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Aliens land in EAC Auditorium

When On Top of the World residents began coming together in the fall of 2021 to begin our community's theater season, we were still in the midst of the pandemic.

No one knew if the Jesters or Theater Workshop shows were going to have live audiences.

No one knew what theater conditions were going to be like inside the East Activity Center Auditorium.

No one knew how many residents would come out and take part during four months of rehearsals.

In the end, all the preparations and hard work paid off.

Jesters held its show in February and Theater Workshop held its show in March.

Not only did both community clubs pull off successful live events in front of actual audiences, but our community made friends with aliens from another planet, too!

"It's been a great year for the On Top of the World Theater Workshop," said Vicky Portsmouth, one of the musical directors for the show.

"Our stage production, '2022: A Space Oddity, Close Encounters of the Friendly Kind' made its March debut like the roar of a lion. The musical comedy about aliens learning about Earth music was a great success and we received great reviews."

Director Will Peterson and Assistant Director Lori Gerstein came up with the idea that aliens had intercepted sounds of music from Earth.

The aliens landed on our planet and



Cowboy Gil Small and Buster Bronco listen in as aliens Linda Tyler and Laurie Fischer discuss music from Earth. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

wanted to hear more Rock 'n Roll and Country-style tunes before returning to their planet. What started off as a friendly argument over which type of music was better, ended with everyone agreeing that all forms of music were wonderful.

The aliens not only returned to their planet with our music, but took a cowboy, a horse and a cow with them!

"It was a fun time led by Will and Lori," Vicky said.

Vicky, along with her husband, Tom, were the musical directors.

Jim and Maureen Bjorgo were in charge of props.

There was a lot of work on stage and off the stage.

"We want to say 'Thank You' to the

OTOW Entertainment Committee's Sound and Lighting crew for managing our music and lighting, the OTOW newspaper for promotional material and filming, Stu Gerstein for managing the auditorium seating and tickets, and to our community residents for supporting us," Vicky said.

"We'll just keep the shows coming!"

Theater Workshop's season will slow down now as a new board of directors begins to make plans for a March 2023 stage production.

New officers will include Maxine Sutcliffe as president, Keith Elder as vice president, Lori Gerstein as secretary, Ron Steele as treasurer, Lillian Foy as assistant secretary and Roger Nicoll as assistant



Theater Workshop

treasurer.

You will be hearing more from the new group over the next several months.

The outgoing board wishes the new board a season filled with good health and success as the club prepares for its 53rd year.

If you would like to become a member of the 2022-23 OTOW Theater Workshop, contact Lori Gerstein at lgcounselor@gmail.com for membership information.

Please check our Box Office webpage (otowboxoffice.com) after April 6 for information from the incoming board.

By the time you read this article, the Jesters should be selling DVDs of their show in the EAC auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. DVDs of the OTOW Theater Workshop show will follow soon. Both shows were videotaped for OTOW-TV Channel 732. Look for the Jesters show to debut in August and the Theater Workshop show in September. Date will be announced in OTOW News.

Share your talents with the 2022-23 Jesters

By Evelyn Flam

The Jesters are still getting compliments on their show, "A Funny Thing Happened – on Broadway!"

We thank our audience for their kind comments. We also sincerely thank Jan Berman and the Travel Club for doing such a great job volunteering as our greeters and ticket takers.

At our annual appreciation dinner we look forward to thanking our cast and crew for making this year's show the success it was and are excited to elect and

install a new Jesters' board for the 2022-2023 season.

We would like to see new and old members come out for next year's show as we tap into Jesters' tradition, as well as seek new talent here at OTOW. We want to put your talent to good use.

It's exciting to see fun become contagious!

So if you have ideas to contribute for next year's show, or if you can sing, dance, tell a joke, play a musical instrument, or can help behind the scenes, use your talent

and come join the Jesters.

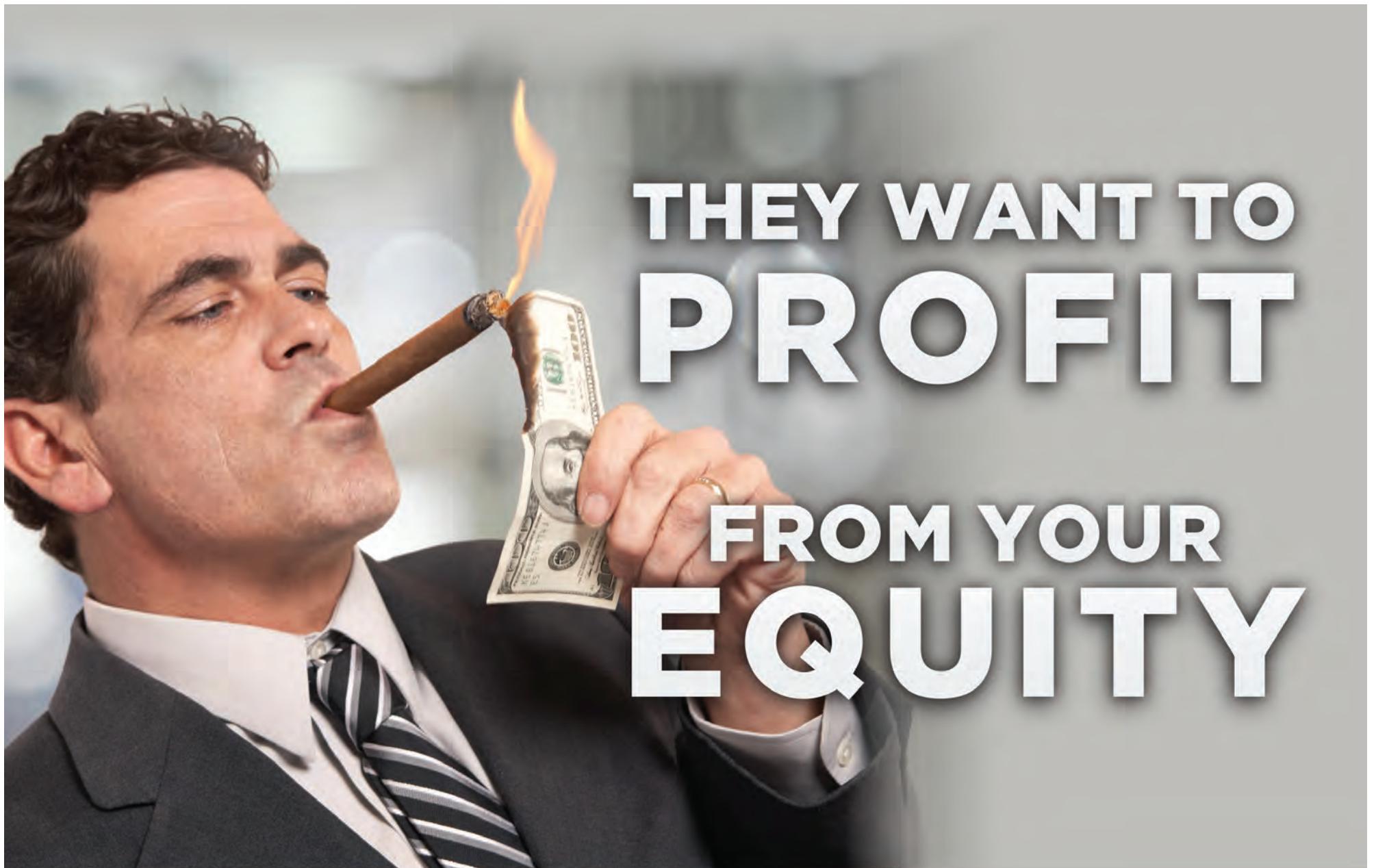
Our policy is to get everyone involved, both on stage and behind the scenes.

To join the Jesters, visit our information table on a Monday or Thursday morning, between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

If you can't stop by, just call Lillian Foy at 609-489-1400, or email her at ironlill@yahoo.com.

We look forward to hearing from you and getting together "Jest for Fun!"





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Irish Club issues a great big ‘Thank You’

By Barbara Rice

Thank you On Top of the World neighbors for your tremendous participation in the 2022 St. Patrick’s Day Parade and post-parade party on March 5.

Thank you to everyone who came out to see the 26th annual parade. Thank you OTOW staff and administration for your support and help.

And thank you Mike Cooper, in spirit, for sending us beautiful weather.

The Irish Club committee needed help to pull off the parade. You all certainly came through for us.

Mike would have been proud.

A few months before the parade, organizers sent out a call for convertibles, club participation and clowns.

They got all these and so much more!

Did you count all the snazzy convertibles in the parade?

There are some really nice rides cruising around OTOW. Thank you drivers for sharing your cars and chauffeuring us around in style.

Club after club marched, sang, danced, or played instruments down the parade route.

And, yes, clowns made us laugh.

Parade goers were entertained, too, by entries from far outside the gates of OTOW. Many of these visitors left saying they will be back next year.

For the first time ever, the parade was broadcast live on OTOW-TV for residents who were unable to leave their condos.

The parade and party was recorded by Newspaper Editor Doug Kates and was televised periodically in March through



Irish Club



St. Patrick’s Day.

If you missed the parade on OTOW-TV, Doug will take requests. Ask for a day and time in April and he will try to get it on TV for you to share with others.

In order to pull off the parade, the Irish Club needed to raise money. Fundraisers came in the form of shows and button sales.

A talented family from Ireland, The Byrne Brothers, brought their country to the East Activity Center through music and dance on Feb. 25. Nearly 200 residents and guests enjoyed their lively interactive performance, sponsored by the Irish Club.

If you missed the Byrne Brothers, the Irish Club is bringing them back for a Christmas show on Dec. 8. Four step dancers will join the brothers. Money raised will go toward the parade.

On March 3, green and shamrocks

Hugh Quirk drives down World Parkway Boulevard in a 1931 Ford Model A replica. Hugh doesn’t normally take this car out for a spin, but when he was asked if he would drive it in the parade, he didn’t hesitate to say ‘yes.’ (OTOW News Photo by Barbara Rice)

took over the EAC. Many Irishmen (if only Irish for the day), attended the club’s annual dinner dance. Dancing to music by Joe Burke and daughter, Finola, followed dinner.

Traditionally, Mike announced an Honoree of the Year at this event. This year, President Barbara Lenzi announced Mike was the honoree.

On March 9, Irish Club members tried their luck at Tampa Bay Downs.

Upcoming, on April 4, club members will get a chance to relax at a picnic at Philippe Park, shelter 2, beginning at 11 a.m. On the menu is roast chicken and

salad. Bring your own drinks and a dessert to share. No alcohol allowed in the park. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers.

Now we turn our attention to 2023. It’s never too early to plan ahead.

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in March for the 27th annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and it will be sunny.

The Irish Club welcomes new members to our club. You do not have to be Irish. You just have to like wearing green and having fun.

Annual dues are only \$5.

The OTOW Irish Club would like to thank the following clubs and groups which made financial contributions to the 2022 parade

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Bill Houser (Mr. Fun)

Canadian Club

Democratic Club

Dr. Russell Jansen

Dr. Scott Ray

Entertainment Committee

Good Neighbors Association

Italian-American Club

Jay Jarvis

Lawn Bowling Club

Line Dance Club

Moving ‘n Grooving Club

New York-New Jersey Club

Nine-Hole Ladies Golf

OTOW Chorus

OTOW Jesters

OTOW Theater Workshop

OTOW Veterans Group

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Ronald Reagan Republican Club

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A Special Thank You To Every Resident Who Purchased A Mike Cooper Button

Board meeting set for April 7 to

Recognizing the Heroes Among Us

It is one of my great pleasures to recognize employees who perform outstanding work.

It is not often that this outstanding work results in a life that is saved. But such is the case with Richard Pilego, who on March 9 at the East Activity Center responded to a call for help from a resident.

Upon inquiry, he realized that another resident had gone into cardiac arrest. His training kicked in and he responded accordingly: Notifying 911, getting an automated external defibrillator (AED) and deploying it correctly.

The AED analyzed the person's heart rhythm, initiated the shock (twice) and allowed Richard to start Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation that sustained the person until paramedics arrived on the scene and took over.

When asked, Richard commented, "I want to express my great thanks and appreciation to Daniel Childress (Safety Officer) for the past AED trainings that you gave in Clearwater that I had the privilege to attend in your awesome training classes. We saved that woman's life together!

"I knew properly and quickly how to use the AED on the woman resident, whose heart stopped beating on Wednesday afternoon on March 9. The AED saved her life!"

Not to mention your cool head and quick action, Rich!

Condominium Legislative Update

As I sit down to write this article, another "strike all" amendment on House Bill 7069 filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley has been filed.

All previous amendments have been withdrawn.

The amendment only includes the milestone inspection program for buildings 30 years or older and lines up closer to Jennifer's initial bill, Senate Bill 1702, which only dealt with the building inspection program.

The House Bill was on the Senate Special Order calendar on March 9 and was withdrawn from consideration on March 12.

Long story short, the House and Senate were unable to agree on language for the bill and the legislation is dead this year.

Bottom line for the state-wide condominium community is that change may still be coming out of next year's legislative session and your Board of Directors will keep this in mind as we prepare for another annual budget meeting and community vote on waiving reserves.

We will do everything in our power to keep fees fair and reasonable regardless of any burdens added by the Florida Legislature in the future.

My conclusion is that it is a good time to be an architect or structural engineer! They will be very busy for many, many years.



Chairman

Cable Update

In the February 2022 edition of OTOW News, I reported that the Board made the decision to direct PropRevs to negotiate with Spectrum and present a contract for bulk cable and Internet service.

The goal is to get an affordable, state-of-the-art, fiber-to-the-home, high-speed solution for internet service combined with a broad cable offering that delivers significant savings compared with current a la carte and retail bundle services.

Since that time, the good faith negotiations with Spectrum fell apart over several key points:

- Following their fiber-to-the-home proposal, Spectrum came back with offers limited to upgrading the existing cable network to a higher level of service, but with less capability than a complete fiber solution. We let them know that this solution was not previously discussed and would not be acceptable.

- When the draft contract was delivered, several provisions exposed the Association to the significant and unnecessary financial risk of having to pay back Spectrum the cost of the fiber installation should certain events occur. Based on the total cost of deploying a fiber network, this put the Association at risk for millions of dollars over conditions that, for the most part, it could not control.

We initially chose to continue negotiations with Spectrum based on the understanding that it would create minimal disruption to residents while providing upgraded cable services.

Based on their changes to their initial proposal, the negotiation has now shifted to Summit Broadband.

Summit Broadband was recently ranked as a US Top 10 Internet Service Provider (ISP) by PC Magazine.

Summit Broadband has a very strong programming line-up and an excellent track record in delivering fiber solutions.

Additionally, the significantly discounted bulk rate provides annual savings for seasonal TV and Internet subscribers without the need to turn on and turn off service during your time in Florida.

The proposed bulk rate provides pricing certainty for the term of the Agreement.

In addition to the robust 500 Mbps Internet service available to each condominium unit, Summit Broadband's offer

includes two wireless DVR boxes, 72-hour Restart TV (including 50 hours of Cloud DVR capacity).

Summit Broadband also offers an app that allows access to their programming anywhere you can find an Internet connection.

If you have any concerns about adjusting to a new cable provider, we have asked Summit Broadband to provide on-site demonstrations to residents during the product and service transition.

I will share more details on this as they become available.

Summit Broadband's commitment to customer care and relationship management ensures the fiber solution is supported by a dedicated and local customer care team.

Your Board understands that not everyone is interested in changing their service provider, so Summit Broadband has agreed to allow Spectrum facilities to remain in place within the community. Residents who wish to continue their Spectrum service at full retail rates have the opportunity to do so.

That said, the new Summit Broadband bulk rate will be in effect for all condominium owners.

The goal is to wrap up the Bulk Rate Contract in April and allow Summit to proceed to a November 2022 "go live" service date. This requires adoption of the proposed contract by the Board.

A meeting of the Board will be held on April 7, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the East Activity Center.

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 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 be called in to address a failing air conditioning sys-

tem.

Time is of the essence in addressing water-related complaints, which always 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 by refusing 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, you must first be a good neighbor.

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

Travel Season

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. Please see the "Before you leave on an extended trip" planning checklist on page 5.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

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

Two of those ongoing projects are the painting and waterproofing of On Top of the World condominium buildings.

The painting crews will continue with front façade painting projects with Buildings 24, 28 and 39 being next on the schedule.

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

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review cable TV

numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors. Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee.

Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, Roofing and Large scope projects

With springtime comes the arrival of asphalt improvement and parking lot maintenance projects at On Top of the World.

A licensed contractor will be applying seal-coating products to various parking areas around the community in order to extend the useful life of the surfaces as we move along in time.

The work is estimated to begin in April pending availability of the materials needed.

Much like shortages in the roofing industry, petroleum is the main component in the manufacture of most asphalt products. With this in mind, it's important that residents be prepared to relocate cars as needed on short notice.

Bulletin boards and car windshields are the most effective means of communication in situations like this so please keep an eye out for any 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 re-stripe 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.

The Management Company, as of this update, continues to work closely with its licensed contractor on start dates for roofing projects anticipated this spring.

As that information becomes available, it will be communicated to the affected building occupants. This will most likely come in the form of bulletins and through the community's RAVE messaging system. If you're not already signed up, please visit www.GETRAVE.com/login/otowFL for more information (messaging rates may apply).

As always, thanks for your attention and cooperation.

Aluminum railing improvements continue to take place on the West Side. These improvements involve the full or partial replacement of original railing installations with new code compliant systems in stairwells and in walkways where required.

The vendor is anticipated to be at building 86 in the month of April and residents should be aware of active work zones as the project is underway. Please avoid these areas, watch your step, and help us make safety a number one priority. Your cooperation is appreciated!

A licensed specialty architectural contractor is anticipated to begin the restorative work on the end stairwell tower features at Building 36 in April. The demolition and masonry repair work has been completed and the next step in the process will be to install lightweight components that will mimic the original conveyance.

This work will require the use of aerial lifts and possibly the relocation of unit owner vehicles while each tower receives these improvements. If you happen to wander upon these crews performing this work, please give a wide buffer to allow them to operate safely.

Recurring reminders for all community residents

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

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust.

Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

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



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 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.

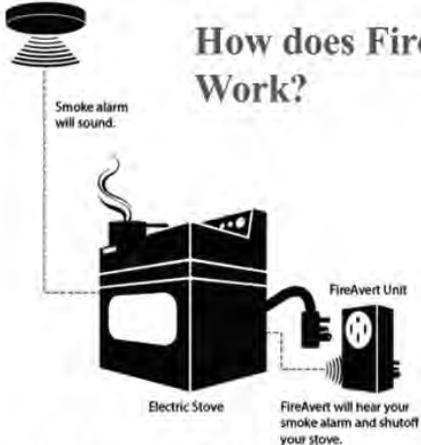
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I love to play a lot and out-run the big dogs.

I am part Chihuahua and part Shiba Inu.

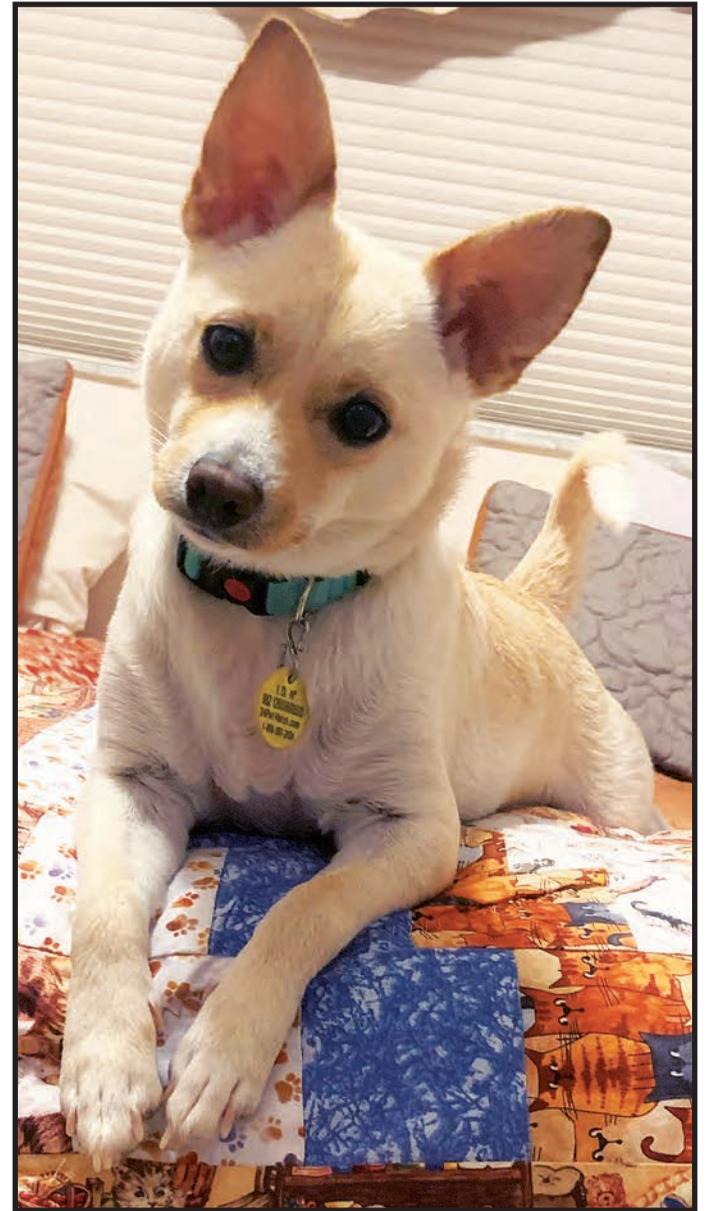
My mom, Brianna Rodriguez, named me Fox because I look like one. I live with my mom and my Auntie Carol Takas in building 77.

I was brought home from the Humane Society Center when I was 8 months old. Instantly I enjoyed meeting new friends, neighbors and everyone else at On Top of the World.

I love Florida. The best part is I can roll in the grass and pick up sticks and bring them home.

I also like to chase birds, squirrels and butterflies on my walks. When I am in my living room, I just bark at them.

I really enjoy being with my family and meeting new people and dogs.



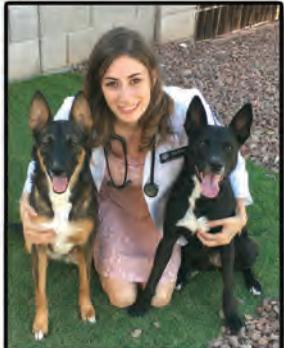
Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.



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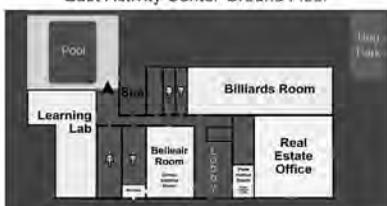
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East Activity Center Second Floor



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Pavilion Park

Important Phone Numbers

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727-683-6981

Activities Office

727-799-2734

Water Turn-On/Water Turn-Off

727-799-3417 Option 6

Emergency After Hours/Weekends

727-799-1115

Farmer's Market offered a wide variety in March



Tomatoes, oranges, radishes, corn and onions were just some of the home-grown products available in March at the Farmer's Market.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Some On Top of the World residents were very serious when it came time to select fresh fruits and vegetables from the first ever Farmer's Market in March.

Other residents were simply curious to see the East Activity Center parking lot transform into a giant fruit and vegetable stand.

While the first try with Turner Produce was an experiment, and a lot was learned, the basic concept worked all three tries in March: Bring in local, fresh food and sell it for a reasonable price.

Three more dates will be added in April and lessons learned will create adjustments for your next visit.

An effort will be made to make it easier to pay and hopefully there will not be one long line everyone has to get into at the same time.

April specials will be offered including deals on blueberries, asparagus and broccoli.

Spend \$10, you'll even get free strawberries.

Farmer's Market dates this month are April 13 and 27. Times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Food Truck Night March 2022: Highlights from top to bottom - Corvo Bianco, OTOW Knitting Group, Got Lobstah?, The Best Thai Food, Skoops, Sea Dog Cantina, BBQ Queen, Saxophonist Peter Neumer and Casablanca Fusion. (Photos by Doug Kates)





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Countryside Mall Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.	OTOW BUS
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Publix Thursdays 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Neighborly Care
Sprouts Fridays 8:15 a.m.	OTOW BUS
Aldi Fridays 11:00 a.m.	OTOW BUS

The On Top of the World bus schedule will now include the OTOW shuttle bus on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the Neighborly Care Transportation bus on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The bus driver only picks up passengers with reservations. Reservations are first-come, first-served, and can be made from 7 a.m., Monday, through 1 p.m., Thursday, for any day(s) in the **current** week. However, NO reservations will be accepted after 1 p.m. for the next day to ensure the morning roster can be prepared before staff leave for the day. When making multiple reservations for your week ahead, please ensure careful planning to prevent the need to cancel. To cancel a ride, please call the bus line as early as possible. You must present your valid activity card before boarding. Please be visible to your bus driver outside your center core. No eating or drinking on the bus. Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes. Questions? Call Activity Department Manager Nancy Rogers at 727-799-2734.

Neighborly Care Transportation bus now in service two days a week

Starting in April, the Neighborly Care Network's Neighborly Transportation bus will be added to the On Top of the World weekly transportation schedule.

Neighborly Care Transportation will be taking people on 90 minute shopping trips to Walmart on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Publix on Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

On Top of the World will continue to use its shuttle bus for trips to Countryside Square on Tuesday mornings, Countryside Mall on Tuesday afternoons, Sprouts on Friday mornings and Aldi on Friday afternoons.

There is no shuttle bus service on Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The Neighborly Care Transportation shuttle bus is always available to help residents with their own transportation needs. Anyone seeking this service should call Neighborly Care directly.

The Wednesday/Thursday shopping trips are an experiment solely for On Top of the World residents and only for the designated destinations.

OTOW residents interested in using the Neighborly Care Transportation shuttle bus on Wednesday to Walmart or Thursday to Publix must fill out a Neighborly Care registration form, which is available on the bus, at the Activity Office and at the Community Service Office. Forms must be returned to the bus driver or to the Community Service Office, where office staff will process with Neighborly Care

Transportation. When you are approved, you will get a phone call.

If successful, the split schedule could stay. A lot depends on how many people take advantage of the service.

Bus rides to Countryside Square, Countryside Mall, Walmart, Publix, Sprouts and Aldi are by reservations only. Bus drivers for both buses will not transport passengers who do not have reservations.

The phone number to make a reservation is 727-799-3417 extension 7. On the message machine leave your name, date of travel, which run (first or second of the day) phone number and address, including building and unit number.

Reservations must be made by 1 p.m. the day before you plan to travel.

You can make more than one reservation per week, but make certain you need more reservations as seats are limited on both buses. If you need to cancel a reservation, do so as soon as possible so someone else can have your seat.

All residents must show their activity card before boarding a bus. Face masks are optional, but no longer required.

You are not permitted to tip the bus driver. No eating or drinking on the buses, please. When your bus is scheduled to arrive, make sure you are near your building's center core and visible to the bus driver. Do not wait for the bus from an upstairs condo.

Please note, all morning pickups are now 8:15 a.m. and afternoon pickups are all now 11 a.m.



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Enjoy your favorite Beach Boys tunes right in our own auditorium

By Mary Ann O'Neil

The year 2022 has been good to The Entertainment Committee and we want to keep it going.

Our shows have been sold out and dances have been well attended.

The Entertainment Committee appreciates all of your support and it's wonderful seeing our On Top of the World family back together enjoying ourselves.

Our last show was A Tribute to Whitney Houston and was an enjoyable evening. Hearing songs sung by Jade Milian and Samuel E brought back memories of a great artist who gave us wonderful songs throughout her career.

Our Luck of the Irish Dance featured A Taste of Love with Jan and Bart. This duo had everyone out on the dance floor and entertained us throughout the evening.

Now, let's all get ready for a night of the Beach Boys featuring the Shindigs on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m..

The Shindigs recreate the hits of America's favorite band, The Beach Boys. Reminisce to classic Beach Boy favorites like Help Me Rhonda, California Girls, Surfin' Safari, Surfer Girl and many more.

Come join the fun, wear your surfer shirts, or whatever reminds you of the Beach Boys!

This show is one that we had to cancel back in 2020 due to COVID so let's show this group that OTOW is ready for them!

The Over the Edge Band will be performing for us on Saturday, April 23. We will be having our annual Spring Bonnet Contest so start working on those bonnets. Remember, there will be a prize for the best hat(s). Let's see how creative you all can be!

Dances and show tickets are reasonably priced and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment. Shows are \$20 and dances are \$10.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating - BYOB. Remember we will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s).

Stop by the Entertainment Committee table on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your tickets.

We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances that will help you plan ahead. Remember you can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You don't need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

There is a saying "April Showers Brings May Flowers" along with Easter which is celebrated April 17 this year.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

At right is Jade Milian, who performed a tribute to Whitney Houston in March.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

APRIL 21
7:00 PM
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

The Shindigs

Tribute to The Beach Boys

BYOB and Snacks. We supply ice and coffee.

Dance and Show tickets can be purchased in the EAC Mondays & Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 AM or call 797-1761




Parade is a chance to acknowledge our veterans



At left, Bob Backlund proudly waves the American flag from the Veterans Group convertible during the Irish Club parade. Below, OTOW veterans find a seat on the veterans' float as the parade gets ready to start.



By Pamela Rosenblatt
The luck of the Irish was with us during the annual Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mike Cooper's legacy was honored as we all tried to meet up to his high standards.

Our Veterans Group featured six WWII veterans - four of them from our own OTOW community and two from the West Central Florida Honor Flight.

We transported our fine veterans via two convertibles, a flatbed truck and those who could "March" did.

Everyone worked up an appetite. At the end of the parade we all enjoyed refreshments and entertainment at the East Activity Center.

What a glorious day!

I'm sure Mike would have been proud of our efforts. A big "Well done" to all involved.

Mark your calendar for the next Veterans Coffee Social. It will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 2 p.m. in the EAC Kitchen.

If you know of any veterans not yet a part of our group, please bring them with you. Coffee and cake will be served.

The next event for our club will be our Armed Forces Recognition Day Cel-

ebration held on Friday, May 20 at 2 p.m. in the EAC Pavilion.

All branches of our military will be recognized. Canadian military veterans are welcome to attend and will also be recognized.

A hot dog roast will follow with all the fixings. Space is limited. Please register in advance as only registered guests can attend.

A registration form is printed below. More are available in the newspaper office during business hours.

If you haven't been to the EAC on a Monday or Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m., then you've missed our Veterans Information Table. We've got a knowledgeable and dedicated team here to assist our veterans.

If a veteran needs advice or benefit information, we'll do our best to point you in the right direction.

We are always accepting donations for the Bay Pines Veterans Association. There is a list at the table of items needed for homeless and needy veterans. Socks are always needed.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Feel free to contact us by email at otowveteransgroup@gmail.com.



OTOW Veterans Group Armed Forces Recognition Day Registration Form



This event will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at the Pavilion. Our On Top of the World Veterans Group will hold a special barbecue and tribute for community residents who served their country honorably - whether it was for the USA or our Allied Forces. Each honoree will be recognized individually. Please register in advance using this form, which can be dropped off at our group table any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., or you can drop off forms at the newspaper office during regular business hours. Forms must be submitted by Thursday, May 12. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend this event with all veterans.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Branch of Service: _____ US Other Country _____

Years Served: From 19 to 20 Email address: _____

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

I plan on attending this tribute. Number of people attended: _____

I cannot attend in person, but I would still like to be recognized.

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OTOW Community Activities Calendar - April 2022

East Activity Center

CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM

Entertainment Committee Board: Monday, April 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, April 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
 Pray for America: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Philosophy Club: Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

LARGO ROOM

Lambda Easter Social: Sunday, April 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
 Baby Boomers Meetings: April 6, 5:30-6:30 and April 21, 5:30-6:30
 Good Neighbors Association Meeting, Thursday, April 6, 10 am - 12 pm
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 am
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am
 Art Guild Meeting: Friday, April 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Acrylic Painting: Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

CLEARWATER ROOM/KITCHEN

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
 High Vibe Club (Metaphysical Group) : April 14 & 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 Texas Card Game Tournament: Friday, April 15, 5:30 - 10:00 pm
 Ceramics: Thursdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Palace Card Game: Mondays, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

OLDSMAR ROOM

Travel Club Meeting: Friday, April 1, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

WOODSHOP

Mondays-Fridays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

LIBRARY

Mondays 10:00 - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

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 Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

OTOW Association Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2:00
East Activity Center Auditorim

AUDITORIUM

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee: Thursday, April 14, 9:00 -11:00 am
 OTOW Chorus Concert: Saturday, April 2, 7:30 pm; Sunday, April 3, 3:00 pm
 Entertainment Committee Show: Thursday, April 21, 7:30 pm (Beach Boys Tribute)
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, April 23, 7:30 pm
 Entertainment Committee Sunday Meet & Greet: Sunday, April 24, 2:00 pm
 New York-New Jersey Club: Sports Night, Tuesday, April 5, 5:00 - 10:00 pm
 Italian American Club Dinner: Wednesday, April 13, 4:00 - 10:00 pm
 Open Mic: Storytelling, Poetry, Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Club Information Tables (Ticket Sales) Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Saturdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Moving and Grooving Easy Level: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fridays, 1:00 - 3:30 pm
 Cardio Dance: Saturdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Class April 2 moved to Exercise Room)
 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing: Wednesdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

OZONA ROOM

Cribbage: Wednesdays (starting Jan. 12) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Beginner Duplicate Bridge: Thursdays (Beginning Jan. 13) 9:00 - 11:00 am
 Contract Bridge: Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Italian Class: Fridays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Barrys Poker: Mondays, Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 Dominos: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
 Rummikub: Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm
 Double Deck Pinochle: Sundays and Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00
 Samba: Fridays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

SAFETY HARBOR ROOM

Mexican Train: Thursdays, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
 Alonzo's Poker: Mondays, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
 Bob's Poker: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:30 pm
 Tom's Poker: Wednesdays, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
 Carol's Poker: Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

DUNEDIN ROOM

Writers Ink: Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:30 pm
 Italian Class: Fridays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Duplicate Bridge: Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

EXERCISE ROOM

Line Dance Practice: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am
 Ladies Exercises: Monday-Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 am
 Co-Ed Exercises Class: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00 - 10:45 am
 Hatha Yoga w/Marilyn: Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:15 am
 Tai Chi Flow 108: Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm
 Tai Chi Chair: Mondays, Wednesdays, 10:45 am - 11:30 am
 Qigong: Tuesdays, Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:00 pm
 Slimnastics: Weekdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am
 Moving 'N Grooving 5 Star: Thursdays, 4:15 - 6:00
 Cardio Dance: Mondays 1:00 - 2:00 pm; Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm; Wednesdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm
 Cardio Dance Light: Saturdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm
 Cardio Dance: Saturday, April 2, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

West Activity Center

BELLEAIR ROOM

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Theater Workshop Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
 Theater Workshop Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 Jesters Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 Zumba: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am - 10:00 am
 Zumba Gold: Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Zumba Gold Chair: Thursdays 9:00 am -9:45 am
 Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Hatha Yoga w/Marilyn: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:15 am
 Canadian Club Blackout: Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 Social Dance Class: Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Siboney Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PALM HARBOR ROOM

Mahjongg: Fridays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

LEARNING LAB

Computer Club: Wednesdays, Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Ladies Bunco: Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

BILLIARDS ROOM

8-Ball: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6:30 - 10:00 pm
 Scotch Doubles: Thursdays, 6:30 - 10:00

Pavilion

Tennis Business Meeting: Saturday, April 2, 10:00 - 11:00 am
 Tennis Meeting: Saturday, April 2, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Baby Boomers Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 - 6:00 pm
 Lambda Social: Friday, April 8, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 Democratic Club: Thursday, April 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
 Southern Georgian Building Dinner: Sunday, April 10, 4:00 pm
 Rio Riviera Building Luncheon: Wednesday, April 13, 11:00 am

Press Association Appreciation Luncheon
Qualified Staff Only: Thursday, April 7, 5:00 Philippe Park

Farmers Market
Wednesday, April 13, 10-5
Wednesday, April 27, 10-5

Food Truck Night
Wednesday, April 20
3:00 - 7:00

Updates/Corrections to this calendar
 may be posted on the Box Office: otowboxoffice.com

Outdoor Sports

Pickleball: Mondays thru Fridays 3:30-7, Sundays, 9-12
 Tennis Club: Meets Mon-Sat 7:30-11:00 am
 Tennis Courts Open to all Residents
 7 am - 10 pm weekdays, 9 am-9 pm weekends
 Shuffleboard Club: Mon, Wed, Fri 3:30-5:30
 Shuffleboard Open Hours: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Both golf courses open

Lawn Bowl Courts open

EAST ACTIVITY CENTER SWIMMING POOL
 Aqua Aerobics: Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am
 Open Hours: Mon - Sat, 8 am - 6 pm,
 Sundays and Holidays, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



Can someone under 55 own a condo at OTOW?

Q. Can you explain in simple terms what the “over-55” rules are at OTOW?

A. An over-55 community is one that complies with the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

If a community is an over-55 community, 80 percent of the residential dwellings must be occupied by at least one person, 55 years of age or older. Notice the word occupied. This is not the same as owner.

What about the remaining 20 percent? Now, be aware that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can, and does, monitor a community to make sure it complies with the 80–20 percent split.

If a community fails to do so, it can lose that “over-55” designation. That’s why those 80–20 numbers are important.

I am told that OTOW management seeks strict compliance with the rule. They can’t catch everyone, but they sure do try.

How do those numbers apply to units in OTOW, either in Clearwater or in Ocala?

Well, the 20 percent gauge is used for folks who inherit a unit or in a situation where a couple occupy a unit and the one who is over 55 passes on. In those situations, OTOW is designed to permit such folks to continue in occupancy.

A couple of examples: Someone age, say 52, seeks to buy and occupy in OTOW. That person will not be approved for occupancy. That same person inherits a dwelling from a relative, or outlives a significant other in occupancy, he/she will be approved for occupancy.



Scam Alert.

I got another call from “Mark,” or should I say from a Mark, whoever he is.

He’s sorry he missed my call (which I never made).

He’s in the area looking to buy properties and he’s a local investor (although he’s got a phone number from Carson City, Nevada).

He wants to close right away.

He also wants to steal any property he can get.

Folks, the absolute worst way to try and sell your property is by dealing with investors, and most particularly with investors who contact you by telephone, email or text.

Those are the worst of the worst.

They claim to make great offers: They’ll pay the closing costs. They’ll close right away. Maybe they will. But what I can assure you is they won’t pay what the property is really worth.

Oh, and of course, they will say they can’t make you an offer until you let them in your house to see the property.

Did you get what I just said?

They will want to look inside your house. THEN, once they are inside, then comes the pressure!

Please. If you want to put your home on the market to sell it, your safest bet is always to deal with a reputable real estate broker who is licensed by the State of Florida and who lives — really lives — in the area.

Scam Alert.

Random thoughts from Jerry with a headache: Suzy with the vehicle warranty department has no idea what vehicle you have or when your warranty expires.

Amy, who wants to arrange to pay your utility bills, really wants to sign you up for an expensive service you don’t need.

Nikki, who wants to talk to you about your medical coverages, is a fraudster attempting to sign you up for some plan you don’t need.

Michael, from social security, who wants to tell you about some problem with your social security payments, wants to steal your social security number.

Should I keep going?

Wait, my headache just got worse.

OK, one more. Yeah, and your grandson, who just got arrested and needs bail money ... tell him he should stay in jail. Tell him that as you hang up.

As James Whitcomb Riley’s Little Orphan Annie said so many years ago: “An the Gobble-uns at gits you ef you Don’t

Watch Out.”

Q. I am engaged to a man considerably older and with significantly more resources. We’ll live in his home. Recently he said he wants me to sign a pre-nuptial agreement or he won’t marry me as he wants to protect his children from three prior marriages. He said if things don’t work out, we can get an annulment which is like the marriage never existed. What do you think?

A. I can’t tell you what to do. It’s your life and your marriage (or no marriage). I also can’t tell you how an annulment benefits you at all.

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Cut and mail back form along with personal representative information or include key with form.

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Please complete the following if you are mailing your key (include):

Your Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Mailing Address (key return): _____

Please complete the following if you are assigning a personal representative:

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Representative name: _____

Representative phone number: _____

Representative address: _____

Time to complete club packet forms for 2022

Attention club and activity representatives.

Anyone in charge of a club or group at On Top of the World must stop by the Community Service Office or Activity Office to pick up the 2022 annual club packet forms.

Please complete and drop off at one of these offices by Friday, April 29.

Who needs to complete the annual forms and why?

Any group engaged in a recurring activity on the premises constitutes SCA's definition of a club.

These forms are required on an annual basis to ensure that the Activity Office holds current information. The forms include updated rules, guidelines and questions necessary for the overall success of your activity and SCA's operation.

This year I would like to emphasize the importance of assigning at least one member of your club who is willing to receive and reply to emails and willing to utilize the online Facility Request Form.

The Activity Office runs much more efficiently when residents utilize the online form because it arrives instantly in the general activity email account already typed, signed and legible.

I hope you can understand how vital it is that everyone, especially club representatives, follow these channels of communication.

Here is the process that every resident and, especially club representatives, should understand.

To make a room or pavilion reservation, please call or email me at general_activity@otowfl.com with the date and room that you would like to reserve.

This starts the reservation process.

I will reply or call you back in a timely manner.

Once we establish an available date and location, then you complete the SCA online Facility Request Form.

The form is easy to complete as follows:

Go to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** and **FORMS**, select the **SCA ONLINE FACILITIES REQUEST FORM**, complete and sign with your finger or mouse. Then click "submit" and the form lands in this email account. I will acknowledge receipt in an email.

In addition, your club will need to provide an updated roster of your members, which must include resident's names, buildings and unit numbers.

It is NOT necessary to attach a copy of every members' updated Activity Card.

As a reminder, guests cannot be members of clubs. If attending a club function, guests must at all times be in the company of an approved resident with an updated Activity Card.

SCA Facilities Management conducts random Activity Card checks and therefore all club members should have their updated activity card with them when utilizing the facilities.

Last, I have been involved with coordinating and managing activities for On Top of the World for the last eight years and have some basic advice to offer ...



Events & Activities

Any club or group that collects dues should operate under a Board of Directors and a formal set of bylaws. A board will hold a term in office and elections are held annually or every two years.

In addition, it is recommended that you seek the advice of a qualified professional to ensure you are complying with the requirements of the IRS, State and Federal guidelines.

Should it be determined that a Federal Tax ID number or 501 (C) (7) status is recommended, we ask that you supply a copy of that status along with your completed club packet.

Please visit the www.irs.gov website for further information.

For residents without much experience coordinating a club, Robert's Rules of Order is a guide for conducting meetings and making decisions as a group. Robert's Rules are now available in a "Dummy" version. "Robert's Rules for Dummies." Please check it out!

If you should have any additional questions about the annual club forms, I am just an email or phone call away, general_activity@otowfl.com or 727-799-2734.

Please do not drop off incomplete packets as they will not be processed and could cause you a second trip in.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Walk, Bike, Drive

Tampa Bay Safety Seminar

It's the height of the season for walking, biking and driving and that means it's time to receive our annual safety refresher from Walk, Bike, Drive Tampa Bay on Monday, April 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

A presentation took place at the Pavilion last month, but it was very cold and not well attended.

Since the presenters are traveling from the USF campus in Tampa, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We live in a busy region of the country and it's never a waste of time to brush up on safety tips to enhance your awareness.

As always, the presentation is interactive with live instructors, covering safety tips and Florida laws for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

There will be time for questions and answers after the presentation.

Advanced registration is not required. The presentation is free and all attendees

Contact The Activity Office
Email: general_activity@otowfl.com
Phone: (727) 799-2734

receive a free safety item.

I look forward to seeing you at the seminar!

Farmer's Market Schedule

OTOW's Farmers Market will take place on Wednesday, April 13, and Wednesday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and special deals will always be posted a couple of days before on OTOW-TV.

Food Truck Night

Come join the fun at the next OTOW Food Truck night on Wednesday, April 20, 3-7 p.m.

Make new acquaintances, or reconnect with friends and neighbors, and enjoy some delicious food that you do not have every day.

Food Truck Night offers a variety of cuisine to satisfy any craving. It all happens at the northeast parking area near our beautiful EAC Pavilion area!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For more info, see posters and flyers at the Activity Centers and on your building bulletin boards, on OTOW-TV and Website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com

Shopping Bus

Operation Changes

Starting the first week in April, SCA will be splitting shopping bus runs with Neighborly Care Transportation.

See shuttle bus story and schedule on page 10 for all the details.

In addition, the OTOW bus reservation procedure is new and improved. Please see the April OTOW Bus schedule on page 10 for the new instructions.

The shuttle bus reservation phone number remains the same (727) 799-3417 ext. 7 and transportation continues under the management of SCA's Activity Department.

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls) on Thursday, April 14, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the official website otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

In thanks, you will receive two gifts - a T-Shirt and a \$20 e-gift card.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the residents who participated last month. The honor roll is as follows:

Anthony Procopio, Boris Reissek, Carl Turner, Carmel LeBlanc, David Jarrett, Diane Reissek, James Goletz, Jeffrey

Flynnrey, Jeffrey Jackson, Jeffrey Martin, Jennifer Harrison, Joanne Killen, Joseph Connolly, Karen Sutton, Karen Whitmore, Lance Goonan, Laura Jackson, Linda Herron, Maryann Bruton, Nelissa Goraj, Peter Caffentzis, Ralph Centers, Reginald Jennings, Roseanne Shevchenko, Sandra Johnson, Sandra Martin, Sara-Jane Medina, Sheila Charette, Sherry McDonald and Stephanie Rinaldi.

Our One Blood rep and I are so proud to be a part of this community. Thank you so much for saving lives!

We had 26 successful procedures resulting in touching 78 lives!

Activity Office

The Activity Office operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Reservations are processed Monday through Thursday. In other words, it is not possible to make a reservation for the upcoming weekend on a Friday. Please keep this in mind in planning your events or activities.

To make a reservation, please call or email me at general_activity@otowfl.com. To start the reservation process, please include the date and room that you would like to reserve. I will reply or call you back in a timely manner.

Once we establish an available date and location then you will complete an online Facility Request Form.

If you would like to meet to discuss an idea for a club or any matter related to events and activities, please email or call me to make an appointment.

Activity Card Renewal

Activity Card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon, and 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Activity Cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

In addition, for renewal, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

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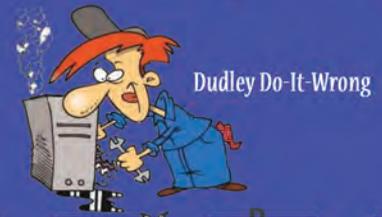
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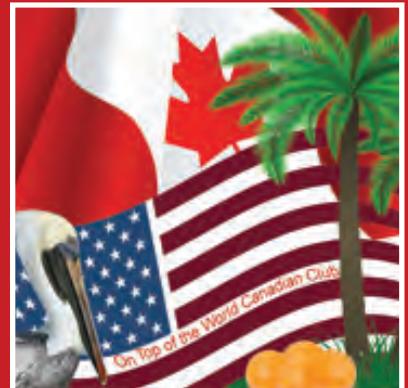
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(OTOW News photo by Barbara Rice)

Not only did the Canadian Club host a successful end-of-the-season picnic at the Pavilion, but club members raised \$840 for Ukraine humanitarian aid.

\$840 collected for Ukraine

More than 60 residents attend Canadian Club barbecue at pavilion

By Connie Stanley

We are so pleased to announce that the Canadian Club's rejuvenation barbecue was held on Saturday, March 19, in the OTOW Pavilion.

Joanne Fenn again stepped up to volunteer as event coordinator and very efficiently got her planning and organizational skills into action.

Our target originally was for 60 participants which was met!

We were "ticketless" at \$10 per person for a hamburger or hotdog, potato salad, coleslaw and cookies and \$2 for a second hamburger or hotdog.

Joanne enlisted Theresa Gates, Lydia Côté, Susan Cober, Ken Campbell, Jackie Cornett Small, Harry Morrison, Harold Côté, Laurie Fischer, Rollie Lapointe, Gil Small and myself who volunteered, cooked and helped out in so many capacities for a wonderful event.

Participants enjoyed another multiple choice "Canadiana" brainstorming quiz for "bragging rights" and our American members partnered with Canadians to brainstorm the answers.

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

ing friendships and making some new acquaintances.

Speaking of competition, congratulations go out to the winners of the Canadian Club Lawn Bowl Triples Tournament held in March.

Winners were Kelly Moore, Dot Graham and Pauline MacKin.

Also at the picnic, it was announced that Canadian Club members had collected \$840 in cash donations, which were given to the Canadian Red Cross for Ukraine humanitarian relief efforts.

In early March, the Canadian government was matching donations meant for

Ukraine. If the Canadian Club donation is met, then the total will be well over \$1000.

Our annual General Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center where a full Executive Committee was elected.

We are sending wishes for a happy, healthy and wonderful Good Friday on April 15 and Happy Easter Sunday on April 17.

We are hopeful that everyone has a wonderful summer and hope to see you at Registration Night on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Art Guild members learn how to create pastel pet paintings

By Sue Naylor

After a very animated discussion of our recent art show, Art Guild members were encouraged to volunteer for next season's officers.

During the meeting, selection took place for Artist of the Month. Chosen for April was Ruth Phillips with her acrylic painting "Autumn." You can view this painting in the Art Guild's glass case in the auditorium. Don't miss it.

The rest of the meeting was a very enlightening demonstration in pastels by our own Alice Anderson on how to paint pets.

To refresh your memory, pastels are a crayon-like art medium full of pigment and bound together with resin. The more pigment, the more expensive the pastel.

Some of Alice's cost were \$3 for just one pastel stick.

Pastels are not applied with brushes - you apply them just like the crayons you used when you were young, but with much better results. You don't even have to stay within the lines.

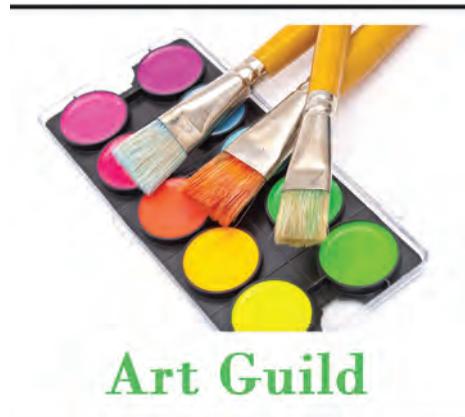
You can also purchase pastel pencils - not colored pencils - to enhance the details of your art work.

There are rolled, paper, blender sticks you can use or your fingers, but remember pastels are dusty so don't blow on them or you'll get a face full of dust.

Alice said she has been wearing a mask for many years, even pre-COVID when using pastels. The colors are really vibrant and true, but you do need pastel paper, illustration board or a canvas.

Happily, Alice gave us all a handout with a step-by-step description on how to paint a pastel pet protrait. These steps can be used with any medium.

First you sketch out the face and



Art Guild

shoulders of your subject lightly. Then the darker colors are applied to the contours of the face with wide strokes. Background colors should be light for a dark colored pet and vice-versa.

Going from darker tones to lighter, medium colors are added to the face and shoulders then blended to show the contours of its face.

Then eye and nose details are applied followed by large strokes to illustrate the fur. Apply the color in the direction the pet's fur grows. If the fur is curly you will use a more swizzly stroke to be accurate.

It takes Alice at least four hours to complete a pet portrait. She leaves it for a while, then comes back to enhance it by adding more and more layers of color.

The more pigment layers the better the outcome.

On April 8, from 1-3 p.m., will be our final official meeting of this season so be sure to attend. We will be having our customary pizza party for members only. No guests and no outside visitors please. There will also be no Artist of the Month.

Some Art Guild activities will continue throughout the summer, including a new offering of plein air (outdoor, at a



Ruth Phillips is the Art Guild Artist of the Month. Her painting, 'Autumn,' will be on display in the East Activity Center Auditorium through the month of April.

park) painting. This new offering comes from a former art teacher and new Guild member, Kacey Clarkson, who will be

meeting with you there and helping you throughout the process. Watch for an email.



Barbara Roller
SE Division Hall of Fame

Lawn Bowler elected to Hall of Fame

By Wendy Colquhoun

Barbara Roller, an On Top of the World lawn bowler, who also belongs to Bowls USA, the governing body of lawn bowls here in America, was recently inducted into the first Southeast Division Hall of Fame.

This prestigious award recognizes outstanding bowling achievements at the division, national and international level, and off-green contributions helping to advance the sport of lawn bowls.

Well done.

Back here at On Top of the World, lawn bowling has continued daily except Sunday, weather permitting.

Fun tournaments and trophy tournaments, including the annual Novice Tournament, have taken place.

During the first four years of bowling, a person is considered a novice unless rated higher than a senior lead. The Novice tournament winner was David Weston.

Remember, if the flags are flying, bowling is occurring. Drop by and say hello.

Lawn Bowls

Four other residents of OTOW recently participated in the South East Division Open, bringing home further honors.

Cathy Mills and Sandy Wall won the Women's Pairs Championship Flight, while our Kelly Moore paired with Martha Nilsen of Pinehurst, N.C., to place first in the A Flight.

John Williams paired with Robb Barsevich (Ontario, Canada) to win the Men's Pairs Championship Flight.

Congratulations.

March was a busy month with tournaments here and away.

Our last tournament of the season was the Fun Tournament with a new twist, focusing on skills.

The season came to a final end with the annual General Meeting held in the Crystal Beach Room. Bowling will continue for all who are interested.

It was about time for a spring fling with tons of line dancing



By Hope Tera

The time had come to celebrate the arrival of spring and what better way to do so than by indulging in a Spring Fling?

On Friday, March 18, the Moving 'n Grooving Club did just that. We came to celebrate ... and boy did we ever!

Barbara Wong and her crew once again transformed the auditorium into a festive garden, with bright colors and cheerful decorations. The room was filled with an atmosphere of celebration and gratitude.

The spirit of springtime was on full display with our colorful students participating in an array of fun and impressive activities.

Of course, there was plenty of line dancing. But that was just the beginning.

Our talented singing group, The Star Shine Singers, led by Chris Norris and Sheila Bonomo, performed "Here Comes the Sun" and "Walking on Sunshine," in keeping with the party theme.

The whole crowd joined in. Even The Beatles would have been impressed.

Our all-male dance troupe, The Retreads, got our hearts pumping with their provocative dance moves. Who says getting older means you need to slow down?

Not these guys!

Tom Jones, eat your heart out.

Pat VanHise sang a lovely Irish tune and Denis O'Doherty recited a beautiful poem he wrote.

Our Five Star line dancers performed a very challenging "Viva La Rumba 21," showing how challenging line dancing can get. And the whole crowd came together to do some contra dancing (think of The Stroll).

As many of our Snowbirds get ready to head north, we wish them a fond farewell. Although we will miss them, there are some perks. There won't be as many cars on the road, the Aldi's parking lot will be calmer, and the drive to Honeymoon Island will be shorter.

The off-peak season is an ideal time for year-round residents to explore a bit, try out something new.

And we've got a few suggestions...

How about trying some line dancing



On Top of the World's elite male dancing group is The Retreads. From left to right are Rick Kipe, Mike Payne, Denis O'Doherty, Ron Huber, Bill Houser, Howard Wolff and Patrick Mahony.

classes with Margaret LeTourneau?

She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed.

If you are interested in giving your heart a good workout, you can try a Cardio Dance Class with Hope Tera.

Looking for a gentler workout?

Then a Cardio Dance Light Class might fit the bill.

The class schedules are listed below.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out an inclusive line and cardio dance club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun, and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206, email movingand-groovingotow.com, or come to any of our classes to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

Our schedule of classes for 2022 is outlined below. As always, we hope to see you on the dance floor.

LINE DANCING SCHEDULE EAC Auditorium

Tuesdays

9:00-10:00 am Level 1 - Easy 1 Wall
10:00 - 11:30 am Levels 2/3 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

Fridays

1:00 - 2:00 pm Level 1 - Easy 1 Wall
2:00 - 3:30 pm Levels 2/3 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

CARDIO DANCE SCHEDULE Exercise Room

Mondays 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesdays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Auditorium)
Saturdays 12:30 - 1:30 pm Cardio Dance Lite



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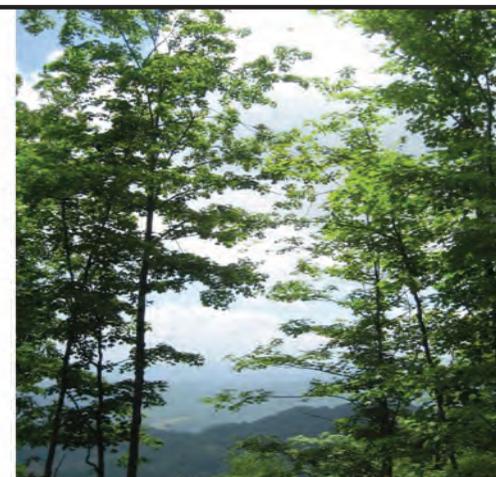
Please join us

Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m.

EAC Auditorium

Tickets will be on sale at the door.





At left, members of the Democratic Club thank Donna Lukas for all her work with the club. March marked Donna's final meeting. She has been past president and club reporter for this newspaper. Pictured above is Tracey McManus of the Tampa Bay Times. She was invited to the meeting to chat about news in the county. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Democratic Club gets the latest county news from Times reporter Tracey McManus

By Donna Lukas

If you are a reader of the Tampa Bay Times newspaper, you may have noticed interesting columns about Clearwater issues and Scientology written by reporter Tracey McManus.

At a well-attended Democratic Club meeting in March, it was our pleasure to have Tracey as a guest speaker.

Tracey began speaking about the soon-to-happen election for Clearwater City Council. She noted that considerable interest and political activity had drawn six candidates for two seats on the council.

One of the candidates for seat 4, Maranda Douglas, had been our guest speaker in February.

Tracey also spoke about the new city manager, Jon Jennings, and the actions he has taken since his arrival.

On infrastructure maintenance, \$1 million is being allocated to deal with a backlog of sidewalk issues.

Moreover, two new positions have been added to strengthen the city's environmental efforts; an innovation and energy manager to track and reduce energy use in municipal buildings and an additional position to support the sustainability coordinator hired in 2019.

Another priority is restarting talks with Church of Scientology leader David



Democratic Club

Miscavige about the impacts of recent church-connected real estate acquisitions.

Since 2017, limited liability companies managed or operated by members of Scientology, have bought at least 145 properties in downtown Clearwater and the North Marina area district and have left most of them vacant.

In closing, Tracey said, "Thank you so much for having me to talk about our reporting in the city of Clearwater. There is a lot going on, like downtown redevelopment, environmental concerns and the ongoing impact on downtown from the Church of Scientology. As journalists, we believe it's important to shine a light on these issues and to contribute to an informed community."

After our meeting, many people commented on the high quality of Tracey's speaking and her explanation of facts.

A second speaker at the March meeting was Jonathon Wade, one of the candidates for Seat 5 on the Clearwater City Council. Jonathon is currently pastor of St James African Methodist Episcopal church and a retired licensed clinical social worker.

Following his graduation from Dune-din High School, Jonathon spent five years in the military. As a 29-year-old, he found himself facing drug charges and decided to turn his life around. He is now 30 years drug free.

While leading the Greenwood Association, Jonathon graduated from the University of South Florida with bachelors and master's degrees in social work, and went on to work as an addiction counselor at Largo Correction Center. He also worked as an addiction counselor at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and a social worker for homeless veterans at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital.

Jonathon says he believes in people and neighborhoods over development. He wants to champion for and be a voice for the people.

Another order of business at our March meeting was the election of new

officers for the coming year. Ruthann Richwine was elected president and Donald Ladner was elected vice president. Glenda Greenman and Joanne Cordes were re-elected as treasurer and secretary. Ed Shivers was elected as parliamentarian.

Our thanks go out to these members who stepped up to take on the job of leading our club.

On a personal note, it is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge that this is likely my last column as reporter for the news of our club. I will soon be leaving OTOW in a move to Largo. I want to thank all members of the club who contributed to a cake-eating festivity after the March meeting. Thank you for the very thoughtful gifts and extremely kind words about my time with the club.

For the next three months, we are moving our meetings to the outdoor pavilion. We will continue with our regular meeting time of 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. So come join the fun and political conversation within our club on April 14 at the OTOW Pavilion.

Please check our club announcements on otowboxoffice.com for information on activities for the many election campaigns this year.

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center on Thursday, April 14, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Twenty-five residents invited to annual Appreciation Luncheon for newspaper staff

When you pick up your On Top of the World community newspaper, you already know you are getting 60-plus pages of only good news.

But did you also know the newspaper has a staff of about 70 people and during the past 12 months 25 of them have been dedicated to improving the newspaper by attending monthly meetings.

This month, On Top of the World will thank all the residents who contributed to at least three newspapers and who attended at least three meetings.

The annual Appreciation Luncheon will take place at Philippe Park Shelter No. 8 on Thursday, April 7.

The Press Association has the shelter all day for invited staff to enjoy. Our own Tom Butcher will be cooking sausage-stuffed pork right on the shelter grill, alongside fresh vegetables and anything else he can fit on it.

Tom will begin slow-cooking about 1 p.m. Dinner will be ready at 5 p.m. We will hold a brief meeting at 6 p.m.

Qualified staffers should bring their own beverages, snacks and side dishes.

Everyone who contributes to the newspaper each year is an amazing journalist, but those who guide the newspaper by attending meetings are even extra special.



Press Association

The following residents have been invited to the Appreciation Luncheon: Yvonne Courtney, Edwina Schick, Rose Pietrogallo, David Beaven, Cheryl Butcher, Tom Butcher, Joe DeChiaro, Fran Fairfield, Donna Gagnon, Glenda Greenman, Marie Guyton, Bruce Lovett, Donna Lukas, Irene Pappas, Barbara Rice, Cecile Sangiamo, Paula Schelling, Lyn Taecker, Mary Lou Wall, Mike Wood, Charlie Wood, Karen French, Sue Naylor, Kathleen Santosuosso and Dana Garlick.

Also invited are On Top of the World columnists Kenneth Colen, Dessa Barabba, Nancy Rogers, Gerald Colen and Ra-

chel Wagoner.

Editor Doug Kates and former Assistant Editor Dave Hart will be there. Doug's dog, Logan, will make a return appearance. He loves pork.

The next Press Association meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. This will be the first meeting of the new season and will be the first chance to

record one of the three required meetings towards next year's Appreciation Luncheon.

We will also elect a president, vice president and secretary. If you would like to be on the ballot, let Doug know before May 5. If there are no challenges, the election will take place on May 5. If there is a challenge, an online vote by the staff will take place.

There is no meeting in June.

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Your OTOW Computer Club offers more than just computer help

By Mike Wood

An On Top of the World resident stops by the OTOW Computer Club Wednesday morning help session at the West Activity Center.

The resident has a cellular phone and doesn't understand how an app works.

Can the Computer Club help this resident with her cell phone question?

The answer is yes.

Another resident asks for help with a tablet. The Computer Club helps him as well.

How about the resident with a question about a laptop ... yes, he/she can get help with that subject, too.

The bottom line is this: the OTOW Computer Club can help residents understand all forms of technology, not just computers!

On Saturday mornings, Computer Club members meet to learn about all kinds of technology. Classes are presented at the West Activity Center Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m. and cover computers, tablets, laptops and cell phones.

To take part in these informative classes, residents do not have to be computer or cell phone literate. Most of the Computer Club members are just regular people who are trying to keep up with the ever-changing world of technology.

Computer Club membership is open to all OTOW residents for a mere \$20 a year.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30, in-person at the



OTOW resident Ann Kilcup (right) gets cell phone help from Laurie Wookey, Jim Ellis, Cheryl Lindback at the Computer Club's information table on a Monday morning in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Anyone resident can get help 8:30 a.m. Saturday mornings in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

West Activity Center Learning Lab.

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 who has basic technology-related questions or issues. The Learning Lab

is now open in the West Activity Center Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. 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.



Computer Club

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service, however, 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. 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, visit our website at www.otowcc.com or click our link in the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

Open Talent Night

Do you have a special talent that you would like to show off?

You're in luck.

"Talent Night" is back at On Top of the World.

Whether you sing, play an instrument, tell stories, tell jokes, dance or whatever, consider joining us in April.

Talent Night will take place on Tuesday, April 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Anyone who wants to perform gets 7 minutes on stage.

Come early to sign up. Everyone is invited and the event is free.

There are no prizes or rewards. This event is just for fun.

Join our group

Words can create images or pictures

By Lori Gottshall

Writer's Ink continues to attract new members.

The club has discussed a variety of topics and styles, and extended the diversity of works shared each week.

Laurie Fischer presented a piece called "Dance of the Sunset." It was filled with vivid word pictures we could all envision.

While discussing how he managed to make each sentence seem so alive, Laurie was quick to point out that a Thesaurus is the writer's best friend.

Sharing tools of the trade, as well as our final product, is part of the camaraderie we enjoy.

Reviewing Laurie's work reminded us that incorporating sensory and emotional information improves the quality of a piece.

It is important to take time to describe sights, sounds, colors, taste, smells and textures. No less important are comments about fears, joys, satisfaction, perplexity, amazement, etc. These things add



Writer's Ink

depth and life to the plot or story.

For example, Marty Wohl introduced himself to the group through the story of his names. He has led an "interesting," "strangely unusual" life, and along the way had more than one name change. But he didn't specify that conclusion using those

words.

He told us how afraid he was, how confused he was, how elated he was when certain events regarding his name happened.

The club reviews whatever writing the members bring. Most meetings have time for up to three pages of work per person.

This does not mean that longer pieces or books cannot be presented. Anyone who is working on a book can read short chunks over several meetings. These chunks can be randomly selected or they can be sequential.

How about you?

Are you tempted to join our group?

Do you have a story to tell, but need a little help telling it?

Perhaps we can offer some advice – our critiques are gentle and constructive. And we can always use another point of view ourselves.

Writer's Ink meets 12:30-2:30 p.m. every Thursday in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room.

New York-New Jersey club breaks lifetime membership record

By Will Peterson

A great big "Wow!" to all of the New York-New Jersey Club members who stepped up to help make the On Top of the World Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 5, a success.

A gracious thank you to old Mother Nature for the great weather.

Pat Hayes, the club's president, rode through the parade in style while the marchers smiled their way to the end.

The parade's organizer, Jim Bjorgo, did a great job keeping the parade on track and in keeping the memory of Mike Cooper connected with this year's parade.

Mike organized the parade for many years.

We are happy to let you know that our club now has one of the largest memberships in its history with more than 150 paid club members.

Coney Island Night will be held on May 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Pavilion. The cost is just \$5 and you will be treated to hot dogs with all the trimmings. So come out and join your fellow club members.

Other activities will be posted as they are put together by your board.

Tickets for all activities and member-



New York - New Jersey Club

ship will be available every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center.

Remember that you must have a valid Activity Card to join any club here at On Top of the World. Our membership is just \$5.

The New York/New Jersey Club is for anyone who lives at On Top of the World and not just those residents from New York or New Jersey.

Our board looks forward to seeing you at our events and of course in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays.

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Despite gloomy weather, OTOW residents still donate 32 bags of clothing and 160 pounds of food

By Jesse Tiamson

March was a very busy month for the Good Neighbors Association.

We participated in the Irish Club St Patrick's Parade on March 5 and passed out candies, licorice and dog biscuits to spectators and their furry friends.

It was a very fun-filled event.

Our congratulations to the organizing committee for this wonderful parade.

Our second Get Acquainted Coffee hour was well-attended as more and more people are coming out to meet and greet their neighbors and friends.

We have implemented a ticket system for residents to receive a cup of coffee and a Danish pastry. These tickets are passed out at the door where you also get your raffle tickets. Anyone who wants a second cup of coffee can purchase one ticket at the Good Karma Café downstairs.

Mr. Fun (Bill Houser) entertained us in March. Door prizes were given out for our free raffles. The winner of the 50/50 raffle went home \$79 richer.

On March 12, despite the inclement weather, we were able to collect 32 bags of clothes, five boxes of shoes/accessories and 160 pounds of food. This was about half of what we used to collect when the weather was good.

We had to move our collection drive from the parking area by the Pavilion to the lobby of the EAC.



Much thanks to all donor residents who braved the weather to share their blessings.

The Good Neighbors Association Board appreciates our volunteers who helped us despite the bad weather. The food donations were given to Helping Hands of Clearwater and the clothing went to the Shepherd Center of Tarpon Springs.

Our next Get Acquainted Coffee Hour will be held on Thursday, April 14. Our featured entertainer will be saxo-



The Shepherd Center picked up 32 bags of clothing after Good Neighbors Association held a collection drive in March.

phonist, Peter Neumar. He's an OTOW resident.

Beginning in April, the Good Neighbors Association will only be present on Thursdays at the club information tables

as opposed to every Monday and Thursday.

The Get Acquainted Coffee hour remains on every second Thursday of the month.

Thirty people now belong to Texas Card Game Club

The Texas Card Game Club held its third tournament in February.

The event was moved indoors to the East Activity Center Clearwater Room because outdoor temperatures had dropped into the 40s.

The first indoor tournament was welcomed.

Nineteen residents attended the event. The final three survivors were Joe DeChiaro, Russ Bolin and Rich Webb. All three had reached the final three for the second time in tournament play.

To date, the Texas Card Game Club has 30 members. Dues are only \$5, which includes cards and chips.

Tournaments will be held once a month - usually the third Friday of each month.

The next three tournaments will be on



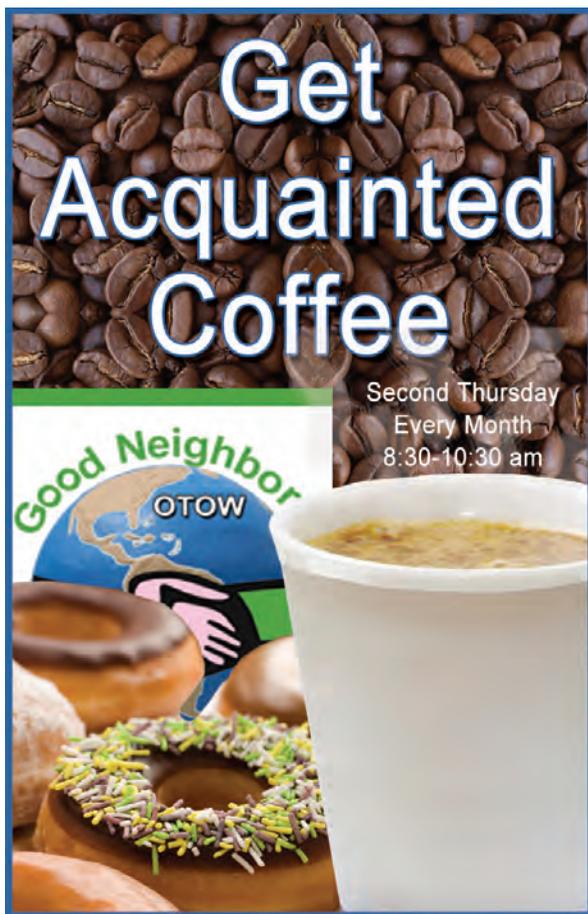
Friday, April 15, Friday, May 13 and Friday, June 17 in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room.

New players are always welcome to come.



Reaching the final three in February were Joe DeChiaro, Russ Bolin and Rich Webb.

Walk, Bike, Drive Tampa Bay
Monday, April 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
at the East Activity Center Auditorium.



The second Get Acquainted Coffee of the year took place in March. Bill Houser, also known as Mr. Fun, was the guest entertainer. He not only played favorite songs, but sang them, too. This month's Get Acquainted Coffee will take place on Thursday, April 14. Clubs will open their information tables at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and danishes will be served at 9 a.m. and entertainment will follow. In April, come listen to saxophone player Peter Neumer, who is now an On Top of the World resident. If you are a newcomer to our community, please attend and introduce yourself. There will be guest sponsors on hand and perhaps some line dancing will break out.



Photo by Marion Spitzley

Green shirts, green hats and green jewelry were everywhere as Lambda held an Irish social at the pavilion in March.

Lambdians held their own Irish party in March and somehow sushi made it on the menu

By Bruce Lovett

Irish eyes were certainly smiling at On Top of the World in March as both Lambda and the Irish Club had celebrations in honor of dear old St. Patrick.

The historic snake chaser was given a parade for the first time in two years by the entire community and the Lambda Club held its annual green party a week later.

The sky cooperated for both occasions.

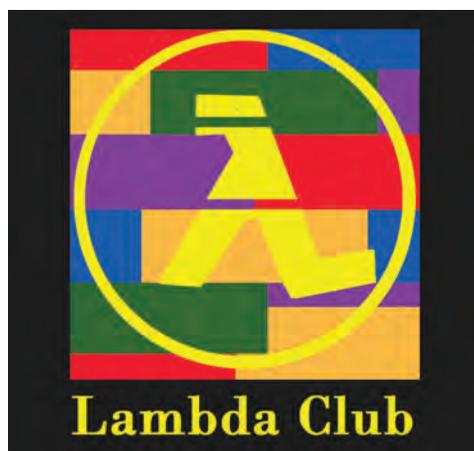
A clear horizon and a slight breeze caused the banners to flutter beautifully and helped make the parade a success.

And despite predictions of rain and a thunderstorm, nary a drop of water nor lightning bolt could be found the night the Lamban leprechauns celebrated in the East Activity Center's Pavilion.

And party they did.

Two reporters covered all the excitement. Look carefully at the photo and you'll see two press shirts with their stylish chapaus.

On hand at the party was Liam, the



genuine Irish leprechaun. For some reason he had questions at each of the food tables.

"Why is there sushi on the appetizer table?" He asked "Isn't that Japanese?"

Well Liam, California sushi replaces fish with vegetables. Since avocados are greenish in color, someone thought it was an ingenious idea to bring them to an Irish party.

"OK. I see that," Liam responded. "But what about the corned beef and hash. Isn't that a breakfast dish?"

Liam, you know corned beef is associated with the Irish. And there are only so many things you can throw in a crockpot. Hash is one of them.

"Well I draw the line on limes," the little Irish man said. "Citrus trees aren't stable enough to grow in Ireland."

Get with the times Liam. This is the 22nd century. Besides, limes are green and despite the fact you don't see the limes themselves in the cake, the light green frosting with arker green sprinkles should have clued you in it was both Irish and LGBT inspired.

Liam had a bunch of other questions, but his mouth was too full of food to understand them. The food, drink and music kept him busy all night and he, like everyone else there, had a fantastic time.

I think the bigger question is what will he do next month?

April's social is Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the EAC pavilion. The theme is country and western.

Do leprechauns own cowboy hats and chaps?

If you put on cowboy boots can you turn the Irish jig into line dancing?

For answers to these and other important questions, you will have to attend the next Lambda social.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends.

As things return to normal, Lambdians organize dine outs, Sunday brunch outings and send delegations to the Francis Wilson Playhouse to see shows.

Should you wish further information about the club, go to our Web page at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office, or call Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

This vacation was the perfect time just to wonder about the past



Have you ever picked up a rock and wondered, "In the history of mankind, has anyone ever picked up that same rock before?"

Think about it.

Back in February I took a rare vacation outside the Eastern Time Zone. I went to Phoenix with side trips to Cherry, Jerome and Sedona.

One day on this trip, my friend, Dan England, took his Jeep to a mountain ridge in Cherry more than 5,000 feet above sea level.

There is absolutely nothing in Cherry, except an old fire station and a gas station. It is all mountains and rocks.

(See photo at bottom)

We drove up a steep, dirt road and found a nook where we could park the Jeep. Then we got out, climbed the edge of a mountain and came to rest on a ridge that was absolutely beautiful.

You could see 100 miles of untouched land - mountains and valleys - and nothing else.

Way off in the distance was Flagstaff covered in snow.

Closer to the ridge was barren land once traveled by cowboys when settling our country.

We were so high up in the mountain, there were no cars, no people, no buildings and no trace of mankind.

I just stood there imagining - this used to be a place where cowboys explored on horseback and covered wagons. Indians hid in the mountains keeping watch.

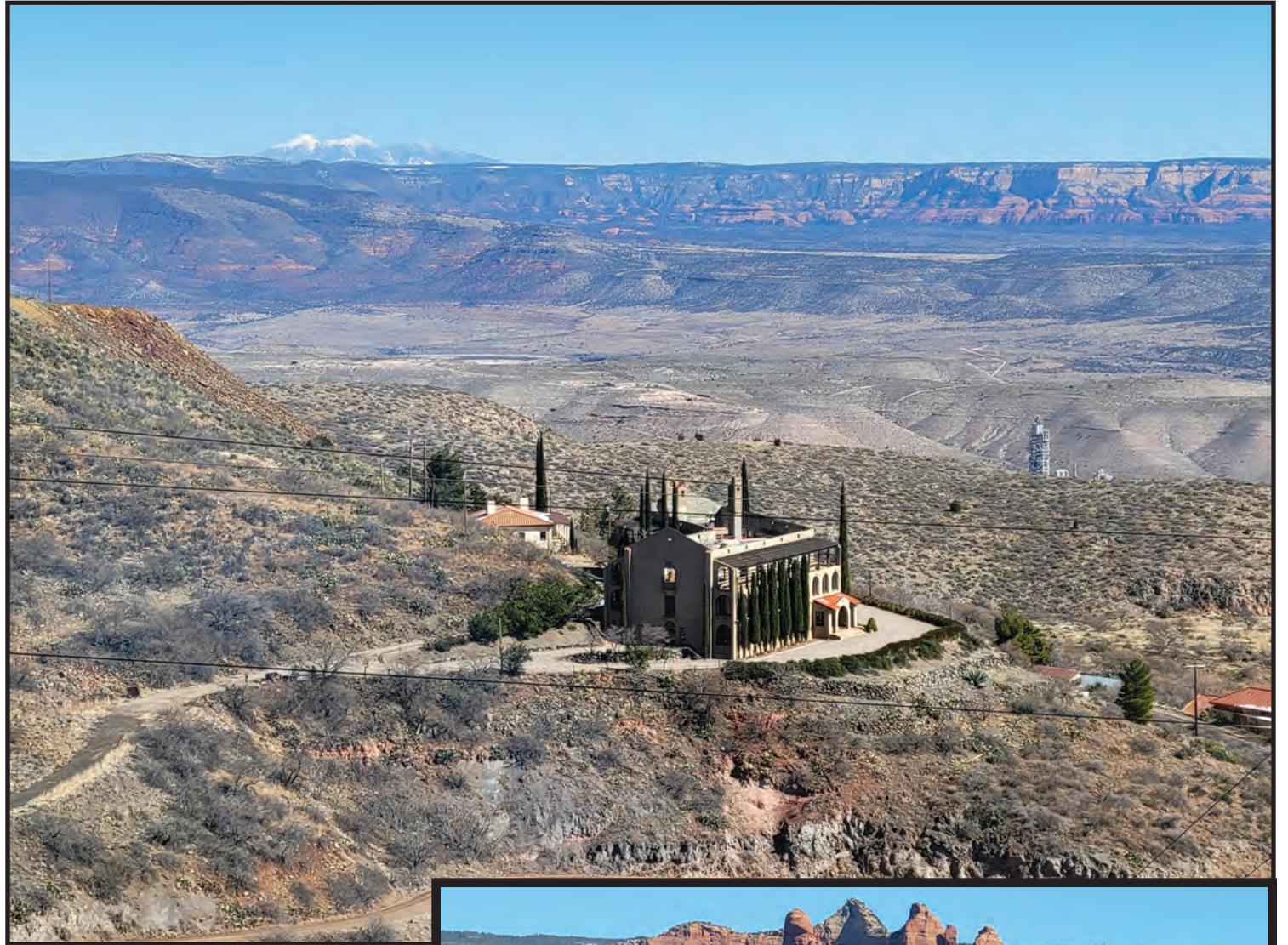
This time I was the one keeping watch. Being in such an isolated place, it made me wonder who else once stood right where I was standing?

At the ridge where we sat, there were rocks everywhere. I seriously picked up a large rock, examined it and wondered if it had ever, ever been touched before.

Maybe I was the first person?

My friend and I just stood and looked around ... admiring the beauty of the land, looking as far as the eye could see, and at the moment we considered ourselves the only two people in the entire world - of course - until his cell phone rang. Then we just looked at each other and laughed.

We still don't know how someone found us?



The next day, Dan and I went to the haunted ghost town of Jerome (pictured above). This photo was taken from the third floor of a haunted restaurant overlooking an abandoned copper mine. Off in the distance is snow-covered Flagstaff again.

Jerome is said to be haunted because many people perished in a pair of downtown fires. One fire claimed the town jail and everyone inside died.

Jerome was such a popular mining town in the 1800s that the copper was transported to awaiting ships in the Atlantic Ocean and sent overseas.

I'm excited to report, I had a haunted cheeseburger and didn't feel any disturbances. I obviously survived the ghost town.

Lastly, my friend and I went to Sedona (photo in the middle), a tourist trap area surrounded by gorgeous mountains. If you've never seen a red mountain before, you need to go to Sedona. The rocks really are red.

During my entire stay in the desert, temperatures never went above 55 degrees. It really does snow in the desert. I saw it!

Friends made fun of me for freezing on a trip to the desert, but I enjoyed the rare experience of seeing snow on the mountain peaks. I'd take it over 120 degrees anytime. I need to go back again just to see my rock.



Travel Club is cruising again and plans will be unveiled for a bus trip in October



Travel Club

By Janice Berman

If you attended the On Top of the World Travel Club meeting on Friday, March 4, you know we have a lot going on.

We learned about the Entertainment Committee and the Good Neighbors Association.

Then we were privileged to hear a couple of songs from the Theater Workshop show in March.

Terri Mikszenas gave a brief talk about an upcoming October 2022 bus trip. She will reveal trip details at the April 1 meeting. Please come prepared to sign up then.

We had a wonderful presentation by Seth Grudden of Carnival Cruise Line. We watched an informative video complimented by Seth's oral presentation. If you have cruised on a Carnival Ship you have



Twelve intrepid Travel Club members had a wonderful cruise from Tampa. We sailed to Nassau, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao on Feb. 14 for 11 days. Each lady was given a rose for Valentine's Day when we boarded which was such a nice way to board.

experienced a fun ship first hand.

On March 11, Carnival turned 50 years old. To celebrate, the fun ship has planned many "Sailabratations."

If that's not enough to get you back on board, three new ships are coming.

The first one, the Madi Gras, will begin sailing this year. Dining and entertain-

ment are available and are amazing. The new ships have everything imaginable - one even has a rollercoaster.

OTOW travelers have just returned from an 11-day cruise led by Gerri Jaeger. Here is her report.

"We 12 intrepid OTOW Travel Club members had a wonderful cruise from Tampa. We sailed to Nassau, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao on Feb. 14 for 11 days. Each lady was given a rose for Valentine's Day when we boarded which was such a nice way to board.

"Celebrity Constellation is a lovely ship. There were only 690 guests and 700 crew. Needless to say, we were very well taken care of and no crowds to deal with.

"We look forward to sailing to the Panama Canal next year."

The last agenda item was our "share the pot." Five people won money, and two won a beautiful travel pillow set and hat from Carnival Cruise Line.

Visit us on Mondays and Thursdays in the auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to sign up for our activities. Remember to join our Facebook page to share your photos.

We are going places. Don't be left behind!



Every morning is a different workout

You are invited to join the Women's Morning Exercise Group.

We meet Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

Each day we do something different with the goal of staying fit and having a good time.

Monday's class consists of a 10 minute warmup, including stretching and balance exercises, 30 minutes of cardio, 10 minutes of free weights and a five-minute cool down.

On Tuesdays we have a cardio dance with upbeat, fun music.

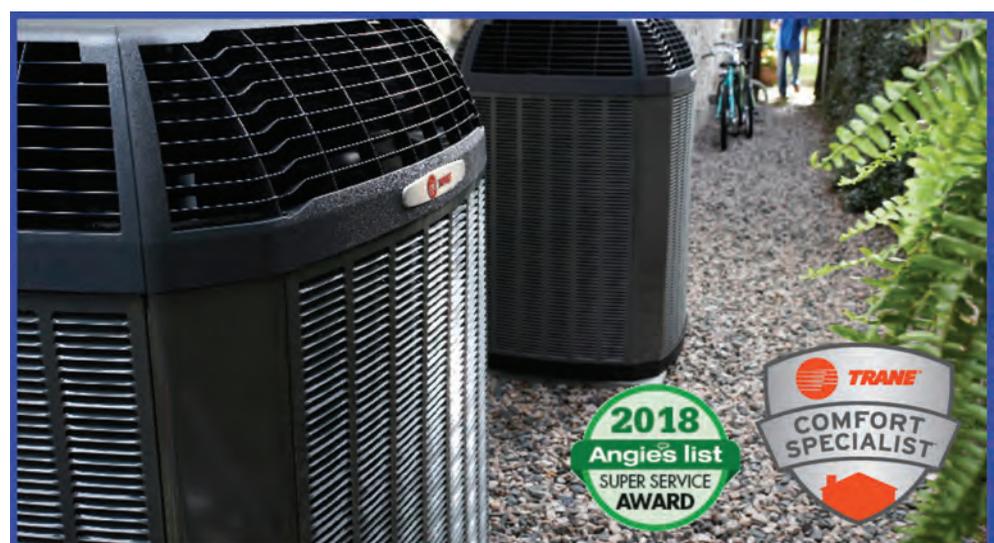
Our Wednesday class consists of a 30-minute aerobic exercise, 15-minutes of

Ladies Exercises

weights and 15 minutes of floor exercises. Mats are required.

On Thursdays, class consists of 30 minutes warm up, low impact cardio and 30 minutes of floor exercises focusing on the core and abs. Mats are required.

Friday is our step class. We play fun music. Equipment is provided.



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2022 Art Guild Art Show



Pictured on this page are some of the entries in the 2022 Art Guild Art Show. On top is winner Rick Slater with two of his many pieces. In the middle is Alice Anderson, second place, and at right is Rosemarie Lugg, third place.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

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Republican Club elects new president



The Ronald Reagan Republican Club of On Top of the World held its March meeting with the annual election of officers.

A swearing in ceremony will take place at the April 12 meeting.

President Tony Santarsieri was unopposed and warmly welcomed.

Past President Edwina Schick said, "With Tony's experience of social activities and his vision for the club's future, he will be a great leader. He knows how to combine business and fun. Tony was on our board at large and shared many ideas with the club."

Tony has honed his skills at leadership as a Toastmaster. In the business world Tony was a facility manager overseeing all building related operations.

With the pandemic under control,

Ronald Reagan Republican Club President Edwina Schick passes off the gavel to incoming President Tony Santarsieri during a ceremony in March. Tony will officially become the club president in April. Looking on are Secretary Teri Klingler, Treasurer Mary Jane Lofton and Vice President Carl Turner. (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

there is no holding back for the Republican Club.

Vice President Carl Turner won the office even being a fairly newcomer to OTOW. He has been active since his arrival. You may have seen him working the Republican Club table at the Good Neighbors Meet and Greets on Mondays and Thursdays. He has a background as a successful engineer designing nuclear power plants, running small companies, and being a marketing consultant.

Secretary Teri Klingler was nominated for secretary and was unopposed. Teri is more known in our club for her beautiful voice as one of our patriotic singers. She is active in our community and just finished participating with the Jesters show.

Mary Jane Lofton was elected again for treasurer. Mary has served as treasurer of our club since 2014. Mary Jane has been a Republican all her life. Her dad took her to hear a campaign speech by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and

she has continued to support Republicans since. Her latest rally was for President Donald J. Trump.

Our guest speaker for April 12 will be Audrey Henson who is running for U.S. House to represent Florida's 13th Congressional District.

We want to invite you to the meeting in the West Activity Center Belleair Room, 6 p.m. with socializing and registration. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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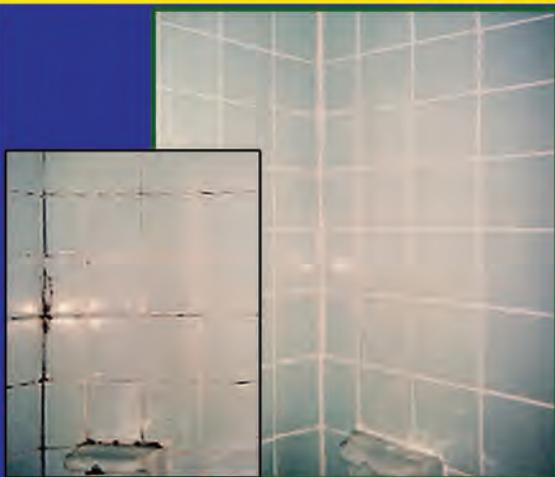
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Sports to Broadway shows - all in our area in April

Written by Laurie Fischer

As the weather starts to heat up, so does the entertainment around the bay area.

We are so lucky to have so much to see and so much to do so close to On Top of the World.

The Tampa Bay Lightning are entering the stretch run to the playoffs. There are 11 home games at Amalie Arena coming up this month to be followed by the Eastern Conference first round playoffs starting in early May.

Let's cheer on our team in their quest for a three-peat!

Kristen Chenoweth appears at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Saturday, April 9. She is an American actress and singer with credits in musical theatre, film and television.

In 1999 she won a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical for her performance as Sally Brown in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on Broadway.

In 2003, she received a second Tony Award nomination for originating the role of Glinda in the musical "Wicked."

Her television credits include, "The West Wing" and "Pushing Daisies" for which she won a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series in 2009.

Also, on April 9, The Florida Orchestra with conductor Daniel Black, brings "Broadway Pops" to the stage of the Mahaffey Theater.

Join Scarlett Strallen (Mary Poppins on Broadway) and Hugh Panaro (Phantom/Sweeney Todd) as they celebrate giants from the Broadway world: Andrew Lloyd Webber, George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein and more. Featured hits will include "Don't Cry for Me Argentina," "Memory," "Phantom of the Opera,"

"Send in the Clowns," "I Got Rhythm" and many more.

"Stomp" touches down at Ruth Eckerd Hall on April 12 and 13. This is a percussion group, originating in Brighton, United Kingdom, in 1999.

Their high energy show uses the body and ordinary objects to create a physical theatre performance using rhythms, acrobatics and pantomime.

From April 7-17, Tony Award Best Comedy "Art" will be playing at Francis Wilson Playhouse. See their ad in this newspaper for obtaining tickets.

The Bachelor Live On Stage Official Tour is the ultimate Bachelor Nation fan party in the form of a wildly flirtatious and interactive gameshow.

The show will be at the Mahaffey Theater on April 13 featuring recent cast members and hosted by Bachelor Nation favorite Becca Kufrin and Bachelor Connor Brennan (The Bachelorette Season 17, Bachelor in Paradise Season 7).

A show will feature a handful of ladies, hand-picked from the audience, to personally experience all the fun, drama and what life at the mansion is really like.

The audience and on-stage participants will leave the theater feeling like they just spent an evening at the mansion.

For Broadway musical lovers, three well-known and much-loved shows will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Straz Center in April.

Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater will present "South Pacific" on April 16, "Fiddler on the Roof" on April 18 and "My Fair Lady" will run at the Straz Centre in Tampa from April 24 to May 1. All three musicals are filled with memorable music.

"South Pacific" was composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. It premiered in 1949 on Broadway and was an immediate hit running for 1,925 performances. The plot is based on James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1947 book, "Tales of the South Pacific" and tells the story of an American nurse stationed on a South Pacific island during World War II who falls in love with a middle-aged, expatriate, French, plantation owner.

"Fiddler on the Roof" is set in Russia around 1905. It is based on stories by Sholem Aleichem. With unforgettable musical numbers, the story follows Tevye, a milkman in the village of Anatevka who attempts to maintain his Jewish traditions as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives. He must cope with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters who wish to marry for love; their choices of husbands are successively less palatable for Tevye.

An edict of the tsar eventually evicts the Jews from their village. This musical is still very relevant in today's world.

"My Fair Lady" is based on George Bernard Shaw's 1913 play Pygmalion, written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. It is the story of Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl who takes speech lessons from professor Henry Higgins, a phonetician so that she may pass as a lady.

The musical's 1956 Broadway production won six Tony Awards including Best Musical. It set a record for the longest run of any musical on Broadway up to that time and was followed by a hit London production.

Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews starred in both productions. A popular film version premiered in 1964.

Van Morrison performs at Ruth

Eckerd Hall on April 20 and 21. He is a Northern Irish singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and record producer whose recording career spans seven decades. He has won two Grammy Awards.

Over the years, Van has had many hit songs, the best known being "Brown-Eyed Girl." His live performances have been described as "transcendental" and "inspired" and his music as attaining "a kind of violent transcendence."

The following evening on April 22, Diana Krall is a Canadian jazz pianist and singer known for her contralto vocals. She has sold more than 15 million albums worldwide including over 6 million in the U.S.

On December 11, 2009, Billboard magazine named her the second greatest jazz artist of the decade (2000-2009). She is the only jazz singer to have had eight albums debuting at the top of the Billboard Jazz Albums.

To date, she has won three Grammy Awards and eight Juno Awards and has also earned nine gold, three platinum and seven multi-platinum albums.

On April 23, The Piano Guys bring their show to the stage of Ruth Eckerd Hall. They are an American musical group who gained popularity through YouTube where in 2011 they began posting piano and cello compositions combining classical, pop, film score and original music, showcased through elaborate or cinematic videos.

Finally, baseball is back!

The Major League Baseball season starts on April 7. Be sure to order your tickets for the Tampa Bay Rays early. With the delay in starting the season due to a lockout, tickets will be a hot item.

Go Rays!



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OTOW residents from all three line dance clubs get a professional education in one afternoon



By Dale Stackhouse

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, but I'm not sure either of those terms aptly describes Rosie Multari.

She is a fiercely-dedicated and competent line dance instructor and choreographer, but also a very kind and approachable human being.

This is what 40 people discovered when they signed up for her workshop back on March 2.

Rosie's great instruction, mixed with her own inimitable sense of humor, quickly had us under her spell.

We are grateful to Ed and Dolly Foland for arranging this workshop, which was offered, free of charge, to members of all three On Top of the World line dance clubs.

Now, back to the Snowbirds Club.

Dolly has already been featured in a club article, so I felt it only fair that Ed have his turn.

Ed Foland was born and raised on a small farm in rural Missouri. He is proud



A large group of line dancers recently enjoyed a Line Dance Workshop presented by Rosie and Bruno Multari. Dolly and Ed Foland, founders of the Snowbirds Club, are standing behind the Snowbirds Club logo. Rosie and Bruno are seated to the left and right of the Folands. (Photo timer set by Ed Foland)

of what he calls his "redneck" background, but there is more to the story. He received a degree in Agronomy from the University of Missouri, where he specialized in crop pest control. He worked for 30 years in the industry, developing and selling crop protection chemicals. He is also a proud Vietnam veteran.

Formerly married to his college girlfriend in 1966 and having raised two children (both grown now and scientists in their own right), Ed met Dolly at ... you guessed it ... a class for country-western dancing, where they were introduced by a mutual friend.

They were married in 1998 at the Mall

of America, in Minneapolis, Minn., which became their home.

The city, not the mall!

Ed's hobbies include the study and collection of antique tractors, as well as photography. The latter may have contributed to a second career as a technician with a school processing plant, where Dolly just happened to work.

After becoming a winter resident of On Top of the World, Ed and Dolly channeled their energy into creating the Snowbirds Club, which, at the time, included a vast array of entertainment and travel opportunities, and was famous for its fabulous parties.

It was a hugely successful club, but eventually Ed and Dolly realized it was time to slow down, so now line dancing is the primary focus.

Ed's philosophy of learning to line dance is much like being in school. You start in kindergarten and must complete each stage along the way.

His goal was to start a kindergarten level program, followed by an elementary school level class, in order to prepare students for graduation to Dolly's more advanced classes.

Judging from the number of dedicated students who keep returning week after week, it must be working!

Farewell ice cream social set for April 13

By Will Peterson

The Italian-American Club participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 5, and all of the members who participated had a great time.

It was the first parade without Mike Cooper, who was in charge for many years.

Jim Bjorgo did a great job in organizing and making sure that the parade went smoothly.

We want to thank Howard Wolff for taking pictures of us and Mike Rowe for the use of his car for the event.

Karen O'Neil designed posters for the sides of the car with our club's name and colors on it. Having the convertible allowed President Marth Gonnella to ride in the parade.

Our club's biggest event of the year, The Saint Joseph Dinner/Dance, was held on Wednesday, March 16. The dinner was provided by Mama Felice and everyone had a great time.

Our final event of the season will be our Farewell Ice Cream Social on April 13. It will be held in the East Activity Center. The cost will be \$6.

New events for the Fall/Winter have been scheduled as follows:



Wednesday, Oct. 26, noon to 3 p.m. in the pavilion will be our fall return picnic. Sub sandwiches will be available. Bring your own beverages. More details to be provided at a later date.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m., we will host our popular spaghetti dinner and it will be held in the East Activity Center. Our menu will be pasta, meatballs and sausage. BYOB. Details to be provided at a later date.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m. we will host our annual Christmas dinner/dance in the East Activity Center. Details on the cost and menu to be provided at a later date.



Martha Gonnella is escorted down World Parkway Boulevard in a beautifully decorated convertible for the parade. (Photo by Howard Wolff)

Tickets for this event and all future events will be sold on Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. You can also renew your membership or join the club at the time for \$5 for the year.

You don't have to be Italian to become a member. However, you must have a valid On Top of the World Activity Card.

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High Vibe Tribe

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Philosophy Club is back

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



Pickleball!

PLAY SCHEDULE

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Newcomers welcome. Must have a valid Activity Card.

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

3:30-5:30

Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm
8-Ball 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

Ceramics

Thursdays

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Clearwater Room

Pray for America

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

Crystal Beach Room



Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women both welcome.

Duplicate Bridge is back!

Get ready for some fun by playing, learning and improving your Duplicate Bridge skills. You will become familiar with the nuances and conventions of the game by coming to a beginner/improver lesson. Instruction is provided Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Ozona Room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. Further information is available by sending an email to loresc@yahoo.com or by calling Christine Nason at 727-366-0221.



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Father and son homer in same game

By Bob Rittner

The On Top of the World Softball League often welcomes guest players, relatives and friends to join our play as we did twice this month.

2nd Time Sports 11
West Siders 9
East Siders 0

This was a very special game.

Perennial all-star outfielder Bob Dembinski brought his son, Ryan, to play and in the last inning, with the score tied at 9-9, father and son hit back to back homers for the win.

Ryan's blast was a towering home run deep over the fence while Bob's home run was due to his legs, which propelled him at warp speed around the bases on a bullet liner he hit that reached the outfield fence.

Almost lost in the excitement was the stellar shut out pitching of Reggie Phelan abetted by airtight defense by middle infielder Tara Gunning and a game-ending catch near the fence by Rick Champ.

West Siders 9
East Siders 7
2nd Time Sports 5

Our largest crowd of spectators was

Softball

on hand because after the game everyone wanted to attend our "breakfast with partners."

Sheila Goodwin and Debbie Champ led the raucous cheers from the stands that buoyed everyone's spirit and led to a closely contested contest.

Offensive star Roger Martel delivered two booming doubles, driving in three runs and scoring one for the winners. Garrett Deakin debuted with two hits that drove in one run and led to another score.

Jack Wright brought the crowd to its feet when he hammered a two-RBI double deep to left field.

The play of the game was by Ron Nobile, who made a brilliant catch of a wicked line drive at third base. He bobbled it, caught it, bobbled it again and again and then finally secured it in his glove.

West Siders 11
East Siders 9
2nd Time Sports 8

Going to the last inning, the score was 8-7-7.

2nd Time Sports scored one run, East

Siders scored two runs and West Siders scored three runs on five singles.

Henry Buyny returned to play with a bang by collecting three hits in three at bats, and Jack Wright made a series of excellent plays at second base.

2nd Time Sports 10
West Siders 8
East Siders 7

Two homers by East Sider Ralph Scunziano was not enough to overcome the fire power of 2nd Time Sports, which scored in all but one inning.

Charles Kovarik tripled in a run for the East Siders with two outs in the last inning, but was left stranded.

For the winners, Karen French, Roger Hebler and Bob Fields each had perfect three-hit days while George Webb's triple and Jim Costello's double and Bob Studwell's double also figured in the scoring.

West Sider Mike Allen doubled three times, and Tara Gunning singled three times, each scoring twice and driving in two runs for the runner-ups.

West Siders 13
East Siders 7
2nd Time Sports 7

Keyed by a clutch two-out two-RBI smash from Jim Tiano, the West Siders came back from a four-run deficit to tie the game. Later, Reggie Phelan's two

doubles, Phil Goodwin's four hits and Bill Lepping Jr.'s huge two-run homer (off his father no less) added to the scoring.

There was typical stellar defense from shortstop Tara Gunning and outstanding outfield catches by Jack Drewiega and Ron Shields.

Jim Costello closed the scoring, and his perfect three-hit day, with a homer bomb to right field.

East Siders 10
West Siders 9
2nd Time Sports 3

Great defense is a joy to watch and Bob O'Donohue dished out the joy in buckets. No ball got by the second baseman, whether sizzling line drives or skimming grounders. He gobbled them all with style.

In a losing cause, Jim Tiano's bases loaded-double up the alley accounted for all three of his team's runs.

But it was the East Siders who dominated the scoring behind perfect three-hit days by Bob Studwell, Roger Martel and Bill Holland, with the winning run scoring in the bottom half of the last inning on a booming double by Eddie Ramirez, who drove in the 10th run carried by Roger Martel.

For information about our softball/stickball league, contact Bob Rittner at 729-7970 or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.



(OTOW News photo by Karen French)

Thirty ping pong players took part in a tournament.

First ever white ball tournament is a huge success

Orange or white balls are usually the choice of color when playing in the On Top of the World Ping Pong Club. However, Dan Budd always preferred to hit the white balls.

Therefore, on March 4 was the first Dan Budd Memorial White Ball Tournament.

The tournament was a huge success with 30 contestants vying for the championship. The winners in the B division were Joe Ventimiglia and Mark Legin.

The A division winners were Bob O'Donohue and Anna Krown. This will now be an annual tournament to be held

Ping Pong

the first Friday in March.

We always look forward to new players coming in to join in the fun. Our ping pong times are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - noon in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Call Karen French for further information: 907-229-2648.

Barry's poker returns

Barry's Poker Club is up and running again with meetings every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

We take a 10 minute break at 8 p.m.

Our club uses three tables, but there is room for four if needed.

If you are interested in becoming a member and enjoying a fun evening of limited poker, contact Barry at (727) 424-3275.

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Twenty-one different players earn first place honors

By Barney Hanrahan

Welcome to the next presentation of the On Top of the World's Men's Golf.

We are picking up just after the February 9-10 Tournament and will get back to the monthly reports as we get past St. Patrick's Day.

We are a bit light on news to report except the scores of all our players. It is interesting to note we are seeing more players join and play.

But what is most interesting is how many different names are leading their individual flights. Just goes to show you what a little variety can do for the game.

As I stated, news is a little light, so I began to research what every golfer strives for when playing the game. Of course, the low score is the optimum, but what about the illusive hole-in-one.

We have many golfers who have achieved that magical once-in-a-lifetime moment (including this writer). But there are many golfers who belong to our league that have a multiple of holes-in-one over their playing career.

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be any records that I can find that document such achievements.

If any of you have been fortunate enough to achieve at least one hole-in-one, let me know and I would like to write about it.

Men's Golf

You can just leave a note at the 19th hole or pass your information on to one of our officers. It does not matter if your achievement was with OTOW league play or during another golf event, as long as it occurred on our OTOW course.

One of our members, Phil Smerz, has lived here more than 20 years and has held various positions as an officer and past president of our league. He is one of the most recognized and established golfers in our league.

Phil has seven aces. Anyone that has ever played golf with Phil recognizes that is quite an achievement.

Now for the recent scores:

February 16

Flight A

First place was Nilson Sabadin, 62, followed by John Lewis, 63, Jim Anzalone, 63, Bill Higgins, 64 and Gary Sandine, 65

Flight B

First Place was Daniel Morey, 62, followed by Jay Schwallie, 63, Tom Pettit, 65, Marc Schell, 65, and Dave Hansford, 66.

Flight C

First Place was Ed Fox, 63, Ron Nobile, 63, Gerald Morrisette, 63, Ken

Schifferle, 63, and Bob Ellis, 63.

Flight D

First Place was CJ Messina, 59, followed by Bill Mooney, 60, Joe Ventimiglia, 60, Chuck McAllister, 65, and Jack Drewiega, 66.

February 23

Flight A

First Place was Mike Schuyler, 63, followed by Mike Walker, 64, Dave Cox, 64, and Tom Stephens, 66 and John Taylor, 66.

Flight B

First Place was Ed Sixon, 61, followed by Ken Nield, 62, Roy Monteith, 62, Marc Schell, 62, and Tom Pettit, 63.

Flight C

First Place was Barry Levene, 60, followed by Bob Westborn, 62, Buddy Sayer, 62, Bob McGrogan, 63, and Ron Murray, 64.

Flight D

First Place was Dan O'Sullivan, 58, followed by Tim Palmquist, 59, Harry Crawford, 61, Les Beyer, 62, and Mike Smith, 62.

March 2

Flight A

First Place was John Taylor, 61, followed by Mike Walker, 62, Daniel Morey, 64, Stanley Doran, 64, and Bill Higgins, 65.

Flight B

First Place was Jay Schwallie, 58, Roy Monteith, 59, Bob Westborn, 60, Edmond Molina, 60, and Mike LaViolette, 61.

Flight C

First Place was Paul Farrell, 58 and Joe Jacobaccio, 58, followed by Harry Crawford, 59, and Guy Bertuzzi, 63 and Tim Finan, 63.

Flight D

First Place was Jack Drewiega, 58, followed by Chuck McAllister, 59, Paul Segelin, 60, Bob Ellis, 60, and Jack Gow, 61.

March 9

Flight A

First Place was Mike Crittendon, 62 and Mike Walter, 62, followed by Tom Stephens, 64, Jeff West, 65, and Ed Sixon, 66.

Flight B

First Place was Jay Swallie, 56, followed by George Mead, 59, Buddy Sayer, 63, and Dick Pasco, 64 and Barry Pelham, 64.

Flight C

First Place was Jack Gow, 60, followed by Bill Mooney, 61, Bob McGrogan, 61, Ronald Morray, 61, and Bob Ellis, 62.

Flight D

First Place was Chuck McAllister, 61, followed by Darrell Collings, 63, Tom Franek, 63, and John Gill, 64 and Joseph Dowe, 64.

Fran Majewski captures annual Match Play title

By Ken Smith

The 2022 Friday Mixed Golf League Match Play Tournament concluded on March 1.

The semifinalists were Harry Barbin, Dave Hoffman, Fran Majewski and Mike Tomaselli.

Dave Hoffman defeated Harry Barbin and Fran Majewski defeated Mike Tomaselli.

In the finals, Fran Majewski defeated Dave Hoffman. Fran's name will be added to the perpetual plaque in the Pro Shop.

Congratulations to Fran on a great tournament.

Results

Friday March 11

First place was Sheryl Barbin with a plus 13. Second place was Edmund Molina with a plus 12. Third place was Gary Herr with a plus 9. Fourth place was CJ Messina with a plus 8. Fifth place was Tim Carr with a plus 7.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Ron Reeves, on hole No. 5 was Rick Muchler, on hole No. 6 was Gary Herr, on hole No. 9 was Fran Majewski, on hole No. 13 was John Spencer, on hole No. 15 was Bruce Gotts, and on hole No. 16 was Len Howell.



Fran Majewski

Skins were recorded by John Spencer on hole No. 1 with an eagle, Mick Pearson on hole No. 9 with a birdie and Don Hill on hole No. 11 with a birdie.

Low Gross was Harry Barbin with 66.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide On Top of the World men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf.

Our league uses the USGA Stableford

scoring format, which is a quota point system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota, not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that over-

Friday Golf

see and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email harrybarbin1@gmail.com.

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New Board Elected

Becky West crowned champion of the Fran Zaloski Memorial Golf Tournament

By Gloria Sayer

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held a Fran Zaloski Memorial Golf Tournament March 1 and March 8 - a two day tournament.

We are proud to announce the winners.

Becky West, club champion, shot a two-day gross score of 136.

Flight A: Joyce Majewski, first place, shot a two-day low net score of 122 and Kim Norried, second place, shot a two-day low net score of 123.

Donia Stadler, club handicap champion, shot a two-day net score of 119.

Flight B: Terry Kuplen, first place, shot a two-day low net score of 127 and Jill Orchard, second place, shot a two-day low net score of 129.

Flight C: Arlene Hanson, first place, shot a two-day low net score of 134 and Suellen Dowe, second place, shot a two-day low net score of 143.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2022 Fran Zaloski Memorial Golf Tournament.

The Chip-In Contest winner was Joyce Majewski on hole No. 17. Closest-to-the-pin on No. 15 was Verna Lundgren.

February 22

Flight A: Mary Bernard 61, Kim Norried 68, Sharon Hackenmiller 69.

Flight B: Donia Stadler 61, Rosemary Sabatino 62, Cindy Schell 65 and Jill Orchard 65.

Flight C: Arlene Hanson 68 and Suellen Dowe 73.

Chip-In winners Carole Lacey No. 5, Kim Norried No. 12, Becky West No. 12



Donia Stadler, left, was the handicap champion and Becky West, right, was the club champion.

and 16, Ursula Taylor No. 18.

Closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 15 Ursula Taylor.

The 50/50 winner for February was Joy Walker.

March 1

Flight A: Mary Bernard 62, Kim Norried 63, Sharon Hackenmiller 65, Becky West 65, Gina Yoon 65.

Flight B: Donia Stadler 60, Jill Orchard 61, Carole Lacey 63.

Flight C: Arlene Hanson 60, Suellen Dowe 63, Jacqui Dolan 70.

Chip-In winners Ursula Taylor No. 7, Gina Yoon No. 8 and Joyce Majewski No. 15.

Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 Kim Norried.

Thank you to Mary Beth Devine,

Ladies 18 Golf

Arlene Hanson and Ursula Taylor, chairwomen, for organizing the Spring Luncheon held at Dunedin Country Club on March 23.

The beautiful event was well organized.

Members of our league donated several baskets full of wonderful goodies and golf paraphernalia to be raffled off at the event. A fun time was had by all who attended. Well done ladies.

The officers for 2022-2023 were installed and they will take office and start performing their duties June 1.

Thank you to President Sherry Ivey; Vice President Joy Walker, Secretary Donna Osborne and Treasurer Verna Lundgren. We know you will do a fantastic job. You are very much appreciated.

Gloria Sayer, past president and advisor, presented Sheila Meneilly, president with a thank you gift from Ladies 18-Hole Golf League. Sheila and the entire board have been fantastic for this past season.

Board members were Vice President Karen Beaver; Secretary Suellen Dowe and Treasurer Vern Lundgren.

Sheila excelled in communication, kept us all in the loop and we thank her for that.

Our April chairwoman is Debbie Figaski. Please call Debbie at 814-881-3200 to sign up for golf or to cancel golf play. You must have an updated activity card to join. Come join us!

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New season begins in April and you win money with each birdie

By Wendy Colquhoun

The Ladies 9-Hole Golf League is a group of ladies who enjoy social golf.

Handicaps are kept with four flights.

The calendar year for dues and awards starts in April, which also includes a luncheon to celebrate the season.

Summer golf is informal, starting in May and ending at the beginning of October when regular play resumes.

Flight Tournament winners and the Presidents Cup winner are a secret until the luncheon!

Weekly awards are posted on the bulletin board next to our little green house.

Each week there are designated criteria for play and for awarding of prize money.

Loss gross, low net, three clubs and a putter, and closest to pin on four, are just some examples.

Birdies are recognized not only with a



The Ladies 9-Hole Golf League was one of many club entries in the Irish Club parade.

monetary reward, but also a salute from all players with a tiny sip of an adult beverage

at the end of play.

Mystery Hole may be a blessing or a

curse. For example, on March 8, hole No. 9 was the hole drawn to have score eliminated. Mary Ann O'Neil had a Birdie on this hole. Not to despair, she was still able to win her flight.

The new picnic table was possible thanks to our fund raising, hopefully providing the community with many years of enjoyment.

A solar light has been purchased for the flag pole and is presently awaiting mounting by golf course management.

We are proud to support our community as evidenced by our "Come Swing with Us" entry in the Irish Club Parade and we are proud of our flag.

Interested in joining us? We would love to have you come and join us each Tuesday morning.

For more information call President Carroll Harris at 1-432-528-8684.

"Come Swing with Us."

February was tournament month for Tennis Club

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club has concluded all their February Tournaments except the new trial Team Tennis Tournament.

The winners of the Women's Doubles event were Janice Hayton and Helen Grose.

The winners of the Men's Doubles event were Bruce McMaster and John McIntyre.

The winners of the Mixed Doubles event were Joe DeChiaro and Helen Grose.

The winner of the Men's Open Singles event was Brett Reed.

There were a total of 32 members who participated in all the tournaments - more than half of our total club members.

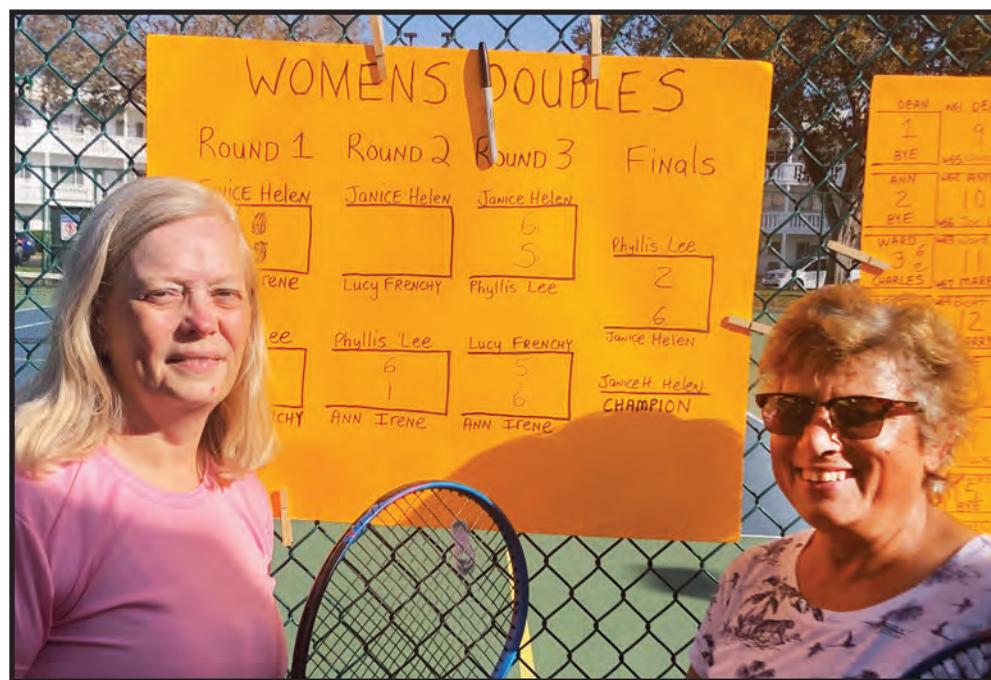
An awards luncheon for all participants, as well as club members, will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m., at the Pavilion.

This article will focus on the Women's Doubles champions. Janice and Helen



started the tournament by coming back from a 5-2 deficit to beat Phyllis Tetzlaff and Qiuxia Lee 6-5.

After winning their second round match by default, they met the team of Phyllis and Qiuxia in the finals. This time Janice and Helen defeated them for the second time rather easily 6-2 to win the championship.



Janice Hayton and Helen Grose won the league doubles tournament.

Food Truck Night Wednesday, April 20, 3-7 p.m. East Activity Center





Breakfast comes in many forms around the world.

There are cold and hot cereals.

There are different kinds of cold cuts and breads.

Also, there are many different types of pasties.

But in America, the most common breakfast is eggs served in many different ways, including a combination of bacon, sausages and ham.

There are few exceptions.

Some people prefer salmon with breakfast.

The English like beans, scones and kipper (fish).

On weekdays, the Swiss frequently stick to a quick, but filling breakfast, such as the traditional birchermuesli - a granola-style blend of oats with fruit and nuts that is usually served with thick yogurt.

Here is a breakfast treat to try: Scrambled eggs, new potatoes (very small red potatoes) and salmon with fresh strawberries.

Ingredients

- 4 new potatoes cut in half
- 3 eggs
- 4 tablespoons of butter
- 4 tablespoons of milk or cream
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup of fresh strawberries
- 4 ounces of salmon diced
- mint for garnish
- parsley for garnish
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Boil potatoes until tender. Then sautéed them in a sauce pan with 2 tablespoons of butter. Cook for 5 minutes.

To scrambled the eggs, beat in the bowl with seasonings for 20 to 30 seconds. Smear the bottom and sides of the pan with 2 tablespoons butter. Pour in the eggs, salmon and chopped onions, and set over moderately low heat.

Stir slowly and continually, reaching all over the bottom of the pan. Nothing will seem to happen for 2 to 3 minutes as the eggs gradually heat. Suddenly they will begin to thicken into a custard.

Stir rapidly, moving the pan on and off heat, and add the cream. Then remove from the heat as they will continue to thicken slightly.

Place the eggs and potatoes on a plate with garnish. Serve the fresh strawberries and mint in bowl.

Pictured above, scrambled egg with new potatoes, salmon, onions and fresh strawberries.



Scrambled Eggs Rancheros

Ingredients

- 2 eggs whites
- 1 whole egg
- 1/4 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons mozzarella cheese
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- 1/8 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon extra light olive oil
- 8 tablespoons tomato salsa
- 1 slice whole-wheat toast
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro

Directions

Combine egg whites, whole egg, beans, cheese, onion, salt, pepper and paprika in a bowl.

Warm oil in a small skillet over medium heat.

Add egg mixture and reduce heat to low. Cover and cook without stirring (2 to 3 minutes) until eggs begin to set.

Top with salsa. Cover and cook about two minutes until egg is cooked through.

Transfer toast to a plate and top with eggs. Garnish with cilantro.

Sausage, Bread and Pepper Frittata

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 ounces sweet Italian sausages, removed from the casing.
- 1 large bunch scallions, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 red bell pepper, cut in 1/2 inch strips
- 8 large eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups of 1/2-inch cubes from day-old bread
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Grana Padano

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Heat a medium (10-inch) nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add olive oil.

When the oil is hot, cook the sausage, crumbling with the back of a wooden spoon, three to four minutes until no longer pink.

Add the scallions, season with 1/4 teaspoon salt, and cook, stirring two to three minutes until the scallions begin to wilt.

Add bell pepper and cook eight to 10 minutes, stirring, until wilted, but not completely limp.

Meanwhile, in a bowl, beat eggs with milk and remaining salt. Let the bread

cubes soak in the egg-milk mixture two to three minutes until moistened.

Reduce heat under the skillet to medium low then pour in the egg mixture and the bread. Let everything cook two to three minutes until the eggs begin to set around the edge of the pan.

Sprinkle all over with the grated cheese.

Put the skillet in the oven and bake about 18 minutes until the frittata is set all the way through and the top is golden.

Let rest for a few minutes then run knife around the edge of the skillet and invert frittata onto a plate or cutting board.

Serve in wedges, warm or at room temperature.

Herbed Omelet with Shrimp

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 cup diced mushrooms
- 1 cup sliced shallots
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces cooked shrimp, shelled and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 cup sliced asparagus

Garnish

Omelet

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped assorted fresh herbs (such as chives, parsley and tarragon)

Directions

For the garnish - heat the oil in an 8 to 10-inch nonstick skillet. Add the mushrooms, asparagus and shallots, and sauté over high heat for 1 1/2 minutes.

Add the salt, pepper and shrimp, and cook, tossing occasionally, for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a bowl.

For the omelet - melt the butter in the same skillet over high heat. Beat the eggs along with the salt and pepper. Mix in the herbs and add to the foaming butter.

Cook, stir and mix over high heat for about two minutes until most of the mixture is set, but still moist.

Roll up the omelet and invert it onto a platter. Sprinkle garnish on top and serve.

Beef and brussel sprouts stir fry



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This is a column written for a busy reader who favors simple one-pan meals.

I do, too.

This healthy dish is so easy.

This dish comes together fast and healthy meals can be hard to come by.

Brussels sprouts are so versatile and cute. They can be roasted or steamed. In this recipe, they also work well sauteed, for example., stir-fried. This keeps them a tiny bit crispy and a gorgeous green.

A rice casserole like this also is a helpful way to extend your meat budget.

Ingredients

- ½ cup white rice, uncooked
- 1 sweet onion, sliced
- ½ pound ground beef, 88% lean
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 8 Brussels sprouts

If desired, prep vegetables the night before so this recipe is even easier to throw together quickly.

Instructions

1. Start the rice cooking, per package directions.
2. Warm oil in a wok or large skillet over medium heat.
3. Add onion and stir-fry for 5 minutes or until browned.
4. Add beef, garlic and spices and cook for 15-20 minutes, or until the meat is no longer pink.
5. Cut off the root end of the Brussels sprouts. Slice (i.e., shave) sprouts in thirds.
6. Set meat mixture aside into a covered bowl.
7. Refresh oil in the skillet and warm it. Add shaved sprouts. Add 2 tablespoons water, reduce the heat, and covered skillet for 3-4 minutes to steam and soften the sprouts a bit — but not so much that they became drab green and mushy. Remove cover, add oil, and stir-fry a few more minutes until slightly browned.
8. Stir meat and rice back into the skillet to reheat for a minute or two. Serve, with a splash of rice vinegar. For this recipe, I recommend the toasted sesame flavor.

Serves two.



The Science

The first step, when dealing with Brussels sprouts — or any other cruciferous (green leaf) vegetable — you have to start by chopping them. My dear chefs, you won't get much flavor until you actually cut those veggies. (i)

Any type of excessive cooking gives them a bad reputation as a sulfur-like bitter taste that people hate. So don't boil them

as this method is so easy to over-cook. When properly cooked, Brussels sprouts have an appealing sweet, nutty flavor.

Choose Brussels sprouts that are about one inch wide. These will be easier to brown, which also gives them an appealing flavor. Shaving the sprouts has a similar result as it exposes more surface area for browning.

Health Value

Brussels sprouts are low in calories, but high in many nutrients, especially fiber, vitamin K and vitamin C.

Vitamin K is necessary for blood clotting and bone health. (ii)

Brussels sprouts have a healthy reputation due to sulforaphane (SPN), proven to kill cancer cells.

Further research is underway to verify SPN protects humans from free radicals, boosts our livers, detoxification ability, and prevents formation of cancer cells. (iii)

This potent compound is found in vegetables like broc-

coli, kale, cabbage, cauliflower, mustard greens. etc. When the vegetable is chewed, cut or chopped, an enzyme (myrosinase) is released which is key to producing SPN. The problem is that the enzyme is water-soluble and cooking destroys it.

A pinch of mustard powder will solve the problem. Mustard powder contains the same enzyme as the raw vegetable. This will allow the formation of SPN in your body.

Simply cook the vegetable as normal, then sprinkle a pinch of mustard powder over the cooked sprouts and stir.

Disclaimer

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

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French Renaissance heroes are the same residents who make us smile with a well-decorated building

By Susan Trost

Do you remember where you were in 2001 when the Twin Towers came down in New York City?

Even though dust was coming down on people running away from the buildings, other people continued to rush towards them.

Little did we know at first that many heroes would not make it home that day ... and even more heroes would come down with illnesses from that dust many years later.

Fortunately, for residents in Building 44, we have two such heroes living with us today - William Rosenbaum and his wife, Katherine.

We get to honor them every day.

William and Katherine have been spending their winters here at On Top of the World since 1999.

William is a native of Manhattan and was a New York firefighter with Engine 23.

William worked for the FDNY for 32 years and was three years retired when the Twin Towers came down.

While watching what was happening live on TV, two of his retired colleagues from his old unit got on the phone with him and they all decided to run toward the towers with son, Mark, who was an active firefighter at the time.

The four of them survived the tragedy, but they all got cancer as a result of exposure to the asbestos and the dust.

Fifteen years after 9/11, William was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's T cell lymphoma. He battled it for five years and currently is in remission.

He celebrated his remission this past St. Patrick's Day by helping his wife decorate the French Renaissance building in green clovers.

Katherine has been an active member of the building 44 decorating team. Pictured at right is part of the team effort for March 17.

Being able to make and put up holiday decorations is something you shouldn't take for granted.

Sadly, there will always be memories from 2001.

There were approximately 70 active firefighters in Williams' old battalion at Engine 23. Only one survived 9/11.

Before William became a firefighter, he was working as a longshoreman. His older brother gave him an application to become a firefighter, which was tossed aside. Unbeknownst to him, Katherine filled out the application anyway and turned it in before it expired. It was to her husband's surprise that he eventually got called in by the FDNY. He was offered a position.

William and Katherine had two sons. Mark is the oldest and was just coming out of college when he filled out an application to take the firefighter test. Fate had it that he passed the test the same time he passed the bar exam! When he got called up by FDNY, he chose to join his father at the fire department.

Mark today is 59. He has been with FDNY for 37 years and is now a fire chief.



Katherine and William Rosenbaum saw 9/11 in person.

Today they cheer up fellow residents with building decorations for each holiday.

William and Katherine enjoy coming back to On Top of the World year after year and love to golf and eat around town.

Katherine is also a volunteer for the Good Neighbors Association.

And as long as Williams' health stays in remission, there will be many more opportunities ahead to decorate.



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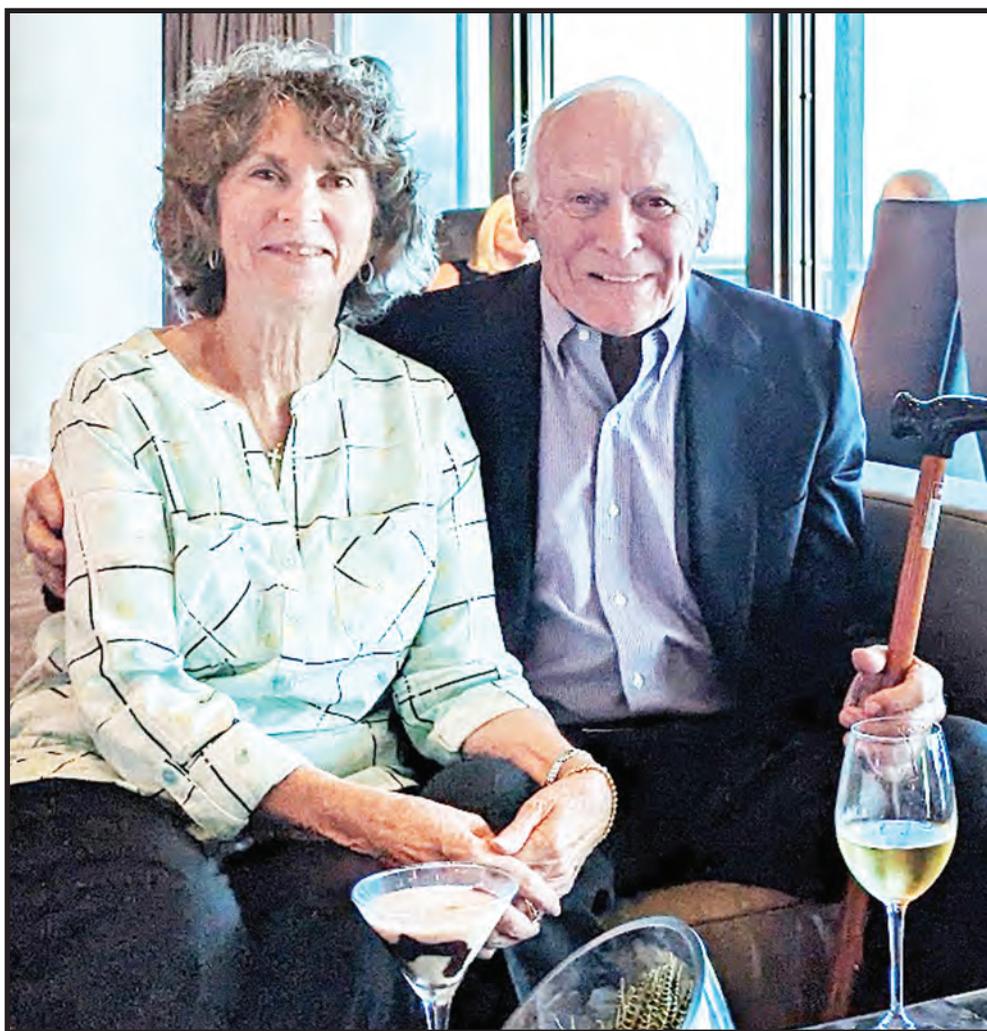


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Gerri and Richard Maxwell enroute to Aruba

Maxwells return home after 11 days at sea

Gerri and Richard Maxwell took a cruise with the Travel Club on Feb. 14 from Tampa to Nassau, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao for 11 days.

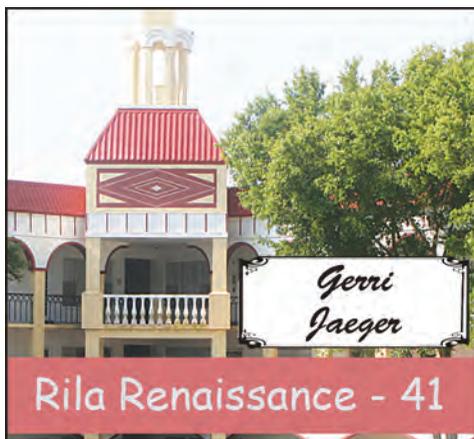
There were fewer than 700 passengers on board and the crew couldn't do enough for them.

It really was a safe environment and I highly recommend getting back out there.

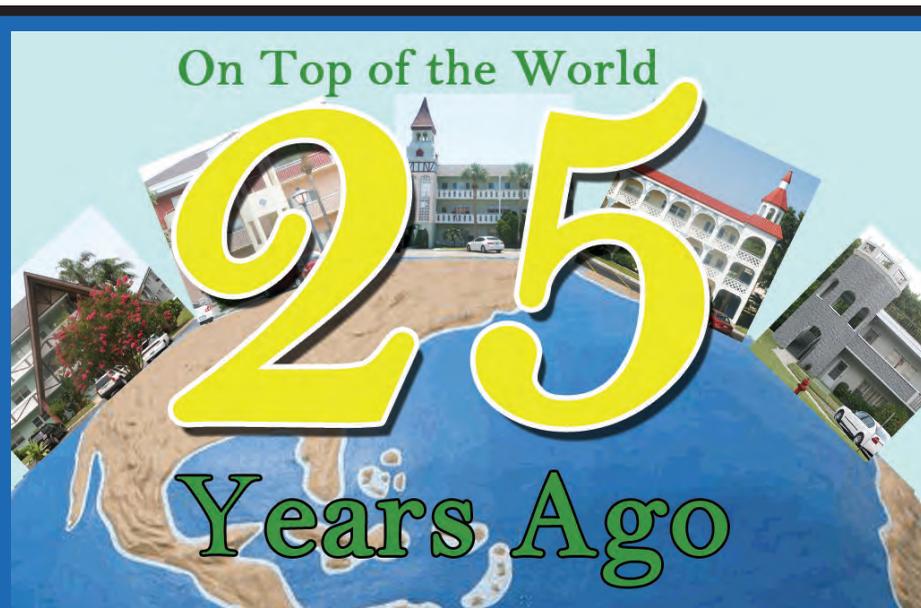
In other news, I want to thank our awesome neighbors who pitched in and cleaned out the junk that has been accumulating for years.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to defray the cost. Blessings to you all.

Thank you also to the ladies for a very nice Valentine's Day gathering.



Check the bulletin board for the date of our Pizza Party and we will start our ladies lunches again, too.



By Dave Hart

- **New England Club:** On Wednesday, March 12, 1997, when around 110 guests arrived at the New England Club's Potluck Dinner in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center, they found a

"touch of Ireland" had been created by the decorating committee. In the center of the room, hanging from the ceiling, was a large and attractive green chandelier. Irish decals illustrating leprechauns, etc., were displayed on the walls. Each table was covered with a white tablecloth and had a lovely centerpiece of green and white ribbon and a "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" insignia.

- **Fun Club** The next general meeting of the Fun Club will be held on Thursday April 10, 1997, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the East Activity Center. This will be a very important meeting. I urge all our members to attend. At our last general meeting, the members in attendance concluded that a nominating committee be appointed by the club president to nominate officers to be voted upon at our next general meeting. The names of those nominated will be presented by the nominating committee at our next general meeting. So, please attend this very important meeting and vote.

- **Lawn Bowling:** The League will resume next season with Lindsay again directing the action, so if you are interested in a little competitive bowling, watch out for details in November 1997. There is a new tournament at Clearwater in honor of Art Hartley, who celebrated his 97th birthday this year. Maybe you caught the bit on television on Monday night showing Art and Bill Miller rolling a few bowls. In actual fact, the day the cameras were at Clearwater, Art and Bill played an 8-end singles exhibition game and believe me, it was a pleasure to watch. Both men were right on the jack proving they are still top-notch bowlers.

- **Shuffleboard Club:** Due to the generosity of Tom Bradley donating the use of his pickup truck, we were able to have a float in the recent St. Patrick's Day parade. We want to thank everyone for their time and effort in decorating it. Our awards banquet was held on March 19, 1997, at Kally K's. There were 38 in attendance. Mark and Beverly Kris entertained us with a comical skit, which was enjoyed by everyone.

- **Alsace Lorraine Building:** Our building meeting was held March 1, 1997. Several topics were discussed, and our captain, Flo Barnes, and her committee were named. Let's give them our cooperation. Many thanks to our past captain, Ed Eberhardt and to Shirley Rice, who presided over our meeting. Our next meeting will be April 14, 1997, at 10 a.m. in the lobby of the third floor. Come give your opinion and enjoy the coffee. We welcome our new neighbors Libby and Bob Shear from New York.

- **Rancho Del Mundo:** We hoped for a nice day to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day parade through our complex and we could not have wished for nicer weather. We joined in with foot stomping and clapping to time with the wonderful music provided by the bag pipers and drummers from Dunedin. Those wonderful clowns from Morton Plant Mease Hospital can only imagine the joy they must bring to the patients, especially the children. Also, it was so good to see the representation of the OTOW social clubs heralded of course by the Irish Club, the banner being held by our own Nancy Di Grazia.

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Flamenco holds inaugural chili cook-off



Pictured above are the top finishers in the first ever Flamenco Chili Cook-Off.

On March 1, the Flamenco building (79) held its first annual Chili Cook Off at the Belleair Room in the West Activity Center.

Competition was stiff with a variety of chili entries. Taste testing of all the entries was provided first prior to everyone indulging in all the chili they could eat of each entry.

Live entertainment was enjoyed by residents while "Judge Charlotte Smedley" counted the votes in view of all the attending residents.

"Sheriff Lorraine Gendron" made sure no ballot tampering took place during the cook off.

Once satisfied with voter results, winners of the competition were announced.

First place was Barbara Krepela - Blue Ribbon Black Beer Chili.

Second place was Bill Golden - World Famous St Louis Chili.

Third place was Phil Martinez - North East Chili.

Fourth place was Jeri Hunter - Yankee White Chili.

Fifth place was Chuck Torisky - Steel City Chili.

A nice trophy along with a cash prize was awarded to first place. A cash prize and award went to second place, with ribbons given to third and fourth place.

Congratulations go out to all the participants.

This activity was enjoyed so much by the residents, it has been decided to make this an annual event for our building to be held on or around Fat Tuesday again. The first place trophy will be a traveling trophy and will go to the new winner each year.

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Only at Bohemia can you go bowling one day and swim with pigs another day

Bohemian's love to eat.

I know you've heard it before, but it bears repeating.

St. Patrick's Day was an opportunity for building residents to head downtown and enjoy a corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Thirty-seven residents attended this traditional function.

We didn't stop celebrating with dinner, but had a building St. Patty's Day coffee, too.

This again was widely attended and, surprisingly, we had a phenomenal number of early risers - or was it scones and a 50/50 drawing that drew the crowd?

Still on the topic of food, we recognize and appreciate the diverse cultures and backgrounds of our building family.



It is with this in mind that we have decided to produce a cookbook.

Residents are invited to submit a recipe that portrays their homelands or cul-

tures. Fall is the timeline we have designated for publication. We are all very excited about this project.

The Girls' Day Out group has traditionally sought places that offer scientific, artistic, historical or nature knowledge. March, was a different month, with the girls breaking from the usual format and getting physical with a morning of bowling.

It is hilarious watching a group of women ranging in age from 60-80 throwing a bowling ball.

The best part of the morning was, no one cared about their score. It was just plain fun.

Of course, one had to regain their strength by having lunch afterwards.

Next month, it's back to nature.

With snow and cold up north, daughters and sons visited their parents this last month.

Ramos and Nafia Gjokaj's daughter visited along with 3-year-old, Leon.

Lena and Sam Betti had a visit from their pretty Gina.

And Shirley Golding's son came to visit with his daughter arriving a week later.

Tom and Carleen Jurkowski, Maria Denehan, Paula Schelling and Sheryl McKay used their vouchers from their cancelled January cruise and headed to the Caribbean for seven days. One of their more interesting side trips was swimming with pigs.

If you see any of them, I'm sure they'll tell you all about it.

Malaguena adds a Tuesday restaurant trip starting in April

Let's have some fun!

The Malaguena Building Social Committee is announcing monthly dinners on the first Tuesday of each month, starting in April.

Each month we'll go to a different restaurant. Location, directions and sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Trying a new restaurant, plus getting to know your neighbors, equals a win-win!

The first Malaguena monthly dinner will be on April 5, at Ford's Garage on Route 19. If you haven't been there, you're in for a treat. It's a fun place with an automotive theme and an extensive menu.

Signs and sign-up sheets are on both bulletin boards. Please sign up by April 3, so we can let the restaurant know how many folks to expect.

Our Social Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. If you'd like to join us, the next meeting is on April 13, second floor lobby, south wing, (bring your own chair).

Speaking of the Social Committee, members will be going around to collect building dues, \$10 per unit. Dues are voluntary and help pay for events like our pizza parties and other events.

I lead a wildly exciting life (just kid-



ding!), but I don't want to just write about me.

Malaguena folks would love to hear about your interesting hobbies, latest adventures and anything else you'd like to have in the OTOW newspaper.

Please email me at malaguena84@yahoo.com or stop by if you have an interesting story you'd like to share.

Articles have to be submitted by the 15th of each month in order to be in the next month's issue. I hope to hear from you!

Hope to see you at Ford's Garage on April 5!

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Puzzle exchange group forming

Do you have a lot of beautiful puzzles in your condo and there is no one to put them together? Would you like to join an informal group of residents who simply exchange puzzles they have already finished?

Contact Linda Yarwood at (313) 903-9400. She has more than 30 puzzles (300-700 pieces) she would like to exchange with other residents who also have puzzles sitting around their condos. If there is enough interest, a puzzle exchange group can be started within the community.

Theater shows on OTOW-TV this summer

Did you enjoy the 2022 Jesters and Theater Workshop shows?

Do you want to see them again?

Maybe you missed them and feel really disappointed?

Don't worry.

Both shows were videotaped by OTOW-TV Channel 732 and will be rebroadcast this summer.

The Jesters show, "Something Funny Happened On Broadway" will air on OTOW-TV in August.

The Theater Workshop show, "2022: A Space Oddity" will air in September.

Exact dates will be announced over the summer.

Enjoy both shows for the first time, or over again, from the luxury of your own living room.

If you cannot wait that long, both clubs will be selling DVDs of their show in the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays.

The DVDs are for residents only.

When the DVDs become available, ask for your own copy.

OTOW-TV is available to Spectrum cable customers. Do not use the up and down channel changer on your remote. Simply type 732.

It is a copyright violation to share any part of either video on the Internet, so please just enjoy the shows in your condo.

Building residents invited to a social every Friday



Every Friday is happy at Fujiwara!

Each week, from 4-6 p.m., residents get together with food, fun and adult beverages for those who imbibe.

Everyone brings a dish to share, a chair and the drink of their choice.

Be sure to step out to the Finlandia side to meet your neighbors!

Pictured at left, Anna Brinkerhoff, with her dog Baby, and Kathy Raubenstein head over to a Friday building social in March.

In other building news, a little house-keeping: The trash room is for recyclables and trash only. Larger items must be dumped elsewhere.

E cycle Pros at 1650 N Hercules Ave., Suite K, in Clearwater will take most anything. There are also junk removal ads in this newspaper.

Our building is charged by On Top of the World for removal of large items, so help keep the maintenance fees down and be a good neighbor.

Please be sure to share any good news with me, Tara Still, 727-577-8145, or email taracpa@gmail.com.

Birthday dinners are back

Time to remove old bikes sitting in storage

The birthday dinner for March was held at Ford's Garage.

Thirty-four people attended.

It was not easy to get a restaurant for this amount of people, but after several tries, the above restaurant was able to accommodate the group and a good time was had by all.

A Pot Luck Party was held in our building for St. Patrick's Day.

Also, the Wing Angels are planning a clean out of the bicycle room. We need to figure out which bikes need to be removed due to residents moving out and leaving their bikes behind.

We contacted the police, who in turn gave us a phone number of a company which will pick up and donate the bikes. This company will also do minor repairs before the bikes are donated.

Our storage room will get cleaned and checked in the very near future.



The happy group above is Gene Carney, Reta Carney, Linda Gallant and Shawn McGovern at Ford's Garage.

American Gothic activities posted on bulletin board for those who like to stay involved



Ann Messina says, "On Top of the World is year-round summer camp for adults."

Here at American Gothic, we agree.

Our building has lots of great opportunities for socialization and fun.

It is important once a week to check the American Gothic building bulletin board located on the first floor by the elevator. It not only gives you details about the latest cool activities being planned but also important information with regard to American Gothic's current maintenance schedules.

Once again, thank you to Maureen and Gary Smith for keeping our bulletin board timely, festive and lively. It looks great!

So, what's on the bulletin board now?

You can find information on our popular "Ladies Only Brunch."



American Gothic ladies enjoy a fun lunch outing at Roadies in March.

A group of carpooling, hungry women head to a neighborhood restaurant. What do they do besides eat? Well, they visit. They chat. They reminisce. They share information about local activities. Most of all they enjoy each other's company.

Please check our bulletin board for dates and times for our brunch as they change.

What else is on the bulletin board?

Another enjoyable activity is our monthly dinners. The agenda is the same as the brunch only this time everyone joins in for the merriment.

In other news, we've had a lot of residents moving in and out. We have wished some neighbors farewell while greeting our new neighbors.

Because of the change in our residents, Susan McBride has volunteered to update our current roster. If you have

not already given her your information, and want to be included in our roster, please email your information to Susan at otowbuilding43@gmail.com

Next, please give our treasurer, Ann Messina, \$15 for your building dues. Last year's budget included our fully funded building picnic.

Spring is here! Smile. Enjoy the sunshine. Take a walk around our building and discover our angel tree.

Elaine Detlefsen celebrates big day

80th birthday party is perfect time for a family reunion

Elaine Detlefsen's big day finally arrived in February.

Eighty years old!

Elaine celebrated with family and friends at the pavilion with lots of balloons, music, party favors and games with prizes.

Five family members also had February birthdays. Middle son, Mark, enjoyed his 50th birthday celebration and would be third generation living here in five years.

He also prepared the wonderful luncheon of spiral ham, roast pork loin, macaroni salad, Hawaiian rolls plus peaches and pears.

Chicken nuggets was an appetizer provided by son, Leif.

Of course, dessert was a birthday cake purchased by a sister.

Guests traveled here from Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, Ocala, Inverness, Jacksonville and Naples.

Ages ranged from 6 to 91.

Elaine said it was a great opportunity to see how her grandsons had grown since she had not seen them for a long time.



Elaine Detlefsen

Fun was had by all.

Elaine is a resident at the American Gothic building.

Another trophy photo shoot



OTOW News regular readers may recognize the person above as resident Bruno Nardizzo, who has had his picture in this newspaper before with the Stanley Cup hockey trophy and Super Bowl trophy. Last month Bruno managed to get his picture taken with the Astor Challenge cup trophy which is awarded annually to the top Indy-style race car driver. There was a race last month in St. Petersburg.



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You've seen Remo Melucci with Jesters, Theater Workshop and other on-stage projects - well, he is a Gables person

Is there anyone at On Top of the World who does not know Remo Melucci?

One of our neighbors at The Gables, a longtime resident and familiar face to new and current residents, has a varied and interesting story.

Before his 13 years at OTOW, Remo worked for more than 21 years on the Long Island railroad, repaired and restocked ATMs, and made armored car deliveries.

Before the isolation of the pandemic, Remo visited nursing homes, delivering his anecdotes to an appreciative audience.

An active member of many activities offered here, Remo has demonstrated his many talents, starting with working the soundboard, then performing with The Jesters, Theater Workshop, Chorus, and the Entertainment Committee.

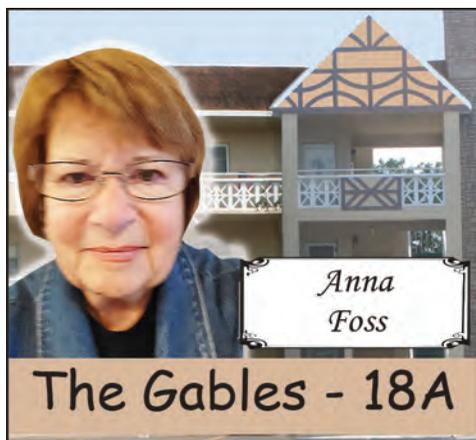
His musical talents are highlighted with voice, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, piano, and most recently playing the harmonica with the ukulele group.

We greatly enjoyed his performance with the Theater Workshop show "2022: A Space Oddity - Close Encounters of the Friendly Kind."

Remo is an active member of his church and a student of the Bible. He is currently researching information for a book on the writings of Paul, the apostle, and the theme of "God's great delusions, aliens and UFOs."

His life motto, which reflects his deep faith, is simply love God, love people.

On any day, we see Remo in his front garden nurturing flowers and entertaining



his 11 year old cat, Buddy.

Sheba, his indoor cat, is a bit of a prima dona and keeps her distance.

If you are new to the building, Remo will be ready to greet you with a fist bump and an offer to help with information about our community at The Gables and beyond.

The Gables first building meeting this year was held on March 8 and we discussed future social activities, building activities, and general housekeeping details.

A wine and cheese gathering was held on Feb. 24 with neighbors reconnecting with old and new friends.

March saw a pizza party on the patio. It is always a pleasure seeing our building neighbors relaxing, sharing stories and making connections.

If you have a story or news article you'd like to share, please email me at afoss2310@gmail.com.



Remo Melucci played his clarinet in the Theater Workshop show last month. He also plays saxophone, guitar, piano and ukulele.



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Jerry and Connie McDonald with granddaughter Kara.

Latest U.S. Marine has been a frequent visitor to OTOW

Hi boys and girls. Villa's been busy with anniversaries, travels, family company, reuniting with a long lost-friend and welcoming a new Marine.

Proud grandparents Jerry and Connie McDonald were in Baufort, S.C., to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Kaya, from boot camp at Parris Island.

Some of you may remember the photo of that sweet little girl standing by the fruit tree in our courtyard years ago. Well, that little girl is all grown up now and a proud U.S. Marine.

Kaya's next post is Camp Lejeune, N.C., for combat training.

Congratulations to Kaya, Jerry and Connie and a safe and happy future to our newest Marine.

There will be more news from the McDonalds to come, so stay tuned.

Trudy Barry, from our building, found out just how small the world can be. She experienced one of those lucky encounters when she met a friend of a friend she had not seen in many years. Viola! They all enjoyed a dinner reunion with more to follow.

The Jesters show was a smash hit.

From our building, Chris Tuttle joined Dana Garlick, Par Bennon, sister Annie, and myself for a fun evening.

We have a lot of talent here at On Top of the World. The crew behind the scenes are to be congratulated along with the performers.

Takes a lot to put on these productions. Kudos go out to our own Karen Saeef, who is president of the Entertain-



ment Committee.

Speaking of presidents, Connie McDonald is to be congratulated on the success of the recent Art Guild Art Show.

Much time and effort goes into all these programs.

Welcome back to our On Top of the World Chorus. Their spring concert is Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m. Donation are \$5. The concert theme is "America The Beautiful."

The first ever Farmer's Market was well received at OTOW. Many residents were seen filling bags with mostly locally grown goodies. Looking forward to the next Farmer's Market and the next Food Truck Night.

Kudos to Activities Director Nancy Rogers for those great ideas.

OK. That's about it for this month. Good wishes. Until next we meet any news fit to print send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Latest fishing trip and competition takes us to Key West

Karen French and Bob O'Donohue from the French Renaissance building recently took a fabulous four-day trip to Key West from March 8-12.

Bob used to be a fishing guide in Canada at Lac Seul. This lake has a 3,000 mile perimeter.

Karen and Bob have previously enjoyed fishing in Canada, Alaska and Florida.

Ironically, Karen and Bob first met seven years ago on the Plenty of Fish dating site. To this day Bob still says he went to the website looking for fish.

During each fishing trip they take together, Karen and Bob wager \$1 on the first fish caught, \$1 for the biggest fish caught and \$1 for the most fish or most species caught.



The score is still to be tabulated from Key West.

More information about French Renaissance in future newspapers.



Pictured at right, Bob O'Donohue holds up a Bar Jack fish. Was it worth \$1?

Siboney monthly meetings include a ton of socializing and plenty of food

April showers bring May flowers.

Here at Siboney, we have beautiful flowers and bushes, and thanks to the spring rain they stay looking good for many months.

Our building has been busy catching up with meetings and core parties.

Our last meeting was a special one. We thank Susan Rausch for putting together our yearly memorial and reading a beautiful poem.

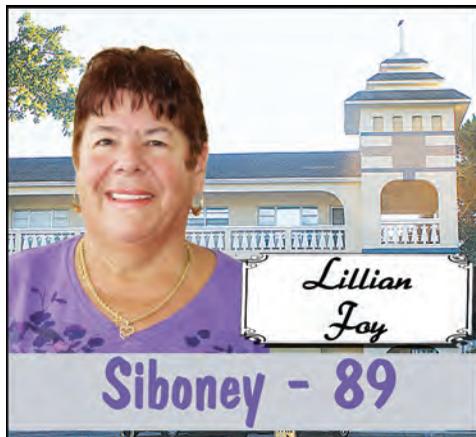
Delicious refreshments were served with great coffee.

If you haven't been to any of our monthly meetings, you are missing a lot of great information and of course the refreshments.

Our March monthly core party was the Sunday after the monthly meeting and 18 residents were present. Everyone brought a covered dish and it was nice to see people socializing again.

Please consider joining us for these building events so we can meet our new neighbors.

On March 6 I had the pleasure to at-



tend a performance of the Hunchback of Notre Dame - a new musical based on the Victor Hugo novel and the Disney film.

It was presented by "Theatre in the Sky" at Skycrest United Methodist Church on Drew Street in Clearwater. Let me tell you, it was a fabulous show and the talent was remarkable.

Joseph Scarbrough, musical director, put most of this performance together. From what I could tell, it took a lot of



Pictured above is a scene from The Hunchback of Notre Dame at the Skycrest United Methodist Church. Some Siboney residents attended in March.

hard work and dedication from many people to do a musical like that.

April 28 we will be having our annual picnic held at Philippe Park. Great food will be on the menu and games will be

played. Look for the sign up sheet on the information bulletin board.

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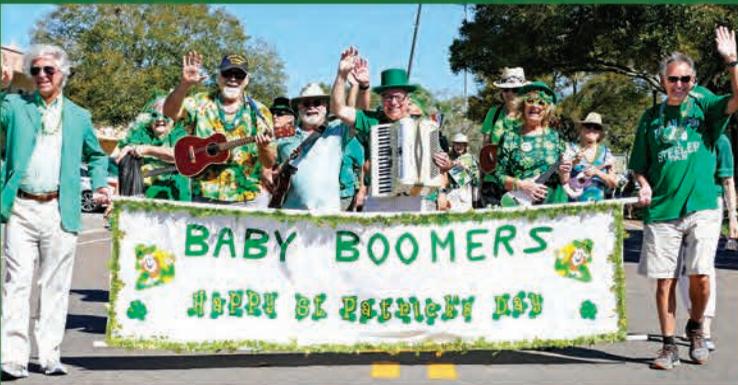
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Polynesians enjoy theaters and restaurants

Aloha everyone!

What busy months we had in February and March, and a busier month of April it will be.

Johnny's Italian Restaurant hosted 17 of us in March. It was a good time had by all.

Fifteen Polynesians attended a dinner theater to see the musical, Kinky Boots.

Another group of folks gathered at Fat Cat in Largo for dinner followed by a trivia contest.

Also in March, a trip was planned to venture over to Sand Key to the delightful Columbia Restaurant. The original, in Ybor City, was founded in 1905.

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On April 1, the Early Bird Dinner Theater will be offering up the play "Moon Over Buffalo" and it is sure to draw a crowd.

The first week of April will be our



popular outing to Tarpon Springs for a dolphin watch tour, followed by lunch at Hellas.

Oopa!

The third week of April we anticipate a barbecue pot luck dinner. Meat will be provided and you are asked to bring a side dish to share.

In May we will visit CiCi's Pizza. As



Polynesian residents took a trip to Johnny's Italian Restaurant in March.

always, keep your eyeballs peeled for the signup sheets on the bulletin board.

If you have any news you would like

to see submitted, feel free to contact me, your friendly reporter, with details and photos.

Board Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2:00



The OTOW Association will be holding a board meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2:00 in the EAC Auditorium to discuss Cable TV in our community.

You can attend the meeting in person, watch live on OTOW-TV Channel 732 or you can watch the live broadcast on YouTube.

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Granadans marched in parade with OTOW clubs

Many residents from the Granada Building (40) took part in the ever-so-fun annual Irish Club Parade and festivities this year.

Ruthann Richwine marched with the Democratic Club, Jacqueline Dolan with our great Ladies 18-Hole Golf League and Bill Houser "Mr. Fun" supplied his musical van. He danced with the Moving 'n Grooving Club.

Your building reporter, Toni Young, helped pass out newspapers with the Press Association entry in the parade.

Jean Cocuzzo marched with the Veterans Club. Jean served in the US Army in Knoxville, Tenn. She was a supply specialist and her husband, Tony, served in the US Airforce in Alaska.

We thank them both for their service and continued support to our Veterans at On Top of the World.

Thank you to all of you who cheered us on!

Ruthann Richwine, from our building, has been busy with a presentation of "The American Story" to take place at Faith United Christian Church on March 6. This was a documentary video from PBS which showed various cultures and how they worked together to make positive changes throughout our history.

Linda Faust, our building busy bee, helped get the Valspar Golf Championship Tournament organized for March 15 – 20 in Palm Harbor.

Linda is also glowing because her grandson's youth hockey team won a state championship. He represents the Tampa Bay Junior Hockey Club.

Kay Yeisley celebrated her birthday



March 14. Kaye's daughter, Marina, escaped the very cold northeast to join her mom and are celebrating with warm weather, our pools, beaches and quaint little towns.

Our monthly luncheon was held at Cheddars. Barb and Tom Jamrozy were on top of things and had the foresight to redirect our luncheon location. It was way too cold to enjoy the outdoors at Frenchy's on the causeway, which was the original plan.

We encourage others to join us as well for the next monthly luncheon. It's a great way to meet and greet your neighbors. We always have a good time and share interesting stories! Who knows, you might find a new best friend.

Next luncheon will be held at E&E Stakeout Grill on April 11 at noon. The location is 100 Indian Rocks Road North, Bel-leair Bluffs.

If anyone has any news that they wish to share, please do not hesitate to contact me at toni.one@icloud.com



Jean Cocuzzo marched in the Irish Club parade with OTOW veterans and met 'Santa Claus' from the Santa Claus Drill Team along the way.

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Nearly 40 residents pack Olive Garden for an overdue social



Nearly 40 residents and guests met for dinner at the Olive Garden in March.

Hi. My name is Jim LeBlanc and I'll be writing the Rural French news for the On Top of the World newspaper.

I'll do this until we get a volunteer to be our building reporter. Contact me if you're interested.

The COVID-19 virus is winding down and, happily, we're starting to get out and back to our normal lives.

We had a building meeting on Feb. 25 in the core. Topics were discussed and some new volunteers are stepping in.

Deborah Benning temporarily stepped down as building president. Ed Fox will hold that position until Deborah can resume that position.

Laurie Cole is secretary, Sandy Stuhr is treasurer, Joyce Krauss is wing captain for the Rhodesian side and Randy Matney

is wing captain for the Persian side.

Our monthly sign up sheet is now on the bulletin board if anybody would like to sign up to host a monthly luncheon or dinner.

On March 8 we had a luncheon at Olive Garden. We had a great turnout of 36 friends and neighbors from our building.

The salad, bread sticks and lunch menu were plentiful. I don't think anybody went home hungry. Everybody seemed to enjoy each other's company and food.

We hope to continue this social event and have new faces join us every month.

As for more building news, we are al-

ways looking for volunteers to help plan and make our building a better place to live. Ask your wing captains what you can do to help.

We need to update our building phone list. If you're new and aren't on it, or had any changes, give the updated information to your wing captain.

Please work to keep our storage room clean and clutter free. Everything should be stored on your shelf to prevent any tripping hazards. This goes for our garbage room, too.

Remember, this is our home. Let's work together to make it the best we can.

We'd like to welcome all the new people to our building and hope to see you at our next event.

Thanks go out to Leslie Tannehill and Denise Broussard for doing a great job making up our notices and signs that help to keep our residents informed.

Thanks to Randy Matney and Carmel LeBlanc for decorating the building bulletin board with the theme for each holiday or season.

Last month was St. Patrick's Day.

Next theme is Easter/spring.

Until next month, enjoy every day, stay healthy and happy.

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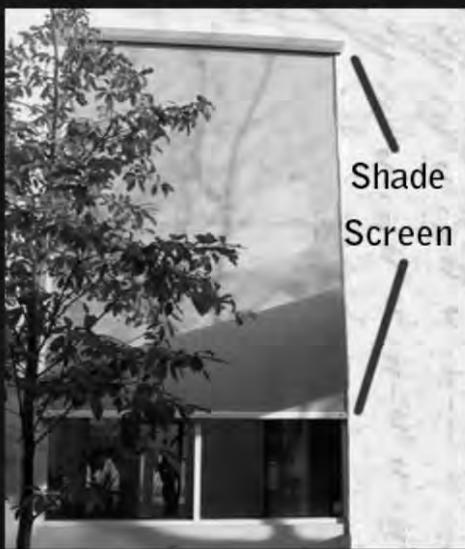


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Sheriff's office says 'thank you' to Neighborhood Watch for staying active during two years of the pandemic

By Dave Beaven

Our Neighborhood Watch Core Group had a special visitor last month.

It was our Pinellas County Sheriff's Office liaison Deputy Chuck Skipper.

Deputy Skipper was visiting us for the first time in over a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But now he is checking back in with his Neighborhood Watch groups to see what we need.

The deputy commended us for staying active through the past two years with our articles in the OTOW newspaper and community reports online.

During that time, we also collected money to provide frontline medical workers with a hot meal from a small restaurant that was grateful for the business.

And during the past two Christmas seasons, we have adopted a needy family, nominated by the Sheriff's office, and provided them with gifts from their wish lists.

By contrast, a number of the county groups had been dormant due to quarantining.

Deputy Skipper stated that we were fortunate to live in On Top of the World. The crime rate here is quite low in com-



Deputy Chuck Skipper stops by to visit with the Neighborhood Watch group at On Top of the World.

parison with other communities. He stated that the most frequent crime against seniors is fraud - mostly by phone or the internet. He offered to do a talk in the up-

coming months on crime prevention here.

We will keep you notified as to when.

The deputy also said that he does occasional drop by coffee meetings where



residents can chat informally with him. We indicated that this would be welcome at OTOW.

In finishing, Deputy Skipper took time to let us take a group picture with him. We look forward to seeing more of him in the future.

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March brought visitors to the Azores building



As the weather shifted from a little bit chilly to absolutely glorious, the Azores building began buzzing with activity.

Out came the patio and balcony chairs, along with spring wreaths and St. Patrick's Day décor.

I was never particularly fond of March until I moved to Clearwater. Now it's my favorite month.

So, what did my husband and I do when the weather turned beautiful?

We went to New Jersey, where we

were greeted with a snowstorm.

Thankfully, our 1-year-old grandchild, kept us busy inside, following his antics with pure joy in our hearts.

Marie Pirrello's 1-year-old great-grandson, traveled with his mom and dad to Clearwater from Massachusetts. They had a great time practicing clapping until it was time for him to head to the beach for a few days.

Rod and Debbie Rivera hosted one of their daughters for a few days while she

was in town from Hawaii. She enjoyed seeing her parent's new digs and getting to know some of the wonderful people who live here.

The Azores building has been back on a routine of monthly socials, with the latest held at Red Lobster in February and Ha Long Bay Bistro in March.

Everyone is enjoying breaking bread together again.

Until next month, happy spring from everyone at the Azores!

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OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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Friday is still date night for Barbara and Lenny Proietto

Meet the Proiettos!

We all wish for romance in our lives. Barbara Proietto was a recent widow, at a loss for what to do next. Her sister in Michigan wanted her to move back, but after living in Florida, it's hard to go back.

She was invited to join a line dancing group, and there was the answer.

She loved performing in nursing homes and neighborhood events. And there she met Lenny.

Lenny also loved performing, and over time became the master of ceremonies of the troupe.

When an opportunity for a cruise came up in December, they were secretly married.

Two months later they had their official wedding, a large celebration with friends and family.

Lenny was active in The Salvation Army and they were able to participate in a trip to Israel for their second honeymoon.

They enjoyed visiting Jerusalem, seeing the first official church and following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Other impressive sites were a visit to the Dead Sea (too cold to jump in) and Masada, where a group of Jewish people held out against the Roman Army until they had ramps built up to the top.

And best, a visit to Bethlehem, where security was so tight the bus has to back up next to the church and all the doors locked behind them as they moved among buildings.

In a stroke of genius foretelling their future, Lenny let Barbara totally redecorate his home while they were gone, so they returned to On Top of the World and a condo they both could share equally and call home.

Barbara became a senior soldier in The Salvation Army, and to this day they both are happily involved in programs for



children and the community.

Lenny sings in the choir along with the impressive Salvation Army band that plays often during the Sunday services.

Throughout their 11 years of marriage, they celebrate date night every Friday night, and even go to the same restaurant!

Carrabba's Italian Grill honors them as regulars and keeps their special table available.

If you run into this wonderful couple, be sure to say "hello."

You can meet them at our next building party on Saturday, April 9, in the core by the elevator. We are having a cookout, with the building supplying hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks.

Please sign up on the blue sheets hanging by the the mailboxes. You can indicate what food dish you wish to bring. Hopefully we won't have all desserts like last time. (Although many of us loved it!)

Please keep in mind we will be cleaning out the bike room soon, so please put your name on your bike and register it with our building captain, Ava.

Any item that's not a bicycle will be removed. We now have a waiting list of people wanting to store their bikes and no space available.



Barbara and Lenny Proietto.

And finally, we are tackling the storage room dilemma. In the next few months, please remove anything considered a fire hazard and put your name on your things

being stored.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather and we hope to see everyone at our building party on the April 9.

Social events at Dorado building are a chance to greet neighbors and meet newcomers

Dorado residents enjoyed a meet and greet dinner party at the West Activity Center Belleaire Room.

They also had their annual meeting for the Dorado Building Social Club.

All four officers (President Edwina Schick, Vice President Ann Brown, Secretary Nancy Coan, and Treasurer Lois Darling) were re-elected.

Betty Dethmers was selected as the club's finance chairman and Sue and Glenn Brierly will head up our bereavement committee.

Jim Crawford, a veteran, volunteered to take care of raising and lowering our flag and we had several member volunteer to help put our small flags out on special holidays like Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Flag Day.

Members of our club enjoyed hearing some stories over the years about how the



club had events.

Our oldest resident and past president, Ednamae Jordt, shared how she would get to know each new resident as they moved into the building.

Kim Hunt, another past president,

laughed and told the club how Ednamae was knocking on her door while she was still unpacking, and invited her to an event.

We enjoyed stories from members and found out some had even gone to the same high school, some from the same towns up north.

We look forward to our picnic at Philippe Park planned in a couple months so the stories and conversation can continue.

In the meantime, our residents are enjoying our luncheons organized by Cheryl Milner. They are always a popular event.

We have a lot planned for this year. If you have any new ideas, please let me know. Our communication gets easier all the time since email.

You can email me, Edwina, at doradobuildingsocialclub@gmail.com or edwinaschick@gmail.com.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

We look forward to the Dorado Building's next social event.

To those of you who play bingo on Monday nights, our resident Cindy Stone is a familiar face. Cindy will be taking a break due to family obligations. Cindy said "I have enjoyed watching our residents play bingo for the past couple years. It is with regret that I must take a break from the club to take care of family obligations."

OTOW is searching for a willing volunteer to take over the bingo club and Monday night bingo on an interim or permanent basis.

Interested volunteers should contact Nancy Rogers in the Activity Office.



Some celebrated March 17 as the day Christianity came to Ireland

St. Patrick's Day is not just for Irish folks like myself. Every nationality joins in the festivities!

Our own Raj Khatri, originally from India, now a retired entrepreneur, enjoys every bit of this festive day, which also celebrates the entrance of Christianity into Ireland.

Raj is seen at left with a button of our ever-dear departed friend, Mike Cooper, long-time neighbor in our building and fellow Irishman!

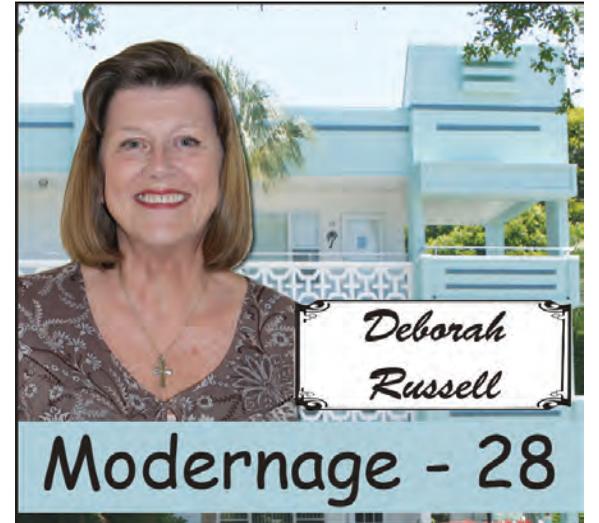
St. Patrick's Day is not only the celebration of Christianity entering Ireland, but also a celebration of the Irish heritage and culture in general.

Raj celebrates every American holiday with gusto! He, like Mike Cooper, always greets me with a smile and a big "hello!"

So, the next time you're passing building 28 on the Finlandia side, wave to the American flag.

Mike made that flag his mission and served in the American Army!

Hope you all had a Happy St. Patrick's Day



and remember to keep on smiling! Love your neighbors. They are here as your extended family and they'll love you back!

At left, Raj Khatri, proudly wears his Mike Cooper button at the Irish Club parade. Raj isn't even Irish. He's from India ... but proof everyone enjoys a good celebration.

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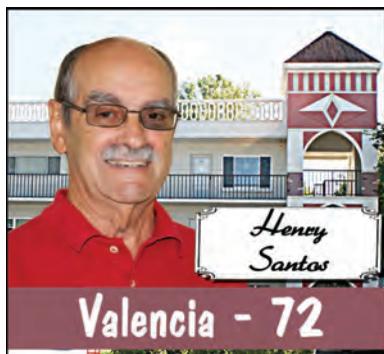
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Our building has a ‘celebrity’ who came from a farm in Ireland



In March I had a nice conversation with Mary Garrett.

She was happy to share with me some of her past, which I found very interesting.

Mary was born in County Mayo, Ireland. She was the oldest of seven children and was raised on a farm.

Farming was hard work, as you can imagine, getting up early for many chores including milking the herd and helping to tend to her younger siblings.

At an early age of about 20, Mary set off for the USA, having family and friends here. Her first job was housekeeping for Vincent Asta.

Eventually she went on to keep house for the Rockefellers and the Vanderbilts.

She was living among the richest, most influential people of the period. She met sitting



Mary Garrett started her life on a farm, but then got mixed in with some very influential people once coming to the United States.

presidents and international royalty - a far cry from her humble beginnings.

Mary has lived in our Valencia building for more than 10 years and we all know her as

Mary, the lady with the Irish accent, who is always ready to lend a helping hand if you are under the weather.

She is always there with a cup of hot soup.

She does sewing, knitting and needlework which she donates to a variety of charities.

That's the Mary we know.

We had a very nice turnout for our Valencia building meet-

ing in March.

We started off socializing with some wine and cheese, then some wine and crackers, some fruit, and then some more wine.

Finally we got down to business.

The agenda included soliciting volunteers to fill various positions.

We are fortunate to have Valerie Martin continue on as building coordinator with Phil Roth acting as assistant coordinator.

We also had Cathy Gaulan and Karen agree to act as back-ups.

Donna Hahnan and Robin Harker agreed to stay on as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The bulletin board coordinator will be Kim Copeland, and the storage room coordinator will be Pam Easley.

Henry Santos will act as building reporter.

We also discussed the monthly building lunch schedule and this year we will also try a monthly building breakfast, which will be kicked off by Pauline Santos.

This is going to be a busy year for our building so be ready, check the bulletin boards and watch your emails

Beauty on our porches and nearby parks

Happy April!

No fools around here, I'm happy to say!

On the contrary. I had a delightful chat with our lovely and lively Canadian neighbors, Marj Kells and her long-time friend, Jill Orchard. They are from Wellington and Burlington, Ontario.

They regaled me with stories of their adventures to various nearby parks, where they enjoy picnic lunches and walks, and explorations that includes some serious birdwatching, too.

Owls are a favorite. They pack their lunches and off they go to favorite destinations such as Philippe Park and Kapok Park in Safety Harbor, Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, and Honeymoon Island in Dunedin.

Jill shared an unexpected incident with me. One day, while laying out her lunch, she noticed a flock of seagulls hovering overhead and before she knew it, one belligerent bird swooped down and stole her egg sandwich right out of her hand!

At least, she said, she still had her orange, which is a staple every day.

Close to home, Marj and Jill play with the Lawn Bowls Group, which meets everyday the weather is good.

They have competitions, lunches and



of course, great camaraderie.

They tell me it's great exercise, too.

This is obviously helpful, as Jill tells me she has to be quite nimble to catch the geckos that frequently invade their unit.

Now that's something to write home about!

It was too much to hope that I might catch this busy duo sitting on their inviting patio, but I did capture a photo of Jill's cheery and attractive flowers.

Have you every wondered why some people "celebrate" April Fools' Day? I have.

According to one source, it all began



This is a very relaxing, very colorful patio owned by Marj Kells and Jill Orchard.

in 1582 when the French switched from the Julian calendar to the new Gregorian calendar, which was proclaimed by the Council of Trent.

The Julian calendar began in April, but the new calendar added three months.

People in far flung parts of the realm were slow to recognize the new start of the new year so the period from January

to March became the butt of many pranks and jokes.

There are other versions of the story, so if you know one, let me know. I will write it up next time around.

On a bright and serious side, some very well-known people, namely Leonardo da Vinci, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth II, all have birthdays in April.

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