special resident, Arlene Mansfield.

Pam Johansen hosted the event at her condo, which was attended by several of Arlene's Malaguena Building friends. The attendees were Phyllis King, Candice Peace, Beth Thomas, Arlene and her daughter Robin, Amity Dever, Sylvia Leubking and Janice Hahs. Pam's mother, JoAnne Spignarelli, who also lives in the building, was on hand to help out. We enjoyed a terrific lunch of quiche, salad, lemon bars and brownies. Of course, the conversation was animated with a healthy dose of laughter.

Back in 2014, when a few residents got together to form a social committee, Arlene was one of the original volunteers. It had been several years since the building had held social events so the committee was starting from scratch. The goal was to have more get-togethers for this large building with its two almost-separate wings.

Arlene has lived in the Malaguena Building since 2000, and considers it to be a very special place. She graciously volunteered to be the club treasurer. With



her background in banking, she was a natural for the job. She kept meticulous records and reconciled the account to the penny. At every meeting, and for every event, Arlene knew what we had in the bank and what our costs were. Several times she knocked on doors to collect building dues.

From that humble start six years ago, the committee successfully planned pizza parties, holiday dinners, Fourth of July potlucks, and back yard Oktoberfests. All with the confidence that Arlene was



Malaguena resident Arlene Mansfield was honored recently at OTOW. Attendees were (seated L to R): JoAnne Spignarelli, Candice Peace, Amity Dever, guest of honor Arlene Mansfield, Janice Hahs, M. Nawrocky. Back row: L to R: P. Johansen, Beth Thomas, Phyllis King, Robin Mansfield, Sylvia Leubking. (Photo by by Amity Dever)

our treasurer and our funds were in good hands.

In December of 2019, Arlene decided

to hand over the reins to John McDonald. Her steady, calm stewardship will be missed.

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Wayne Dubrawsky and his sisters visited the New Orleans WWII Museum during a recent trip to the "Big Easy." They are standing in the Victory Pavers area, in which is a paver dedicated to their father.

Quick trip to New Orleans was interesting, poignant

Wayne Dubrawsky, of French Renaissance II, along with his sisters, recently traveled to The National WW II Museum in New Orleans to see their father's Victory Paver.

The photo above, taken in the Campaigns of Courage building, is of Wayne with his sisters Donna to his right and Joan, standing with their father's paver that reads; "Sgt Emil Dubrawsky, USAF, Special Services, honoring our dad."

During their visit to the "Big Easy," they made time for souvenir shopping in the French Quarter. Then they enjoyed lunch at the renowned Pat O'Brien's bar where Wayne's sisters experienced sipping bar's signature Hurricane cocktail.

Before heading home the next day, they made a stop at the historic



Café Du Monde for a classic beignet and coffee.

Unfortunately, since the trip was not planned around the famous Mardi Gras, they did not bring home any beads.

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Mardi Gras celebrated at Emerald Isle in a big way

Our ever-so-active social committee welcomed in the Mardi Gras season with an outdoor party on the Sumatra side of our building on Feb 19. About 35 residents enjoyed appetizers, drinks and conversation.

Several neighbors brought their favorite snacks. This writer's sweet tooth was tempted by the chocolate brownies and the chocolate-covered strawberries.

Cheryl and Tom Butcher and Marge and Bill Gipperich just returned from a long weekend in New Orleans where they had a blast. They shared their Mardi Gras bounty with us by gifting everyone with Mardi Gras necklaces. Cheryl found a recipe for a favorite Mardi Gras dessert called a "king cake," which was quite delicious!

If the indicator for a good party is lots of food, this one sure took the cake, so to speak. As you can tell by the pictures,



it was a really fun time. Joe Seabrooke is enjoying the beverages. Longtime resident, Liz Buckley had a great time.

Upcoming events include our annual picnic in the Butcher's backyard. Looking forward to it. Check the bulletin board.



Longtime resident Liz Buckley, left, had a great time at the Emerald Isle Mardi Gras party, while Joe Seabrooke, right, enjoyed some beverages. (Photos by Mary Ann Nargi)

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OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart, Sprouts

Tuesday Mornings

Start time: 9 a.m.

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza and Sprouts.

Tuesday Midday

Start time: 12:30 p.m.

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

Wednesday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday

Start time: 11 a.m.

Destination: Aldi and CVS

Thursday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Publix

Thursday Midday

Start time: 11 a.m.

Destination: Publix

Friday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Walmart

Friday Midday

Start time: 11 a.m.

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.
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WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below.
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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SECRET WORD:

Last month's scrambled words: radio, organ, titans, Austin, rainbow, youtube. Secret word: rotary

OTOW NEWS CLASSIFIED ADS

This classified ad listing 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, building and unit number is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Drop off ads at the newspaper

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Women's bike, 26", paid \$400, almost new, includes helmet and bike pump \$299. 444-0574

Books & magazines; first American editions; clothing; household and kitchen items; lamps, pool cues, etc. Low prices, best offers. 791-1444

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• **Be sure to keep your dog hydrated.** •

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Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, On Top of the World residents featured in this newspaper have been 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 calls were a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork over 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 — not just 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.

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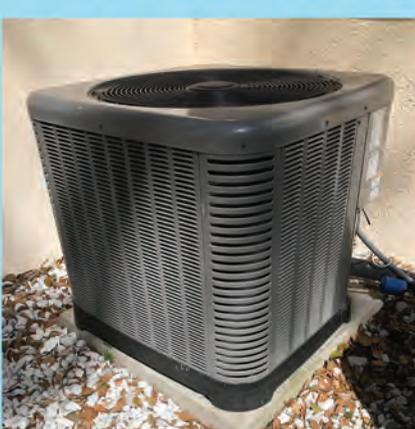
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