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Cindy McCarthy fields a clean ground out as Rick Champ races from first to second base. Backing up the defense are Henry Zussman and Bob O'Donohue. At right, Jim Kemp makes an over-the-shoulder catch. (Photos by Doug Kates)



## It's April, but this group has already worn out its gloves

By Doug Kates

Major League Baseball is just getting started. Where have they been?

The On Top of the World softball league has already thrown more than 14,000 pitches, recorded more than 800 hits and played some mornings in temperatures 10 degrees below the average player's age.

The season is almost over ... even the bright yellow softballs have been abused so much that they are starting to turn a little gray.

The pandemic didn't spoil softball season at Safety Harbor City Park. Between 5-6 players defended the outfield at a time, 5-6 more stopped every hard-hit grounder in the infield and everyone batted.

No one was ever left out and no one ever committed an error.

The perfect season is wrapping up soon.

On Top of the World softball is for men and

women who enjoy having a great time. Heck, some of them even dive for line drives or "wiggle" to avoid getting tagged out.

This season 2nd Time Sports bought the group new uniforms. Some players wore the old unis. Others wore the new ones. They all got dirty.

No team ever scores more than three runs an inning so there is never a blowout.

Each team supplies an umpire, so there are never any wrong calls.

And sure, it may take a while to run from first to second base, but eventually it does happen.

Balls are rarely hit over the outfield fence, runners rarely score from first on a single hit and pitchers are rarely replaced in the middle of an inning.

But while most of you are still drinking your first cup of coffee at 8 a.m., the sweat is already dripping in Safety Harbor.

For results from March, please turn to the sports section in this newspaper.



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# OTOW amenities returning to normal hours

## COVID-19 Updates and Safety Reminders

I am very pleased to announce that starting Friday, April 2, SCA is anticipating a change with amenity schedules and a return to normal operating hours.

It is necessary to keep some restrictions in place, such as wearing a mask while inside the SCA facilities, observing social distancing, and capacity restrictions will remain.

Additionally, no guests will be permitted to use the activity center and amenities, including the pools, due to occupancy restrictions.

### EAC and WAC

- The East and West Activity Centers hours of operation will return to a normal operating schedule of Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday and holidays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All capacity restrictions as well as restrictions for wearing a mask and social distancing will remain in place, and no guests will be permitted to use the activity center and amenities.

Hours for both pools and the Pavilion area will return to a regular schedule of Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Again, no guests permitted.

Masks, social distancing and capacity restrictions will remain in place.

### Fitness Center

- The Fitness Center will resume normal operating hours of Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday and holidays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with no guests allowed.

All other restrictions will remain in place, including wearing your mask.

### Golf Course

- Golf course restriction of no guests will be lifted and guests will be permitted starting on April 2.

Flags will be returned and cup covers removed. Masks and social distancing restrictions will remain in place.

- Guest tickets can be purchased at the real estate office.

### Other Outdoor Amenities

- Outdoor amenities, including tennis, pickleball, lawn bowls and the Pavilion Park will be open Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday and holidays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Dog Park will now be open from dawn to dusk. No guests allowed at this time. Masks and social distancing restrictions will remain in place. Shuffleboard and horseshoes will be open with mask and social distancing restrictions.

### Please Follow

- It is recommended that you bring your own hand sanitizer in the event SCA is not able to replenish its supply.

- Disruptions or noncompliance with rules is not permitted.

- Management reserves the right to ask any resident to leave the facility and not be permitted to return until the amenity opens unrestricted.

- Any violation of the posted amenity rules may result in the amenity needing to be closed.

- Disrespect of employees will not be tolerated and may result in your loss of privileges.

- Please practice patience. I know everyone is eager to return to life as it was, but we are all not there quite yet.

- Get vaccinated!

Residents will be responsible for their



## Community Update

own personal safety and for compliance with safety protocols. Please disinfect high-touch surfaces you may come into contact with, including pool chairs, sinks, showers and door handles both before and after use.

Disinfectant spray will be provided. We ask that you do not remove spray bottles from the facilities.

SCA staff will, at the end of each day, disinfect all rooms, showers and restrooms and all fitness equipment.

I would like to send my sincere thanks and appreciation for each of you doing your part to help defeat this COVID-19 coronavirus and for remaining patient while we cautiously navigate such uncharted territory. Thank you!

### Scammers Are At It Again

There are many ways in which someone can become the victim of a scam. Most often, you don't even realize this has happened to you until it's too late. Fortunately, there are many ways to protect yourself.

If you receive a call from a government agency, like the IRS, and they instruct you to wire transfer funds via Western Union or a MoneyGram, know that the IRS would never instruct you to utilize those types of payment methods, especially if or when an overseas bank is involved.

The caller may even tell you that they plan to send a police officer to your home to arrest you for non-payment of a tax debt!

They may ask you for a credit card number so you can pay your balance immediately to avoid incarceration. Again, this is fraudulent.

The IRS does not operate in that fashion.

Write down the number they are calling from, hang up the phone and report the incident to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department at the non-emergency number at 727-582-6200.

Most recently your Association was notified of a scam in which the caller appears to be calling from an On Top of the World phone number saying that the resident's social security number has been compromised.

Remember, never give out personal and sensitive information over the telephone unless you are very certain who you are speaking to. If you receive a "robo-call" from a telemarketing company, it is OK to "Just Say No" and even better if you just hang up the phone.

In addition to calling you, scammers may try to show up at your home. They may be posing as a home improvement contractor or a door-to-door sales person. They target seniors and those who may be living alone.

This practice is particularly high during times following severe weather events, when home repairs may be needed.

On Top of the World does not allow solicitors within the community so be sure you report them as soon as possible to the Com-

munity Service Office or you can call the Community Service Line at 727-683-6981.

Remember to get as much information as possible (including make and model of their vehicle and a tag number if you can do so safely), but never let them enter your home.

Sharing information with the Community Service Office in this way gives your Association the opportunity to work on removing these individuals from the property and also assists the Sheriff's Department.

### Don't Let This Happen to You

Recently, Management received a call from a local hospital requesting we reach out to a resident's emergency contact because sadly, her condition was rapidly deteriorating.

After checking our records, we determined there was no Association-approved owner or tenant of record at OTOW with the name provided to us by the hospital.

Searching the address, we were able to determine who owned the unit, but the phone numbers in our system were outdated. Time was of the essence, based on our conversation with the hospital.

Fortunately, we were able to finally reach one of the owner's emergency contacts. She confirmed the patient and her roommate were both tenants (unapproved by the Association) in the unit, but she had no other information.

We were back to square one with one exception, she provided a first name for two different individuals who she thought resided in the same building and may know something.

Management immediately went to work trying to locate an owner or a tenant in that particular building with the first names provided. Finally, contact was made with one of the individuals and she agreed to contact the resident's roommate.

This situation clearly demonstrates the importance of every occupant being approved by the Association and to always keep contact information up-to-date.

Updating your emergency contact list is an easy, quick process using the form printed in our newspaper or by visiting [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) and clicking on the Community Services page, selecting Community Service Office and scrolling down to the Emergency Contact Update Form.

Many, many precious minutes were spent in this instance trying to locate a loved one. We were very lucky that determination prevailed and the individual in the hospital wasn't alone. Please don't let this happen to you, update your emergency contact information regularly.

### Did You Know

It is very important to pay attention to "no parking" areas throughout the community. In particular, never park in and/or block bike lanes. Not only could this be a violation of the law, but it can be very dangerous to an unsuspecting bicycle rider.

Also, please do not park at the East Activity Center front entrance, under the awning. This area is a designated fire lane that must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

Also, for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, it is important to obey directional signage posted entering and exiting the parking lots. All parking lots are a one-way design.

If you ride a bicycle, please park and lock them appropriately. Bicycle racks are provided at the East and West Activity Centers. Please utilize these designated areas for

bicycle parking and never chain your bicycle to handicap signage, hand railings, or any community fencing.

### Community Service Office 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 and 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 or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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.

### OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to the [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) website and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll. You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited. Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say some warning may save your life!

# OTOW veterans asked if

It was a year ago this month I made the announcement that our community was closing its recreational facilities to stem the spread of COVID-19.

Now it is my pleasure to make mention of the success of the mass vaccination effort held in February and March 2021 at the East Activity Center.

It was a combination of persistence by Dessa Barabba of Parkway Maintenance and Management, LLC working with Pinellas County Health Department Director Dr. Ulyee Choe, Pinellas Emergency Management Services Assistant Director Mecca Serfustini, Michelle Scheidler and a bunch of very selfless and generous community-minded volunteers over at Master the Possibilities in Ocala that made this happen.

I also want to thank all the residents who participated in this vaccine drive for their patience and cooperation in helping this complicated effort run like clockwork.

## Calling All Florida WWII Veterans and Others

82West Productions is looking for persons with a connection to Florida during the war years.

It can be veterans who trained or were stationed in Florida, who worked in agriculture during the war, or anyone who has direct recollections of life in Florida during those difficult years and how it impacted their life.

The documentary will be about WWII Veterans, their service and contributions to the war effort.

This film will be narrated by acclaimed broadcaster Bill Kurtis and will weave together interviews with veterans and historians with archival footage and photos to tell the story of Florida's important contributions and innovations that helped the U.S. and our allies win the war.

On Top of the World is collaborating with Florida Veterans Foundation and 82West Productions by reaching out to residents in the OTOW communities who may fit those parameters.

I must also say the producers, 82 West Productions, are attempting to canvas the entire state for candidates who wish to tell their story of life in Florida during WWII.

The film "A State at War: Florida," once completed, will air on PBS stations throughout Florida. The goal is to have it ready to air for Veterans Day 2021. (It will then air several times a year, for many years to come.)

A recently produced 82West film, "A City At War: Chicago" premiered on PBS WTTW Chicago in 2017 and has aired on more than 104 PBS stations across the country, including 10 stations in Florida.

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

82West Productions is looking for individuals who either served, trained or lived in Florida during the lead-up to and/or during the war.

In addition to stories of military train-



ing in Florida, stories about scrap drives, volunteer organizations, victory gardens, industry jobs, agriculture, beach watchers, plane spotters, neighborhood blackouts, Florida POWs, would all contribute to the film.

Let us know if you have a story, photos or videos from that time. Or if you know of someone who does. Please provide as much detail as possible and don't forget to give us your name and contact information.

Reach out to 82West Productions one of two ways: Email: [WWII@82west.com](mailto:WWII@82west.com) or voicemail: (941) 212-0690. Please be sure to leave your name and best number to reach you.

If you would like to learn more about sponsorships or donations, all donations will benefit Florida veterans and are tax deductible. You may make any funding directly to the non-profit Florida Veterans Foundation, Suite 2107 The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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## 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 after hours call the Emergency Service telephone number with these concerns.

What happens next requires the cooperation of all impacted parties.

The Management Company maintains a 24-hour presence on the property which enables a rapid response to at least determine the scope of the problem

## *It's 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 page 6 is a checklist of things to do before leaving on an extended trip. Please review before you go.

and to begin to execute 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 be called in to address a failing air conditioning system.

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

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

The Declaration affords the Association emergency rights of entry into any unit.

That said, this right is used very sparingly. In a few instances, such non-cooperation has been referred to legal counsel for action.

My purpose in writing this is to remind everyone that if you want good neighbors, be a good neighbor.

If a water leak occurs, allow Management Company personnel access into your condo to limit further damage to your neighbor's property. Depending on the source, it may be your obligation to address a repair promptly.

## Upcoming Projects

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

One of those improvement projects is the painting contractor's ongoing coating efforts at the On Top of the World Clearwater property.

The painting crews will continue their work on the west side in April with Build-

ings 82, 90 and 94 all receiving new front façade paint coatings.

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

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

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

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, Management Company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors. Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the Management Company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

## Paving, Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Asphalt improvements are anticipated to begin during the month of April with many main thoroughfares seeing paving improvements. A licensed contractor will be working in the east, west, and Paradise sections of property and utilizing road crew members to alert drivers of altered traffic patterns and temporary street closures.

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# they have a story to tell

The work is estimated to wrap up in the month of 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.

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.

A licensed roofing vendor under contract to the Management Company will begin the tear off and reroof process at building 54 sometime in late March/early April.

While weather hampered their processes in early February, the later part of the month allowed them to operate without many delays. This escalation in schedule due to good weather will mean that the residents at building 56 will most likely see the roofing contractor begin their materials staging and tear-off/replacement processes sometime during the month of April also.

Residents on both sides of buildings 54 and 56 should anticipate a temporary closure of their parking areas for up to two weeks. The same contractor will also begin shingle mansard replacement projects in the month with specialized crews arriving at buildings 72 and 89 to begin their scope of work.

As with all roofing projects, please observe the cordoned off safety areas and utilize the center core entrance on the building side that is open for pedestrian foot traffic. As always, safety is at the forefront of operations for the contractor and Management Company alike. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Railing Update

The licensed mechanical vendor who has been installing new code-compliant railing systems on the west side of property will be altering their schedule over the next 6-8 weeks.

The vendor will begin the installation of a decorative roofline element at build-

ing 84 in order to replace the masonry balusters that were taken down over the preceding months. This will alter the March start date for the project that was slated to begin at building 71 and move it into the month of April.

As with all large-scale projects, the contractor will be working in common areas with power tools which create elevated noise and dust levels. Because of the nature of this work, residents are asked to avoid active work zones. Please help us make safety a number one priority in the community. Thanks for your assistance!

## Recurring Reminders for All Community Residents

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

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the Management Company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

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

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

## Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

The Management Company reminds residents that all water softening equip-

ment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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

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.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The Management Company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

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

These obstructions present a life-safety concern, as they may block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The Management Company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents, and may not be used within 10 feet of the building.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please

correct the issue immediately.

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

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

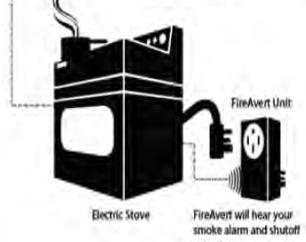
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**CHECKLIST**  
**THINGS TO DO**  
**BEFORE LEAVING ON**  
**AN EXTENDED TRIP**

- Leave your contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of 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 your air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing on a trip. This includes a drain line flush, which should be done at least twice a year anyway to prevent condensation from flooding your home and any unit beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set at between 78 F to 80 F and 50-55%. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevents the occurrence of mold or mildew. Do not put out pans of cat litter or charcoal. This does not work.
- 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!

## Florida Bike Month Quiz Answers

March was Florida Bike Month and there was a quiz in Nancy Rogers' column in the March newspaper.

Below are the answers to the quiz questions:

1. **Bicycles are legal vehicles. Which is NOT true of bicycling?**  
 -> a. **People are required to register bicycles just like motor vehicles.**  
 b. People riding bicycles must obey all traffic signs and signals.  
 c. Bicyclists may ride on the sidewalks in Florida, except in specific areas prohibited by local ordinances.

(Bicyclists are not required to be registered. However, many local cities and law enforcement agencies have a bike registry in the event your bicycle is lost or stolen.)

2. **Which direction should bicyclists ride when riding on the roadway?**  
 a. Ride against the flow of traffic.  
 -> b. **Ride with the flow of traffic.**  
 c. Bicyclists may ride in either direction.

(As a legal vehicle, a bicycle must be ridden with the flow of traffic. Also, motor vehicle drivers coming from parking lots and side streets tend to look left before pulling onto a road, and may not see a bicyclist riding the wrong direction.)

3. **Two bicyclists can ride side by side on the road...**  
 a. Never. It is illegal for two bicyclists to ride side by side.  
 b. Whenever riding together in a group of ten or more.  
 -> c. **When they aren't impeding the reasonable flow of traffic.**

(Bicyclists may ride side by side if a road is too narrow for a motorist and a bicyclist to ride side by side. Bicyclists – if traffic starts to back up behind you, ride single file if it is safe to do so.)

4. **When riding at night, people riding bicycles must have:**  
 a. A front white light.  
 -> b. **A front white light, red rear light and reflectors.**  
 c. Any kind of light to make themselves visible.

(These are the minimum lights required by law, however, any additional lighting you have (spoke lights, helmet lights, etc.) is allowable.)

5. **What do you think a "Share the Road" sign is telling you to do?**  
 -> a. **Motorists should share the road with bicyclists.**  
 b. Bicyclists should share the road with motorists.  
 c. Motorists and bicyclists should share the road equally.

(A motor vehicle is a heavy, wide metal cage. A bicycle is narrow and thin. They do not take up equal space on the road.)

6. **When might you expect a bicyclist to "take the lane" (ride in the center of the lane instead of to the right or in a bike lane)?**  
 a. When making a left turn  
 b. When cars are parked along the curb.  
 c. When approaching an intersection.  
 -> d. **All of the above.**

(Bicyclists can make left turns the same as motor vehicle drivers. They may also ride out in the middle of the lane to avoid being "doored" by cars parked on a curb. Riding in the middle of the road when crossing an intersection makes a rider more visible.)

7. **How much space is a motorist required to leave between their vehicle and a person riding a bicycle when passing?**  
 a. Two feet.  
 -> b. **Three feet.**  
 c. Five feet.

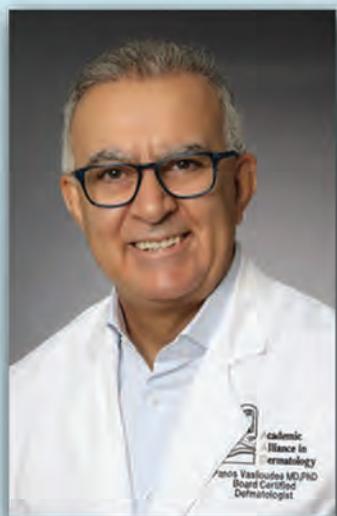
(The minimum required by law is three feet, but the more space you can give a bicyclist when passing them the better.)

8. **You are driving a motor vehicle alongside a bicyclist, and you both are approaching an intersection, where you want to make a right turn. Cross traffic has a stop sign, but you do not. To make a right turn, you should...**  
 a. Speed up and complete the right turn before the bicyclist reaches the intersection.  
 -> b. **Slow down, drive behind the bicyclist, and turn right after the bicyclist is safely through the intersection.**

(As your rearview mirror says, "Objects in mirror may be closer than they appear." A common type of crash is called a right-hook, where the motorist turns in front of a bicyclist, causing the bicyclist to crash into them. In this case, you could be cited for failing to yield. Even if you do not directly cause a crash, turning in front of the bicyclist blocks them from being seen by traffic coming from other directions.)

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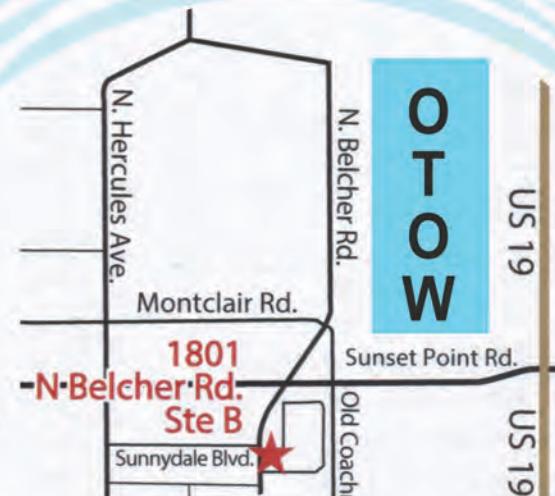
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# Don't be a victim of contractor fraud

**By Dessa Barabba**

Contractor fraud is on the rise.

If you plan on receiving bids from a contractor, remember to get multiple bids from reputable contractors so you can make an economical and informed decision.

The following information is from the Pinellas County Consumer Protection website at [www.pinellascountny.org/consumer/Contracting](http://www.pinellascountny.org/consumer/Contracting). It states, in part, "The following construction and home improvement contractors are required to be licensed or registered with the Pinellas Construction Licensing Board and may be applicable to your needs. This is not a full list, that of which can be obtained from the above website:

## Contractors: Specialty Contractors

Alarm System Contractor

Asbestos

Class "A" Air Conditioning

Class "B" Air Conditioning

Class "C" Air Conditioning

Electrical

General

Lightning

Plumbing

Windows

Awning

Cabinet

Carpentry

Finish Carpentry

Shutter / Opening Protection

Specialty Structure (includes Aluminum)

Tile and Marble

If you have any questions about any of the procedures mentioned here, contact the Pinellas County Office of Consumer Protection at (727) 464-6200.

- All work should be specifically stated in the contract.

- An approximate starting and completion date should be included.

- All warranties including labor and materials should be addressed.

- A payment schedule should be contained in the contract.

- Do not give a large deposit before the beginning of work and do not pay the balance until completion.

- A three-day right to cancel rarely applies to home improvement contracts.

- Do not sign a blank contract or one containing blank spaces.

- Watch for non-refundable deposits.

## Things to Remember

- Home improvement contractors of various skills must be licensed with the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. The license number must be displayed on advertising as well as on contracts. You can verify a contractor's license number and check any complaints by contacting the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board at (727) 582-3100.

- Check with the Office of Consumer Protection at (727) 464-6200 to determine the number of complaints against a business.

- Ask the contractor for references and follow through with verifying them.

- Never deal with anyone who solicits or appears at your home unannounced.

- Obtain a minimum of two bids for the work to be done.

Note: If you obtain a building permit for an unlicensed activity, you are held responsible for the work, not the contractor, and you may be prosecuted in court for aiding and abetting an unlicensed contractor."

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Grills 5, 6 and 7 are clearly marked. All other grills still require a reservation prior to use. Do not leave grills unattended. A maximum of 4 residents is recommended at each grill and picnic table. Do not attempt to remove hot coals. Do not use gasoline, kerosene or any other highly volatile fluid for a starter. In case of an emergency, a water hose is available. SCA will monitor the grills and handle all grill-related maintenance. Residents must clean up debris on the ground and wipe down tables.

# OTOW Community Activities Calendar

## East Activity Center

### Crystal Beach Room

Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00

Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00

Pray For America: Saturdays, 10:00-12:00

Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, April 15, 10:00-12:00

### Largo Room

Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00-9:00

World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00-2:00

TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00

Good Neighbors board: Friday, April 9, 10:00-12:00

### Clearwater Room

Ceramics: Thursdays, 9:00-2:00

Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 to 12:00

### Woodshop

Mondays, Tuesdays 8 am-2 pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 8 am-4 pm

Socrates Café will be meeting on Zoom.

# April 2021



## West Activity Center

### Belleair Room

Chair Zumba: Mondays 11:30-12:30, Thursdays 9-9:45

Zumba: Tuesdays, Fridays, 9:00-10:00

Gold Zumba: Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00-1:00

Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursday, 10:45-2:00

## Pavilion

### Democratic Club

Thursday, April 8, 12:30-2:00

Jesters Club: Movie Shoots (Dates to be announced)

Tennis Assoc. Board Meeting: April 3, 10 am-2 pm

Press Association Thursday, April 1, 12 pm, Philippe Park

Veterans Group Monday, April 19, 11-3, Philippe Park

## Sports

### Pickleball

Tuesdays 11:00 am - 2 pm

Wed, Thu, Fri 4 - 7 pm / Sundays 9-12

Tennis: Club meets - Mon-Sat, 7:30-11 am

Tennis Courts open to all residents

7 am-10 pm weekdays, 9 am-9 pm weekends

Billiards Room is open for non-league play

# Who has the right to know what is in a will?

Hi everybody. It's Rachel Wagoner.

I want to inform you what scammers are now doing.

Scammers are using emails, text messages and even telephone calls to tell you that for a fee they can get you on the vaccine list so you can be someone who gets the vaccine quickly.

Or, maybe they say the U.S. government intends to send you funds to pay for your vaccine, but you need to sign up for a vaccine supplemental payment that will go straight to your bank account.

Of course, they will need your bank account numbers.

Need I say more?

If someone wants bank account information, it's a scam.

And while I am on the subject, if someone wants you to go to Target and buy some kind of gift card, that too is a scam.

Please be cautious.

## Who should be present during a will signing?

A while ago, I met with an 88-year-old client to discuss a matter where my client's daughter (from a first marriage) was threatening to sue to find out what the client's will provided.

I believe the daughter's husband prompted the daughter's action.

Apparently, the son-in-law or the daughter had concluded that the mother had changed her prior will and had "cut out" the daughter from her "inheritance."

Therefore, the daughter threatened to sue to find out what was in the will and to prevent my client from changing anything that removed the daughter from receiving a "full share."

However, my client brought her son with her to our meeting. He was from a different relationship or marriage than the daughter. However, since the mother had brought her son into our meeting, I considered that I had an ethical problem to



confront. The reason was that I did not know if the mother had been influenced by her son to do whatever she did with regard to her will.

I mentioned this and the son told me that he, himself, did not know what was included in the mother's will. The reason he came with her was that she no longer drives and doesn't have a car.

His answer did not solve my ethical problem. The client and I agreed that she would reschedule her appointment and she would have a neighbor bring her, next time.

The point I want to make is that consideration should be taken in bringing a child to a meeting on estate planning, especially when not all children are equally included in the will (or trust).

This causes a question of undue influence.

Can one child influence a parent in ways that are detrimental to other children of the family?

I know that my law partner, Jerry Colen, and I are always concerned when someone other than the client comes into an appointment.

I think other lawyers probably feel the same.

Some lawyers might refuse to let a child or advisor into an estate planning

meeting. We are not comfortable with that, but we are willing to obtain more facts before deciding whether the child can remain in the meeting.

By the way, just because someone thinks they are, or might be added to or removed from a will, does not give that person any right to see what is in the will. Nor can a person be prevented from changing his or her will whenever he or she wants to do it.

So, in the case I just explained, when I met again with my client, I put her mind at ease and nothing further happened.

Have you ever wondered who can be the personal representative of an estate?

If so, you are not alone. We get tons of questions about that subject.

Many personal representatives come from folks who feel that they have no one for that role.

In Florida, the following persons can qualify to be the personal representative of someone's estate:

(1). Any Florida resident over the age of 18 who is not a convicted felon and who has not been determined incapacitated and thus unable to handle the work of being a personal representative.

(2). If the person is not a Florida resident then they must be a blood relative or the spouse of a blood relative, including adopted, over the age of 18, not a convicted felon.

Thus, a child or a niece or nephew, neither of whom are Florida residents, can certainly qualify.

What about that bank or trust company?

Yes, if they have trust powers in Florida. No, if they don't.

What about your lifelong friend, who is not a blood or adopted relation, is also not a Florida resident?

No.

What about your spouse's favorite niece who is not a Florida resident, but you love and trust her?

Well, although your spouse's niece could qualify to be your spouse's personal representative, unless she's a Florida resident she cannot qualify for you.

However, here's something that is interesting. This only applies to being the personal representative of a will. Thus, that special niece who is of your spouse's blood, but not your blood, and who is not a Florida resident, can indeed be the agent under your durable power of attorney and can be your health care surrogate under your Advance Directive and can even be the Trustee or Successor Trustee under a living trust.

Wishing you all the best and please stay safe.

- Rachel

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# The only OTOW News writer with an Emmy

Walter Balderson is an Emmy Award winning television editor who is famous for being one of the first in his business to use color recording technology for television and instant replay technology in TV sports.

He will be 95 years old this September and lives at On Top of the World in Clearwater.

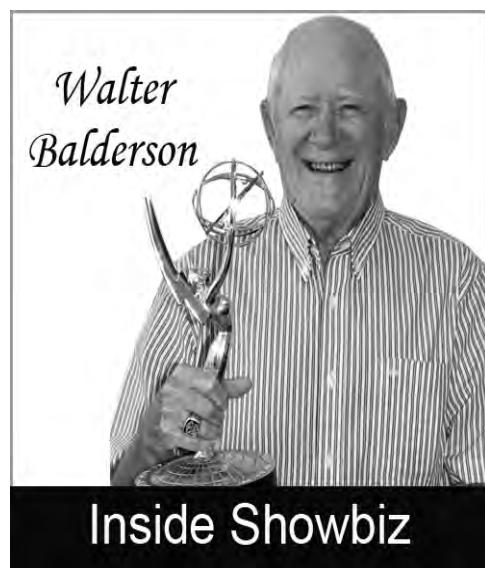
He is an 11-year columnist for OTOW News and has written nearly 140 entertainment articles taking residents back in time to the 1930s, '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s.

Some of his articles are written based on his own experiences with famous entertainers. Other stories are from hours of research on the internet.

But this column is about Walter ... and he's going to be surprised.

Walter was born in 1926, a native of Virginia.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served aboard the USS George K. MacKenzie. After a two-year tour, he studied ra-



dio and television - a career which began in 1949. He would spend 35 years with the NBC television network.

Walter helped film celebrity specials and document historical political news events.

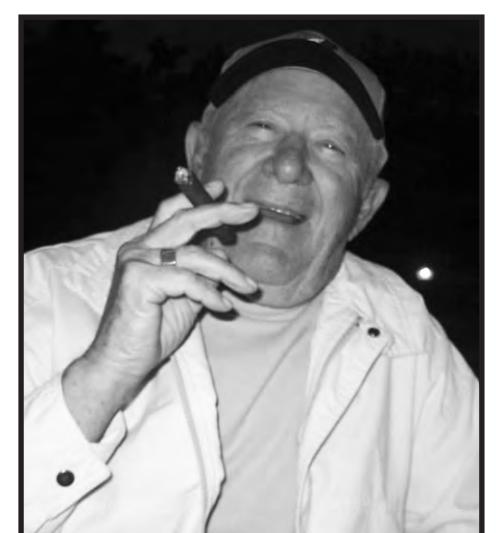
In 1953 he was the only cameraman allowed inside the White House when Dwight D. Eisenhower met with outgoing President Harry S. Truman. Walter's job was to send photos of that event to all TV news affiliates, including CBS and ABC.

Walter was a TV cameraman when NBC filmed its first special in color - a Bob Hope Special in the early 1950s.

He became a film editor on NBC Nightly News featuring John Chancellor and Tom Brokaw. He became a film engineer for such shows as Perry Como and the Tonight Show.

Television began using instant replay in the 1960s. During this period, he was one of the first videotape editors and his skills were used in World Series action, NFL and college football, and the 1972 winter Olympics in Japan.

In addition to "winning" an Emmy in 1977, he was also "nominated" for an Emmy in 1973. Walter finally retired in 1984, but is still writing for us!



**Walter Balderson**  
(This column was written by Editor Doug Kates. Walter Balderson has been writing this column for nearly 12 years, but this one is on him! He had no idea.)  
Sources: Wikipedia, Westmoreland News, Emmy Awards, Walter's Facebook Page.

**April 2021**

# Master the Possibilities




## Pre-Recorded Content from Ocala

### Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

**Instructor: Dee Collier**

Can you imagine hospitals with dirty sheets and bandages? Or cesspools of water used on patients? All these conditions and more were common before Florence Nightingale made radical changes in the nursing profession.

Dee Collier will again be joining us as a living historian, presenting the life of Florence Nightingale in full costume.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### What You Need to Know About Long Term Care

**Instructor: Susan M. Wolfe**

People explore long term care for many reasons. Some don't want to use their own assets to pay for long term care. Others want to be sure they can choose the type of care they will receive. Many don't want their family paying, or don't want to go on Medicaid. Long term care may not be right for everyone, so exploring all options is what this course is about.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### Susan B. Anthony: A Historic Interpretation

**Instructor: Dee Collier**

Susan B. Anthony was an American social reformer who played a pivotal role in the women's suffrage movement in the early 1900s. She also advocated for the abolition of slavery when she was only 17 years old. Join Dee Collier as she portrays this legendary historical character. Come ready to ask her questions about Anthony's life.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### Forgotten Killer- The 1918 Flu Pandemic

**Instructor: Bryant Shaw Ph.D.**

In just over a year, the 1918 flu killed 675,000 Americans- more than all US battle deaths in WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam combined. Global death estimates range from 50-100 million. Where did the flu start? How did it spread? How did Americans cope? What were the repercussions for America and the world? These and related issues are the focus of this presentation/discussion.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### The Scopes Monkey Trial - The True Story

**Instructor: Jerry Colen**

Many remember the story of the Scopes Monkey Trial from the movie "Inherit the Wind." But the reality of the events is far from that story. Jerry Colen explains, through his historical research, that the entire affair was little more than a publicity stunt designed to get the attention of the nation focused on a small town.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### Understanding Vladimir Putin And Russia Under Putin

**Instructor: Frank DiPiero**

In order to understand Russia today, it is necessary to understand Vladimir Putin: What motivates him? How does he operate? What are his goals? What makes him tick?

The answers to these questions will help us to make sense of the US - Russian relationship of the past 20 years and what the future of our relationship might be.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### Russian Hybrid Warfare and its Implications for NATO and The United States

**Instructor: Frank DiPiero**

Russia has been employing 'hybrid warfare' against her neighbors (most notably Ukraine), Western Europe, NATO and the United States. Learn what hybrid warfare consists of and how Russia is using it to achieve her strategic goals. Through the Kremlin's use of a hybrid strategy, Russia now poses an alarming security threat to NATO and to the U.S.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### China and the United States

**Instructor: Frank DiPiero**

Relations between the United States and China are arguably the most important bilateral relationship in world affairs in the 21st century. China's global economic importance and rising political and military power have come about during the time that the United States became the sole superpower.

Whether the two powers will support international peace and development and pursue more cooperative ties, or will become antagonistic as their interests compete, or will pursue some other path in world affairs is the subject of ongoing debate among specialists and policy makers in both countries. This presentation will look at the relationship between these two countries as it was, how it is now, and what it may become in the future.

**Course Fee: \$2**

### The Atlantic Slave Trade's Supply Side: A View from Africa

**Instructor: Bryant Shaw Ph.D.**

We often view the trans-Atlantic slave trade from an American point of view - but what did the trade look like from the African side? This presentation highlights the influence of geography, disease and other factors that made slavery and the slave trade possible - and profitable - within Africa itself. It also raises intriguing questions regarding "race" and racism in our contemporary world.

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## *Hours extended at activity centers, pools*

# We're getting a little closer to normal

With more daylight to enjoy, what a great time to have the Activity Centers and recreational areas fully open again!

What are those regular hours of operation, you ask? They are posted in the green box to the right.

Your next question is likely to be, "what does this mean in terms of meeting again, holding events, opening up for Monday and Thursday ticket sales and restrictions?"

At this time, all restrictions, including those related to capacity will remain in place.

As a reminder, residents and staff must continue to social distance at 6 feet, wear masks and follow the room capacity limits that have been in place since the pandemic began.

Please call or email me with any further questions.

For further updates, I highly recommend that all residents sign up for OTOW Alerts, powered by RAVE, at the OTOW website [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com).

Updates also will be posted on the website home page, Nancy's Bulletin Board and OTOW-TV Channel 732.

### Club Forms Must Be Filled Out

If you have not already done so, please stop in the Activity Office or



### Events & Activities

Community Service Office to pick up your annual SCA Health and Recreation Club forms, or you can print out the forms from the OTOW website: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com).

Go to the "Community Activities" tab, click on "Forms" and then "SCA Annual Club Forms."

This is an annual requirement in order to maintain your status as an OTOW club or activity through 2021.

Please contact me to set an appointment so that we can review your completed packet together before you submit it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 727-799-2734 or email me at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com).

## Amenity Hours In April

### East and West Activity Centers

Monday – Saturday: 7 am – 10 pm  
Sundays and Holidays: 9 am – 9 pm

### Swimming Pools

Monday – Saturday: 8 am – 6:30 pm (October – April)  
Monday – Saturday: 8 am – 8 pm (May – September)  
Sunday and Holidays: 9 am – 8 pm (May – September)

### Spa

Tuesday - Sunday and Holidays: 9 am – 8 pm  
Mondays: Closed for cleaning

### Fitness Center

Monday – Saturday: 7 am – 9 pm  
Sunday and Holidays: 9 am – 8 pm  
Monday & Thursday 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Closed for cleaning)

### Master the Possibilities Offers

#### Full Library of Recorded Classes

For your convenience, and until we fully reopen for in-person classes, Master the Possibilities has opened up their entire library of prerecorded classes to Clearwater residents.

This is a great option because once registered the classes can be viewed any time.

The discounted fee will be \$2 per

class. Please see page 10 for a list of available classes and follow the registration instructions on the page.

### Good Karma Café

Starting anew is the plan for our Good Karma Café when it fully reopens. Please tell us what you would like to see on our shelves. Help us by completing the survey below by April 30 and return to the Community Service Office.

## Answers to last month's bicycle safety quiz can be found on page 6

# Good Karma Café SURVEY

### What simple products would you like to see sold at the Good Karma Café?

Below are a list of common products you will find in a typical store.

Put an X next to each product you would purchase at wholesale prices if they were sold at our café.

\* List specific items or brand names in the extra spaces provided. \*

Please return this form to the Community Service Office by April 30, 2021



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Paper Products:	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Pet Food:	_____
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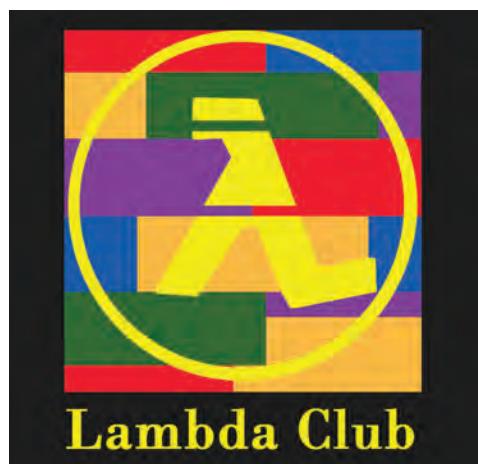
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Lambda keeps a positive attitude with socials, exercise, themed-events and a ton of food



By Bruce Lovett

It has been said that there are only two guarantees in life - death and taxes.

Well, if you are a member of the Lambda Club you can add two more things to that list - food and walking.

In July of 2009, club founder, chief executive officer and Lambda guru Dave Beaven decided to start a club that catered to the needs of On Top of The World's LGBT community and their neighbors and friends.

At the time, there were only two clearly thought out events to present to the initial members. One was a monthly-themed social to revolve around food and the other was a weekly walking group.

You see, Dave is a walker. He not only does it to reach a destination, he does it to exercise, meditate and socialize.

There probably isn't one inch of OTOW, both east and west sides, that Dave hasn't trod upon one time or another.

Even if you've never met the man, chances are good you have come across him, or at least seen him, on one of his many thousand walks around the complex.

Consequently, it is only natural that walking would be incorporated into the Lambda mandate. And now, with the current world situation, it is the only constant in the Lambda organization.

Originally, club walks were within the confines of OTOW. Soon after the club originated, the dog days of summer arrived, and the group moved to the Countryside Mall where they could stroll



The outlaws above are having a good time at Philippe Park despite all the chaos in the world around them. This was a recent Lamda Club social in the great outdoors.

leisurely in air conditioning. After a good walk, we would retire to the food court for a snack or coffee.

Dave was still working full-time so the walks were usually held on Tuesday or Thursday nights. Then Dave retired in December of 2016 and a whole new world opened.

Daytime walks became possible as did beach trips with lunches on the sand.

But at our core was still our monthly socials held on the second Friday of the month. Anywhere from 20-80 people got together to break bread at our infamous pot luck dinners.

April was always a wild west-themed event and food tended to center on simple cowboy fair, such as baked beans, jerk chicken and bologna sandwiches.

A bizarre mix of people dressed in

jeans and outlandish cowboy hats.

It was common to hear someone say, "How-dy."

Those nights normally ended early so we never had a repeat of the famous bean scene from "Blazing Saddles."

Well, the activity centers may be closed, but that hasn't stopped Dave from planning. He moved our events outdoors. Last spring and summer he organized a number of picnics at Philippe Park where we brought our own chairs and had to sit in groups of 10 or less to practice social distancing.

With vaccines on the rise, and the loosening of some restrictions, the pavilions are now available for use. Recently, nearly 30 people brown bagged it and either brought a lawn chair or utilized the picnic tables in an effort to return to

Dave's mandate of having a monthly affair revolving around food.

With 10 tables in a pavilion it was very easy to keep socially distant but still remain within talking (or yelling) distance.

And completely unintentionally, we fell back on our western theme. As the picture above shows, we didn't wear any good-guy white hats, but we all had our masks on and looked like a bunch of outlaws.

The only thing we stole was a good time.

Should you desire any further information about Lambda, go to our Web page at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

You can also check us out on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com, or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.



Due to a change in her previous owner's living situation, Kiki, a 10-year-old American shorthair, was in need of a new "fur-ever" home. Regina (Gina) Burke didn't hesitate to adopt something warm and furry. Turns out, they both enjoy the same TV shows on Netflix. It was a perfect match.

Gina and Kiki are residents of the Monaco building and are happy with their co-living arrangements.

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](mailto: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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# Tuesday morning drill sergeant retires from line dance instructing - she will be missed!

By Leila Walker

A line dance icon has decided to retire her dancing shoes!

Carol Babini has been line dancing for the past 12 years. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the On Top of the World Line Dance Club held a special celebration to recognize Carol's retirement from line dancing. We were there to celebrate "everything Carol" at least as far as line dancing goes.

Carol has been very dedicated to line dancing. She came every Tuesday to lead and teach dances. She marched in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade for several years.

Carol started line dancing under the tutelage of Sheila Bolster, who was the beginner line dance instructor at that time.

There were no stepsheets and music when Carol started her line dance career. Later, the music was first put on cassettes and even later CDs. Carol would go home after line dancing and write all the steps she could remember and each week would add more of what she could remember!

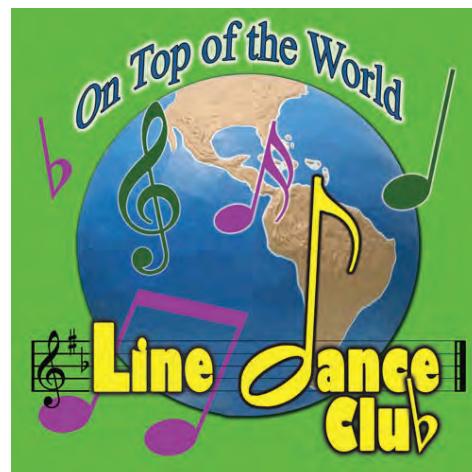
Carol quickly realized that she could not learn the dances by just attending the Tuesday classes. What did she do? She started her own 7 a.m. weekday class so she could practice. Soon others who wanted to practice the dances joined her.

Carol was known as the 7 a.m. drill sergeant, but she was a nice and fun drill sergeant.

She taught every dance that would be on the upcoming Tuesday program. Her students practiced and practiced until everyone knew the dances.

No student was ever left behind. In the East Activity Center Exercise Room, Carol could see the students in the mirror and kept an eye on what everyone was doing. She helped individual students having difficulty with certain steps and made sure everyone could do the dance before moving to a different dance.

Carol said constantly, "Know what your feet are doing."



Carol will be missed, but we wish her the very best in the new chapter of her life. Thank you Carol for all you have done for the OTOW Line Dance Club.

OTOW line dance instructors had a luncheon at BJ's on Wednesday, Feb. 10, with money given to them as a Christmas gift by the line dancers in the Tuesday classes.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the gift. We had a delicious meal and a wonderful time.

OTOW Line Dancing sessions are offered during the pandemic, but you must be registered for the session you want to attend. This is because we can only have 25 line dancers in the auditorium at one time.

The times for the OTOW line dance sessions are as follows:

On Tuesdays an Advanced Beginner session is being offered from 11 a.m. to noon in the EAC auditorium.

On Tuesdays an Improver Session for more experienced line dancers is being held from noon to 1 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

If you are interested in one of these sessions, you can register by contacting the club's president at [Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com](mailto:Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com) or text/call 443-845-7842.



Line Dance instructor Carol Babini received many gifts in February during her final day with the club. Many of the gifts were red and shaped like hearts.

## *Did you know your emotions can react to color?*

# It's all a matter of perspective

By Mary Slack Maynard

Have you ever looked at a piece of art, particularly a painting, and either loved it or disliked it, but you couldn't really say why?

Those who paint know that color can be tricky. We rarely find the exact color we want in the tube, so blending different colors to get the right hue is a challenge. With luck, or a color recipe book, we often find the perfect color. Other times we work with what we get.

I recently read an article that discussed how people perceive colors differently and how the use of color, particularly green, can lead to positive or negative emotions.



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The article referenced a study done by Israel Abramov, et al, originally published in *Biology of Sex Differences* volume 3,

Article number: 21 published: 04 September 2012.

For those not familiar with scientific articles, the "et al" means that there were a number of other researchers who did the research with Abramov, but that he was the primary researcher.

Scientific articles begin with an abstract, or a statement of what, how and why, and a conclusion.

The Abramov study examined differences in color perception between males and females who historically have perceived color differently. The study used color, but avoided objects of any particular color.

Under the methods section, the au-

thor states: "When the only permitted hue terms are red, yellow, green and blue, alone or in combination, such hue descriptions are language-independent and the hue and saturation values can be used to derive a wide range of color-discrimination functions."

Whew! The conclusion was that men and women perceive color differently, and that testosterone plays a role in how they view it.

Interesting, isn't it? Hormones can rule the way people view color?

For tips on perspective, please visit the Box Office website and click the link for the Art Guild. There is a link provided with more information.

# Knitting Group goes Hollywood - we made a video to teach you how to knit



## Knitting

By Cheryl Butcher

It reminds me of a Mickey Rooney movie where the kids get together and say, "Let's put on a show."

Only in this case, OTOW News Editor Doug Kates walks into a Knitting Group meeting and says, "Let's make a movie."

What?

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knitting Group had made plans to hold lessons to teach other residents how to knit.

Well, we didn't even get our first class in before our community went into a lockdown.

Doug knew our group of ladies were unable to hold our class and he knew there were residents in our community sitting home with little to do.

So Doug thought it would be a great idea to make a movie to teach beginning knitting.

Our club discussed it and eventually we all decided it would be a good idea.

One of our newer members, Marilyn Takesh, even volunteered to be the first



Marilyn Takesh will teach you how to knit a scarf.

teacher (a.k.a. our first movie star).

Over the next few weeks we turned over ideas on how to approach the movie, what stitches to highlight, what size needles to use, yarn color, ad infinitum.

The knitters in the group had wonderful suggestions, so a plan was made.

When Doug was ready, we began filming.

Our Knitters Group meets on Wednesdays in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Doug and Marilyn picked an afternoon after a regular knitting session to

film. We wanted to make sure any resident could understand the lesson - even someone who has never knitted before.

Marilyn described how to purchase yarn and needles. She demonstrated how to make the first knot, the first row and then several columns.

In the end she had made a new, red, knit scarf.

Doug edited the film, added some informational graphics and several members of our group reviewed it. We gave our critique and suggestions were made for changes.

Another taping occurred a couple of weeks later to redo some parts of the video and incorporate new ideas.

Finally, we think we created a high quality film that will get you started on your very first knitting project.

You will know how to "cast on" and work the "knit" stitch, and that will get you on the road to at least a beautiful scarf or something larger if you choose.

Plans are underway for other instructional films with more of the knitting stitches and beginning crochet.

If you watch the video, let someone from our group know what you thought of our efforts. Let us know if our knitting video helped you.

To watch the video, go to the On Top of the World Box Office website. The address is [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

From the home screen, click the white box entitled "The following clubs have a Web page on the Box Office." You will see the New York-New Jersey Club banner.

After you click, you will see logos for all the clubs here at OTOW who have updated their Web pages. Look for the yellow ball of yarn and click. You will instantly see the video. Just click and play. You can even pause the video to catch up.

Future videos will appear on the same web page.

If you have an interest in knitting or crocheting and would like to join our group, join us in the Crystal Beach Room on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.

We are operating within the guidelines set by On Top of the World so a mask and social distancing are required.

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

## Theater Workshop already planning 2022 show

By Laurie Fischer

Although Theater Workshop is not able to perform for our fellow On Top of the World residents this year, we are very excited about the future.

It looks like 2022 will be a great year for the return of musical theater to OTOW!

Whether you are a seasoned professional with decades of theatrical experience, or someone who has always wanted to appear on stage singing, dancing and acting with little or no experience, Theater Workshop has a place for you.

We emphasize fun and camaraderie as we put our musical shows together. If you are interested in joining Theater Workshop for the 2021/2022 season, please contact Laurie Fischer at [LBF1954@gmail.com](mailto:LBF1954@gmail.com).

We are currently looking for new and creative ideas as planning begins for our "comeback" show in March 2022.

Elections for our 2021/2022 board of directors were held during a general Zoom meeting on March 24 and our new board is already hard at work planning for next year.

All Theater Workshop members look forward to the time in the near future when we will be able entertain you live on stage and have you attend in person.

In the meantime, please stay safe and get vaccinated!



## Yoga with Marilyn class donates food



Yoga with Marilyn students held two collection drives in March. During the first fundraiser, the class raised \$100 and went out and bought food for Helping Hands food pantry. During the second fundraiser, another \$100 was collected and cash funds were directly given to the Dunedin Cares food pantry. In both cases, class instructor Marilyn Pashkowsky matched the donations of her students. Above is the class putting cash into the kitty for the second drive. From left to right are Sue Persorius, Charlie Fuller, Abby d'Oronzio, Brian Perry, Susan Wilkinson, Robert Harvey, Gary Gonzalez, Mary Marsden, Katherine Choi, Carmel LeBlanc, Camille Parisi, Fern Goldenberg and Marilyn Pashkowsky.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

# 90 people kept the presses rolling

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has limited activities at On Top of the World, residents still have been able to pick up and read the latest edition of OTOW News every month.

Not a single deadline has been missed thanks to an incredible news staff and dedicated advertisers.

During a normal 12-month period at On Top of the World, 100-120 residents normally contribute stories and photos, and proofread your community newspaper.

But despite so many clubs and activities taking time off for safety reasons, 90 people still made a contribution to the newspaper since April of last year.

"We have a great staff here at OTOW News," said Editor Doug Kates. "My staff never stopped looking for news and features in our community that are fun to read. Each newspaper we printed has had



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at least 40 stories which is simply amazing considering the circumstances."

Normally, in March or April, newspaper management holds a luncheon for

anyone who contributes three or more stories and attends three or more meetings over the course of 12 months.

But this year, things are different.

Doug said everyone needs to be appreciated who has contributed since the pandemic started.

The Press Association decided not to hold its traditional Appreciation Luncheon this year since many groups have not been active and it has been difficult to hold open meetings.

Instead, the group scheduled a picnic on Thursday, April 1, at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. The staff enjoyed a picnic-style luncheon with all safety guidelines still observed.

The newspaper purchased sandwiches and wraps for the staff. Hugs and handshakes were discouraged, but lawn chairs and walking shoes were recommended.

Everyone was welcome to stay as long as they wanted. This appreciation luncheon had no closing time.

"Due to safety guidelines and attendance restrictions, we had nowhere in our community to hold this luncheon," Doug said. "I asked the staff, 'what do you want to do?' Everyone said 'road trip.'"

The last regular monthly meeting of the season will take place 1 p.m., Thursday, May 6, in the East Activity Center auditorium. There will be no staff meetings in June or July unless one is held on Zoom.

May is the time the Press Association must elect officers for the 2021-22 season. Yvonne Courtney was president and Rose Pietrogallo was secretary for the prior 12 months. The vice president post was never filled. It would be nice if someone stepped up and volunteered to be vice president for the next 12 months.

## Everyone who contributed to OTOW News over the past 12 months!

Kathy Ahrens	Patrick Cullen-Davis	Gerri Jaeger	Bev Paulan	Joseph Spahalski
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Yvonne Courtney	Dave Hart (OTOW)	Sue Naylor	Edwina Schick	Guy Woolbright (OTOW)
Jo Dameron	Patrick Hayes	Irene Pappas	Patty Soriano (OTOW)	Anne Younger (OTOW)

## Veterans Group will hold a picnic on April 19 at Philippe Park

By Pam Rosenblatt  
Hey Boo Boo. Let's go get us a picnic basket!

The On Top of the World Veterans Group has reserved Shelter No. 5 at Phillippe Park in Safety Harbor on Monday, April 19 between the hours of 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This will be a "bring your own picnic basket" event.

For your enjoyment the Veterans Group will be providing water and individually wrapped snacks. This will be an opportunity for our veterans to get some fresh air, socialize and enjoy nature.

There is a covered



pavilion area with ample tables and seating available. Charcoal barbecue grills are available for your usage and restrooms are nearby.

Come on out and say "Hey Boo Boo" to all your fellow veterans.

Please remember that masks and social distancing are required by Pinellas

County and no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.

On another note, one of our veterans, Jerry Kaplan, has offered to host and bring back Sunset at the Fishing Pier on the West Side. You can find Jerry at the Fishing Pier on Wednesday nights one hour before sunset. He started on March 17 and plans on making it a weekly event.

This is yet another peaceful opportunity to reminisce, socialize and enjoy our breath-taking sunsets. Be sure to bring a chair, insect repellent and your own refreshments

## Fixers announce new officers

By Candice Best

My favorite toy as a kid was my brother's erector set. Since about age 5, I was hooked on building things. Fifty years later I'm still building things! This time with wood.

Joining the On Top of the World wood shop has given me a creative outlet that I thoroughly enjoy. Woodworking at home during this pandemic saved my life. Making toys for donation is not only fun, but is helping our community.

In January, the Fixers Club elected new officers for 2021. They are President Jim Calamas, Vice President Loyd Cunningham, Treasurer Bob Patrick, Secretary Judy Boshayak, Assistant Secretary Candice Best and Trustee Henry Santos.

If you are interested in joining the wood shop, we are open Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The yearly fee is \$35.

The wood shop has just about any tool you'll need, so it's well worth the fee. We are also happy to help repair any wooden items you may have in your condo.

Lastly, on behalf of all the members of Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club, we would like to thank Bob Backlund for all his newspaper reports on the shop over the years. "Thank you Bob!"



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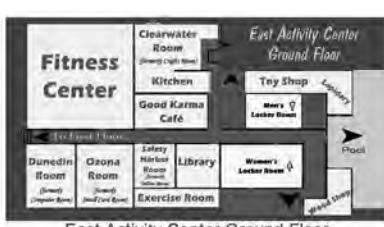
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# Canadian Club thinking positive - schedules Registration Night and wine/cheese social for Nov. 17

By Connie Stanley

On behalf of the Canadian Club to all our members scattered across the globe, "Happy Easter" and "Bonne Pâques."

Hoping all your Easter egg hunts are fun for you and your little ones. Have joyous celebrations and enjoy some tasty hot cross buns and chocolate!

I am pleased to announce that the Canadian Club Constitution and By-Laws were approved by our membership and are now posted on our official website at: <https://www.otowcanadianclub.net>.

Special thanks to Past President Laurie Fischer, who convened the Nominating Committee, along with John Wigle and Rollie Lapointe (both past presidents) for the collection of nominees for the election of our new Executive Committee.

Thank you one and all who voted for the Executive Committee officers. Voting took place online through the OTOW Box Office website between March 8–12.

Happy to announce the following great team was elected:

- Past President – Laurie Fischer
- Vice President – Richard McLaughlan
- Registrar – Gary Seymour
- Secretary – Susan Cober
- Treasurer – Ken Campbell
- Ticket Sales Coordinator – Lydia Côté
- President – Connie Stanley



## Canadian Club

I am very pleased to announce that Registration Night has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Gary Seymour and team will get to work getting everyone registered! The usual general announcements will follow as well. We are asking you sign up with Event Coordinators for some of the events already in the planning stages. A Wine and Cheese Social will follow. Please do not forget to sign up as a volunteer with Jackie Cornett Small. We also need volunteer coordinators!

Registration Night is always a great time to meet up and get reacquainted with old friends and make new acquaintances

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<b>Ken Campbell</b> <u>Treasurer</u>	<b>Jackie Cornett Small</b>	

in our club family!

Past President Laurie Fischer is the event coordinator for a proposed Christmas Dinner-Dance which is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 15 in the auditorium. The event will be catered by Steve Hicks - Catering Specialties and will include his traditionally wonderful Christmas menu with all the fixin's!

DJ Grant Hemond and Associates are

already confirmed!

Lydia Côté will be selling tickets for the dinner dance at Registration Night and also she will be running ticket sales on Monday and Thursday mornings in the EAC from Nov. 29 through Dec. 9.

So get your tickets!

Bear in mind that at this point, all OTOW proposed events and activities are tentative until restrictions are lifted.

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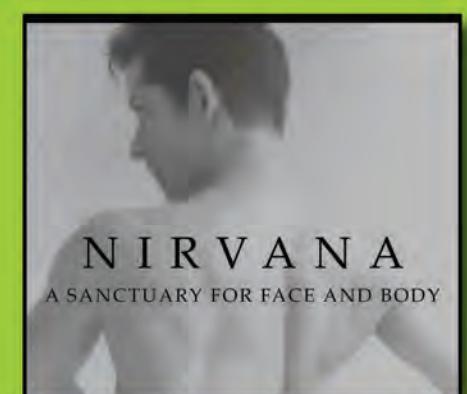


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# Republican Club members leave March meeting very proud to be an American

By Edwina Schick

The On Top of the World Ronald Reagan Republican Club filled every one of the 50 available seats to hear guest speaker Nick Adams at our March meeting.

We saw first hand why this motivational speaker is in such popular demand and felt honored to have him as our guest in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Everyone walked out of the room feeling such pride in being an American.

Adams reminded us, "America is still the greatest country in the history of the world."

Our April 8 meeting will begin at 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Our guest speaker is David Jenkins, president of "Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship," a national organization with more than 6000 members in Florida.

David will be speaking about conservatism and environmental issues. He has been instrumental in numerous organizational and legislative accomplishments.

David has written and spoken extensively about many of today's most pressing environmental issues: conservatism, our nation's conservation heritage and American politics.



## Republican Club

Prior to Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship, David was the American Canoe Association's Director of Conservation and Public Policy for 10 years, and before that he was on the legislative staff for Senator Pete Domenici.

Currently, all club meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. A limit of 50 people at each meeting is still in place.

Please call 678-414-5300 to register to attend. Registrations are still on a first call, first served basis.

At the March meeting we welcomed 12 new members. We are still accepting more.



Nick Adams, author, was the guest speaker of On Top of the World Ronald Reagan Republican Club in March. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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# Did you know spring cleaning could speed up your computer?



## Computer Club

By Charlie Wood

Just like your condo, your computer needs a spring cleaning, too.

You might be surprised by the number of kilobytes, megabytes or even gigabytes of useless data slowing down your computer.

Well, you are in luck.

The On Top of the World Computer Club is hosting a spring cleaning event for all OTOW residents with a current activity card.

On April 14 and 15 the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center will be open by appointment only, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will be taking 30-minute appointments on the hour and half-hour with the last appointment at 1 p.m., to check and clean up your Windows-based laptop computer or tablet.

Appointments can be scheduled by emailing us at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com).

You can also request a drop-off appointment where you will be able to come and pick up your clean computer between 1:30-2 p.m.

Computer Club members will also be



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OTOW Learning Lab

Bring in your Windows-based computer for a spring cleaning checkup.

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available to answer your questions about the Computer Club and membership.

Perhaps you would like to learn how to clean up your own computer next time, how to "cut the cable" and your cable TV bill, how to use Google Docs and Sheets for free, and how to utilize "the cloud."

Our weekly Saturday morning club meetings are loaded with useful information and we always have time for the "How do I..." questions.

Also, remember that the WAC Learning Lab is open every Wednesday, by appointment, from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. for help with computer, tablet and smart phone issues and questions. Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app help. The

services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

Email us at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com) for an appointment or to learn more about the computer club.

### About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. 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, the club offers assistance to any OTOW resident with basic technology-related

questions or issues.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service, although the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com). Responses normally are made within 72 hours after the request is received.

Otherwise, for more information about the Computer Club, email us at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com), visit our website at [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com) or click our link in the OTOW Box Office - [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

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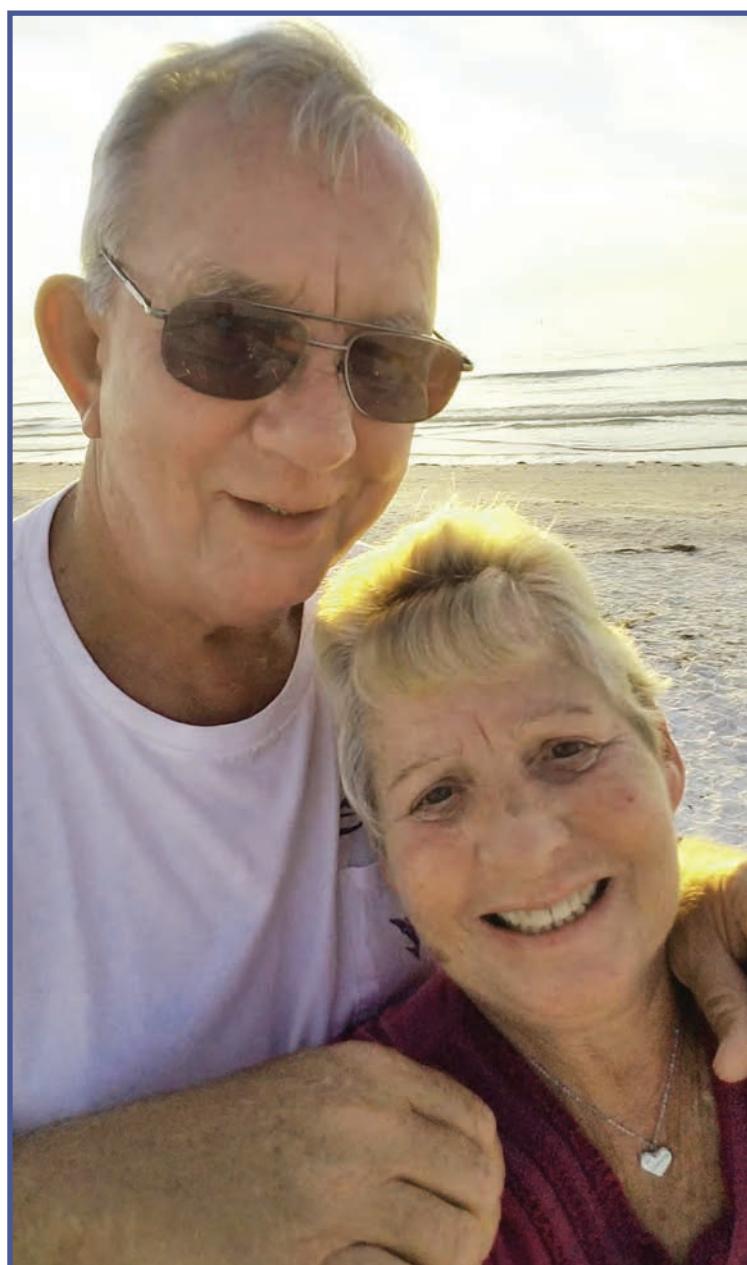
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Nick and Eileen Nelson selfie at the beach

## Lunch Bunch will be first to return for Travel Club

By Janice Berman

Look around and you will see some hopeful signs of spring.

In March we started Daylight Savings Time. The birds are singing and building nests. The squirrels are chasing each other around on the ground and up and down trees.

Many of our friends and neighbors have been vaccinated.

We are all a little closer to returning to the good old days when we could get together for lunches and day trips.

On Top of the World Travel Club President David Berman has been keeping in contact with Activities Director Nancy Rogers and we should be ready to resume activities as soon as allowed.

David is hopeful that Lunch Bunch will resume first and get us out to catch-up, mix and mingle.

Just the thought of it makes me smile!

Let me introduce you to Nick and Eileen Nelson, who have been Travel Club members since 2015.

Nick is always the first to pitch in when help is needed. I recently asked Eileen if they have a favorite place to walk. This was her answer:

"We try to walk every day. Usually, we walk at OTOW saying a distant 'hello' to people we see."

"One of our favorite parks is Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. During the shutdown we had friends staying in Clearwater for a month. Since the beaches closed a few days after they arrived, we found ourselves at Philippe Park with them."



## Travel Club

"This time of year, you can see the owls and their cute babies. It is easy to find owl nests because photographers are always there waiting for the perfect picture.

"Nick sometimes will fish and we will have a picnic. We have seen manatees and horseshoe crabs. Even got to dip in the water to cool off.

"We also watched for months as they dismantled and rebuilt four electric towers that stand in the water. We saw men dangling on wires that hung from the helicopters. We were fascinated by this work.

"Florida parks have many trails to take. We see something different each time. We have seen dolphins, manatees and all kinds of fish. Even witnessed turtles being released into the gulf.

"Nick and I really miss the Travel Club lunches, trips and seeing all our friends. Maybe Savannah in the fall!"

## Residents donate 80 containers of clothing, 414 pounds of food during one-day fundraiser

By Jo Dameron

The Good Neighbors Association food and clothing drive held on Saturday, March 13, was an overwhelming success for a one-day event.

We collected 60, 30-gallon bags of clothing and more than 20 bags and boxes of shoes, socks, purses and other miscellaneous items.

With the help of Jesse Tiamson's scale, we collected approximately 414 pounds of non-perishable food.

All clothing items went to the Shepherd Center in Tarpon Springs and will be given to those in need.

All the food went to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Clearwater.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Marilyn Pashkowsky's yoga group for providing us with \$100 worth of food items for donation.

We also received a generous \$50 check from a board members' neighbor. This will be used to purchase gasoline gift cards for Helping Hands



A truck from the Shepherd Center was on hand March 13 to receive donated clothing items from OTOW residents.

trucks.

Our volunteers play a huge role in any event we hold and we want to thank those who helped with this event, including Dila De la Paz, Petra

Gonzalez and Trudy and Ray Willis.

We also want to give a shout out to Nancy Rogers and the maintenance people for providing us with the signage, orange cones and safety

vests for a smooth traffic flow.

And finally, we want to give a heartfelt "thank you" to the residents of OTOW who graciously donated to our one-day event.

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# Clearwater Councilwoman brings residents up-to-date on city news



## Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

We will welcome the April showers needed to clean our air and replenish our land, but one of the nice things about living in Florida is that we don't need to wait for May for the flowers to arrive.

We have lovely flowers blooming all year round and can just look out our windows here at On Top of the World to enjoy them.

Most residents attending the Democratic Club meeting in March wore green as a way of celebrating Irish month. We enjoyed white and chocolate cupcakes with green frosting after listening to our guest speaker, Kathleen Beckman, from the Clearwater City Council.

Kathleen thanked us again for supporting her election last year. She reminded us that 2 of the 5 City Council seats will be up for election in March 2022 and of the need for good candidates to fill those seats. One will be an incumbent and one will be an open seat.

Kathleen told us that this year the city



Clearwater City Councilwoman Kathleen Beckman was the guest speaker at the Democratic Club meeting in March. She filled in club members on county news.

will be hiring a new city manager as well as a new city attorney. They will also have upcoming decisions to make regarding their agreement with the Philadelphia Phillies.

In talking about other decisions, Kathleen said, "We will also be adopting a new strategic plan and I am hoping to include priorities related to our environment in that plan. Currently, our strategic plan does not even mention the word environment."

One of Kathleen's major concerns is the city's carbon footprint. Kathleen was the only City Council member to vote against a proposed plan for commercial development of The Landings golf course green space. In the November 2020 referendum, voters agreed with Kathleen and rejected the proposed plan.

Kathleen also said, "The city will also be updating its green print plan which focuses on sustainability, conservation and setting carbon emission reduction goals."

An upcoming event in May is Artivism 4 Change. Benefits go towards future gallery shows featuring local artists and funding our local Democratic Party and campaigning.

This event will be a local online art auction scheduled for May 22. The submission date deadline is May 1. All mediums are welcome.

More information may be found on Facebook and Instagram @artivism4change.

Email: [artivism4change@gmail.com](mailto:artivism4change@gmail.com).

During the regular business portion of our March meeting, the person

who writes our monthly newspaper article gave an update on topics that we are not allowed to write about in the OTOW newspaper. These topics include state and national political news stories or opinions. They can be discussed at our club meetings, but not reported in the newspaper.

We can include contact information for our Democratic state representatives and state senators, but are asked not to write about other political parties.

The remainder of our meeting featured forbidden topics.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. This will be the second Thursday of the month. You may renew your \$12 annual membership at that time. Bring your OTOW Activity Card.

## *It is possible for all neighbors to get along*

By Dave Beaven

Living in a condo building, we are all affected by our neighbors every day.

To live in harmony, we should all make an effort to be considerate of the other people who live around us.

Here are some tips that can help make everyone's life easier.

Be aware of noise levels in your condo. If it's loud to you, then it certainly can be loud to those who live next door.

This is especially true at night. Do all your "noisy" chores during the day or by 8 p.m. Remember that many folks here go to bed early.

Many people do their washing in the core laundry room. Keep an eye on the time when you've got loads in. Don't leave your clothes in the washer while you run out and shop.

Be considerate in parking. Position your car in between the lines so others aren't cramped.

Don't presume to park in an empty spot just because someone is a Snowbird

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or has no car. Get permission from the condo owner.

Get to know your neighbors. Smile and say "hello" when you see them. Chat them up a bit. By establishing relationships, it makes it easier to iron out any problems that may come up later.

Allow for some flexibility, if a neighbor does something that inconveniences you on the rare occasion. We all slip up once in a while.

Finally, the guiding principle can be summarized by the Golden Rule: Do unto

A man recently moved to a condo community.

His sister called him and asked him how he liked living there.

The man replied that all was fine except for his neighbors. The woman next door kept yelling and screaming all night and his other neighbor kept banging his head against the wall.

"Don't let them get to you," said his sister. "Ignore them."

The man replied, "I do. I just keep playing my tuba."



other as you would have them do unto you.

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. For more information, visit our official webpage at [areawatch2020.blogspot.com](http://areawatch2020.blogspot.com).

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# Celebrating 50+ Years ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

## Marvin had post-pandemic plans, now we get to follow them

By Editor Doug Kates

During my 13 years at On Top of the World, I have attended five concerts in the East Activity Center auditorium - all organized by Marvin Flam and the Entertainment Committee.

Five is not a lot, but for someone who is not a resident, attending five has been a privilege. I attended as an employee and a representative of your community TV station. I recorded those special concerts and then rebroadcasted them at later dates for all of you to enjoy at home.

I was a guest. I didn't have an activity card, but I didn't need one to appreciate those concerts. All I needed was to appreciate Marvin.

Marvin started working his promotional magic with the Entertainment Committee since becoming chairman in 2005. Since

then, he was not always the chairman, but I have been told he was always willing to help with bringing in top-notch entertainers.

Some of you reading this may be new here or don't recognize the name Marvin Flam, but everyone who has attended a concert, a show or a free Sunday afternoon event in the past 16 years, has benefited from his gift for being able to bring in entertainers from all over the country - including Las Vegas, Branson and more.

Whether you have attended 1 or 100 of Marvin's shows, you didn't sit in the audience and enjoy two hours of music by coincidence. It took Marvin's talents to make the night happen.

All I got to experience were those few concerts, but I honestly thought I was going to get the chance to see 500 more.

I never imagined that this past March

the magic would come to an end.

Or will it ... ?

During this pandemic, we all took safety in our homes. Marvin, his wife Evelyn, and every Entertainment Committee member also sought safety, but they didn't stop working for you.

Marvin told me he had a plan.

When it was safe for everyone to be in the auditorium, Marvin wanted to bring the entire community back together again.

There would be loud music, crazy dancing and the talent on stage was going to be the same quality that has blessed our stage since the 1970s.

But what Marvin didn't tell me was that he was no longer going to make the phone calls, sign the checks or run the sound booth.

In March the microphone was passed

to the next group, of which he has already taught well.

Mary Ann O'Neil is the current president of the Entertainment Committee, an awesome group of people which Marvin has helped educate just for this role.

When OTOW management does give the OK, the concerts and shows will return, and ticket sales will begin again.

Watch this newspaper, your building bulletin boards, OTOW-TV channel 732 and the Box Office for updates.

But please be patient just a little longer.

Stay safe and wear your masks.

Soon you will all be back with friends and sharing champagne toasts again in the auditorium.

And who knows ... there may even be a toast to Marvin.

The fun will continue.

## Pick up your pace: If you like moving and grooving, try this new club

Can you feel the excitement?

Fun is in the air!

Toes are tapping, heels are stomping and hearts are thumping!

There's a reason why Margaret LeTourneau's Moving and Grooving Line Dance Program is filling up the East Activity Center auditorium.

Friends are telling friends to try out this new, fun and easy line dance and cardio approach.

The welcoming and friendly atmosphere is contagious and therapeutic.

Margaret's Moving and Grooving Line Dance program is like no other. Her creative choreography and wide range of fun music has every non-dancer smiling and dancing within minutes!

It's her new cyclical style of teaching that promotes instant success!

Margaret introduces only a few steps at a time. Those new steps are then used in the next few dances to build up one's muscle memory. It's a very effective and easy approach to learning.

Adjusting her dances - to meet the needs of all students - quickly builds dancing skills while giving an immediate sense of success and self-confidence.

It's truly exhilarating to see students happily graduate from easy one-wall danc-



es to more complicated four-wall dances.

The progression happens effortlessly with Margaret's cyclical approach.

Margaret's love of music and dance is almost as strong as her love for this community. During the darkest COVID-19 months, she decided to bring a new and refreshing line dance program to our community. The good news traveled fast! Her class size grew via word of mouth each week. She was thrilled to safely accommodate her growing number of students by offering extra classes.

Hope Tera is Margaret's outstanding helper. She is an excellent dance teacher, coach and co-creator of the new Moving and Grooving Line Dance Club.

Hope shares the same philosophy of bringing joy and refreshingly new programs to our community.

Hope's dancing ability and love of

music has inspired her to create her own unique dance program. She calls this fun, exhilarating and heart healthy program, Cardio Dance.

Hope will have you moving and grooving your total body to a variety of great music. Her easy-to-follow dance movements are a total blast! No dance experience is necessary. You will be amazed how quickly the time flies, while you are having fun burning calories!

Having classes in a COVID-19 world is possible especially when we follow the safety rules of social distancing, wearing a mask and registering ahead of time in order to limit the number of participants during each class.

In order to be added to the waiting list for Margaret's Moving and Grooving line dance classes, you may email her at [margaretmletourneau@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmletourneau@gmail.com) or leave a message at 207-329-2855.

You can also be added to the waiting list for Hope's cardio dance classes by emailing her at [hopetera@gmail.com](mailto:hopetera@gmail.com) or by leaving a message at 914-217-9206.

Margaret and Hope look forward to welcoming you on to the dance floor!

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Hope Tera and Margaret LeTourneau will get you into shape while dancing.

Margaret's Line Dancing  
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(1-wall are dances that always face the same direction. 4-walls are dances that make complete 360 turns.)

Margaret's Line Dancing  
Mondays (Easy 1-wall)  
Noon

Margaret's Line Dancing  
Wednesdays (4-wall)  
11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Hope's Cardio  
Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
Saturdays 11 a.m.

# Keep your family pictures safe

By Joanne Cordes

Now is the time to work with your family photographs.

Whether they are pictures you took or treasures you inherited from a family member, photos that add so much personality to your research are in danger from light, fading ink, pests and natural disasters.

My husband and I expected the photo with this article to be from his family in Chicago. The patterned border suggests circa 1900. The table and vase of flowers were common props at that time.

Sure enough, after checking with family members, we learned this was my husband's mother at her First Communion of 1912/13.

And so, the basics: identify and label your pictures. Write anything you know about a photo to or its subject on its back -- name, date, occasion.

Also helpful is to add your own name and the current date. Use a soft-lead pencil for paper-based prints or a Zig Photo Signature marker for resin-coated pictures.

Secondly, you will want to buy the right stuff when purchasing storage materials. Look for acid-free and lignin-free paper and non-PVC plastic.

For photographs you just need good-quality sleeves and boxes that fit those criteria.

Ideally, take proactive steps to manage the climate of your interior storage spaces as best as you can. Best conditions are 75 degrees or cooler and low humidity.

And try not to place old photos on the ground in a storage unit, even if they are packaged up in boxes or containers.

The best precaution: digitize your photos



## Family History

where they can be easily shared online, backed up on cloud-storage services, or sorted using a program that embeds important data like "date created."

The United States Library of Congress ([www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)) suggests scanning when possible.

If you are comfortable using Facebook, check out OTOW Family History Group. Shirley Perry, as administrator, offers some very good and helpful posts.

This is another way for us to keep in touch until we meet again at our regularly scheduled meetings which we hope to restart in November 2021.

Yay!



## Flag Poles Return April 2

# New officers planning 2021-22 golf season

By Gloria Sayer

It has been a while since the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association had some news to share due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but I would like to share some good news with you now.

On Tuesday, March 9, Cindy Schell had a hole-in-one on No. 13. Congratulations Cindy!

Our league also named new officers for the 2021-22 season. They are President Sheila Meneilly, Vice President Karen Beaver, Secretary Suellen Dowe and Treasurer Verna Lundgren.

Sheila, Karen and Suellen are returning to their positions for another term. Thank you to them for their dedication and continued support of ladies golf at On Top of the World.

The Association would not be great without our dedicated board and caring volunteers. We are honored to have such dedicated women on our board who will lead us to bigger and better times. Our new officers will begin their duties June of 2021.

Even though not much has been going on, current officers, including Treasurer Gwen Wyer, have been meeting and discussing what our league will be like when our "normal life" returns.

Sheila has done a great job of sending out an email every week to our active and social members and keeping them informed, including reminders about birthdays, get well wishes or just letting all of us know there is a light at

## Ladies 18 Golf

the end of the tunnel.

Our present slate of officers have met and continue to plan for future league play and future social events that are going to happen again.

"Just you wait and see" is their motto.

Even though a formal league is not available at this time, due to the pandemic, several ladies continue to play on Tuesday mornings starting at 7:45. If you wish to join us as a guest, we would love to have you.

Come over to the golf course, first tee, and introduce yourself. The course is in excellent condition due to Todd Six, our superintendent, and the amazing staff.

If you wish to join, when things go back to normal, please contact Becky West, membership chairperson at 727-301-8854. Becky is always available for questions or concerns.

Dues are not required at this time, again due to the pandemic.

As of April 2, guests will be welcomed back to our course and flag poles will return.

Lastly, we wish to thank the management at On Top of the World for bringing the COVID-19 vaccine to our community. What a relief for so many residents.

I know my husband and I felt a relief as did everyone



Pictured above are the slate of officers for the 2021-2022 18-Hole Ladies Golf League. From left to right are President Sheila Meneilly, Vice President Karen Beaver, Secretary Suellen Dowe and Treasurer Verna Lundgren.

who received the vaccine. That was quite an undertaking and they pulled it off. Thank you.

May you have a Happy Easter and please, stay safe and healthy everyone.

# SPORTS

## If you can swing and release, you can lawn bowl

By Wendy Colquhoun

When lawn bowling returns to On Top of the World, you should consider joining us.

As the chart shows, if you can crouch, swing your arm, take a step and release, you can lawn bowl!

It's very simple.

Lawn bowling is a team game that is played in a rink. The OTOW rink has been under reconstruction over the past year but is getting ready to reopen soon.

Each game is played with 2-4 players per team. A game starts with a white ball, known as a "jack," rolled down the rink and into position. Players then take turns rolling their own "bowls" down the rink with the goal trying to come close to the

### Lawn Bowling

jack.

But there is defense, too.

The opposition can hit and move an opponent's bowl, so in some cases, you may choose to roll a bowl for defense (a block) rather than try for more offense.

In each contest, the winning team scores one point for each of its bowls that ends up closest to the jack. At the end of the game, the team with the greatest score wins.

Ahhh. But there is another twist. Bowls are not perfectly balanced. Each bowl is weighed to a side. A bowl may start out straight, but when it slows down

it curves at an angle.

In other words, there are no straight rolls.

The path your bowl takes depends on the bowler's stance and position, and speed of the roll - not to mention the condition of the grass surface and if there is any wind.

Lawn bowling can be a challenge for any age group.

The Lawn Bowl League has tournaments and fun play. Volunteers also provide lessons to newcomers.

Continue to read future editions of OTOW News for updates on the upcoming lawn bowl season. When the rink is finished and COVID-19 restrictions are loosened, a new season will begin.



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Pickleball players enjoy lunch at the pavilion between games on March 7. This was a safe lunch - players wore masks under the pavilion but took off their masks to eat.

## Pickleball hosts a safe luncheon

By Kathy Ahrens

On Sunday, March 7, the On Top of the World Pickleball Club enjoyed a barbecue during play.

We had hot dogs, hamburgers and ribs on the grill. Everyone brought a covered dish to share. Players also sang Happy Birthday to the club's founder, Kathy Ahrens, and congratulated members Tara Gunning and Robert Bannick on their recent wedding.

Our current hours of pickleball are Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 4-7 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m.-noon.

Come join our club. We are playing just for fun right now. We will add league competition when restrictions are lifted.

For information call Kathy Ahrens at 727-804-1827.



## Pickleball

## Jim Anzalone aces No. 15 with no roll

Experienced golfer, Jim Anzalone, used his trusty 7-iron to hit a high ball that fell directly into the cup on No. 15 on March 5. The ball then bounced up and fell to the right of the hole. This incred-

ible feat was witnessed by Tim Finan and Gerard Morrisette. This was Jim's second hole in one. The first one was on the 16th hole three years ago. Way to go, Jim. Congratulations.



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## How about 30 games with a variety of partners?

By Joe DeChiaro

On Top of the World tennis cannot hold league tournaments yet, but in late February, everyone who showed up to play for fun participated in a round robin.

In other words, we played a lot of tennis.

Each player was paired with a different doubles partner for at least two games, but many competitors played up to 30 games.

When the day was over, we counted the number of wins per player.

Marek Czarnecki had the most wins out of the men who played and Janice Hayton had the most wins out of the women who played.

After the day of fun was over, 25 people retreated to the pavilion for food and drinks provided by the tennis club.

It was a great day of safe socializing, eating and entertainment.

When conditions become safe again,



the OTOW Tennis Club will begin holding league play and competitive tournaments.

While we wait, come join us for fun.



In late February, On Top of the World tennis players arrived at the courts and played games of doubles with a variety of different partners. At the end of the day, some people played 30 games. To find out who won the most matches, read the story.

## Competition is so even that two games finish in a tie

By Bob Rittner

Some major leaguers were not just great Hall of Fame players, but reflected all that is best in the game with grace and sportsmanship.

Men like Christy Mathewson, Stan Musial and Brooks Robinson were held up as models to be emulated, as gentlemen, and fierce competitors who always played fair and respected their teammates and opponents.

This article is dedicated to On Top of the World's version of such a player, Tony Caputo, who retired from play a few years ago, but who, like Musial, is "the perfect knight," universally admired and loved.

**West Siders 6  
2nd Time Sports 5**

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Karen French drove in two runs to bring 2nd Time Sports within one run, but that was the end of the scoring.

West Siders built a 3-0 lead on a flurry of hits in inning two, including doubles by Joe DeChiaro and Henry Zussman and RBI hits by Alex Scaranda, George Morgan and Bob Fields.

They augmented the lead in the fourth inning as Mike Sieber and Henry singled and Joe doubled, finishing their scoring in the sixth inning on hits by Cindy McCarthy and Joe.

## Softball

Joe's bid for a perfect four-hit day ended when Roger Hebeler caught his long fly ball.

2nd Time Sports scored twice in the third inning on four singles by Bill Holland, Lenny Segall, Roger and Rick Champ and once in the fifth inning as Joe Brandao doubled. Scott Ryberg's single sent Joe to third and he scored on a hit by Lenny Segall, who later doubled for a perfect three-hit day.

**2nd Time Sports 13  
West Siders 2**

Henry Zussman clouted an over-the-fence homer, the first such by a league player this season.

It extended the lead to 7-0 and while West Siders managed two runs, the rout continued.

Lenny Segall did all he could, just a home run short of the cycle, but got little help while Joe Brandao, Mike Sieber and Bob O'Donohue each had three hits, and Henry contributed a double and two singles in addition to his homer for the win-

ners.

**2nd Time Sports 10  
West Siders 10**

A furious rally built on consecutive singles by Bill Holland, Bob O'Donohue, Joe Maley, Roger Hebeler, George Morgan and Bob Rittner, scored four runs for 2nd Time Sports to tie the game.

Returning to play after a month absence, Bob Rittner recorded two put outs and an assist in the first inning and went 4-for-4 with two ribbies at the plate. His perfect four-hit day was matched by Bill Holland who also doubled and George Morgan who tripled.

Henry Zussman doubled and tripled among his four hits and Jim Costello continued his hot streak with three solid hits.

**2nd Time Sports 9  
West Siders 9**

For the second game in a row, the score ended tied, largely due to spectacular fielding on both sides.

First baseman Henry Zussman scooped numerous throws, including a number of short hops. Elsa Stanly caught a long fly ball in right field that would have scored the winning run and Reggie Phelan snagged a come-backer to the mound to stymie a potential rally.

There were also clutch double plays, one started by Jim Costello and one courtesy of Alex Scaranda and Bob Dembinski.

The key blow was a long double by Joe DeChiaro that drove in Eddie Ramirez to tie the score in the ninth inning. The biggest hit was a mammoth over-the-fence home run by Bill Holland.

**2nd Time Sports 12  
West Siders 9**

A run-saving catch by Ron Shields, Tara Gunning's completion of a double play and Joe Brandao's power hitting led 2nd Time Sports to victory.

Joe was a single short of a cycle.

The clincher was a bases loaded triple by Bob Rittner that closed the scoring.

For the West Siders, George Morgan's over-the-shoulder catch of a deep fly temporarily kept the victors off the board and three hits each by Joe DeChiaro, Alex Scaranda and Eddie Ramirez kept the score close.

They were also helped by a run-saving throw and catch from Joe DeChiaro to Terry Murphy at home plate.

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

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# Everything you need to know about lamb

Looking to impress your guests?  
Look no further than lamb.

It's the perfect dinner entree for a spring gathering (or anytime, really).

I have been asked many times, "why is lamb so expensive?"

Lamb meat is more expensive than other meats because there is less total meat per animal and the carcass yield is lower than most other meat animals.

It's because a lamb is smaller than a pig or a steer, and as a result it has a higher cost per pound.

In New Zealand (where there are more sheep than people), as well as in certain parts of the Middle East and the Mediterranean, lamb is the top choice when it comes to meat.

In the steak-loving United States, however, that is not the case. Which is too bad, considering lamb is flavorful, versatile and good for you.

When it comes to lamb, many people believe that it should be locally sourced. They are hearty creatures who fare well in a wide range of climates and topographies so there's no reason to buy lamb that has come from a distance.

American lamb tends to come from the Midwest as well as Colorado. They are almost always grass-fed, but some American lamb is grain-finished. This practice leads to a mellow flavor and lots of marbling (a characteristic that Americans prize in their beef as well).

American lamb tends to be quite dark red and, because of the marbling, quite tender.

Lamb that is specifically "grass-fed or grass-finished" will likely be leaner and have a stronger lamb flavor.

New Zealand lamb is smaller than American lamb. It is grass-fed throughout its life and tends to have a more pronounced flavor. It is slaughtered at a younger age, so despite the lack of grain feeding and lesser marbling, it is still very tender.

## What part of the lamb should you choose?

**Leg of lamb:** Tender and iconic, leg of lamb can be purchased in several styles, from the full leg, to the shank end (lower end), or the sirloin end.

Bone-in leg will take longer to cook but won't need to be tied with twine like a semi-boneless leg of lamb.

A whole leg should feed at least eight people.

**Rack:** The lamb rack is an impressive cut that grills beautifully, but can also be crusted with herbs and roasted. Frenching the rack (or removing the layer of fat and meat around the rib bones) ups the ante.

**Chops:** Tender rib chops from the rack and the long rib bone provide a delicate effect on the plate. Sirloin chops are tiny T-bone steaks with a generous ratio



of meat-to-bone.

**Shoulder:** Also called a square-cut shoulder, this cut is great for low and slow roasting, butterflying or for cubing into stew meat.

**Top round:** This tender, flavorful cut is a larger piece from the leg. Use this cut for kabobs, thin steaks or a quick-cooking roast.

**Shanks:** Lamb shanks are the star of the braising world. Cook them low and slow to develop a velvety texture.

## How to Cook Lamb

Slow-cook legs, shanks, shoulder roasts and stew meats.

Tougher cuts of lamb render fork-tender stews and braises, but remember to sear the meat before starting the slow-cooking process to build flavor.

A leg of lamb can be deboned, stuffed and rolled for a more nuanced roast.

Slice roasted-lamb for memorable next-day sandwiches and salads.

## Quick Grilling

Chops, racks or ground lamb marries well with the smokiness produced by cooking over an open fire.

If grilling a whole lamb rack, cap the cleaned rib bones in aluminum foil to prevent them from burning.

Small cuts, like rib chops and sliced roast cuts, can be fully cooked on the stovetop.

For a lamb-infused shortcut, swap ground lamb for all (or half) of ground beef.

## Fragrant garlic and herb chops

Fresh herbs like mint, thyme and basil, can work to flavor the lamb before cooking or join in later in a side dish.

Turn these into a seasoning paste using garlic, lemon juice and paprika for lamb shoulder chops that are bound for the grill.

Serve with a feta chopped salad and herb vinaigrette dressing.

## Za'atar Rubbed Leg of Lamb

Use the tip of a sharp knife to make 1-inch deep slits all over a leg of lamb and stuff each with a piece of fresh rosemary and 1/2 clove garlic.

Rub with olive oil or melted butter



## Herb-Crusted Rack of Lamb

and za'atar (a Mediterranean blend of sumac, thyme, sesame and salt) and rest at room temperature for 30 minutes before roasting.

I buy all my lamb at Acropolis Meats, 148 Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs.

### Herb-Crusted Rack of Lamb

#### Ingredients

- 1 Rack of lamb, frenched (about 8 cutlets)
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 to 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 3 to 4 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoon fresh herbs, such as parsley, thyme and rosemary, chopped

#### Directions

1. Pre-heat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. Season the lamb with salt and pepper. Mix together the oil and mustard, then slather all over the rack of lamb to coat well.

Mix together the breadcrumbs, cheese and herbs, then pack the mixture onto the lamb rack.

3. Place the lamb on a rack, bones arching upwards, in a roasting pan just large enough to hold it and place in the oven.

Roast until the lamb is done to your liking. Twenty minutes will give you medium rare lamb.

Take it out of the oven and let it rest for 10 minutes before carving.

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**Science of Cooking Healthy Food By Marie**

Email questions, suggestions and comments to **Marie** marieshealthyfood@gmail.com  
Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper. otowboxoffice.com

This recipe is inspired by Starbucks' egg bites, but this home version features an oven-water bath-cooking technique.

They are colorful, tasty, nutritious and convenient.

A winner!

## Ingredients

8 large eggs  
 ½ cup full-fat cottage cheese  
 ½ cup of shredded cheddar cheese  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ½ teaspoon black pepper  
 ½ teaspoon turmeric  
 1 cup red peppers, chopped  
 1 cup spinach, chopped

## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
2. Grease muffin tin cups.
3. Boil about 6 cups of water for the water bath.
4. Cook raw veggies (and meat) first. Otherwise they have too much water or may not be fully cooked in the oven.
5. Distribute veggies in bottom of muffin tins.
6. Add the first 6 ingredients to a blender. Blend until smooth, about 20 seconds.
7. Distribute egg mixture so each cup is no more than 3/4 full.

### Water Bath

Procedure for setting up water bath to prevent accidents or splashing of hot water:  
 8. Place a large aluminum roasting pan in the oven.  
 9. Pour boiling water into roasting pan until it covers about halfway up muffin tin.  
 10. Place tin into the water. Cover with aluminum foil.  
 11. Bake 40 minutes.  
 12. Remove tin from oven. Allow roasting pan to cool in cold oven before removing.  
 13. Completely cool bites. Then, run knife along edge of bite to gently free it from the tin.

Makes 6 – 7 bites.

Best eaten fresh.

Store in fridge for up to 5-6 days. To reheat, microwave 30 seconds.



## EGG BITES

## Egg Bites can be made in your own kitchen

Starbucks™ began selling eggs bites in early 2017. The egg bites quickly became a hit.

Starbucks' egg bites are 100 percent egg whites with cottage cheese, prepared offsite using sous vide technology to produce a silky, smooth texture. (i)

My dear chef, you can save a ton of money making egg bites at home. Egg bites were known by other names in past years, including egg muffins, stirred eggs and mini frittatas.

Make a batch of egg bites once a week and have breakfast/snacks all week long. Plus, they would be a convenient, make-ahead idea for an Easter bunch.

Here are food options for your egg bites:

- Veggies: onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, green onions, broccoli, zucchini, asparagus, spinach, kale, potatoes, herbs.
- Meats: bacon, ham, grilled chicken, turkey, Canadian bacon, sausage.

## Health Value

Egg bites offer a healthy snack on the go. They boast high levels of quality protein. They're also gluten-free, keto-friendly and good for diabetics ... egg bites are one of few nearly universally diet-friendly foods.

The inclusion of yolks adds flavor and nutrition. Yolks used to be a cholesterol concern. However, recent higher-quality studies found dietary cholesterol has little impact on cholesterol in blood for most people. USDA dietary guidelines and American

Heart Association no longer express concern for eating whole eggs in most situations. (ii)

The humble, hardworking egg is a star. Whole eggs contain essential vitamins and minerals. Eggs are one of the few natural food sources of vitamin D and contain 7 grams of high-quality protein. Whole eggs are also full of omega-3 fatty acids and deliver many of the B vitamins. Whole eggs also have an excellent amino acid profile. (iii)

## The Science

This recipe's water bath is a way to simulate the texture of Starbucks' egg bites.

It uses a classic French technique called Bain Marie (iv) to create a custard-like, silky-smooth texture. Plus, the egg bite is moist .... not dry or crusty.

Egg proteins are very sensitive to heat. When eggs are cooked too long or at too high a temperature, they become tough and rubbery. This is why I do not recommend freezing

and reheating bites as I find their quality suffers in the process.

Many recipes — cheesecakes and crème brûlée — call for a water bath. The water bath lessens dehydration by adding moisture to the oven environment. Placing aluminum foil over the top of the tin will help. Both create humidity to cook eggs evenly, resulting in an uniform bite. Surrounding eggs with hot water insulates them from the direct heat of the oven. This results in a tender bite and silky texture.

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(i) eater.com/  
 (ii) ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/

(iii) muscleandfitness.com/  
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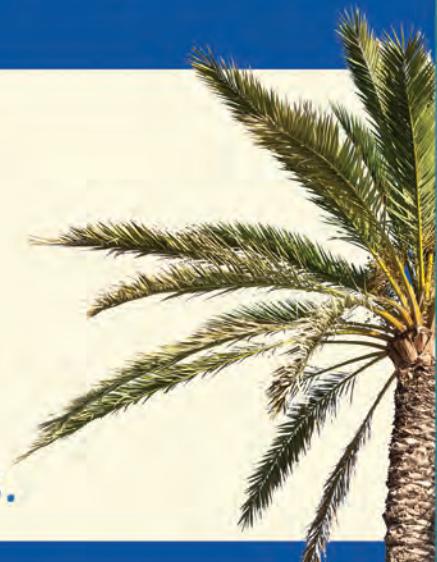
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## You could join a boat club and enjoy the freedom to cruise local waterways

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After much research, Pam and I joined the Freedom Boat Club of Tampa last December. In slightly more than two months, we have been out boating more than 30 times.

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Pam and Stu Rosenblatt cruise the Gulf in a boat provided by Freedom Boat Club.

to make your day care free we highly recommend it.

Do you have a dog? Almost all of the boats and docks are dog friendly.

Snowbird? No issue. They have a partial year plan available.

Pam and I love cruising up the Anclote River, spotting dolphins and pelicans, and waving to the sponge dock visi-

tors as we go by.

We already have a favorite marina - Captain Jack's in Tarpon Springs. We have even taken a boat to local restaurants.

All in all joining the Freedom Boat Club of Tampa Bay has been one of the better decisions Pam and I have made together (other than getting married, of course).

## New monthly feature in OTOW News

(Editor's Note: "Explore Something New" is a new column that will appear each month in OTOW News.

Stu and Pam are going to report on new

activities, new businesses and new places to explore in Pinellas or Pasco counties.

This column is not meant to promote advertising - just awareness.

Stu and Pam also welcome your input for ideas. Let them know if you see something new to check out. Email them at: [new2uwithstu@yahoo.com](mailto:new2uwithstu@yahoo.com)



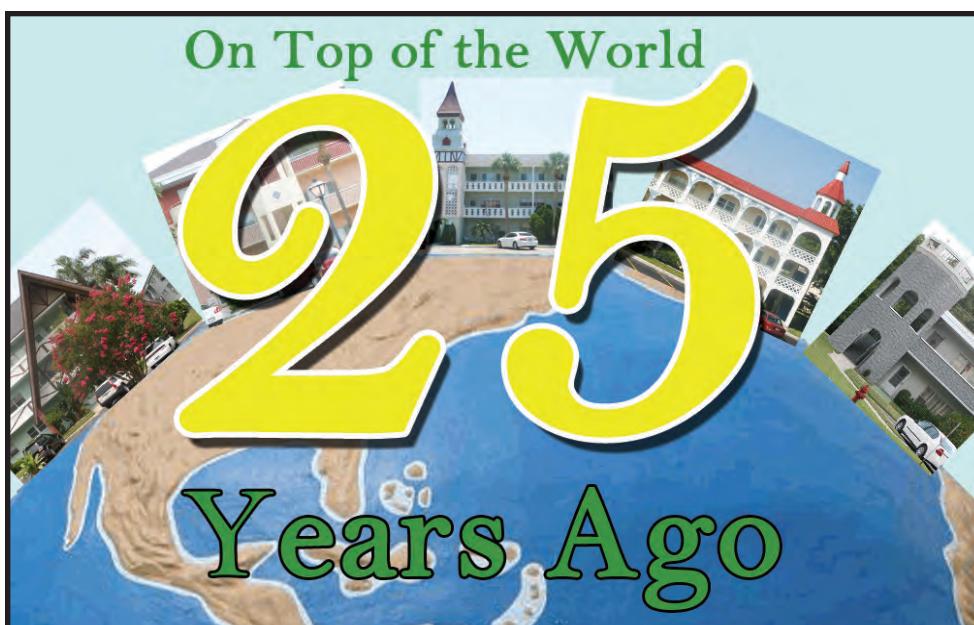
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## A look back at the OTOW News April, 1996

- OTOW Lapidary:** More discussions were held on birthstones. Bloodstone and aquamarine are the birthstones for March, while gemini is the birthstone for April. Aquamarine is a transparent variety of beryl and highly prized as a gemstone because its bluish green color resembles sea water. The most desirable stones come from Brazil and Siberia. The U.S. has deposits in several states. The aquamarine is one of the most highly prized of the beryls. Its color may vary from pale blue to rich and deep blue or blue green.
- OTOW Kiwanis Club:** A big Kiwanis "thank you" to all our friends and neighbors who purchased citrus this year. This season (1996) has been the best ever and also the best for the local charities to whom all profits are distributed. Our club also gives a big thank you to Nick Santangelo and Tom McDonald who took care of all the paperwork involved in placing orders with the grower and packer. We received many kudos for the delicious Indian River fruit, which is the best. We shipped to states as far away as California. Don't forget that the annual Youth Fair is being held again in April, 1996, and the OTOW Kiwanis will be there to help.
- Columbia Association:** The club's pizza party went off with a bang! Fifty pizzas were ordered and each member received two slices. No charge to members. A V.I.P. card from Hungry Howie's was given to each member. The card is good for the entire year and includes a special price on their supper buffet. The annual picnic will be held at Philippe Park on April 15, 1996, with a menu of baked chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert.
- Shuffleboard Club:** Recent three-game winners: March 4, Frank Tyndall, Jack Murray, Maisie Anderson, Lorette Barrett; March 5, Peg Murray, Dot Savelle, Teddy McKillip. Steeby, Doris Brown. Kissinger. Teddy McKillip; March 7, Carl Root, Velma; March 12, Clarence Brown, Bob March 14, Clarence Brown,
- Cordoba Building:** By the time you see this in print it will only be a few days to Passover and Easter. Have a wonderful springtime holiday. It will be nice to say adieu to the cool and chilly days of winter. During Valentines, our own Martha Rosinas was visited by her daughter, Carol Hjelmstad from Canton, Mich., and her son Walter from San Ramon, Calif. They made a trip to Cape Coral to see a former minister and friend that they knew in Connecticut. They also gathered together with relatives who live in the Valencia Building and others in the Clearwater area.
- Bavarian Chalet Building:** If you missed our building party on Feb. 16, 1996, on the veranda, you missed a great get-together. There were 48 of your neighbors and friends there. Louise Kelly played the piano and we sang up a storm! On behalf of everyone, we want to thank Margaret and Fergus Kenny, Onalee and Joe Efrusy, Alice Barnett and Margaret Monkton for taking care of arrangements, cleaning up and the delicious snacks they served. Helen Cavella was elected president; Al Mosher, vice president; Alice Engh as treasurer, and I guess I'm still secretary!

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## *French Renaissance II to sport seasonal core decorations*

Many residents at the French Renaissance II Building have been decorating the core for Christmas the past three years and decided to decorate this current year for all of the holidays. In their continuing efforts to liven up French Renaissance II and keep it a "happy building," the trio of Jesse and Evelyn Tiamson and Sue Trost decorated the core for St Patrick's Day. We are well on our way to making our building the happiest building ever by lifting the spirits of all our neighbors during these challenging times! Looking forward to our Easter/Spring displays!

(Story and photo submitted by Sue Trost and Jesse Tiamson.)

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



Ice sculptures are a big part of Alaska winter festivals, as in this one in Anchorage.

## Festivals are a big part of Alaskan winter life

I took a three-week trip to Alaska in March. Fur Rondy, the annual winter carnival, was in full swing! The snow sculptures are my favorites. Fairbanks also has festivals with ice sculptures and other events yearly.

Weather temperatures ranged from 2 to 26 degrees with a total of two feet of snow falling in the three weeks I was there. The Anchorage area has had much more snowfall in 2021 than usual.

47 mushers started the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race March 7, with many rule and route changes for 2021, due to COVID. In Alaska, the race is front page news, while in the "lower 48" one can scarcely find Iditarod information.

2021 has also been an incredible year of the northern lights, although I slept



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I am definitely happy to be back in Florida playing all my sports of tennis, softball, swimming, ping-pong and Pickleball!



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This position is for residents of Paradise and can be as involved and exciting as you would like. You would be required to submit at least three articles per year for our monthly newspaper and attend at least three Press Association

meetings in order to attend our annual Press Association banquet at no cost. Articles might include introductions of new or existing residents of Paradise buildings, or exciting trips, events and activities that take place within Paradise.

If this sounds like an opportunity of interest to you, contact Doug at the OTOW News office (727-799-3216).

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# Seems like we were living in TV Land this past year

These have been "The Days of Our Lives." But at times we have felt like we are living in "The Twilight Zone." We have been "Young and Restless" and "Bold and Beautiful" at times. Hopefully, we have not gone to the "ER" recently.

We have not had "Storage Wars" this year, thank goodness. But the "Parking Wars" still prevail. We have not tried to "Keep Up With the Kardashians" by saying "Yes To The Dress."

We have a "Bonanza of Friends" who at times have been "Too Cute" along with our "Puppy Dog Pals" who greet us happily.

In January and February, we did feel like we were living in "Life Below Zero," but spring is on its way, complete with pollen and oak tree droppings. A mess for the cars, but a real blessing in the summer for the shade.

We'll not be the "Last Man Standing" when things are back to normal. We have avoided the "600-Pound Life" by not playing "Grocery Games" or dealing with "Food Paradise."



After eating healthy for so many years, though, why not enjoy the chocolate, ice cream and cookies and even a sip of wine now and then? No one volunteered to do a "Kitchen Takeover" for me, so the treats took over, especially the cookies.

We did "Dance Under the Stars" many times with "Mr. Fun" and now I can "Name That Tune" when he starts playing again.

So "Good Morning America" to On Top of the World. It is "Today" and we are still here to enjoy "Life Today" and by "Living Right" we will be here next year, too.

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## Surprise party thrown for long-time NWF resident

We recently celebrated a surprise 95th birthday party for Judy Boley.

The sit-down dinner was organized by Danielle and Bryan Shaffer, with help from the "elves" in the building. Danielle often offers to cook for special occasions. She enjoys it and is a good cook.

Judy had no idea about the party, and was totally surprised when she stepped out of the elevator and realized a party had been organized for her.

She received a basketful of cards, flowers and gifts.

A board was made up of many photos of her in her younger days, also a beautiful birthday cake with two candles and a "95" on top of the cake. She was so ecstatic.

Judy is grandma to Scott and Jennifer Hess, whose New Year's love story was on the front page of the February newspaper.

Judy has lived in this building more than 27 years now, having moved down



from Michigan. She is a very friendly lady, who knows most people in the building. She is very independent, and is still able to cook for herself and look after her condo. In fact, she often shares some of her homemade banana bread and quiche with her friends in the building.

She is very happy living here among friends.

Happy birthday, Judy!



Judy Boley, at right, enjoys her surprise 95th birthday party, including a sit-down dinner and a lovely cake. Her good friend, Roni Loomis, is on the left. (Photo by Pat Cullen-Davis)

## OTOW residents anticipating some normalcy

Kudos to On Top of the World for bringing COVID vaccines to our community.

After hours of failed attempts on other websites, the process of getting an appointment at OTOW was painless. Our residents were actually joyous when they were able to get scheduled.

About 70% of our building residents have received their vaccines, giving hope that we can help end this pandemic and try to get back to some kind of normalcy. Hope is in our hearts.

With vaccination and precaution, we actually had some visitors here at the Englander.

Diane and Jerry Kaplan enjoyed spending time with Jerry's daughter, Lois, and her husband, Vinny, from Long Island, N.Y. Together, they toured many attractions on our beautiful coastline and topped it off with a boat cruise on the Calypso Queen that included some sightseeing, dinner



and a bit of dancing.

David and Naomi Kelly are staying with mom Jean Kelly for a while. Both have just retired and are moving from New York to Florida. They are in the process of closing on a condo here at OTOW. Jean couldn't be happier to be closer to them and knows that also means she will see her two grandchildren and great-grandchildren

more often. Welcome to the next Kelly generation at OTOW!

Please be aware of a scam targeting our residents. If you receive a call stating your social security has been compromised, hang up. They are trying to get you to tell them your social security number, your address or any other sensitive information. Do not respond.

The call may also appear that it is coming from OTOW — it is not. The Social Security Administration will never call you. Please just say nothing, press nothing and hang up. Your day will be a lot more pleasant if you follow this guidance.

As we approach the coming month, please continue to wash your hands and wear your masks, watch out for the April Fools pranks and hopefully you will all be able to get out and enjoy the warmer weather and celebrate a very Happy Easter.

### A Note For Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law. Always clean up while walking your dog.

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## Polynesians donate to Clothes for Kids

Aloha Polynesians! Spring has sprung and let us revel in its beauty.

The weather has been gorgeous and many have been appreciating the low humidity and, as we like to refer to them, "Chamber of Commerce" days, with their blue skies and gentle breezes. This weather is the reason so many folks enjoy moving to the Tampa Bay area.

Neighbors have been spotted heading out to the beaches or day trips to Florida attractions. I myself want to head to Sunken Gardens in the near future. Haven't been there in 40 years. It's about time to go back!

Hats off to Jay Jarvis for getting our Polynesians involved in the Clothes for Kids project. It helps less fortunate



youngsters receive clothing and shoes for school so they are better prepared for the year ahead of them. There is a collection bin in the core for new and gently used

articles, and, I have been told that as always, we have been a generous group. Donations are still coming in as I write this article. Checks have also been given so that this worthy project can purchase things that are needed, like new underwear and socks. Way to go, everyone!

The March building outing was held at Cici's pizza and buffet and a good turnout of 14 folks made for a festive day. Lots of laughs and good times were shared by all.

Plans are in the works for a dolphin cruise and luncheon in the near future. As always, be sure to check the bulletin board for more details when they are posted. Sounds like a really good time is in the works. Until next month, Mahalo!



# Villa Riviera couple finally get to enjoy their anniversary



What do the residents of Villa Riviera and people trying to avoid the coronavirus have in common?

They both love Dolly Parton. But then, who doesn't? Every time you hear "Nine to Five" it's impossible not to sing along or at least tap your foot. The woman is a national treasure.

Recently she has been in the news because she donated over a million dollars to both COVID research and to ensure the townsfolk of her beloved Smokey Mountain home have access to the vaccine. She even changed the words to one of her most famous songs, "Jolene," in an effort to promote vaccine awareness:

"Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, I'm begging of you please don't hesitate. Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaccine. 'cause once you're dead that's a bit too late."

Long before Dolly's charitable work during this pandemic, Bill and Judy Prezioso of our Villa Riviera Building



Bill and Judy Prezioso recently visited Dollywood, a Tennessee theme park, with their family for a belated 25th anniversary celebration.

were longtime Dolly Parton fans.

Readers may remember Bill and Judy from last year's article celebrating 25 years of their blended marriage. She had two children from a previous union and he had three — together they have 15 grandchildren.

Unfortunately at the time, the pandemic was an uncertain commodity and vaccines were just in the development stage. So aside from a romantic night (no details were given by either party), they

did little else to mark the occasion.

Now that we have a better understanding of the precautions necessary to keep safe, Judy and Bill decided there was no better place to belatedly celebrate their anniversary than Dollywood. The park itself is in clean fresh mountain air and 90% of the stages and events are all outdoors. Temperatures are checked on the way in and CDC guidelines regarding masks and social distancing are being followed.

Seventeen members of the Prezioso

family were able to congregate in Pigeon Forge and celebrate Judy and Bill's love.

In other building news, a general meeting was held where common issues such as storage areas and the bike room were discussed. Various people volunteered to be wing captains so as to ensure communication through-out the building. Three of the residents formed a social committee — a daunting task in these uncertain times. This reporter will keep you posted.

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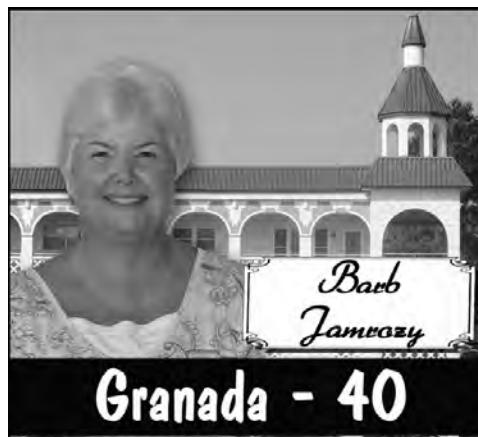
Thanks again to On Top of the World for the vaccine rollouts in a safe and organized manner as many of us have now received our second vaccine.

Spring has sprung and the pollen is flying high, and so are the allergies. Remember to take your allergy meds before leaving the house.

If you have been sitting outside in the evenings near us, you may have been lucky enough to hear our resident, Mr. Fun, with his musical abilities. Thank you for taking your time to entertain all the folks. We have people who join him with their singing as well as some dancers in the audience.

We had a great turn out for our "gathering on the green" last month and hope to continue the fourth Thursday of each month.

Our March luncheon was held at



Sonny's BBQ on U.S. 19 N. for food and good conversation with a nice turn-out.

In April, we will have our luncheon on the 12th at noon at O'Keefe's on S. Fort Harrison Ave. Check the bulletin board for notices and signup sheets.


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## Azorians celebrate OTOW COVID vaccination effort

I'm not sure how I got so busy when I don't go out much these days but alas, life got a little hectic and I missed last month's deadline. Apologies to my fellow Azoreans!

There's been much to celebrate at the Azores, starting with many of us and our loved ones getting vaccinated. Mindful that some of our friends and neighbors are not yet eligible, we're all still masking up. Still, it sure feels like the sunshine is leading us out of a very long tunnel.

Bob and Carol Kelley decided to celebrate spring with a trip to Charleston, S.C. They had glorious weather as they took a scenic history tour of one of the most beautiful cities in the South.

Anne and Jim Rostick are celebrating the New Year's Day engagement of their oldest son, who will tie the knot with his fiancé in May. Their soon-to-be daughter-in-law has a 3-year-old daughter, so they get a granddaughter in the deal. Anne and Jim are just thrilled and as Anne put it, "Thank goodness Coronavirus has not gotten in the way of love!"

The building welcomed a new neighbor, Sheryl Haugh. We look forward to getting to know Sheryl and our other new neighbors when



building socials resume, hopefully later this year.

Many of us have already met Haley, one of two new pets at the Azores. Haley is a beautiful three-year-old brindled greyhound. Her parents, Paul Bunker and Jerry Cather, adopted Haley when she retired from Derby Lane, where she ran 74 races. Now she can relax and play with her sister greyhound, Luna.

Our other new building pet is Izadora, known as "Izzy" to her close friends. Izzy is a stunning Blue Mitted Ragdoll cat with the most beautiful coloring that includes snow white, and pattern. She loves to zoom around the home of her mom, Peggy Longfellow.

Wishing everyone a healthy, active, joy-filled, and sun-filled spring.

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## Flock of ducklings make ‘worldly’ entrance at OTOW

Young Daisy Muscovy didn't know about the 55-plus age restrictions when she moved in to make a home for her children in On Top of the World.

Don't get your feathers ruffled. Daisy is a duck, and quite an unusual duck.

She chose well when she set up house high up in the hollow of a tree near Don Bice's second floor condo in Nagoya. Don befriended the mother-to-be. He protected her. Even stopped tree trimmers one day, just in time.

Don learned a lot about Muscovy ducks and shared with neighbors and walkers. Most unusual, he found out these ducks build their nests high in trees. Babies free drop to the ground below not long after hatching. Mother leads them to water.

Daisy drew attention from above for about 30 days. Curious eyes peered up daily. When would the babies hatch? How many eggs were up there?

Cigars were in order on the morning of March 9.

Neighbors gathered. Don busily padded the ground under the nest with layers of leaves to soften the anticipated landings. As nature promised, Daisy left



her nest. She positioned in the street. One by one, 10 fuzz balls hurdled about 10 feet from their nest to Don's landing pad below. Each scurried to their waiting mother.

Neighbors directed traffic, watched the 10 descents in awe, and praised Daisy.

Proud mama led a single file of 10 babies across the street and down the bank to the creek. She seemed to sigh in relief once number ten plopped into the water.

Neighbors lined the bank reflecting on the wonder of nature they had just seen!



Resident Don Bice points to Muscovy duck nest (in yellow circle) in a palm tree at the Nagoya Building. Inset photo shows the family of ducks just before they left the nest.

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## 94th birthday fete for popular Mandalay resident



Miriam McCarthy, who resides in the Mandalay Building, turned 94 years young on Feb. 19. Attending a party for her was Kathy Stegall, Katie Fritz, Miriam Romaine Dowty, Mary Lou Wall and Jeanne Carrell.

Miriam is originally from Indiana, was married for 18 years and had four children. She and her second husband were married for 36 years and had a child together.

After working in her husband's restaurant, they retired and moved to Florida and lived in Countryside. They purchased a large home with a swimming pool and loved sharing their life together.

When Miriam found herself alone again, she found her home difficult to maintain on her own, and moved to our building, where she has been for 14 years.

Miriam became very active in our community and was the treasurer for our building for a time.

Miriam is a very special lady and has a winning smile that lights up her face. She is truly loved by all. Happy birthday!



Attending a birthday party for "birthday girl" Miriam McCarthy (with party hat) are (front row) Kathy Stegall and Katie Fritz. In the back row are Miriam Romaine Dowty, Mary Lou Wall and Jeanne Carrell.

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## The pipes still played in March



St. Patrick's Day parades may have been canceled, but Ray Willis was still busy playing his pipes in March.

Ray was spotted on the pavilion dock practicing for an upcoming performance at one of our buildings. While he practiced, some feeding birds gathered and appeared to enjoy the free concert.

Normally, Ray would be very busy in March with St. Patrick's Day, but with safety guidelines still in place, he was limited to private shows.

Watch for Ray next year when the Irish Club parade makes a comeback. And oh, by the way, in the history of the On Top of the World Irish Club parade, it has never rained. On Saturday, March 6, the date the parade would have taken place, it rained all day. Next year's forecast is guaranteed dry conditions.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

A close-up photograph of a person's hands preparing food on a wooden cutting board. They are skewering pieces of meat with wooden sticks. In the background, there are various ingredients like lemons, cranberries, and a bottle of oil.

A photograph of a group of people in a kitchen, some wearing aprons, posing together with their arms raised in a celebratory manner.

A photograph of a plate of food, likely shrimp and grits, garnished with green onions and herbs.

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## In the Irish spirit

On Top of the World line dancers did not get a chance to perform in our Irish Club parade last month, but that didn't keep them from showing their Irish spirit. In mid-March, members of the OTOW Line Dance Club wore green, glitter and trinkets while dancing in the auditorium. In one case, there was even green hair.

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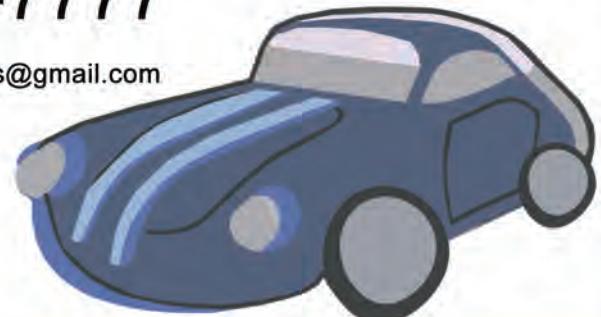
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## Dorado holds officer elections for 2021, invites members

The Dorado Building Social Club held its annual meeting to elect officers for 2021: Edwina Schick, president; Ann Brown, vice president; Nancy Coan, secretary; and Lois Darling, treasurer. Volunteers Betty Dethmers as finance chair and Sue Brierly, bereavements, are very much appreciated.

We welcome any resident to join our decorating, finance, or social/entertainment committees. It's a lot of fun and makes our building beautiful. We believe Dorado is the friendliest and happiest building at On Top of the World.

Watch for Dorado news through email: [edwinahere@yahoo.com](mailto:edwinahere@yahoo.com). If you are not on the email list and would like to be, please send a note to the above



email address.

We thoroughly enjoyed our picnic together at Philippe Park. Let's plan to do it again!



Dorado Building Social Club 2021 officers (L-R): Lois Darling, treasurer; Nancy Coan, secretary; Edwina Schick, president; Ann Brown, vice president.

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### Worldwide 'grandparent scam' is not going away anytime soon

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, sometimes even from overseas locations.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers. However, the phone

call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common

scam everywhere in Florida and the entire country — not just here at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information.

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## *Some notes, a birthday and useful reminders from Siboney*

Happy Easter and Happy Passover to everyone.

We recently had roof work done, and thanks to the crew for a job well done! To my amazement, they had a machine that was a big magnet that picked up the nails after the job was done.

As a note for other buildings that have roof work coming up, it's important to keep your cars parked on the street, because a lot of debris and nails fall down.

Hurricane season begins June 1. As a third-floor resident, I feel safe knowing that we will be staying dry during Florida's hurricane season.

Many of our residents have been getting their vaccines, and as more receive them, the better things here in Siboney building will be.

We are a very active building and we have monthly meetings, luncheons, an annual picnic and a holiday party in December. There are many activities being offered here at On Top of the World:



indoor exercise classes, line dancing, water aerobics at the East Activity Center swimming pool, pickle ball, tennis and many more. Please check the OTOW News for details.

Don't forget there are plenty of nice walking and bike trails throughout the complex. Enjoy this month and remember, "April showers bring May flowers."



A recent birthday outing at Gigglewaters in Safety Harbor was attended by, among others, (L-R) Dulce Boyce, Josephine Borg and Lyn Taecker. A good time was had by all.

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# Espana celebrates its 28th ‘birthday’ this month

The Espana Building's first residents started moving into their units in April 1993, thus we have just completed our 28th year of existence and are starting our 29th year.

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 at On Top of the World.

Since there are so few original residents left, I decided that we should also begin to recognize the Espana residents who moved in prior to the year 2000 and are still here, so I tried to locate them. I discovered Esther Monticello; Jeanne and Roy Nash; Jean Ellen and Hank Hagelauer; and Sheila and Les Meneilly. That's four additional condos. If you have lived here prior to 2000 and I missed you, please call me.

Over these 28 years, we have had only five building presidents. The third president did not like to be called “captain,” which at the time was the usual OTOW name. He said that he wanted to be called “president” and that title stuck.

When Sidney Colen decided to break ground and build the Espana, I was one of the original residents of the Casa Verde Building (by the northern pond).



It was 1991, and I watched the Espana construction with interest.

Most of the area was an orange grove. The pier to Lake Harbor was in place and there was a private house with a barn beside it on Norwegian Drive. Both ponds existed because the drainage from the existing streets drained into them, and the ponds' water went into Lake Harbor, as it does today.

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, some walkers left the sidewalk to smell the flowers and were shocked to find that they were all silk flowers and not real. We residents called



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

each other and had a good laugh.

Of the nine trees, the yard behind apartments 2 and 4 had two very huge trees. I remember residents having cocktails in the fantastic shade on their patios in the evenings. I was jealous because the trees on “our” side were all small by comparison and all we had was the sun.

In the beginning, we had our own maintenance man, named “Gordie,” and

he took great care of the Espana, including taking the trash out to the road, washing the floors and steps, trimming the bushes and cutting the front grass. We also had our own library on a rack in the second floor lobby, containing donated books.

Please sing along! Happy Birthday to us. Happy Birthday to us. Happy Birthday Espana. Happy Birthday to us!

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# An inspiring little pony story to help brighten your day

Our friend and neighbor, Judy Hetrick, hosted our March social in honor of her 80th birthday. Just as I was scrounging around for something to write about this month, she shared this wonderful story with me.

## The Story of the Nest By Judy Hetrick

"I came from Chambersburg, Penn., where I lived on a mini-farm for 40 years. During that time my husband purchased a pony because he thought our two girls should have one. We hired a groomer, as the little pony needed brushing, trimming, and hoofs trimmed. Oh, she looked so much better! We left all of the trimmings on the ground.

"Not too long afterward, I went for a walk on a windy day to see what had fallen from the trees. What did I see laying on the ground under the walnut tree? When I approached, I found a beautiful nest made from the black hairs that had fallen on the ground from the pony. Every strand was so beautifully placed. How long had it taken a tiny bird to place each strand of hair? A little bird that no one paid attention to was working so hard and diligently making this beautiful nest.

"Of all things, the wind had blown it down for me to find. It is one of my most precious possessions. I share this story with you so we realize that even the



smallest things can be so important."

Those of us who attended the Ladies Luncheon were fortunate to see the original nest which Judy has kept ever since that day. Thank you, Judy, for this inspiring story. We wish you many more wonderful birthdays.

In addition to Judy's birthday, Bill Gipperich celebrated his 80th on Valentine's Day with a gathering of a few close friends. Happy Birthday to you, Bill, and thank you for all the wonderful things you do for our building.

And a big "thank you" to all of the Emerald Isle residents who helped clean out our storage rooms. What was once a huge mess has been turned into a clean and organized area. A special thanks goes to Bill Gipperich, Hank Rejman, and Rich



This is the bird's nest mentioned in the story by Judy Hetrick.

Piskorik, who tore out all of the wooden shelves and piled all of the trash up for the junk man to haul off.

Happy Easter to all.  
(Cheryl Butcher contributed to this month's column.)

## ATTENTION DRIVERS & CYCLISTS

A reminder to drivers who may not realize that bicycle riders have the same rights and responsibilities of a car when entering and exiting the Belcher and Sunset Point entrances. Stay safety-sharp and read up on your "Florida Rules of the Road."



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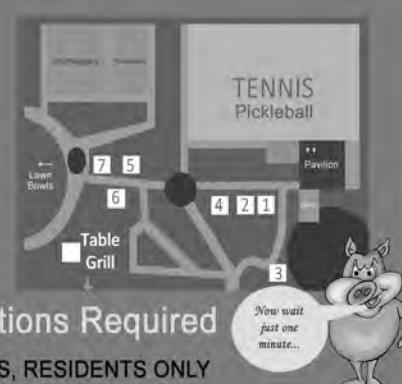
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## Officers for 2021 elected at building meeting

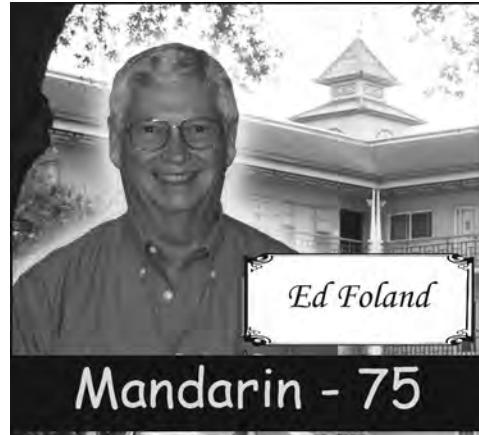
Everyone at the Mandarin Building is very excited to see the warmer spring-like weather arrive!

Everyone seems so much happier to be able to get outside and enjoy outside activities and visits from neighbors on the porch!

There are several bicycle riders in our building, and as you might guess, the bike room sometimes gets over-crowded. The building was able to purchase new bike racks to solve this problem. They have now been installed and we can now accommodate 18 bikes. The abandoned bikes that were taking up space have been removed and donated. A plan is in place to keep the bike room in order.

Our annual building meeting was conducted Feb. 25 at the East Activity Center. Officers were elected for the new year as follows:

Building Coordinator, Rick Figaski  
 North Side Wing Captain, Brad Reiscamp  
 South Side Wing Captain, Rick Figaski  
 Secretary, Phyllis Marsteller  
 Treasurer, Linda Bouley  
 Building Reporters, Ed Foland and Marie Guyton  
 Social Director, Debbie Figaski



A special thanks to all of our last year's officers and hopes of a great year to come for our new officers.

We have some very special people living here at Mandarin Building. Some, we can even call heroes! Each month we will do our best to feature one of these residents so everyone will know what wonderful and special people live among us.

This month we feature Nurse Kathy Meade. She is a specialty nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit. She is one of the "Angels" that give newborn babies with difficulties the care they need in order to lead healthy, full lives after they go home with their mothers. What a difficult and rewarding job that must be!



Featured Mandarin resident nurse Kathy Meade enjoys getting on her bike and touring the 45-mile-long Pinellas Bike Trail for relaxation and exercise.

(Photo by Ed Foland)

Thank you, Kathy, for all you do!

We are looking forward to being able to gather together for meals and fun in the near future. Let's all practice being good neighbors. Remember, to have a good neighbor, be a good neighbor.

(Marie Guyton contributed to this report.)

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# Viennese Villa dwellers prepare to enjoy fine Florida spring

Happy Easter! Hope the bunny remembers to leave lots of candy in my basket since I had given up sweets for Lent.

Now with Daylight Saving Time, there are longer hours to enjoy our lovely evenings and those beautiful sunsets.

We bid adieu to Jim and Linda Hilterbrant and will be welcoming new neighbors from North Dakota. Jim and Linda are returning to Ohio. However, with family in Tarpon Springs, we may see them out and about. We wish them all the best.

You may have seen a young lady with Mary Wolf. Well this pretty gal is Mary's daughter from San Francisco, Calif. Yes, they look like sisters. They have been gadding about and enjoying all there is to see. Mary reports her daughter loves it here. So we may see a lot more of this California girl.

Earl Balance and Mike Murphy have picked up the gardening baton from Dom Bucella. Thanks to the green thumbs of my first-floor neighbors on the Florentine wing, I have a beautiful view from the Florida room, including a palm.

Speaking of trees, as seen in the picture, the large oak on the Ecuadorian side by the core had to be cut down. Unfortunately it had a blight. The large limbs (called "widow makers" in Maine) were a danger as they were apt to fall during



a storm or strong breeze. On Top of the World to the rescue! A palm would make a nice addition to replace the oak — after all, it is Florida.

Our building meeting was held on St. Patrick's Day. Was a nice turnout — all masks and social distancing was observed, even though most of us have had our second shot. OTOW did a fantastic job of organizing the vaccination operation.

Back to the meeting. Carroll Harris, our building captain, who also wears the treasurer's cap, gave her report. Thank you, Carroll, for all you do, along with other unsung neighbors who care for our place in the sun.

Hopefully as things slowly begin to get back to normal (remember those days?) we will have building luncheons again.



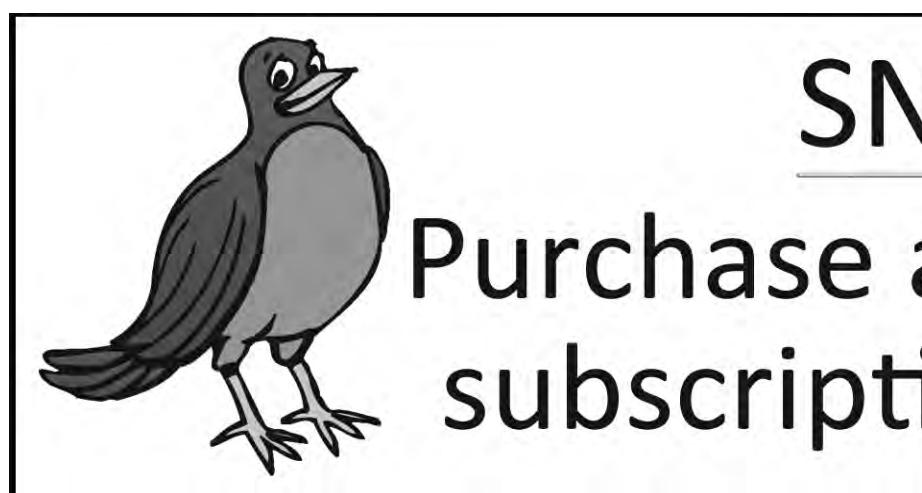
An OTOW tree crew prepares to cut down a diseased oak tree (at right) at the Viennese Villa Building. The crews are vigilant in their efforts to identify and eliminate diseased trees, which can pose a hazard to people and property if they should fall during a storm.

(Photo by Fran Fairfield)

Well that's about it for this time around. Wishes to all who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special events.

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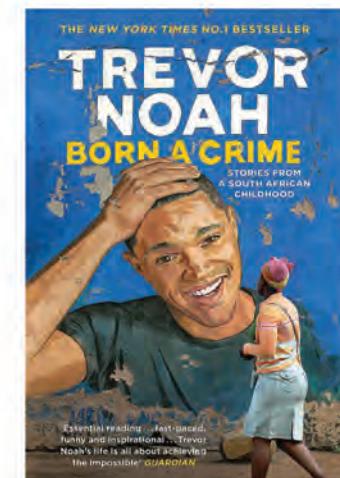
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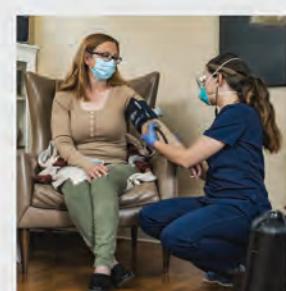
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