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Ladies 18 golf league crowns club champion.



A rocking horse that turns out priceless.



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There was a leprechaun in our parade ...

This leprechaun came from Soviet-controlled Kazakhstan and truly earned his pot of gold



By Dale Stackhouse

The Irish Club Parade has come and gone. There were so many wonderful entries this year that it would be hard to choose a favorite.

However, a definite crowd pleaser was a strange dancing leprechaun, carrying a man in a straw hat on his shoulders!

He hopped, he danced, he greeted the children in the crowd, much to everyone's amusement and delight.

But truth be told, this particular leprechaun has no Irish blood whatsoever.

His name is George Kelbatyrov and he is a native of Kazakhstan.

Sitting down to talk with him for this article was not only extremely interesting, but educational as well, and if I have any facts wrong, it was because I sometimes stopped taking notes and just got involved in his story.

George was born in 1956 when Kazakhstan had already been a part of the Soviet Union for 20 years. The traditionally nomadic people had largely been forced to settle down and turn over their animals in order to collectivize. Many resisted and instead slaughtered their livestock, resulting in famine and starvation.

As a result, "enemies of the people" were exiled in large numbers to brutal gulags.

Yet, as time went on, the change to an agricultural and industrial republic became a way of life, and most people did not really suffer that much. Everyone had a job, a house or apartment, and food. The major industries involved the production of coal, oil and ore, as well as construction materials and small motors.

As George said...it was all they knew.

George's own father had been imprisoned for political reasons when he returned from World War II, but gradually the prisons became less like penal institutions and more



George Kelbatyrov led the Snowbirds Club as a leprechaun in the March parade. Most people think leprechauns don't exist, but after reading this story you may think differently. Dancing are Ute Scheibe, Dale Stackhouse, Vonnie Oto, Dolly Foland and Leila Walker. (Photo by Cheryl Friesen)

just barracks, where people stayed, married and raised families.

That is where George was born.

Sadly, his father passed when George was only 2 years old. George attended technical school and worked as a coal mine electrician from age 17 to 33. At age 23 he married and had a son. George became a Pentecostal Christian in 1981.

Things began to change in the Soviet Union under the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev in the 1980s. George was introduced to "perestroika," a restructuring meant to kickstart the stagnant economy, as well as "glasnost," meaning openness, whereby people could now openly discuss problems with the system.

Gorbachev's meetings with Ronald Reagan resulted not only in a treaty to reduce nu-

clear weapons, but also to allow many more people to come to America.

George took advantage of this, and in 1989 arrived in Jacksonville with his wife, Olga, his mother, and his 8-year-old son.

He and Olga both worked at Sherrod Vans Co., on the assembly line and in the sewing room, respectively.

The family relocated to Pennsylvania in 1990 to be closer to a friend. The friend's sponsor was in Lewisburg, Pa., but there was only one Russian family in town, and he was lonely.

There, George worked for an electrical company, and soon started his own company, D.K. Electric.

George retired at age 62 and decided to return to Florida as a Snowbird. He had been vacationing here for many years, so it seemed

like a good move.

He eventually bought a condo in On Top of the World in 2020. The first year he spent mostly at the beach and pool, but then began to explore the different activities offered. He is an avid pickleball player and a very accomplished line dancer. He dances with all three line dance clubs and loves to be challenged.

You know George is having fun when you see his big smile, and a "thumbs up." Double thumbs up usually means he wants to do the dance again!

His positive attitude is infectious. He says he does not have any particular philosophy of life...he just loves people and especially our OTOW community!

I think the sentiment is returned, George.

OTOW Chorus spring concert dates are April 1 and April 2

If you love Broadway music and show tunes, come to the On Top of the World Chorus 2023 spring concert.

Chorus will be performing 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1 and 3 p.m., Sunday, April 2 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

We will be showcasing music from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Camelot," and many more favorites.

A chance for winning a basket full of goodies will be a delight for you, also.

There will be three gift baskets raffled off at each concert. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door and during an intermission.



Chorus

We have "Death by Chocolate," "A Taste of Holland," "Mexican Fiesta" and a few more!

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Food Truck Night, March 22

There were two new food truck vendors at Food Truck Night in March.

Residents welcomed Paradise Island Cuisine and Gigglewaters (Pictured at right). This meant some new food options, including Caribbean, Haitian and Taiwanese cuisine from Paradise Island (bottom photo), and deluxe burgers and hot dogs from Gigglewaters.



In addition to the new vendors, Stevie D's Philly Cheesesteaks was back, along with Sea Dog Cantina, BBQ Queen and Got Lobstah.

On April 19, Food Truck Night will bring back a pizza vendor. We will be introducing CJ Traveling Pizzeria. Please stop by and look over their selection.



Other favorites will return as well. Please watch OTOW-TV channel 901 for a complete list of vendors as Food Truck Night - April 19 - gets closer. Food will be served 3-7 p.m. in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



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Please take part in upcoming

Parkway Maintenance & Management Pinellas, LLC (the "Management Company") has retained Clearview Research to poll residents on quality of life at On Top of the World-Clearwater.

The resident survey will begin sometime in April so please be on the lookout for a phone call from Clearview Research. This is a telephone survey and will take approximately 10-12 minutes to complete.

We thank everyone in advance for participating in this survey and the results will be shared on the otowclearwaterinfo.com website when compiled.

Staffed Gates vs Gate Security

As I have mentioned at previous Association meetings, if you want gate security, consider moving to MacDill Air Force base. That is true gate security.

On Top of the World-Clearwater has had staffed gates for numerous years, and currently that line item in the Association's budget equates to \$10 per month, per unit.

The gate personnel at On Top of the World-Clearwater are gate attendants. They provide directions and verify that vendors entering the community are going to a residential unit (and not soliciting).

Should the gate attendants observe something out of the norm, they report that information to the Management Company, as well as authorities when justified.

At the gate entrances, video surveillance is recording both inbound and outbound traffic, including the capture of license plate information.

Very recently, video surveillance captured a vehicle and tag involved in a hit and run accident. That video information was turned over to law enforcement.

So yes, video surveillance is very effective in supporting the goals of providing a safe community. The knowledge that video surveillance is in use also has a deterrent effect on people who may have less than wholesome motives.

As you recall, in June 2022, a question was asked on whether On Top of the World-Clearwater should continue with staffed gates and 24-hour video surveillance in the budget year 2023-2024. Of those who responded, 60 percent wanted to no longer staff the gates.

Based on this as guidance, the Board requested the Management Company to investigate alternatives. The Management Company has begun soliciting vendors for alternatives, including unmanned, technology-based access solutions.

Results will be provided to the Board as soon as the information has been compiled.

So, how do we put a price tag on dual entries and is it needed?

If the discussion is to have both staffed gates and a separate drive lane for residents with radio frequency devices (think SunPass), get ready for some reality.

Paradise section has a similar type of system. The only other gate capable of accommodating an entry like this is the East Gate off Belcher Road (the West Gate has no excess land for such an accommodation).

A back-of-envelope calculation, based on the recent cost to construct electronic gate systems, is in excess of six figures - if such a system could even be permitted by Pinellas County.

So my question is this: is it wise to consider such a large capital expenditure in the face of State imposed legislation requiring mandatory assessments?



Chairman

Estimates of the additional costs of reserves are expected to be in excess of an additional \$100 per month per condominium.

The Board won't have a firm dollar amount until after a Structural Integrity Reserve Study is completed prior to December 2024.

The big question is: Does it make sense to incur even more expense for enhanced gate entry control when this community is already a very safe place to live?

There have been no assaults or robberies in recent years (I can recall none ever). Yes, there are domestic disturbances from time to time that require law enforcement engagement, but again this is domestic within the community and not an external threat.

Car break-ins (usually a result of cars left unlocked) have been reported from time to time, but this historically occurs around Christmas and Easter breaks when there is a high number of family visits ("not my little angels!").

Condo Legislation

State Bill 154/House Bill 1395

On March 1, I was able to meet with both Senator Ed Hooper and Rep Kim Berfield. Both legislators were in the county a few days before returning to Tallahassee for the start of the 2023 legislative session.

The gist of the meeting with Senator Hooper was to explain the successful method for budgeting that has been used in On Top of the World Condominium for the last 50 years. Also detailed were the complications and expenses that would need to be assessed to residents if State Bill-4D and the glitch bill, State Bill 154, are not significantly modified to allow alternative means of funding of reserves.

The senator mentioned that he had heard from other condominium communities the same sort of economic concerns with regard to the sudden imposition of mandatory reserves.

We discussed the probable financial hardship this would impose on residents.

We discussed the mandatory Phase I structural inspections and possible Phase II.

I mentioned that I fully support such inspections as a means to better identify risks and possible deficiencies, and to be able to more accurately address concerns that may be identified. The problem, is that State Bill-4D created no guidance on how the inspections should be carried out and provided no guidance for the scope of work for the inspections.

This is also a deficiency in State Bill 154.

As a result, any Association may receive very wide ranging proposals that appear to have little in common with each other.

I am satisfied that Senator Hooper understands the magnitude of the problem and

will work to the greatest extent that he can to preserve language in the Senate bill on providing alternative means of funding reserves and of cleaning up unclear language on inspections.

The meeting with Representative Berfield was also very productive. I went through the same concerns identified for Senator Hooper. Representative Berfield has an excellent grasp of the legislative deficiencies in the Senate bill as well as the recently filed enrolled House Bill 1395

She did say that in her discussions with house leadership, the Speaker Pro-tem did not believe that there was significant opposition to the final State Bill-4D from the greater condominium communities in Florida.

She presented him with a stack of emails and letters from her OTOW constituency and several other large condominium communities to present the alternative view and let leadership know that this is a very hot and urgent item.

I couldn't help but smile to myself when she related this, because it shows the power that resident communication can have on this important matter. We will post the latest House bill revisions on the website OTOWClearwaterInfo.com and provide additional talking points so residents can weigh in with all the Senate and House members who will be serving on the committees dealing with this legislation.

Now that the legislative session has started, the most effective means of driving home the point will be to call the Senators and Representatives at their offices. You may leave a message on the voicemail, but you may get lucky and catch a legislative aide. It is this concerted effort that builds attention.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

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

One of the contractors that benefits from this favorable weather is the paint and waterproofing applicator as conditions are just right for this nature of work.

If this year remains consistent with past Aprils, the contractor should be working all month with little if any weather delays. That means that the residents of Buildings 12 and 14 will see the front façade of those buildings re-coated sequentially. Notices will be posted by the contractor in advance of the work so please keep an eye on the building's bulletin boards for details.

Please keep in mind that the contractor will be utilizing aerial high-reach equipment in the main parking areas and possibly in the surrounding secondary lots requiring residents to relocate their personal vehicles as necessary.

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

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

The elevator division of the Management Company will be undertaking their next equipment modernization beginning in late April with state certified elevator technicians. Work will begin April 17 at Building 74.

The scope of their work also includes the remodeling of the elevator's cab interior including new LED lighting enhancements.

The entire process is anticipated to take two weeks so residents should plan accordingly while these upgrades are being undertaken and the elevator is out of service.

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

A state licensed mechanical vendor will be returning to the property in late April to begin work on replacing the guardrail and stairwell railings at Building 90.

As with other railing projects, a licensed contractor will affect the complete removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the second and third floor balcony walkway as well as center core and end stairwell areas. The improvements are estimated to be completed in five to seven weeks from the start of the project.

Notices will be posted in advance of the start date so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates. As with all other improvements, please exercise caution in the areas where this work is taking place.

Duke Energy will be back on property this spring installing lighting in areas in need of augmenting because of the amount of vehicle and pedestrian traffic during night time hours. This work was anticipated to begin in late March or early April.

This installation work shouldn't disrupt traffic flows, but please use caution around these areas if you come into contact with Duke work crews.

A reminder that renewal fees were due back on March 1 for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2023 registration period is \$50. If you elected not to renew your boat/kayak permit and did not remove it from the storage area, it would have been impounded and will ultimately be disposed of if not claimed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Recurring Reminders for all Community Residents

On March 1, the Management Company recommenced its enforcement efforts by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas. This includes, but is not limited to plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior rate furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etcetera, as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

As has been referenced in this newspaper, on the community TV channel, and the bulletins posted in all building center core lobbies, these items will be removed and disposed of without further notice.

These ongoing efforts help keep areas safe for first responders as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in.

We ask that residents help keep the community's common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

The Management Company would like to thank residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more-aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from these common area.

The community's response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts.

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Boat storage renewal, guidelines

A reminder that renewal fees are due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2023 registration period is \$50. Residents looking to inquire about available space should contact the inspection services division of the management company through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. Please keep in mind that space is limited and on a first come/first served basis.

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

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

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

Effective the first day of March, 2023, and published in the March and April 2023 edition of OTOW News.

Available In The Community Service Office



over-the-phone quality survey

Once again, thank you for your support in this undertaking. Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company will continue the ongoing compliance enforcement of these common areas where the mats were once located, as well as re-painting areas that could not be cleaned to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents, and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification.

Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

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

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

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

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

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

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.

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

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

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

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

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of

these meters in the future.

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

The Management Company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills be they propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

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

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

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice.

Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

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**ATTN: On Top of the World
Clearwater residents**

Parkway Maintenance & Management Pinellas, LLC, the property management company for On Top of the World Clearwater, is very interested in hearing from **you** about your quality of life at On Top of the World Clearwater.

In the coming days, **you will be receiving a phone call from Clearview Research**, an independent survey research company we have hired to conduct a survey of all residents. Our goal is to **better understand your priorities** for the community and **your opinions on quality of life** in our community.

Thank you in advance for your feedback!

*When results are compiled,
we will share them with the
Board of Administration and residents.*



Everyone is invited to sip coffee with our community veterans

OTOW



Veterans Group

By Tony Santarsieri

The On Top of the World Veterans Group focuses on many different areas that keep members very busy. Some of these are promoting Honor Flight, organizing social events, collecting donations for the Bay Pines Veterans Administration and assisting veterans with benefits.

Honor Flight was created by a male nurse who worked at a VA hospital. He found that some veterans were never able to visit the very monuments built to honor their service.

He decided to change that. He was able to fly them, free of charge, to Washington D.C.

When I served as a guardian, I found the veterans on my trip seemed to be curious at first, then introspective, and finally just enjoyed each other's company and making new friends.

When we landed at St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport, we experienced a jaw-dropping sight. Friends, relatives and fellow veterans, as well as total strangers, cheering



Pictured above is part of our On Top of the World Veterans Group team. From left to right are Gail Hochhauser, Sue Pall, Pam Rosenblatt and Terri Fefer. (OTOW News photo by Jesse Tiamson)

and welcoming us back.

That was an experience we will never forget.

How can you be a part of this exciting, unforgettable experience?

Go to the Honor Flight of West Central Florida website for more information:

<https://www.honorflightwcf.org/>
Social events are also a part of our Veterans Group. Recently we took a Calypso Dinner Cruise. While cruising, we ate, drank

and danced - not at the same time, mind you.

Many of us made our way to the upper deck to take in the views. What a great night out.

Coffee socials are where we are given an update on future events, ask veterans for their input, or see if anyone wants to speak on a topic.

The Honor Flight representative comes and gives us information. Then we all pig out on the best cake you have ever eaten.

Our next Coffee Social is April 5 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen located behind the Good Karma Café.

The OTOW Veterans Group reminds you that you are not alone or forgotten. We are all here for each other.

For more information about us, visit the Veterans Group information table at the EAC every Thursday from 9-11 a.m. Come say hi to our members. No need to salute unless you want to.

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Monday, April 3, 1 - 4 pm

Tuesday, April 4, 9 am - 4 pm

Wednesday, April 5, 9 am - 4 pm

Thursday, April 6, 9 am - 4 pm

East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room

Hydro-Jetting Project

Month	Buildings	First Floor Units ONLY
April 2023	27	1-29
April 2023	28	1-25
April 2023	29	1-21
May 2023	30 & Any Remaining Units	1-21

If you will not be present or available at your unit during the time scheduled above, please fill out the information sheet below and mail to the address provided.

On Top of the World Condominium Association, Inc.
 Hydro Jetting Project
 2069 World Parkway Blvd E
 Clearwater, FL, 33763

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

OTOW Address _____ Bldg # _____ Unit # _____

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: _____



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

In case of **FIRE** or other **BUILDING EMERGENCIES**, Parkway Maintenance and Management, and your On Top of the World Condominium Association, would like you to know that every OTOW resident should have their own plan.

1. Have an evacuation plan. This is the most important piece in case of an emergency event.
2. Make note of the fire alarm pull-stations and emergency exits closest to your unit in case of fire and evacuation.
 - Exits are easily identified and illuminated by signs at the ceiling.
 - Pull-stations and fire extinguishers are located on each building's walkways and in the center core areas.
 - Only use a fire extinguisher if the fire can be extinguished easily.
3. Have a secondary plan to exit the structure if your primary exit point is blocked or unsafe.
4. Never attempt to use an elevator during an emergency as it may be available for firefighters use only. Use stairs.
5. Residents should immediately proceed to a parking lot area safely away from the building. Do not block the entrances to the parking area. Fire response personnel need clear access for trucks and equipment.
6. Calmly and plainly, call 911 and state the nature of the emergency and give your address.
7. Follow instructions given by emergency response personnel.
8. Do not re-enter a building until emergency response officials have deemed it safe to do so.
9. Planning in advance saves lives. Don't delay, plan today.



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Learn self defense from a retired New York police officer in April

Basic Self-Defense for Seniors

Yvonne Rodriguez, a retired New York Police Department police officer, will be conducting a presentation on the basics of self-defense for seniors on Thursday, April 6 in the East Activity Center Auditorium at 11 a.m.

She will discuss the benefits of self-defense training and a variety of good tactics that older adults can learn to protect themselves.

Yvonne will be joined by her friend, resident Lois Hoffman, who has extensive knowledge and a life-long passion on the topic.

In this presentation, you will learn about the different types of self-defense trainings that are available to our senior population (including Martial arts and cane self-defense).

You'll learn about steps you can take to avoid becoming a target and discover basic techniques for defending yourself if you do end up in a dangerous situation.

Some videos will be shown and personal experiences will be shared.

There will also be an open question and answer session with discussion.

The purpose of this presentation is to help our community members become more confident and stay safe. We hope to see many of you there!

Registration will NOT be required. However, as videos will be shown, seating must be limited to 75 for viewing and listening purposes. If all seats are taken, Yvonne has offered to give the same presentation again at 12:30 (only if the first session is filled to capacity).

See you on April 6!

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be here at the East Activity Center north parking lot (near lawn bowls) on Thursday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board at the Clearwater website otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a neat red T-shirt (see below) and a \$20 E-gift card, plus a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Take this opportunity to save lives! See flyer below to learn how to register, or you can also just show up that day.

Thanks to your support, we had a very successful day on March 9! One Blood received 25 On Top of the World donors!

Our rep noted, "It is always a pleasure having blood drives at your location. So many donors!"



Thank you for saving lives! The Honor Roll is as follows:

Barbara Lenzi, Carmela LeBlanc, Chelle Fulk, Diane Royer, Grayson Butler, Jeffrey Martin, Karon Brown, Patricia Fleig, Paul Flynn, Priscilla Smyth, Susan Janiczak, Terri Tedone, Carleen Boyer, Charles Fuhr, William Fournier, Craig Keilbach, Gerard Esposito, Herman Hoffman, Jennifer Harrison, Lillian Butler, Patrick Tuppert, Phyllis Miller, Ramon Laboy, Teresa Klinger and Thomas Moran.

Farmers Market Schedule

The Farmers Market schedule in April will include two dates: Wednesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 26 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the front parking lot of the East Activity Center.

Food Truck Night

Come join the fun at our next Food Truck Night on Wednesday, April 19, from 3-7 p.m. in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

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

What is new for our next Food Truck Night? We are bringing pizza back. We will introduce C.J. Traveling Pizzeria to their first Food Truck Night.

Other vendors will be announced on OTOW-TV channel 901 and on the Box Office. Look for announcements as we get closer to April 19.

New Clubs

Good news!

OTOW residents have started the following new clubs and activities over the past few months. If interested, stop by, meet up and join in.

Moving & Grooving Club
"Broadway Bound" Dance Exercise to Broadway Tunes
EAC Exercise Room
Sundays, 11 a.m. – noon

Caregivers Support Group
EAC Dunedin Room
Wednesdays, 9–10:30 a.m.

Casual Bridge
EAC Ozona Room
Tuesdays, 1–4 p.m.

Coffee Corner Is Back
EAC Kitchen
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9- 10 a.m.

French Language Cultural Society
EAC Dunedin Room
Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Plant-Based Living Group
WAC Learning Lab
First Friday of the month, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Mixed Bowling
At Dunedin Lanes
(Season almost over)

Laughter for Wellness – Returns!

Kelly Siegel will bring back Laughter for Wellness on Friday, May 12, from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Laughter Yoga is based on the scientifically proven concept that the body cannot differentiate between voluntary and real laughter to receive the same physiological and psychological benefits of laughing.

Anyone can laugh for no reason without relying on humor, jokes or comedy, and one can feel the benefits on the very first session!

According to the yogic concept of breathing, your exhalation should be longer than your inhalation so that you can get rid of stale air from your lungs.

Laughter, as a form of exercise, is a great way to exhale longer.

Laughter can be initiated as a body exercise in a group and with eye contact and childlike playfulness. It quickly turns into real and contagious laughter.

Residents will learn how to create their own joy and have fun doing it.

Kelly has a Certification in Laughter Wellness and she leads several local senior groups - now including On Top of the World.

Residents may sit or stand while engaging in these activities.

To register, send an email to

general_activity@scaclw.com, reference the "laughter seminar" and provide your name, building, unit and phone number or leave the same info in a voicemail at 799-2734. Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 10.

How Do I Make a Reservation on the Calendar?

The first step for making a calendar reservation is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event that you are planning, preferred date and location.

Email general_activity@scaclw.com or call 799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request form. Visit: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form.

Complete the form and sign with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. (Works better if you use Google Chrome as your browser).

Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of that busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

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. to noon and 12:30 to 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.

Residents can also obtain an electronic access card for the fitness center for \$7 (replacement cost \$25).

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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OTOW Community Activities Calendar

April 2023

SPECIAL EVENTS

Chorus Spring Concert, Saturday, April 1, 7:30 pm, Sunday, April 2, 3 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Coffee with Our Veterans, Wednesday, April 5, 2-4 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Self Defense Class, Thursday, April 6, 11 am, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Bingo Marathon, Saturday, April 8, 12 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Farmer's Market, Wednesday, April 12, 10 am - 5 pm, Wednesday, April 26, 10 am - 5 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
 Italian-American Club Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, April 12, 4-7 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, Thursday, April 13, 8:30 - 11 a.m., East Activity Center Auditorium
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, April 19, 4 - 7 pm, East Activity Center Back Parking Lot
 Club Information Tables and Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium
 (NEW) Coffee Corner Is Back, Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Friendship Painters, 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room
 Art Guild Board Meeting: 3 - 5 pm, Thursday, April 6, EAC Largo Room
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Art Guild Pizza Party: 1 - 3 pm, Friday, April 14, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 18, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Bible Study: Fridays, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30 - 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30 - 10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1 - 3 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Bingo: 6 - 10 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Caregivers Support Group: Wednesdays, 9 - 10 am, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Ceramics: 10 am - 2 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Coloring Book Group: 12 - 3 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30 - 10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Computer Club Brunch: Saturday, March 11, 10 am - 2 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Cornhole: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2 - 3:30 pm, Thursday, April 13, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Democratic Club: Happy Hour, Tuesday, April 25, 7 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 1:30-3:30 pm, Thursday, April 27, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 15, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Show: 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 13, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Fletcher Keyboard Lesson: 10-11 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 French Language Society: 10:30 - 11:30, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Good Karma Book Club: 10 am - 12 pm, Thursday, April 20, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 High Vibe Tribe: 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, April 13, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Keyboard Club, Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Knitting Group: 9 - 11 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Lamda Club: Social, 2:30 - 5 pm, Sunday, April 2, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Lambda Club: Social 6-9 pm, Friday, April 14, East Activity Center Pavilion
 Learning To Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Line Dance Club: 1 - 3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Rm
 Moving and Grooving: Tuesdays, 9 - 12 pm, 1-4 pm Fridays, EAC Auditorium
 Moving 'N Grooving Party, Wednesday, April 5, 5 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Philosophy Club: 10 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Plant-Based Living Club (new name): 3 - 5 pm, Friday, April 7, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Ping Pong: 10 am - 3 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Press Association Appreciation Luncheon: 5-7 pm, Thursday, April 6, Philippe Park
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, April 11, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Social Dance: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Snowbirds Line Dance: 8:30 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Auditorium
 Texas Card Game Club: 3 - 10 pm, Friday, April 21, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 TOPS: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (please note new room)
 Theater Workshop Board: 6 - 7 pm, Wednesday, April 5, WAC Belleair Room
 Travel Club: 2 - 4 pm, Friday, April 7, EAC Oldsmar Room
 Travel Club Cruise Meeting: 11 am - 12:30 pm, April 21 Safety Harbor Room
 World Quilters: 8 am - 2 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Writers Ink: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

CARDS AND GAMES

Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room
 Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Casual Bridge: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Dominos: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9 am - 12 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30 am - 4 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge: 11 - 3 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Euchre Club: 6-8 pm, Fridays, Dunedin Room
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30 - 10 pm, Tuesday, March 11, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Mahjongg: 1 - 4 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1 - 5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Laura's Group): 6-9 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Tom's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Richie's Group): 6 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool
 Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-1 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 1:15-2:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR
 Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 11 am - 12 pm, in the EAC Exercise Room
 Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3:15-4 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Zumba: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-10 am, West Activity Center Belleair Room

**Florida Bee Gees
 in Concert
 Thursday, April 13
 7:30 pm
 Auditorium**

**Pickleball
 3:30 - 6:30 pm,
 Monday through Friday,
 9-12 pm, Sundays**

**Shuffleboard
 4 - 6 pm, Monday - Wednesday**

**Tennis Club
 7:30 am - 11 am,
 Monday through Saturday.
 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Sundays**

BUILDING EVENTS

Villa Riviera
 Spring Luncheon
 Saturday, April 1, 1 - 4 pm
 EAC Clearwater Room

Siboney
 Dinner, Wednesday, April 26
 5 - 8 pm, WAC Belleair Room

FACILITIES

Library
 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays
 1-3pm, Wednesdays

Woodshop
 8 am-4 pm Monday-Thursday
 8 am-12 pm Friday
 (membership required)

Fitness Center Hours
 7 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday
 9 am to 8 pm Sundays
 (closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)

Swimming Pools (May through Sept)
 Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm

Swimming Pools (Oct through April)
 Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm

PAVILION

Bohemia Building - BohemiaFest
 Saturday, April 1, 2:00 - 8:00 pm

Philosophy Club - Luncheon
 Tuesday, April 11, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lambda - Social
 Friday, April 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Tennis Club - BBQ
 Saturday, April 8, 11 am - 1 pm

Canadian Club brings Hawaii to Auditorium and celebrates start of spring with a picnic

By Connie Stanley

The Canadian Club is so pleased to announce that our membership grew to 288 members in March.

Before the pandemic, we reached 290 members so we've almost reached that amount again!

The first event for the month of March was the Irish Club Parade in which we walked and marched along with fur babies Vinnie Haskell and Bailey McIntyre.

A huge thank you to Barb Novak for driving this President in her beautiful, red convertible and special thanks to all the members who came out!

Our next event was a Spring Fling on March 15 with a luau theme! Eighty-eight people came out in grass skirts, coconuts and lovely tropical and Hawaiian attire, and everyone received a lei at the doors upon entry.

Aloha! We wished Bruce Mills a very happy birthday and we were treated by Jesse Tiamson who serenaded us with his karaoke versions of "Blue Hawaii," "Tiny Bubbles" and "Pearly Shells."

If you've never heard Jesse sing, you have to come to one of our happy hours next season!

In addition to music, many people signed up for and enjoyed the photo booth with Hawaiian props! Banquet Masters was the caterer and we immensely enjoyed salmon with almond sauce or roast pork with rosemary shallot sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, garden salad bar, rolls with butter, coffee and beautifully decorated aloha Costco cakes for dessert!

Our next event was our annual club picnic on Saturday, March 18, in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Thanks to Coordinator Joanne Fenn for putting together the picnic for 60 participants who feasted on chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, dinner rolls and cookies from Sprouts!

Joanne enlisted Theresa Gates, Susan Cober, Mary Smith and Debbie Bonell to help serve our lunch. Thanks so much, la-



dies. Participants enjoyed another multiple choice Canadiana 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 while renewing friendships and making some new acquaintances.

Our last event was on March 27 and was a great baseball game between our Toronto Blue Jays and the Philadelphia Phillies at the TD Ballpark in Dunedin.

Coordinator Susan Cober originally bought 50 tickets, which sold quickly, then she bought another 10 which sold out in no time. Great weather was enjoyed by all for a great game.

Our annual general meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 29, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium, followed by our annual wine n' cheese social to close out the season. Past President Rollie Lapointe conducted the elections/acclamations where a full executive committee was elected.

We are sending wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed Good Friday on April 7 and a happy Easter on Sunday, April 9.

Don't forget, over the summer, Blackout Coordinator Tom Jamrozy will continue to



The Canadian Club luau in March featured a lot of people in grass skirts and some even wearing coconuts. Props were set up to provide everyone with photo opportunities in true Hawaiian style. (Photo by Rowland Hetrick)

train new people at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday in the WAC Belleair Room and then practice games will be held 6-6:30 p.m. followed by regular games from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

We are so excited as we continue to have new people join, which is so great for the game throughout the year. Blackout runs

throughout the year.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we will be excited to see you at Registration Night on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Come register and get reacquainted at the wine n' cheese afterwards.

Coffee with our Veterans Wednesday, April 4, 2-4 pm, EAC Clearwater/Kitchen Room



On Top of the World Bingo Marathon

Saturday, April 8, EAC Auditorium

- Games start at noon
- **Advance Ticket Sales Only**
- No tickets will be sold at the door
- Lunch Provided – Coffee all day
- \$30 per person – No Refunds

Tickets can be purchased on Mondays, 4-6 pm before regular bingo, or

Thursdays, 8:30-10 am, at our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Purchase 6 or more tickets together and you can reserve an entire table for neighbors or friends to play together.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

You never know when OTOW or a building captain will need to get in touch with you or your family in case of an emergency. Please fill out this form and leave your emergency contact information on file in the Community Service Office. Please update once a year.

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FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

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Tribute show brought the sounds of Gloria Estefan to our auditorium

By Mike Wood

The Gloria Estefan tribute show, featuring Erika Najibo, was a complete sellout and attendees had a great time!

Erika not only sang many of Gloria's most popular songs, but also gave a review of the Latino singer's career as the show progressed.

When the time came for a love song or ballad, Erika's gentle voice made residents stand and brought the dance floor to life.

The Rhythm Machine Band accompanied Erika and brought along keyboards, horns, saxophones, guitars, drums and even backup singers.

On stage were 10 performers throughout the night.

Now for April!

Tickets are still available for our upcoming April 13 show, featuring the fantastic movin' and groovin' sounds of the Florida Bee Gees.

We are also very excited to have a return appearance by The Over the Edge Band, one of the area's premier '70s and '80s cover bands. They will be forming at our upcoming April 15 dance.

Show tickets are \$20 per person and dance tickets are \$10 per person.

All shows and dances are reserved table seating. Ice and coffee are provided. All other beverages are up to the attendees to bring.

You can purchase several show and dance tickets in advance. You do not need to purchase them one-at-a-time or wait for the month of the event you would like to attend.

For example, we suggest that you buy your New Year's Eve dance tickets now to insure a better table placement for you and your group.

Our next Meet & Greet with horse racing will be on Sunday, May 21.

On behalf of the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee, we appreciate all of your support.



(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Entertainment Committee's own tech team finishes 10 straight weeks assisting community theater shows

By Mike Wood

Lights, sound, music, action!

These words may be familiar to On Top of the World residents who have tech experience in movie or theater productions.

But did you know that the OTOW Entertainment Committee has its own tech team?

The crew handles all of the technical needs for the theater-style shows put on by the Jesters and Theater Workshop clubs.

Not only that, the crew assists every show and dance performing group that the Entertainment Committee brings in each month. The techs help with the sound and lighting.

"This community is blessed to have a working theater/show venue," said OTOW Entertainment Committee Tech Director Mike Wood. "So many communities don't have such an event venue. In order to provide quality performances (both theatrical and musical), most performers use our technical assistance and equipment to enhance their performances."

So what does a tech team entail?

There is the sound tech, who handles all of the music and vocal production on a 32-channel sound board, insuring the proper blend and volume of voice and musical accompaniment.

The music tech plays the supplied music and feeds it to the sound tech.

The stage lighting tech operates the stage lights in accordance with the show or performance needs.

There are two spotlight operators who handle lighting up individual performers or stage areas as requested by the show or performance director.

There is also a stage manager who han-



Introducing the Entertainment Committee Tech Crew. From left to right are Charlie Wood (spotlight operator), Howard Wolff (stage lights), Mike Wood (techdirector and sound board), Sheila Charette (music) and Mary Lou Wall (spot light operator). Missing are Pat Spouse (stage manager) and Noland Shade (lights and sound). (Photo by Susan Trost)

dles microphone assignments and dispersal as needed, based on the complexity of the stage show or performance.

This team worked like a well-oiled machine for 10 straight weeks in January, February and March as our community theater

season commenced with "Vegas Vibes" and "Ocean's Away."

Similar tech teams have been providing tech assistance at OTOW for the past 50 years during theater season.

Now that the 2023 theater season has

concluded, you will find members of the team in the booth for the rest of the year during Entertainment Committee dances, shows and special community-wide events.

Now you know.

Monthly Calendar

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Tickets on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays & Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium.
View our entire schedule online at otowboxoffice.com

Florida Bee Gees Tribute Band



APRIL

- 13 Florida Bee Gees (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 15 Over The Edge (dance, 7:30, \$10)

MAY

- 18 Tribute to Johnny Cash (7:30, \$20)
- 20 Boomer Band (dance 7:30, \$10)
- 21 Horse Races (Sunday Meet & Greet, 2 pm, FREE)

JUNE

- 17 Ron and The Classics (dance, 7:30, \$10)

Thursday shows will return in October

For more information about
the Entertainment Committee
call (727) 449-9243.

New bicycle rack at EAC



On Top of the World has installed two new bicycle racks at the East Activity Center. In the back of the building, the old rack against the building has been removed. The new one is in the parking lot. A second one has been added in the front of the building. When riding your bicycles to the EAC, please take advantage of the new racks and use a lock to secure your bicycle.




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My name is Cooper, aka Kentucky Fly.

I am 8 years old and reside in the Contemporary building. When I walk around the neighborhood, I make so many friends. I also enjoy racing around the dog park every day.

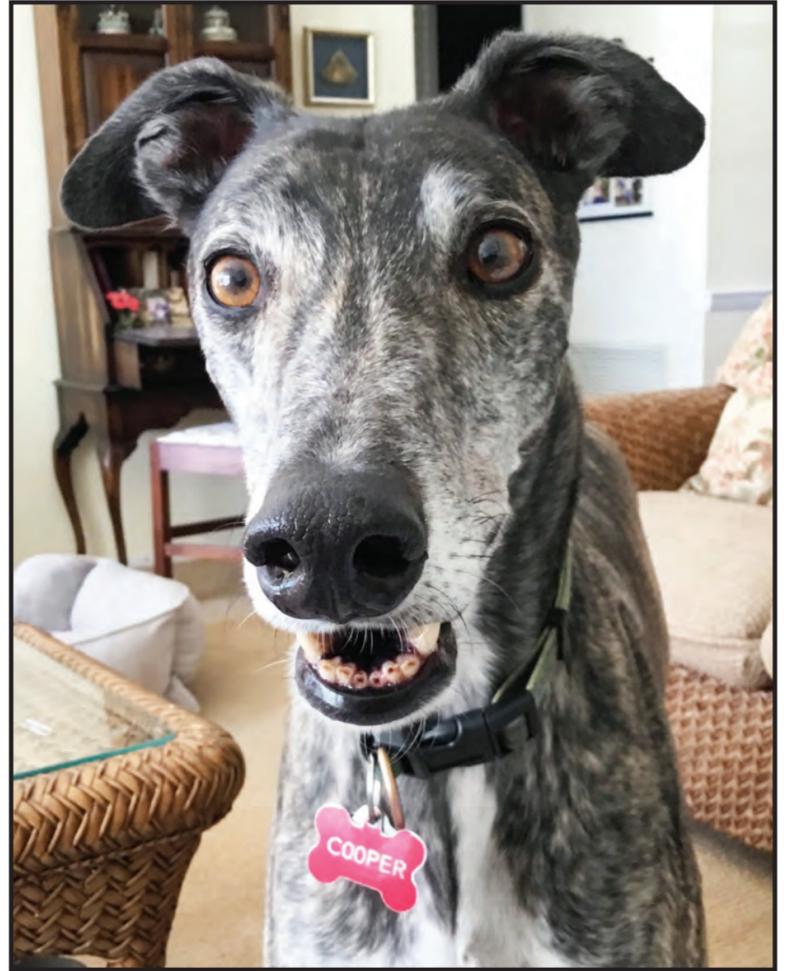
My rescuer is Carol Caseber. I came from the St. Petersburg race track via Suncoast Greyhound adoptions four years ago.

I am very loving and I rest a lot so I will be ready for the next race.

I occasionally will get in my Mom's face or get into some mischief when she is on the phone. I will also let her know if I have a sudden need for more attention or I'm not getting enough love. Usually, I get my way.

If we pass you when we are on a walk, stop and say hello. I am available for head pats or back rubs whenever you like.

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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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Rarely is a final exam as sweet as a true Italian opera

"I have sung in many great opera houses throughout the world, but I especially enjoyed the On Top of the World Auditorium acoustics."

That is what Joni Marie Fregoso said upon her first visit to our community in March.

Joni was asked by the Italian language class to sing for them as part of their "final exam."

The classes ended in March.

"I was excited to bring my trained operatic bel canto soprano arias (long musical solos) to On Top of the World to the wonderful Italian language and culture group," Joni said.

Joni has a wide repertoire of famous soprano arias in Italian, German and French that can be performed.

Puccini operas are one of her specialties.

The arias performed at OTOW were "O mio babbino caro" from Giacomo Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi," "Si, mi Chiamano Mimi" from Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme" and "Un, bel di vedermo" from Giacomo Puccini's "Madama Butterfly."

Joni is currently recording and has even written her own English version to Dzorvak's opera "Rusalka" of "The Song To The Moon."

The video will be filmed in Clearwater.

About 20 students and residents attended this "final exam" in March.

The Italian classes are taught each winter by Abby Doronzio.



Joni Marie Fregoso sings on stage for the Italian language and culture class that was held all winter.

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‘Ocean’s Away’ ends community theater season with a sold out Sunday show



By Maxine Surcliffe

The very best way to know how “successful” a show is at On Top of the World is from observing the audience.

This is done by listening to what residents say to the performers after the curtain closes, and what the audience says to their neighbors, friends and social networking groups the days after a show.

Our community did us proud!

Many, many thanks for cruising with Theater Workshop on “Ocean’s Away,” our club’s 53rd annual show, which culminated in a full house on our third day!

We have received so many heart-warming comments about the show. Thank you!

Comments included our wonderful background scenery created by Keith Elder and Shelly Valdez; outstanding and numerous props designed, created and constructed entirely by Keith; and the beautiful and varied costumes created by our costume team, including Joan Brown, Debbie Denomo, Claire Farrell, Jaye Lamoreux, Shirley Miller, and Spring Shorten.

The programs were terrific. They were designed by Shirley Miller and produced by Bonomo Realty & Associates.

Our comedy was written and performed by Paige Johnson and it was perfectly executed.

We were blessed by the unique song-writing talents of Rachel Stone, who performed two of her creations.

Dick Budin wrote the wonderful New Divorcees skit.

Lillian Foy, Jaye Lamoreux and Keith Elder combined to write the hilarious women’s aerobics skit and the men’s synchronized



The men’s synchronized swimming skit was a crowd favorite. Behind a frontdrop of water, cast members paddle their way across the stage. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

swimming skit.

And of course, we do not want to forget our cast of 30 singers, dancers and actors. They made it all happen.

I am immensely proud to have worked with an outstanding cast and I thank you, OTOW and our community for rewarding

us with your support, presence and enthusiasm.

I hope you had a cruise to remember!

Please realize, Theater Workshop is open to all who wish to perform on stage and have fun, so please consider joining us, or at least coming to find out more about us.

We next get together on Wednesday April 5, at 6 p.m. to socialize and 7 p.m. for a general meeting in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. We welcome all who may have an interest in our club.

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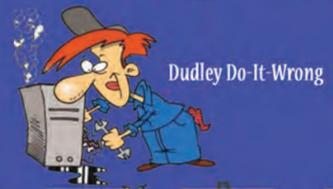
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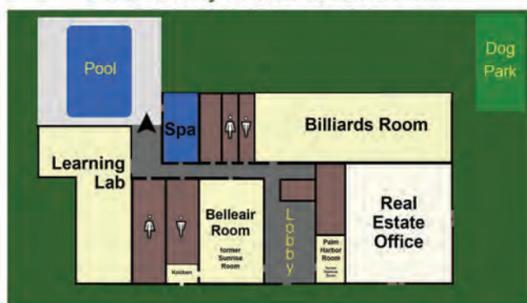
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Thirty-five staffers qualify for annual Press Association Appreciation Dinner



Press Association

For three years, the On Top of the World Press Association has been saving money for a pizza party.

Members finally got a chance in March... and it turned out to be more than just pizza.

Twenty-five staff from the Press Association attended the meeting at the East Activity Center Pavilion. Karen French, one of our reporters, surprised everyone by showing up with fresh salmon from Alaska. The staff had a choice, Costco pizza or Alaskan salmon - or both!

You could even put salmon on your pizza.

Reporter Paula Schelling provided refreshments.

The pandemic prevented the Press Association from having its pizza party for three years. Now everything appears to be back to normal. It was a fun way to use 50/50 money collected during staff monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be the annual Appreciation Dinner for qualified staff members. Anyone who has attended three meetings and has contributed to at least three newspapers, over the past 12 months, is qualified to attend the Appreciation Dinner.

The 35 honorees are: David Beaven, Cheryl Butcher, Tom Butcher, Joanne Cordes, Yvonne Courtney, Katie Bajis, Joe DeChiaro, Paula Ergang, Fran Fairfield, Laurie Fischer, Lillian Foy, Karen French, Donna Gagnon, Glenda Greenman, Margaret LeTourneau, Bruce Lovett, Terri Mikszenas, Maryann O'Neill, Jim LeBlanc, Irene Pappas, Irene Piper, Diane Like, Barbara Rice, Cecile Sangiamo, Paula Schelling, Edwina Schick, Betty Spoerl, Tara Still, Deborah Russell, Lynn Taecker, Marie VanDenOver, Mary Lou Wall, Howard Wolff, Mike Wood and Charlie Wood.

The Appreciation Dinner will take place at 5 p.m. at Phillippe Park shelter No. 7 overlooking Old Tampa Bay. Tom Butcher will be cooking pork tenderloin and hamburgers. There will be plenty of vegetables.



Karen French shows off salmon from Alaska which was available at the Press Association pizza and salmon luncheon on March 4. Below, Editor Doug Kates holds a monthly meeting for 25 staffers attending the luncheon. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)



Please bring your own desired beverage but keep in mind Phillippe Park does have a no alcoholic beverage rule. Pets are permitted in the lawn area, but not under the pavilion. This is for staff only. Please, no guests.

The Press Association did participate in the 2023 Irish Club Parade on March 4. Ten staffers marched and passed out March newspapers. Joining us were the co-Pets of the Year, Luigi and Mr. Mittens.

Newspaper management is proud to report the parade was televised live on OTOW-TV channel 901 and rebroadcasted

in an edited version on March 17. The parade cannot be viewed again on OTOW-TV until our community channel is properly licensed to do so.

The Press Association also participated in the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee on March 9. This was the first time the Press Association held an information table. The goal was to recruit new building reporters. Currently only 30 of 91 buildings in our community have a reporter.

Press Association elections will take place online in May. Anyone who wants to

run for president, vice president or secretary must send Doug Kates an email by April 15, President Tom Butcher and Vice President Joe DeChiaro have both said they will run again. There has been no secretary since November.

There will be a meeting Thursday, May 4 in the EAC Crystal Beach Room. This will be the first meeting of the new season and first one toward qualifying for the 2024 Appreciation Dinner. There will be no meetings in June or July.




COMPLIANCE BULLETIN FROM PARKWAY MAINTENANCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF ON TOP OF THE WORLD CLEARWATER

COMMUNITY STANDARDS, LIFE SAFETY, AND FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS

In keeping with a safe and aesthetically pleasing community for all, the management company has worked diligently to remove items that did not meet community standards or posed challenges with life safety or fire codes. These efforts, which most times relied heavily upon the offending party's cooperation in removing or correcting the matter, only yielded mixed results. In the end, the process was labor intensive and wasn't in keeping with the association's rules, nor an expectation of a timely resolution of compliance matters.

To improve its efficiency and enforce the condominium association's rules with consistency, an improved process has been adopted which enables the management company to act immediately on issues of this nature when observed. What this means for common areas is that non-compliant items will be removed and disposed of without notice.

The walkway, end stairwell, and center core lobby are defined as common areas and may not be altered or have items placed in them without written condominium association approval.

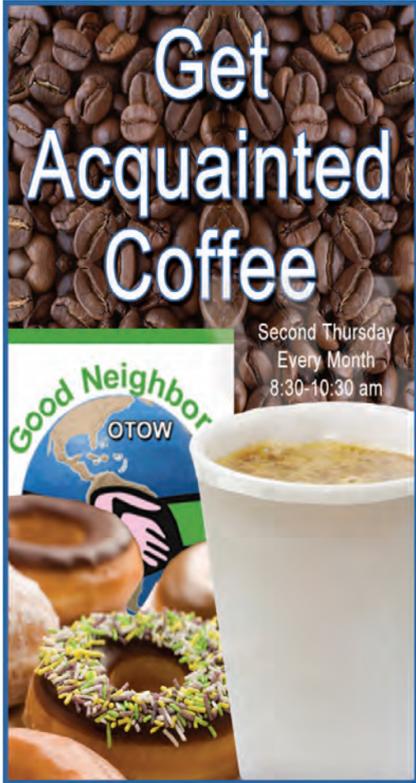
While the condominium association and management company encourage residents to enjoy outdoor spaces, folding chairs are the recommended means in which to do so. These types of chairs may be folded for walkway egress or brought inside for safekeeping. Items like potted plants, non-exterior rated furniture, furniture in disrepair/rusting, personal effects/items (ashtrays, clothing, cleaning items, garden tchotchkes, etcetera) are not permitted in these areas. All of these particular issues have been referenced in the OTOW newspaper going back as far as 2016.

In closing, we ask for the resident's cooperation in helping to keep their community safe and beautiful.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.



If you are unable to view OTOW-TV 901 and you are only getting a black screen, you must contact Summit Broadband to have your community TV channel activated.



Twenty-one clubs try out new Get Acquainted Coffee concept

The free coffee and donuts were still there - the rest of Get Acquainted Coffee was a little different.

Good Neighbors Association tried an experiment in March. Instead of live entertainment during Get Acquainted Coffee, clubs and groups were invited to open information tables and set up in a cozy format for residents to browse.

Twenty-one clubs gave it a try.

In attendance were Good Neighbors Association, the Entertainment Committee, Canadian Club, Irish Club, Good Karma

Book Club, Travel Club, Art Guild, Computer Club, Lambda Club, Democratic Club, Republican Club, Italian-American Club and the Press Association.

Also the Fixers Club, Pray For America, Theater Workshop, Veterans Club, Knitting Group, New York-New Jersey Club, Building Coordinators and the brand new Caregivers Support Club.

The Auditorium was filled with people.

A member of each club and group was allowed to introduce themselves.

Special guest vendors were in attendance

and new neighbors were welcome.

This is not a permanent change to the monthly Get Acquainted Coffee social which takes place on the second Thursday of each month during the winter season. But the first one was successful.

Traditionally, club and groups always have information tables available to answer your questions or purchase tickets to upcoming events. Information tables are set up Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium during the winter season and one day a week during the summer.

On Thursday, April 13, 2 Happy Ukies and Friends will bring live entertainment back to Get Acquainted Coffee. There will still be coffee and donuts and information tables.

Good Neighbors Association, meanwhile, held its second Music Bingo on March 5 which turned out to be a wonderful time for all that attended. There was a lot of singing and dancing, and a fun time was had by all.



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The piece at left is a painting by Brenda Mattson. The painting at right is by Karen Baker. There will be a guest demonstrators in April.

Final meeting of the season will include two pastel demonstrations

By Julie Awot

The Art Guild has some board positions to fill for the 2023-2024 activity season.

At the general membership meeting on March 10, we reviewed our volunteer needs.

Current Art Guild President Irene LeBel sent all members a follow-up email with all the details. It is important to fill these positions in order to maintain our Art Guild status.

The On Top of the World Art Guild was formed in 1981. Our purpose has always been to promote various art forms by facilitating demonstrations, lectures, field trips and instruction for the community. It takes a village...

As of my press deadline, I cannot comment about two of our events in late March. They were our final paint and sip and the annual Art Show and Sale. I'll be doing a full report for the May newspaper.

I do hope you attended the Art Show. There is very special talent residing here at OTOW.

In March, club members enjoyed learning the basics of Zentangle from Trish Pelletier. It was fun and therapeutic. Trish conducts free demonstrations at the Clearwater library if you are interested. Check out Trish's website at tanglewithtrish.com

The Artist of the Month for April is Maggie Reinhart, who painted a beautifully expressive portrait of her cat, Il Gatto. Her painting will be in our showcase in the Auditorium throughout the month of April.

Our final membership meeting this season is April 14 at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. We have two artists, Brenda Mattson and Karen Baker, scheduled to demonstrate pastels.

We will be treated to a dual demonstration.



Artist of the Month



April's Art Guild Artist of the Month is Maggie Reinhart.

Brenda strives for realism in her work. Karen is a naturalist. It should be quite interesting as both artists use the same medium, but to much different effects.

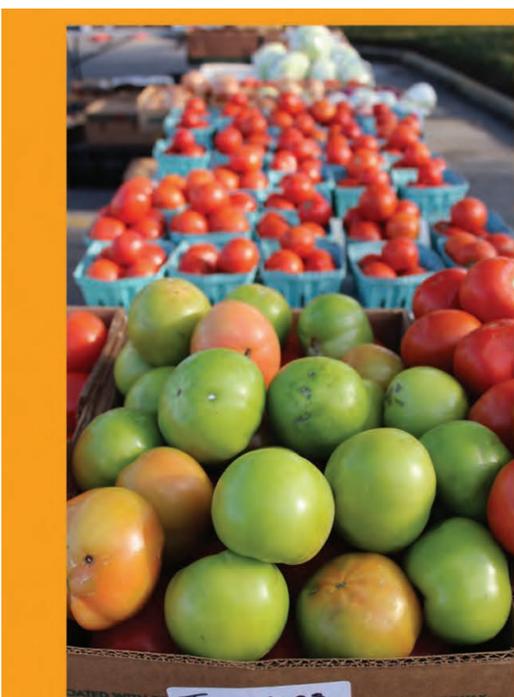
When I read each artist's bio, I was overwhelmed by their accomplishments. Both are Signature Members of the Pastel Society of America. Both artists teach. Brenda conducts workshops nationally and internationally. Karen teaches at both the Dunedin Fine Arts Center and the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg.

Both artists also have their work hanging in prestigious museums as well as corporate and private collections. I encourage you to view these websites:

- www.brendamattson.com
- www.KBakerstudios.com

Thank you Kacee Clarkson for arranging this and all the other fine demonstrations the Guild has enjoyed this season.

In the meantime, beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish?



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The Santa Claus Drill Team was leisurely marching down World Parkway Boulevard during the Irish Club Parade on March 4, but then they spotted OTOW News photographer Howard Wolff taking pictures from a second floor balcony. The Santas turned and took shots with their candy cane rifles. Howard was not injured in the drill. (OTOW News photo by Howard Wolff)

A ton of work by a lot of people went into pulling off OTOW's largest parade

By Barbara Rice

Sixty entries joined the Irish Club Parade on a beautiful March day last month.

Parade committee members are delighted with the feedback received about the club's 27th parade.

A few of the messages received soon after the annual parade and party were:

"We enjoyed the people and the hospitality."

"We had a blast."

"We felt the love."

"We would like to come back next year."

Many parade participants were complimentary first time visitors to On Top of the World. For example, a parent chaperone who stopped for directions commented, "I think I passed up the street where we are supposed to line up. But, I was too busy taking in this wonderful community."

Thank you to everyone who gave a resounding OTOW reception along the parade route and behind the scenes. You are why so many have reported a terrific day and would



Irish Club

like to return.

Many volunteers went into action early on parade day. They made sure the largest OTOW parade ever was a success. Thank you to parade unit coordinators, traffic con-

trollers, decorators and after-party workers.

Rebecca Malloy and Debi Craft hopped onto the Jolley Trolley and directed its inaugural parade travels.

Did you get to hear our talented reviewing stand announcers? Bravo to Denis O'Doherty and Carmel LeBlanc.

Thank you convertible drivers for the special rides.

The annual celebration would not be possible without the continued support of the OTOW administration and their staff's hard work. The Irish Club is very appreciative.

A larger parade means larger expenses. Irish Club works throughout the year to fundraise for parade expenses.

Irish Club is grateful for the donations to the parade fund received this year from clubs and individuals. Donations to the 2023 parade are still welcome and can be made by contacting Tom O'Riordan, president and parade chairman, at 845-664-0504 or c21tom@yahoo.com.

Mark March 2, 2024, on your calendars for next year's parade - the 28th version. Weather conditions will be dry and temperatures moderate.

Irish Club took a break before the parade. Club members enjoyed their annual dinner dance with many members and guests in the East Activity Center.

Agnes and Leo Helm were announced as the 2023 Irish Club Honorees. The couple's longtime work was recognized. They purchased their condo in 2006 after visiting Leo's close friend, the late Mike Cooper, and they have been active ever since.

Agnes was raised and trained as a nurse in Ireland. She moved to New York City to work at Jewish Memorial Hospital.

Leo lived in Queens. He served for six years in the United States Navy and completed two tours in Vietnam.

They met in a dance hall called the Hitching Post in NYC. They were married in 1964.

No one complained about holding a flower-themed brunch after exercise class

The On Top of the World Morning Exercise Class held a Flower Power Brunch after their regular class on Feb. 27.

Thirty flowery-dressed ladies gathered in the Clearwater Room/Kitchen area and enjoyed some food and fun.

There were three special preplanned challenges for the brunch.

The first challenge was for the ladies to dress in flower-themed apparel for the class and brunch. Nancy Reid won this challenge for wearing live flower bouquets from head to toe.

The second challenge was to create a flowery place setting with flower stickers. This was won by Linda Tyler, who had flower utensils and dishes, a vase and flowers. She also displayed a floral painting she painted herself.

The third challenge was telling a flower story. This challenge was won by Joanne Walend who told a story of a special red rose that connected her to her granddaughter.

It was great to learn so much more about each other and spend some time together.

The exercise class meets at 8 a.m., weekdays, in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.



The 8 a.m. Ladies Morning Exercise Class poses for a picture after celebrating a flower-themed lunch.



From left to right are the 2023 Computer Club officers: Terry Mikszenas, Cheryl Lindback, Diane Like, Charlie Wood, Marianne Cataletto, Scott Mascitelli, Joe Wisinski, Lisa Pompeo and Mike Wood.

Computer Club members enjoy installation luncheon

By Joe Wisinski

On Top of the World Computer Club members and guests enjoyed a luncheon in March in the Belleair Room.

The club held the luncheon in conjunction with the formal installation of 2023 officers.

This year's officers are: President Lisa Pompeo, Vice President Scott Mascitelli, Vice President Joe Wisinski, Treasurer Cheryl Lindback, Secretary Marianne Cataletto, Immediate Past President: Mike Wood, and Board Members at Large Terry Mikszenas, Diane Like and Charlie Wood.

In addition to providing the meal, the club gave away numerous door prizes.

"The food and camaraderie were great,"

said luncheon guest Edi LePere. "The door prizes were very nice and even the background music was enjoyable."

About 85 people attended the event.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meetings take place both in-person at the 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 with technology-related questions or issues. Club members are available in the Learning

Lab on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m.

The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

The club does not offer help to residents with computers that require service in their condos, but can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com, or click our link in the OTOW Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.



Computer Club

When is the last time you visited an all-raw restaurant?

During the last meeting for the new Plant-Based Living Club, we did an exposé on the myths of protein needs with short videos by Dr. Michael Klaper, Dr. John Mac Dougal, Dr. Michael Greger and Dr. Garth Davis.

Turns out that a lot of confusion and misinformation keeps us eating unhealthy foods that are making us sick.

All creatures get their protein from plants, even cows and chickens. People who have a plant-based diet just get theirs from the original supplier instead of second hand.

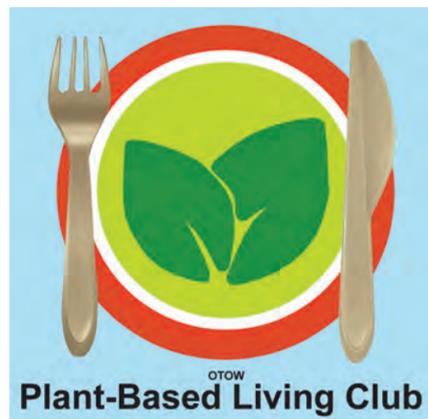
We had two plant-based food outings last month. The first was to a nice place in Dunedin called Cara Cara. We explored the menu items that were plant-based and gave the staff a run for the money with fun questions: does this have oil in it and do you have gluten free bread?

We had a grand time.

The plant-based menu items were interesting, unique and tasty.

The second outing was to Oldsmar where we ate at the all-raw foods restaurant, Rawk Star.

We ate pizza, tacos, wraps and smooth-



ies, all raw, and I should mention, the desserts were amazing.

Many of us were skeptical, but we were all amazed with the great flavors and wow, the ingredients were so nutritious. And of course the company is always good.

Next meetings we will have a short video by vegan Arnold Schwarzenegger and one or two more.

If the Plant-Based Living Club sounds



Members of the Plant-Based Living Club held a March meeting in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Part of the meeting was watching videos.

fun to you or even just interesting, you can join us for the monthly meeting scheduled on April 7, 3 p.m. at the West Activity Center Learning Lab. While you are there, you can sign up for emails and then you will receive all the invitations to outings and you will

know about upcoming educational events.

For more info on the club or to be on our email list: Vegans10@yahoo.com

For more information on the reasons for Plant-Based Living, please go to www.vegansalvation.com.

New York-New Jersey staying active this summer with brand new Mother's Day event at EAC

The New York-New Jersey Club wants to thank everyone who came out to support our club and march in the Irish Club Parade.

As usual, we had a lot of fun at the parade. The weather was a bit warm, but all in all everyone seemed to have a good time.

Our annual barbeque in the Pavilion was

also attended by a good number of our members decked out in their favorite picnic attire.

Our next event will be a Mother's Day Celebration, Thursday, May 11, from 5-8 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Mama Felice's Restaurant will be serving lasagna, meatballs, eggplant, salads and desserts. DJ

music will be provided and there will be many opportunities for dancing.

The New York-New Jersey Club tries to remain active over the spring and summer months. This is our latest idea to keep everyone active.

Watch OTOW-TV Channel 901 for more upcoming events.



New York - New Jersey Club



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Coordinator Tom Jamrozy is available to train new players at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday, followed by practice games from 6-6:30 p.m. and regular games running from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage of choice. Must have a valid activity card.

New York-New Jersey Club
Mother's Day Celebration
Thursday, May 11, 5-8 pm
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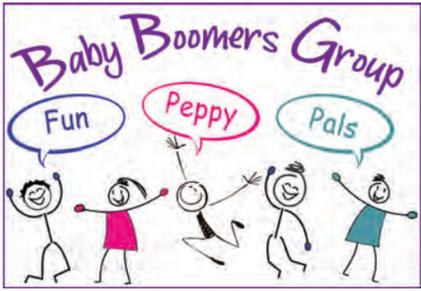
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New York - New Jersey Club

Boomers participate in 'Bike Your City'



Somewhere in this crowd of bike riders are 12 Baby Boomers group members. This was a county-wide bike ride starting in Oldsmar.

By Dianne Dvorak
 More than 100 bicyclists, including 12 enthusiasts from the On Top of the World Baby Boomers Group, met at R.E. Olds Park on Friday, March 10 for Bike Your City 2023 - Oldsmar, sponsored by Forward Pinellas.

This is a very special, no-cost event, which showcases trails and parks in a different Pinellas County city each year in March.

It was interesting, informative, well organized with refreshments and snacks, and stops along the 6.5 mile ride.

(Oldsmar actually has 10 miles of trails.) All participants received t-shirts, bright glo-string bags and lights, all free ... music to a Boomer's ears!

R.E. Olds Park honors Ransom E. Olds, who bought 37,541 acres on the northern tip of Tampa Bay for \$400,000 in 1913. He had invented the Oldsmobile and REO Automobiles and then turned to land development.

The area was named R.E Olds-On-The-Bay and then in 1937 the town's name was officially changed to Oldsmar. The park has a lovely amphitheater, fishing pier and playground, and sits on beautiful Tampa Bay.

Of the 12 Boomers who went, six of us rode to the park from OTOW on our e-bikes and back through Philippe Park, stopping for a lunch at Southern Fresh res-

taurant in Safety Harbor. Then it was back on the beautiful Ream Wilson Trail back to OTOW for a total of 23 miles.

In addition to weekly bike outings, our club members bowl and golf every week, attend OTOW dances and shows, as well as outside music venues.

The Sunset Beach Concert Series was exceptional this month with a performance by the Tarpon Spring High School Jazz Ensemble. They were amazing and the sunset

behind them, spectacular.

After the last Boomer meeting, several of us headed to Bogota Kitchen and Bar for dinner while watching one of our favorite local musicians, McLean Mannix, who performs every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.

If you like to do fun things and are open to meeting people and enjoy camaraderie while doing cool stuff, come to one of our meetings on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of the month.

Next meetings are on April 5 and April 20. We won't bite. We are actually quite nice. And, if you are interested, you can get onto our email list to be included in what is going on with our group.

We are not a club with dues or officers. What we are is an informal, meet-up group. We encourage participation and ideas about fun stuff happening in the area. It's a great way to get to know people at OTOW and get active at the same time.

Keyboard classes restart for the summer

Do you want to learn how to play the piano or keyboard, but you have been too busy during the fall or winter months?

Now's your chance.

The On Top of the World Keyboard Club will be offering classes starting on May

4 at 10 a.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

Classes will take place every other week during the summer so you will have plenty of time to work on your new skills or refine existing ones before we meet again.

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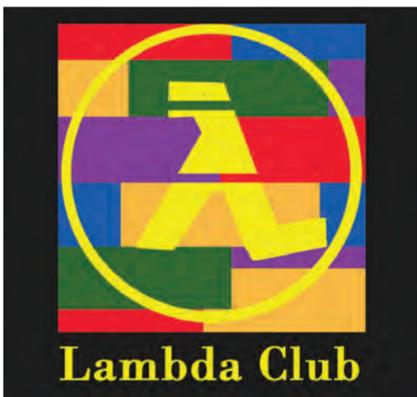
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Busy month ends dramatically when Ides of March and St. Patrick's Day collide in a social



Lambda Club

By Bruce Lovett

It was a very busy month of March for the Lambda Club.

We did everything from Sunday movie matinees, to Asian-style buffets, and exercise walks to coffee talks.

There were picnic lunches, swimming parties, supporting our club cast members in the Theater Workshop show "Ocean's Away" and of course, the jewel on the calendar, our monthly social.

We still had enough energy to bring down Julius Caesar at our Ides of March social.

The Clearwater Room was filled with so much green you knew it had to be a St. Patrick's celebration.

And like any good Irish celebration, food and drinks flowed freely. By the end of the night, everyone was ready to kiss the Blarney Stone.

April's social is back to being held on the second Friday of the month. This one is April 14 at 6 p.m. It's our annual country western hoedown.

Fortunately, it's being held outdoors at



There was a ton of green attire and green food and drinks as Lambda Club members celebrated St. Patrick's Day and the Ides of March at the same social in March. (Photo by James Farmer)

the East Activity Center Pavilion so you'll be able to ride your horse to the event.

Western attire is required and everyone is asked to bring something to please a hard-working cowboy for the pot luck buffet.

There will be country tunes playing in the background and there's sure to be at least one hit from the "Queen of Country Music," Miss Kitty Wells. Her 1952 song "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels" made her the first female to top the country charts and become an instant superstar. This song paved the way for everybody from Loretta Lynn to Shania Twain.

Lambda's very own Jack Gonsowski, who turned 79 years young on the Ides of March, will be on hand to answer any ques-

tions you may have about Miss Wells. Jack was more than just a super fan who traveled hundreds of miles to catch one of her concerts. He even did a few shows with Kitty and became friendly with Kitty and her family.

He has an extensive collection of signed memorabilia and drove 12 hours straight to attend her funeral in Nashville when she died in 2012 at 92 years of age.

A special shout out goes to honorary Lambda member Mike Brennan who drove over 1200 miles with his cat to visit various members for the month of March.

Mike is not a Snowbird and discovered Lambda from his Canadian home during the pandemic when we started doing a zoom

happy hour every Friday.

The tradition has continued and now we have participants not only from Canada, but from Connecticut and New York as well.

For many of our own members, it was the first time seeing Mike standing. He is definitely taller in person.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at On Top of the World as well as their neighbors and friends.

Should you wish further information about the club go to our official web page <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

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

In the Writer's Ink club, metaphors and similes are fun

By Lori Gottshall

I have mentioned before, that pieces presented week after week at Writer's Ink club meetings, sometimes have unintentional themes.

Usually that phenomenon centers around topics.

However, recently our writers have made their pieces interesting by using personification. This is a technique that talks about a nonhuman thing or quality as if it were human.

A large, old castle was described as "burly." Can a build-

ing really be beefy or muscular?

Yet the reader gets a picture of something large and strong and not necessarily elegant.

A career path was "in the blood" of the main character as though a paid job was equivalent to her actual body.

The reader knows immediately that this work goal was truly near and dear and not easily shaken.

As a literary technique, personification is a sibling to metaphor and first cousin to simile.

Metaphors make a compari-

son between two unlike things without using the words like, as, than, or resembles.

Similes explicitly use those words to guide the reader into understanding the comparison that is being made. Notice that I used personification to help describe the similarities between these techniques.

Do you want to improve your writing skills?

If you Google these techniques, you will find wonderful examples from great literature to help you understand the impact

they can have.

Why not try writing something specifically using these skills?

Why not bring it along to one of our meetings?

You will fit right in. We welcome new members and new topics of interest.

Meetings are Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Dunedin Room of the East Activity Center. If you are curious, feel comfortable stopping by just to listen.



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St. Joseph's Dinner Dance

Every seat was filled and food overflowed the buffet tables as the Italian-American Club annual St. Joseph Dinner Dance took place in March.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Italian-American Club does its annual duty to make sure there are no droughts in Italy

By William Peterson

The Italian-American Club celebrated the St. Joseph's Dinner Dance with plenty of food, lively music, and warmth of our friends and neighbors.

Some people asked how this tradition started. Well, the honoring of St. Joseph goes back to the middle ages when a severe drought occurred in Italy. The people offered prayers to St. Joseph, asked him to bring much needed rain, and the very next day the rains came and the drought ended.

Thus, the event started a tradition, that to this day, is anticipated and celebrated every year in Italy. This is a faithful tradition

that includes food, flowers, and of course, wine.

So, as they say, "Buon appetito"

Our next event is, we are sorry to say, our farewell ice cream social.

There will be toppings along with an assortment of layer cakes to tempt your sweet desires.

Summer is coming upon us fast and the Snowbirds, including your officers, will be heading north. So, if you enjoyed the events that we are happy to have given you this past season, we hope that you will be ready upon your return. to participate in a new season.

For those of you who will be staying

here at On Top of the World, we will continue our information table to sell memberships and tickets to other events, as we put them together for you to enjoy, but only on Thursday in the EAC from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. You can look for future event postings on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com or on OTOW-TV channel 901).

Remember that volunteers are always welcome at our table and for each event.

You don't have to be Italian to join our club. However, you must have a valid activities card.

Have a great summer and we look forward to greeting your return in September.

Italian American Club




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Love for line dancing at OTOW creates desire to start own group in Colorado



By Hope Tera

We adore our members.

This month we'd like to introduce you to Rebecca and Scott Ryberg. They are quite involved in the On Top of the World community with line dancing being one of their favorite activities.

Their love story started off at a Florida beach in 1982 while both were serving in the US Air Force. It was love at first sight.

While in Panama City, they married and then moved to the Washington DC area, where they lived for 30 years, raising two daughters.

Upon retiring, they relocated to Colorado, where most of Rebecca's family lives.

It had been a dream of their's to have homes in both Colorado and Florida.

In 2020, they stumbled across On Top of the World in Clearwater. They bought a condo here and have found the Snowbird lifestyle very enjoyable.

The line dance clubs here caught Rebecca's eye, and she quickly embraced them.

Scott was not into dancing, but Rebecca convinced him to try Ed Foland's Snowbirds beginner line dance class - he got hooked. He now goes to Margaret LeTourneau's Moving 'n Grooving line dance classes and the OTOW dances, as well.

Rebecca's favorite music is old school R&B and many of the current hits of today.

At Moving 'n Grooving, one of the first line dances she did in Margaret's class was to Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling!" She loved it. That has inspired her to launch her own line dance club upon returning to Colorado. She will be playing her favorite



music.

Rebecca has been learning much from Margaret and Ed about running a line dance club and is already leading some of the dances in our Level 1/2 class and Ed's beginner classes.

Scott has been helping with some of our technical aspects, ensuring all goes smoothly and assisting with DJ'ing at Ed's classes.

According to Scott, "The lifestyle we have found here, especially line dancing, has greatly enriched both our lives."

How about trying some line dancing classes with Margaret yourself? 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.

If you just want to have some friendly competition, cornhole might suit you. Cornhole at OTOW is run by the same people at Moving 'n Grooving.

The line dance schedule is listed below. You can refer to the listings for cardio dance/cardio dance light and cornhole for more information on those activities.

Rebecca and Scott Ryberg

LINE DANCING SCHEDULE

EAC Auditorium

Tuesdays

(no class Feb. 7, Feb. 21)

9 - 10:20 am - Levels 1 and 2
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Levels 3 and 4

Fridays

1 - 2:20 p.m. - Levels 1 and 2
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Levels 3 and 4

CORNHOLE

West Activity Center Belleair Room

Mondays

1 - 3 p.m.

CARDIO DANCING

East Activity Center Exercise Room

Mondays

12 - 1 p.m. - Regular Class
1:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Cardio Dance Light

Wednesdays

12 - 1 p.m. - Regular Class
1:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Cardio Dance Light

Saturdays

9 - 10 a.m. - Regular Class
10:15 - 11:15 a.m. - Cardio Dance Light

Chorus Springs Concert

7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1 and 3 p.m., Sunday, April 2
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In the picture at left, Flavio and Maria Pinato, originally of Italy (right), are recognized by the Ronald Reagan Republican Club after becoming official new citizens of the United States. In the photo at right, officers for 2023 are shown, including, left to right, Karen Tatge, treasurer; Ann Messina, secretary; David DiNardo vice president and Carl Turner, president.

Republican Club members cherish the moment two of their own club members officially become U.S. citizens

By Deborah Rusell

This year, the focus of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club will be educating our members on the jobs of elected officials - local, state and nationwide.

The club provides a forum to voice concerns and let candidates know what the public needs and wants from them.

Our March 14 meeting began with a social hour. Beautiful bowls of freshly prepared strawberries, sliced pound cakes and whipped cream were provided by Barry and Kelly Yellets. Thank you so much for treating everyone to such delicious local fruit!

Cold beverages and pastries were provided as well.

Club President Carl Turner opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jesse Tiamson led the members in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Carl began the meeting by recognizing several guests and new members to the club. Last month's minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

A final vote was taken for new officers.

David DiNardo was nominated for vice president and all other candidates pre-



viously elected were accepted unanimously. They were Carl Turner, president; David for vice president; Ann Messina, secretary; and Karen Tatge, treasurer.

There was a 50/50 drawing. One lucky person went home with a nice little sum of cash!

A very important and touching highlight for everyone was the introduction of two new United States citizens, Flavio and Maria Pinato, of Italy! They came to the United States legally and love this country and our community - they have already been

volunteering in the club.

Mary Jane Lofton presented Flavio and Maria with two American flags - one of which had flown over our nation's capitol. Everyone clapped loudly. Some had tears in their eyes.

The guest speaker for the evening was Ron Ogdon, assistant and legislative aide to State Representative Kim Berfield, House District 58.

Ron stated that he grew up in the small town of Elmira, N.Y., where his father worked at a very small airport. But, this airport was something special to Ron. He was able to go anywhere he pleased, since his father worked there and came in contact with some very important people in history.

One of those people was Bobby Kennedy!

Ron met Bobby after he had landed his plane at the airport.

Ron grew up surrounded by Democrats in his family, but by the time he reached 20 years of age, he realized something had to change. He became a Republican.

Ron's desire is that all Republicans will find a common ground and work hard together.

He says honesty and integrity are what builds a strong nation.

To learn more or to contact Ron, go to Ron.Ogdon@myfloridahouse.gov.

If you are interested in joining our club, stop by the West Activity Center on the second Tuesday of the month and join in!

For more information, please contact carlmarvinturner@gmail.com or call at 443-624-9303.

Pavilion Picnic Tables and Grills

The East Activity Center Pavilion is available for any club, group, building or resident to rent. Please see Nancy Rogers in the Activities Office to make your reservation. The Pavilion includes picnic tables, grills, kitchen area and restrooms. Please do not bring your own lawn chairs.

There are other grills and tables at the Pavilion Park. They are open on a first come, first-served basis. They do not have to be rented in advance. You are responsible for your own charcoal. OTOW will clean it up.

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Holy Week

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Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 6:30PM
Good Friday - April 7 -- 12:00Noon
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Slimnastics annual luncheon



The On Top of the World Slimnastics Group held its annual luncheon in March. More than 20 residents attended at the Bacon Street Diner near the Countryside Mall. Slimnastics is a free group and meets every weekday, 9 a.m., in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

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Cornhole volunteers make sure everyone gets equal time to play

By Margaret LeTourneau

Boy, did the Moving and Grooving Club hit the jackpot with their winning team of cornhole volunteers.

There's nothing better than having a reliable, friendly and hard working group of guys to run the show.

The main characters are Chris Dodge, Dick LeTourneau, Michael Payne, William Moreland and Ron Huber.

These great guys arrive early to set up the three cornhole courts, the extra equipment and the many chairs needed to surround the game room.

Sometimes they get a chance to practice with each other before the gamers arrive.

It's always a time of friendly competition that's filled with a little teasing and lots of fun.

However, once the players arrive, this super team gets right to work.

They can easily manage a crowd of 40 people, so that all gamers get equal playing time.



Enjoying a re-energizing lunch, left to right, are Chris Dodge, Dick LeTourneau, Michael Payne, William Moreland and Ron Huber.

If anyone is new, these patient volunteers spend extra time coaching and helping them to fit right in.

If you'd like to try some friendly competition, please join us. We play every Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the West Activity Center's

Belleair Room. Let's keep moving and grooving!

Who has an idea for the Jesters in 2024?

By Robyn Kumar

So many people came to see the Jesters show, "Vegas Vibes," this past February. If you were one of our 1000 guests, you might have been thinking, "I wish I had been a part of that production. Those people that are performing look like they are having a wonderful time."

You were absolutely correct.

Well, planning for next year actually starts sooner than you think. We are actively looking

for a show theme for next year.

If you have some ideas, we would love to hear from you.

If you watched our show and imagined being one of the singers, dancers, or comedians, we would love to hear from you.

If you can't imagine being onstage, but think you would prefer to work behind the scenes, we would still love to hear from you.

After reading the previous paragraph, you should have gotten the message that we would

love to hear from anyone.

At this time, we are most interested in hearing new ideas, even if they aren't fully developed yet.

Shows typically go through many iterations before they are finally presented to an audience. You can contact Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640 if you have any thoughts about it or questions.

As any present member of Jesters can tell you, it's all "Jest for fun!"



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New president shares vision for Democratic Club in 2023



Vice President Don Ladner, Secretary Joanne Cordes, Treasurer Glenda Greenman, Parliamentarian Ed Shivers, President Dave Beaven, and Past-President Ruthann Richwine.

By Joanne Cordes
Oh, what a happy parade day we enjoyed on March 4.

There were nine people in our group representing the On Top of the World Democratic Club.

Marge Green led our club on her tricycle, which held the American Flag in the basket.

Anna Foss and Don Ladner proudly carried our new-this-year banner.

Several in our group were handing out small American flags and were catering to children we passed along the route.

We appreciated your cheers and expressions of thanks!

Pictured with this article is our team of new officers going forward in 2023. Installed during our meeting on March 9 were, left to right, Vice President Don Ladner, Secretary Joanne Cordes, Treasurer Glenda Greenman, Parliamentarian Ed Shivers, President Dave Beaven and Past-President Ruthann Richwine.

Following the formal installation, Ruthann and guest, Donna Lukas, a past-president of the club for many years, gave an amusing presentation of office responsibilities and a gag gift to assist in carrying out those duties.

For example: Dave was presented a crown (ala Burger King) and Glenda was presented a small bag of gold-wrapped chocolate coins.

On a more serious note, Dave offered his inaugural address to introduce himself and to also present his vision for the club and an action plan to facilitate his goals.

Dave outlined that first and foremost, our club's main purpose is to elect more Democrats to office. We start by being active in our own club and then also support democratic causes and events within our community. To help us achieve Dave's vision, he provided us with a "to do list" of suggestions, a very useful visual tool.

Once our pizza was delivered, we broke for socializing while snacking. And then we listened to guest speaker, Star Emerson, president of the Pinellas County Democratic Senior Caucus. She explained their goal as empowering our experience and wisdom for the greater good. Clearly, this is something from which we all can benefit.

If you want to check out our club activi-

ties, join us Mondays at our information table 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium (look for our mascot, Victor, standing proudly on the tabletop).

Currently, our club members are promoting the "Complete Drew Street 4 All" campaign. It addresses Drew Street from N. Fort Harrison Avenue in downtown Clearwater to US Highway 19 - 4.2 miles to be made safer, more livable, and a better street for commerce.

If you're already a club member, stop by to hang out and share some good old liberal views with your friends.

Our next meeting is April 13 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center's Learning Lab. Then on April 25 at 7 p.m. in the EAC Largo room, we'll gather for our Happy Hour -- to mingle informally and talk politics. BYOB plus a finger food to share.

If you missed last month's happy hour,

you missed Pat O'Beirne's tiramisu and Carleen Boyer's pineapple upside-down cake. I heard raves from everyone!

All Democrats living in OTOW and having a valid activity card are welcome, club member or not.

You can always visit us on our web page www.worlddemsclub.blogspot.com. This is where you will find the most current information and you can check our calendar for upcoming club events.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club, Clearwater, to view pictures, learn about local political events or add commentary to current events.

Or check out our club info on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) or OTOW-TV channel 901.



Peter Caffentzis and his mascot welcome guests to his Caregivers Support Club information table for the first time in March. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

New club to let caregivers know they are not alone

Let me introduce myself. I am Peter Caffentzis. I have experience as a volunteer who has met with clients in the Veterans Administration stroke ward and medical center in St. Petersburg.

I have seen first hand what stress can do to caregivers.

Originally, I started a group called "Who Heals the Healers." But when the pandemic closed wards down to volunteers, I needed to move on.

Now, in post-pandemic times, I want to begin helping others again. I am a resident and volunteer at On Top of the World and I have started a new club called the Caregivers Support Club. I have heard from caregivers for Alzheimers patients. I have also heard from caregivers for Dementia patients. That's why my new club has started up. I am focused on

giving hope, information and support to members of this community.

Whether you are a current or former full-time or part-time caregiver in this community, this club is for you. I also have information if you want to learn more about Alzheimers and Dementia. Maybe you just want to know the difference between the normal aging process, and early signs of Alzheimers and Dementia. This club is for you - even if you only attend one meeting.

My information table will be available Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. I have information from local resources, plus research, educational materials, personal experiences and I can offer confidential support. We meet 9-10:30 a.m. every Wednesday in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room.

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Travel Club planning May trip to Winter Park for boat ride and shopping

By Janice Berman

Guess who celebrated their birthday by taking our day trip to Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions?

Well, if you were on the bus with us, you know the answer.

We sang a perfectly harmonized Happy Birthday to Cecile Sangiamo.

Cecil not only spent her special day with us enjoying the beautiful horses, she won our 50/50 raffle. She left the farm with a lot of green stuff - and I do not mean grass.

Congratulations, Cecile!

Travel Club has three day trips coming up.

On Wednesday, April 12, we are going by bus to The Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary located in Sarasota.

Founded in 1987, the non-profit sanctuary is a permanent home for dozens of exotic animals, offers placement for animals in need, and works to educate the public about animal care and conservation.

Lunch is available for purchase at the sanctuary or bring your own picnic lunch. Snacks and water will be available on the bus.

From May 9-10 we are traveling by bus to Winter Park for an overnight trip. The trip will be filled with several things that will be fun and informative.

We will leave early on May 9 and arrive in Winter Park to start our first adventure, a narrated boat ride on Lake Osceola, a Winter Park tradition since 1938.

Next, we will go to Hannibal Square for some shopping and lunch on your own. Then on to Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College.

Next we will check into the Marriott Springhill Suites to freshen up before going out to the Cheesecake Factory for dinner on your own.



On the second day we will start with a complimentary buffet breakfast, followed by the Charles Morse Museum of American Art, which houses the most comprehensive collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany's work.

Our last stop will be the Park Avenue Shopping District for some high-end shopping and lunch on your own.

After lunch we will start our trip back home. We have had many people express interest in this trip. Please sign up as we must guarantee hotel accommodations and pay the hotel fee by April 9. So, if you have interest in this trip please come to the tables on Monday or Thursday to sign up.

On June 14 we are traveling by bus to St. Petersburg for The Starlite Sapphire Dining Yacht, a luncheon cruise that offers top chef-inspired entrees and the captain's narration of the local area.

Our next general meeting is on April 7 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Our guest speaker will be Terri Mikszenas.

You can sign up for trips and lunches every Monday and Thursday 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium and before our monthly general meeting.

Check your calendars, bring your check-books and sign up for our trips. We are going places and I know you want to come!



Cecile Sangiamo shows off cash she won on a Travel Club day trip last month. She was also celebrating her birthday on the trip.

Grief counselor will tell us April 13 how to focus your mind and body on overcoming loss

By Laurie LeClaire

Welcome to another great month to explore metaphysics!

In addition to playing with oracle cards (bring your favorite ones), it will be our pleasure to host guest speaker Shabnam Hashemi, BSN Rn GC-C, Holistic Grief counselor on Thursday, April 13, in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

I was recently introduced to Shabnam, who offers counseling for grief and loss. As a hospice nurse, she sat holding the hands of her patients until they took their last breath. She learned methods to deal with her own grief and loss as well. She has suffered other types of loss that gave her perspective on how to pivot with every curve that life puts forth.

Shabnam will be offering her experiences as a nursing professional, as well as a

student of eastern philosophies, to bridge the gap in understanding death, how to die feeling complete and how best to cope with grief associated with death and loss.

She teaches how to facilitate conversations early and try to resolve family conflicts so that death becomes a peaceful transition, whether by chronic illness or a sudden event and how to navigate the grieving process both before and after loss.

The western model has medicalized death as something to be avoided at all costs. However, death is the only constant we have in this life other than change.

We grieve the loss of loved ones, pets, finances, relationships, health, youth and any major life change.

Being a caregiver, especially for someone with a terminal illness, carries a tremendous amount of anticipatory grief not to mention

the grief of losing the loved one.

Even positive change, such as becoming an empty nester, carries a type of grief reaction that most people discount.

If you are searching for tools to explore how to move through your experience of loss, Shabnam welcomes the opportunity to walk with you on your journey by utilizing the latest techniques in grief work, cognitive behavioral model, as well as mind-body techniques.

Each client is treated as a universe unto themselves. This is a conversation that will support us all.

High Vibe Tribe meets monthly in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater room at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday evening. Anyone curious may attend.

Contact Laurie LeClaire at otowoowo@gmail.com for questions.



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Texas actually produces a winner



Reaching the final table in late February were, left to right, Mike Baldetti, Bill Berns and Bill Whipps.



By Joe DeChiaro

The second Texas Card Game Club tournament of 2023 produced a winner as Mike Baldetti outlasted newcomer Bill Berns and Bill Whipps with almost four times as many chips as each of them.

There were 15 players in attendance as the club provided pizzas from Costco from club dues.

The club tournaments are usually the third Friday of each month in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room starting at 5 p.m. There is no registration required to sign up. Just be there 15 minutes before the tournament starts.

The next three tournaments are scheduled for Friday April 21, Friday, May 19 and Friday, June 16.

For more information, send an email to: joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.

Aqua Aerobics continues even when Snowbirds fly north

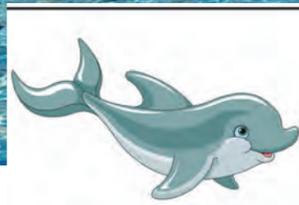
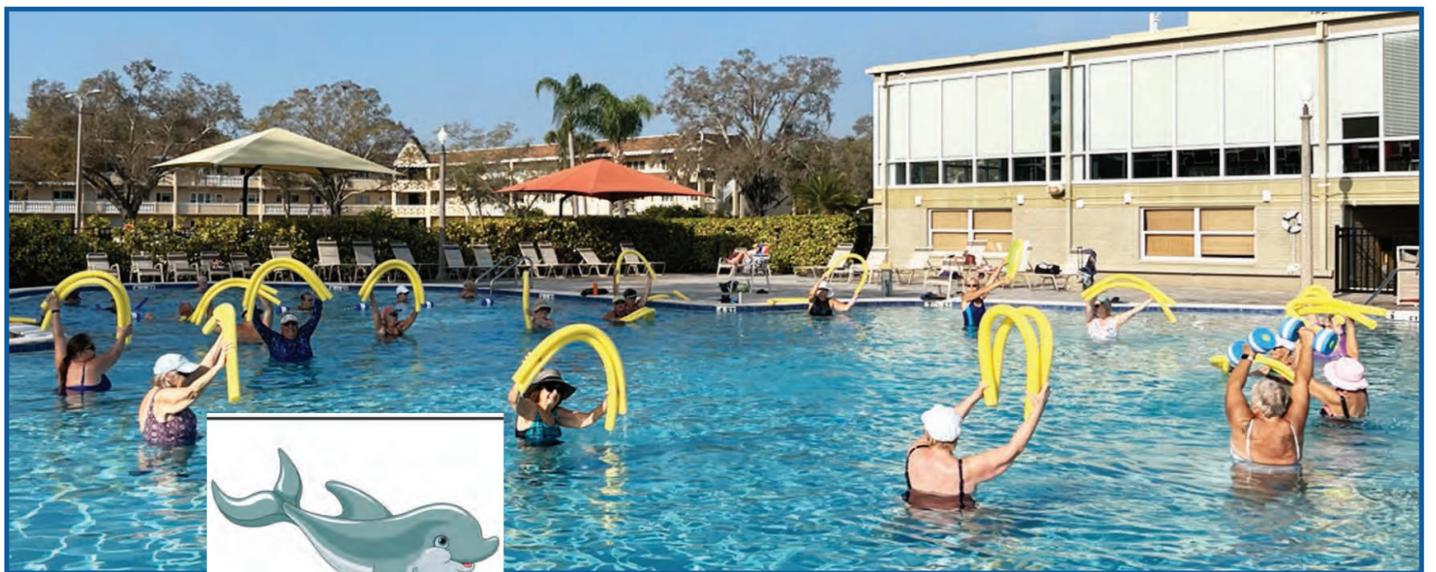
Winter water aerobics is still in full swing and is operational Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m. with our heaters on during this period of time.

These classes are open to everyone with a valid Activity Card, which must be displayed on your chair or lounge for viewing at every class.

There are no membership requirements and all the instructors are volunteers rendering the class totally free.

Water aerobics class is not available on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and if there is lightning or rain.

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Saturdays 10:15 am - 11:15 am

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Cardio Dance is an intense, heart-healthy workout. Cardio Light is for individuals who want a less intense class. Cardio Dance is free with membership to the Moving 'n Grooving Club. We meet in the EAC Exercise Room.



SPORTS

Tennis Club crowns tournament champions in mixed doubles and men's singles

By Joe DeChiario

The On Top of the World Tennis Club met for a post-tournament dinner on Friday March 10 at Taco-quila Mexican restaurant.

This is a new restaurant that has just opened and offers Mexican cuisine.

The final winners of our February tournaments were Dean Baker and Donna Irwin in mixed doubles, while the singles winner was Sam Chakar.

There will be an awards luncheon in early April where the winners of each tournament will be given an award. This will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 8 in the Pavilion.

The Tennis Club plays every morning from 7:30 - 11 a.m. and on Sunday evenings starting at 4:30 p.m. Anyone can join the club with an updated activity card. Just show up at the courts when we play.

We organize many activities other than just playing tennis. They include a monthly



golf outing, monthly dinners and/or lunches, weekly biking to the beach starting in late April and other daily trips.

For more information, send an email to: joegdechiario@yahoo.com.



Members of the Tennis Club visit a new Mexican restaurant after a morning of play.

On Top of the World challenges Indian Rocks Beach to a softball game with the good guys finishing out front

By Bob Rittner

In 1952, in the seventh inning of World Series game seven, the New York Yankees led Brooklyn 4-2, but the Dodgers had the bases loaded with two outs.

Jackie Robinson popped up, the wind swirled and the entire Yankee infield congregated near the mound trying to judge where the ball would land.

Billy Martin, streaking in from deep at second base, never stopped and gloved the ball knee high to save the inning and the World Series for New York.

It was a brilliant play built on the hustle and determination of the feisty second baseman.

In On Top of the World softball action from this past March, Mary Anne Benuzzi duplicated that memorable feat with an added flip. She made what appeared to be an impossible lunging catch of a drifting pop-up near the mound, then alertly threw to second base to double up the startled runner who was already near third base.



I thought I saw a shade of Billy nodding and smiling over her shoulder.

OTOW softball enjoyed a change of pace last month with an interleague game versus Indian Rocks Beach.

On Top of the World was down 11-3

going to the bottom of the sixth inning when a Henry Zussman bases-loaded double drove in three of five runs that inning. In the eighth inning, Henry's three-run homer pulled us even. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Roger Martel blasted an RBI double for an OTOW 12-11 win.

Each year our league has a breakfast with partners at the Paradise Restaurant.

Before breakfast, the grandstands at the softball field fill with our significant others cheering us on. In front of a packed house of raucous fans, Blue scored nine runs over the last three innings, 13 total, to overwhelm Red (11) and White (8).

A stunning high point in the game was Don Mandeville's running, tumbling outfield catch. More remarkable, he got up unassisted, likely stimulated by the thunderous cheering.

Fantastic finishes rival any baseball event for excitement, and when Ralph Scunziano lifted the apparently tying home run to right field in the last inning of another game, we

seemed to have a special one. It turned out to be even more special as Robert Bannick coolly settled under it for the catch that ended the game.

We love having visiting relatives and friends join our game, and in consecutive weeks, Bill Lepping's and Bob Dembinski's sons joined their fathers on the field, both playing shortstop, and both driving in their Dads with blistering hits.

Major League Baseball has a stat, EV (exit velocity), measuring how hard batters hit the ball. A batter may seem to be in a slump, but if his EV is high, analysts assume he is swinging just fine and in time the hits will fall in.

We saw a demonstration of outstanding EV when Dembinski Jr. stroked a line drive that reached the fence in a split second, but Jim Costello grabbed it for the out - although he risked life and limb standing in front of it.

It may have been an out, but that does not diminish our awe at the talent that hit it.

On Top of the World lawn bowlers take first place at South East Florida tourna-

By Helen Grose

Big congratulations to Sandy Wall and Cathy Mills from On Top of the World!

These ladies represented OTOW Lawn Bowls at the Bowls USA South East Division Open that was held in the first week in March. The South East Division had representation from seven states, North Carolina to South Florida.

There were three competitions: fours, pairs and singles.

Sandy and Cathy teamed up with Cindy Higgins and Lynn Cranch to win first place in the fours event.

Sandy and Cathy then teamed up in the pairs, and slam dunked first place. They outscored their opponents 106-34 over the course of six games.

Sandy then won all the games in the singles and was named "Bowler of the Tournament." Great job ladies.

It appears that Sandy made history. This is the first time one person has won all three events, but that is not all. Sandy was also inducted into the Bowls USA South East Division Hall of Fame. Congratulations you make us proud.



Left to right are Cindy Higgins, Cathy Mills, Sandy Wall and Lynn Cranch.

We are getting too close to the end of the season. Pretty soon our Snowbirds start heading north, but we still have a few more events to finish.

On March 17 there was a Saint Patrick lawn bowl tournament and on March 24 a

Fun Tournament.

Lastly, we will end our season with our annual general meeting 1 p.m. at the Crystal Beach Room in East Activity Center on March 27. For results on all these March events, read May's newspaper.



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Jim Curl records first ace

Congratulations are in order for Jim Curl.

Jim aced the par 4, 200-yard fifth hole on the nine-hole golf course.

He used a 5-wood to achieve this first-time ace.

It was witnessed by playing partners Bob Thompson and Paul Fleeman.



SPORTS

Season ended in March but nine-hole league has special events still planned in April

9-Hole



Ladies Golf

By Paula Ergang

"That's a wrap" is what the members of On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League are saying.

Our 2022-23 season ended in March.

Why so early in the year you might ask?

We've reached the conclusion that it was set that way by the original founders because that was when our Snowbirds and Canadian players headed north.

It was a very busy end to our season. Most Tuesdays were special play events, plus we participated in our three annual tournaments and new members were welcomed.

Our three tournaments were a Best Ball event in January, a two-day flight event in February, and the President's Tournament in March.

You won't see the results of any of them yet. Winners will be announced and awards given out at our April 6 spring luncheon. Nancy Schifferle is busy finalizing luncheon details.

I'm sure you saw us marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We were easy to spot in our pink shirts accessorized with plenty of green. Thank you Carole Whynot and Mari-



The Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League was easy to spot at the Irish Club Parade. Their brand new shirts were bright, colorful and original. During the parade, there was a touch of green, too.

lyn Lisbon for co-chairing and organizing our group.

I know I said our golf season ended, but never fear, the 2023 summer season begins in April. Dues will be collected this month and play continues.

Special upcoming events are a closest to the pin contest on April 4, a Jackpot Play event on April 11, a Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament on April 18 and a Low Gross/Low Net Tournament on April 25, followed by wine and cheese.

Interested in joining?

Come to the 9-hole course any Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. or call Carroll Harris at

432-528-8684.

Here are the latest scores

Feb 14 - 3 Clubs and a Putter

Flight A: Gilda Giambacurta, Pat Holland, Flight B: Carole Whynot, Pam Riley, Flight C: Betty Gerkin, Carroll Harris, Marge Sivek, Theresa Gates, Flight D: Ava Ciolli, Mary Ellen Makowski.

Birdies: Anne Jarvis Hole No. 5.

Feb 28 - Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Paula Ergang, Ann Stewart, Pat Holland. Flight B: Pam Riley, Lois van de Bogart, Anne Jarvis. Flight C: Betty Ger-

kin, Marge Sivek, Diana Anderson, Theresa Gates. Flight D: Mary Ellen Makowski, Sarah Fergas, Nancy Schifferle, Mary Ann O'Neil.

Birdies: Paula Ergang Hole No. 2, Celeste Pert Hole No. 5.

March 7 - Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Ann Stewart, Paula Ergang, Flight B: Carolyn Lust, Anne Jarvis, Flight C: Diana Anderson, Linda Graff, Judy Bergeron, Rita Harp, Geri McIntosh. Flight D: Nancy Schifferle, Sarah Fergas.

Birdies: Judy Bergeron, her first in the league, and Paula Ergang hole No. 2, Pat Holland hole No. 3.

Harry Barbin, Deb Young win unique 6-6-6 tournament in Mixed Golf League

By Sheryl A. Barbin

The Friday Mixed Golf League had 50 players compete in the 6-6-6 Tournament held on March 10.

The tournament consisted of a Better Ball of Partners on holes 1-6, alternate shot on holes 7-12 and a Two-Person Scramble on holes 13-18.

Harry Barbin and Deb Young won first place with 50.5 points.

Scott Rogers and Sheryl Barbin won second place with 54 points.

Bill Whipps and Fred Peace won third place with 54.5 points. Fourth place was Edmund Molina and Mark Legin with 55 points. Fifth place was David Saccone and Cal Blake with 55.5 points. Sixth place was Tom Ramstack and Don Hahs with 56 points. Seventh place was Barry Levene and Jim Keagy with 56 points. Eighth place was Greg Basheda and John Spencer with 56.5 points. Ninth place was Phil Albury and Ron Reeves with 57 points. Tenth place was Tim Carr and Ken Oatsville with 57 points.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Scott Rogers and Sheryl Barbin, on hole No. 5 was Bruce MacPherson and Kevin Casey, on hole No. 6 was Scott Rogers and Sheryl Barbin, on hole No. 9 was Andy Polselli and Ron Lafond, on hole No. 13 was Bill Whipps and Fred Peace, on hole No. 15 was Edmund Molina and Mark Legin, on hole No. 16 was Tom Ramstack and Don Hahs.

Skins were taken on hole No. 3 by Bill Lucci and Doug Silver, hole No. 9 by Edmund Molina and Mark Legin, hole No. 10 by Andy Polselli and Ron Lafond, hole No.

Friday Golf

12 by Joe Wisinski and Bill Higgins, hole No. 16 by David Saccone and Cal Blake.

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, not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

We play every Friday, weather permitting. The Championship season is November through April. Summer and fall golf continue May through October.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email harrybarbin1@gmail.com.

Harry Barbin and Deb Young, pictured at right, won a 6-6-6 Tournament in March. Their margin of victory was nearly four points.



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Becky West wins two-day club championship with 147 gross score

By Gloria Sayer

After two days of fierce competition in the Fran Zaloski Championship and Handicap Championship Tournament, the winners rose to the occasion.

The 18-Hole Ladies Golf League is pleased to announce our 2023 Club Champion, Becky West, and Net Champion Arlene Handson.

Becky shot a gross 147 for two days. Arlene recorded a net 116.

Low net in Flight A were Joyce Majewski with a 127 and second place Rosemary Sabatino with a 131.

In Flight B, Karen French had low net with a 121 and second place was Gina Yoon with a 126. There was a tie for low net in Flight C. Joan Yorkery and Sherry Ivey both had 136.

On day one, closest-to-the-pin were Ursula Taylor on No. 9 and Joyce Majewski on No. 15. On day two, Donia Stadler on hole No. 9 and Cindy Schell on hole No. 15.

On day one, chip-ins were by Carole Lacey on No. 5, Rose Mulhall on No. 8, Donna Osborne on No. 11, Cindy Schell on No. 13, and Patsy Bath No. 13 and 17. One day two, Kim Norried on hole No. 9, Karen French on hole No. 9, and Cindy Schell on holes No. 5 and 10.

Thank you to all who participated in the event. Our Handicap and Tournament Committee consisted of Becky West, Sharon Hackenmiller and Sheila Menielly. They worked diligently to carry on this event.

Thank you tournament hospitality committee members Karen Beaver and Verna Lundgren for providing lunch the last day of the tournament.



Ladies 18-Hole Club Handicap Champion Arlene Hanson and Club Champion Becky West.

Also, thank you to Karen French for introducing us to Crumble Cookie.

At the last membership committee meeting, new officers were voted in for the 2023-2024 golf season. Introducing President Sherry Ivey; Vice President Joy Walker; Secretary Donna Osborne and Treasurer Jodie Albert.

Our new officers were installed at our spring luncheon held at Dunedin Country Club. Thank you to our officers who gra-

ciously volunteer to give of their time and effort. You are the best.

Membership Chairperson Joy Walker can be contacted if you would like to come join our golf league. We would love to have you. We are a fun and socially active league and I also say, the more the merrier.

Please contact Joy at 585-703-0757 or email joy.walker131@gmail.com.

You may contact Linda Rice at 727-455-5117 or email lindonrice@aol.com

to sign up for golf or to cancel if you have already signed up and can't play that day.

Weekly Low Net Scores

Feb. 14

Flight A: Joy Walker 59, Gloria Sayer 62, Kim Norried 65, Verna Lundgren 65. Flight B: Donna Osborne 64, Nancy Lo 66, Donia Stadler 67, Debbie Figaski 67. Flight C: Carole Lacey 57, Rose Mulhall 60, Terry Kuplen 62. Closest-to-the-pin Nancy Lo No. 9 and Ursula Taylor No. 15. Chip-ins Carole Lacey No. 12 and Rose Mulhall No. 17.

Feb. 21

Nine Out of 18 Holes Tournament

Flight A: Kim Norried 29, Joy Walker 30, Sharon Hackenmiller 31. Flight B: Nancy Lo 27, Rosemary Sabatino 28, Dot Graham 29. Flight C: Arleen Hanson 25, Joan Yorkery 25, Terry Kuplen 26, Rose Mulhall 28. Closest-to-the-pin Kim Norried No. 9, Gina Yoon No. 15. Chip-ins Carole Lacey No. 2, Joy Walker No. 3, Joyce Majewski No. 4, Natsue Dawson No. 7, Kim Norried No. 8, Donna Smerz No. 13.

Feb. 28

Flight A: Gloria Sayer 58, Joyce Majewski 63, Becky West 63, Kim Norried 64. Flight B: Rosemary Sabatino 60, Dot Graham 65, Debbie Figaski 68. Flight C: Rose Mulhall 59, Carole Lacey 61, Terry Kuplen 63. Closest-to-the-pin Sherry Ivey No. 9, Gloria Sayer No. 15. Chip-ins Jane Hanley No. 2, Rosemary Sabatino No. 4. Winner 50/50 for March Arlene Hanson.

Mike Smith nets 54 for top Men's Golf score

By Barney Hanrahan

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association made it through our end-of-the-season tournament and winners have been announced.

We held a luncheon on March 15 to award shirts to the winners.

Due to the cutoff date for getting to press, I will present photos and details in the May newspaper.

SCORES

Feb. 15

Flight A

Bill Whipps, 61, Gary Sandine, 64, Jere Keiser, 67, Roger Amundson, 67, George Mead, 68.

Flight B

Mike Spodeck, 62, Edmond Molina, 63, Bob Beals, 63, David Saccone, 64, Tim Finan, 64.

Flight C

Mike Smith, 54, Guy Bertuzzi, 59, Jim Curl, 63, Bob Ellis, 63, Barry Levene, 64.

Flight D

Patrick Mahoney, 62, Les Meneilly, 63, Ronald Murray, 63, Tim Palmquist, 64, Joe Ventimiglia, 64.

Feb. 22

Flight A

Roger Amundson, 61, Nilson Sabadin, 62, Mike Crittendon, 63, Bill Whipps, 64, Fred Peace, 64.

Flight B

First Place: Bill Haener, 59, Tom Stephens, 59, Daniel Morey, 60, Jay Schwallie, 63, Tom Sullivan, 64.

Flight C

First Place: John Gill, 59, Jim Curl, 60, Dave Hansford, 62, Sal Vasapolle, 62, Marc Schell, 63.

Flight D

First Place: Tim Palmquist, 56, Alex

Men's Golf

Miller, 57, Joseph Dowe, 59, Harry Crawford, 59, Dan O'Sullivan, 61.

March 1

Flight A

First Place: Nilson Sabadin, 62, Stanley Doran, 62, Mike Walker, 64, Lester Whynot, 66, Jeff West, 67.

Flight B

First Place: Jay Schwallie, 59, Tom Stephens, 60, Barry Levine, 61, Bill Haener, 62, David Johnson, 62.

Flight C

First Place: Tom Sullivan, 57, Marc Schell, 61, Guy Bertuzzi, 61, Pete Gagnon, 62, Bob Beals, 63.

Flight D

First Place: Les Beyer, 61, Chuck McAllister, 62, Patrick Mahoney, 62, Tom Franek, 63, James O'Neil, 64.

March 8

Flight A

First Place: Stanley Doran, 58, Bill Whipps, 63, Mike Walker, 64, David Saccone, 64, Mike Crittenden, 65.

Flight B

First Place: Doug Silver, 59, Daniel Morey, 59, Jay Schwallie, 60, Mike Schuyler, 60, George Mead, 62.

Flight C

First Place: Bob McGrogan, 59, Ken Schifferle, 59, Jim Vanleuven, 60, Tom Sullivan, 61, Ronald Murray, 61.

Flight D

First Place: Chuck McAllister, 59, Alex Miller, 60, James O'Neil, 60, C.J. Messina, 62, Phil Smerz, 63.

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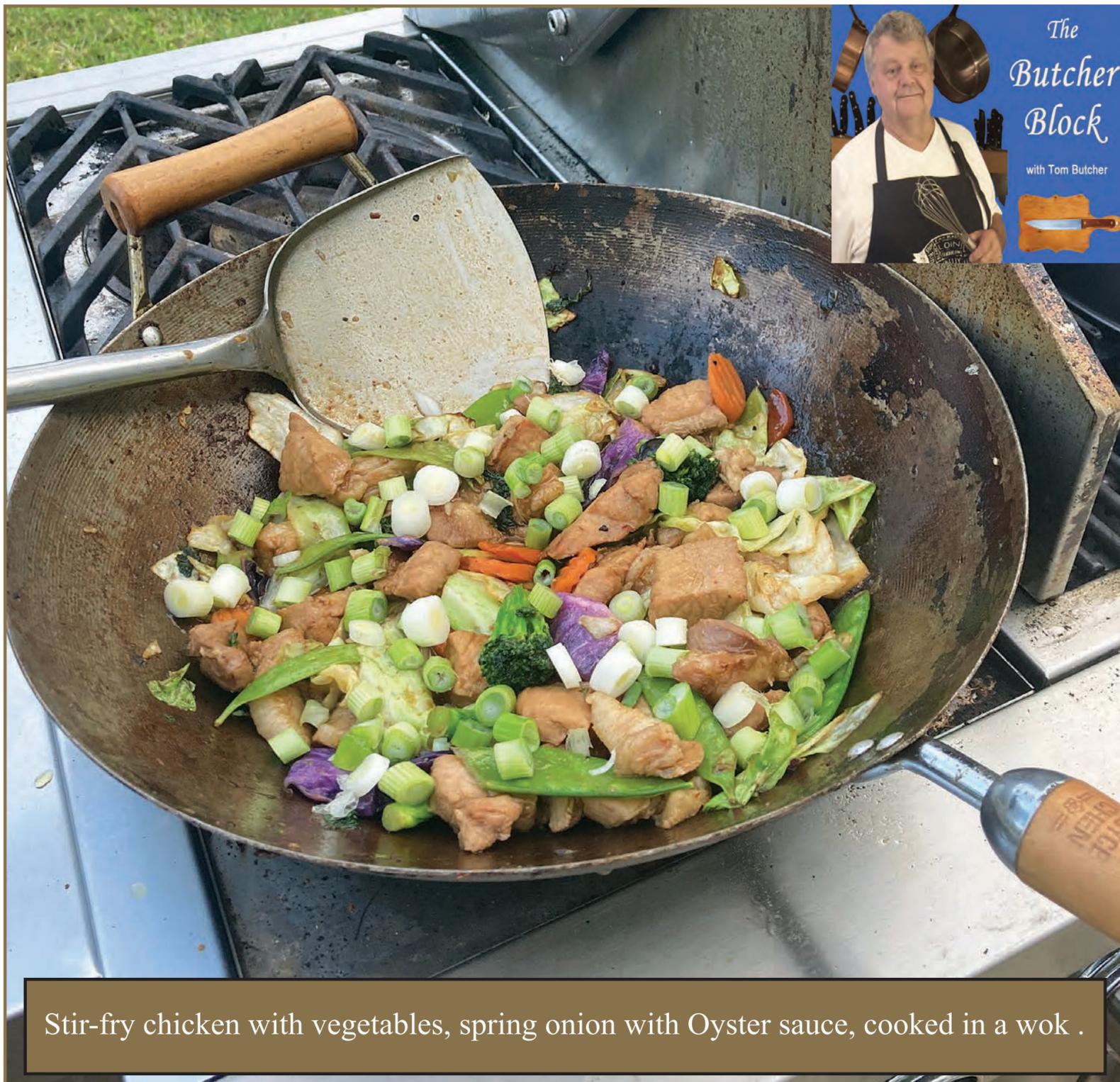
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Stir-fry chicken with vegetables, spring onion with Oyster sauce, cooked in a wok .

Let's cook Chinese style

My wife, Cheryl, and I enjoy going out to eat Chinese food, whether we're seated in a local mom-and-pop restaurant, a glistening dim sum palace, or a plush temple of haute cuisine.

Chinese takeout fills us up at lunch and dinner, and serves as a mealtime staple on the way home from an outing.

We take a liking to won ton soup, mu shu pork, kung pao chicken and orange beef, and we feel blessed with the abundance of sources available.

We are a people in love with Chinese food.

Access to traditional ingredients has never been better, with once-exotic sauces and condiments, fresh and dried noodles, and an abundance of gorgeous and good-for-you vegetables found around the country.

Traditional cooking equipment is widely available - not that home cooks need anything fancy to cook everyday Chinese food.

Stir-frying works beautifully in a large, deep skillet, and a good chef's knife does the chopping if a cleaver isn't handy.

Chinese Cooking Techniques Stir-Frying

The wok or large, deep skillet is used for many forms of cooking, but its primary use is for stir-frying. It is uniquely suited for this technique in which food is cut into manageable pieces and cooked over high heat in a little fat or oil while being tossed about with a wide spatula. Because the food cooks quickly, you should organize the ingredients before you begin.

Deep-Frying

Proper deep-frying does not produce greasy food. The secret is the temperature of the oil - it must be hot enough to seal the surface of the food immediately to keep the oil from penetrating. The trick is to regulate the heat so that the surface of the food is sealed, but does not brown so fast that the food remains uncooked at the center.

Steaming

Steaming cooks food gently in moist heat. Since few Chinese homes have ovens, the steamer is the piece of equipment most often used in its place. Even breads are

steamed. Steamed food tends to be subtler in taste than the same easily cooked foods in other ways. Steaming is generally used for delicate foods like fish.

Steeping

This is the Chinese equivalent of poaching. The food is put into a simmering liquid, covered, and the heat turned off. The food steeps in the hot liquid with the heat penetrating slowly and gently. The food retains its juiciness.

Red-Cooking

Simmering food in dark soy sauce or a dark broth with seasonings gives the food a reddish-brown color, hence the name. The food takes longer cooking to absorb the color and flavors of the braising liquid.

Chinese Ingredients

Asian Sesame Oil - This is made from white sesame seeds that are toasted to an aromatic, golden-brown and then ground to extract their oil.

Soy Sauce - Soy sauces are made from fermented soybeans, wheat, yeast, salt and

sugar. There are two main types of soy: light and dark. Light, has a light clear brown color and is the saltier of the two, but is lighter in flavor. Dark soy is rich and thick and is frequently used to make braising liquids.

Five-Spice Powder - This is a blend of spices that includes star anise, Sichuan peppercorn, fennel, or anise seed, clove, and Chinese cinnamon.

Hoisin Sauce - As thick as apple butter and endowed with a deep past is a member of the family of bean sauces, which have been valued in Chinese cuisine since ancient times.

Oyster Sauce - The lustrous dark-brown essence is a salty signature of Cantonese cooking.

Chili Paste - Chili paste is made from chili peppers and salt, often with garlic.

Chinese Sugar - You can find Chinese sugar in several forms - in small compressed cones or in slabs.

Plum Sauce (Duck Sauce) - This is a thick, preserved jam-like sauce made of plums, preserved ginger, chili, spices, vinegar and sugar.

Star Anise - This star-shaped, licorice-flavored spice is the dried pod and seeds of the anise bush.

Five-Spice Roast Chicken

1/3 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons dry sherry
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
2 teaspoons chopped fresh ginger
1 teaspoon five-spice
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 whole chicken cut-up

Directions

1. In a large bowl combine the soy sauce, vegetable oil, sherry, garlic, ginger, five-spice powder, sugar and salt, and stir to mix everything well and dissolve the sugar and salt.
2. Add the cut up chicken and turn to coat them evenly. Cover and set aside for one hour or as long as overnight.
3. To cook the chicken, heat the oven to 375 degrees. Arrange the chicken pieces in a roasting pan with sides to catch the juices. Cook 25 minutes and turn over the chicken and roast for another 20 minutes.
4. Transfer to a serving platter and let rest for 10 minutes. Serve hot with a side of rice and dry sherry

Shrimp with Peas

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon coarsely chopped garlic
1/2 pound medium shrimp
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup frozen peas
1/4 cup chicken stock
2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions

Directions

1. In a deep skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and toss well. Add the onion and cook for 1 minute, tossing once or twice.
2. Scatter the shrimp and spread them out in a single layer to cook on one side for about 1 minute. Toss well and then let the shrimp cook on the other side for 30 seconds.
3. Add soy sauce, sugar, salt and peas, and toss well. Add the chicken stock and cook 1 to 2 minutes, until the shrimp are just cooked through. Scatter in the green onion, toss and transfer to a serving platter. Serve hot or warm.

Char Shui Pork

2 tablespoons soy sauce & 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
2 tablespoons ketchup
2 tablespoons dry sherry
2 tablespoons dark or light brown sugar
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon paprika
2 pounds boneless pork (preferably fatty pork shoulder/pork butt or country-style ribs sliced thinly)
1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons hot water

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and place the pork in a roasting pan with sides to catch the juices. Cook for 20 minutes then turn over and cook for another 10 minutes.
2. While the pork is roasting, combine the honey and hot water in a large bowl, and stir to mix them well.
3. When the pork is done, remove from the oven and dip each strip into the warm honey glaze. Set aside to cool to room temperature. To serve, slice thinly across the grain.

Take advantage of the variety of fruits in Florida

Science of Cooking Healthy Food
 By Marie



Email questions, suggestions and comments to
Marie
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This column is dedicated to my friend, Gima, who grew up in an orchard in northern Italy and who loves kiwi.

Did you know On Top of the World was formerly dozens of orange groves before? Sixty years ago, Pinellas County was a top citrus-producing county in Florida, with roughly 13,500 acres of commercial groves, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

Florida has historically been a big agricultural state for fruit production, given its tropical and subtropical climate. In 2020 Florida ranked No. 1 in the country for production of oranges, tomatoes and watermelons and No. 2 for strawberries. (1)

Orange production has fallen in recent years due to a greening infestation and due to continual loss of farmland to residential construction.

Unusual fruits grow in the southeast tip of Florida around Homestead. Here you will find a patchwork of farms, many run by people with roots in tropical regions around the world. They grow exotic tropical fruits sold in ethnic areas across our country: longan and lychee, jackfruit, varieties of mango and avocado, custardy mamey, crunchy starfruit, pink guava, and tiny Thai bananas, to name a few.

A refreshing Fruit Salad

Most people do not eat a diverse variety of fruits. This column's recipe includes two fruits that might be new to some: Cara Cara orange and kiwi fruit. Give them a try in this Spring Fruit Salad.

Cara Cara oranges first appeared in the U.S. in 1900s, but still may be elusive to find. They are winter oranges whose season ends in May. They have a beautiful reddish-pink color with a slightly lower acidity than their relative, the navel ... and no seeds! They contain 20 percent more vitamin C and 30 percent more vitamin A than a navel orange.

The kiwi typically grows in the shape of an oval, roughly the size of a chicken egg. Its fuzzy skin is camel-colored and not to be eaten. Kiwis have a sweet, tart and bold taste.

The easiest way to peel a kiwi is with a vegetable peeler. This removes the least amount of the prized green flesh. The kiwi's flesh is bright green with a firm, pleasing texture and rows of distinctive tiny black seeds, which are eaten.



Kiwi potentially might slow blood clotting. Thus, it is advisable to stop eating kiwi if you have a bleeding disorder or at least two weeks before a scheduled surgery. Kiwi may cause allergic reactions in some people. (2)

Spring Fruit Salad

Ingredients

- 8 oz fresh pineapple wedges
- 2 kiwi fruit
- 2 Cara Cara oranges
- 2 tsp. lime juice
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. honey
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish

Instructions

1. Drain pineapple. If needed, cut wedges into bite-size pieces.
2. Peel kiwi with vegetable peeler. Slice into 1/8 inch circles.
3. Peel oranges. Slice into ¼ inch circles.
4. Juice the lime into the lemon juice. Mix well with honey and ginger.
5. Pour over fruit and gently stir.
6. Marinate for half-hour before eating to allow flavors to mingle.

Serves 2-3

Notes:

A serrated knife works efficiently with slicing fruit.

When slicing oranges, be gentle when separating the peel from the orange. If the slices are too thin, the circle will not remain intact. The two end slices are best cut into wedges and mixed in with the rest of the

fruit. Whole slices are individually placed in the fruit cup for maximum effect.

The Health Value

Fruits are full of vitamins, minerals, and powerful plant compounds called phytochemicals. A rich variety of fruits in our diets may reduce risks of chronic disease, such as stroke, cardiovascular disease, and type 2 diabetes. (3) Slower rates of cognitive decline are possible due to fruit's high antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. If you want to help support your immune system, be sure your diet includes plenty of fruits. (4)

Type-2 diabetics are often told to limit fruits due to their sugar content. But this is not a completely accurate statement. Fruit comes naturally packaged with components like fiber and polyphenols that seem to offset the potentially harmful impacts of sugar. (5)

Fruits contain naturally occurring simple sugars (glucose or fructose). It is the complex sugars – added sugars— which are more destructive of our health and feed cancer. Added sugars are syrupy chemicals, like high-fructose corn syrup, dextrose, sucrose, and many others added when foods or beverages are processed. Added sugars provide calories without providing additional nutrients.

The glycemic index is the scale that was created to determine how fast a carbohydrate-containing food is converted into blood sugar. A low glycemic score is associated with a slow rise in glucose levels which maintains an even flow of energy over a longer period. High glycemic fruits that can spike blood sugar. So, low glycemic fresh

fruits are the best choice for type-2 diabetics.

Low Glycemic Fresh Fruits

Avocado*	Apple
Blueberry	Cherry
Dates	Grapefruits
Grape	Kiwi
Orange	Peach
Pear	Prunes
Strawberry	Plum

High Glycemic Fresh Fruits

Watermelon	Pineapple
Ripe Banana	Ripe Cantaloupe
Can fruit in heavy syrup	
Most dried fruits	
Fruit juices	Fruit jams

* Yes, the avocado is technically classed as a fruit

One of fruits' important ingredients is indigestible fiber. This soaks up water in the digestive system and sweeps clean the GI tract. When your diet is low in fiber, parasites have more opportunity to attach to your intestines and toxins to enter your bloodstream. Eating whole fruit is best; fiber is mostly in its skin. Fruit juices have that valuable fiber removed.

Every cell in your body uses sugar, including cancer cells. But that doesn't mean sugar feeds cancer. The problem is weight gain or obesity which are clearly associated with cancer. (6) So, yes, high consumption of refined sugars with their empty calories contribute to weight gain/obesity. However, low glycemic fruits can help your body stay strong during cancer treatment as they provide valuable nutrients.

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COMMUNITY REPORTS



Old rocking horse becomes priceless after a lot of love and magic

By Joanne Cordes

Several years ago, James Rock and his adored wife, Deborah, moved to On Top of the World from their nearby home in Clearwater.

They greatly appreciated the welcome greeting from Old World Spanish neighbors, especially since Deborah was in declining health and James was her constant caregiver.

At the time, the brightest light in their lives was a toddler grandson, who visited often. He loved sitting in Deborah's lap (the grandson said it was "LaLa's" lap) as James would steer her wheelchair through the halls of the building and nearby streets.

A youngster's joyous giggles were always a welcome sound and the grandson was full of giggles and wiggles most of the time.

One day, Deborah told James that their grandson deserved a rocking horse, but that wish went unanswered until after Deborah passed away.

A few months later, James decided to make his wife's wish come true. He found an old rocking horse that needed a lot of work done. He purchased it for a mere \$4 and vowed to dedicate it to his wife.

To make his wife proud, he had the rocking horse refurbished with most of the work taking place right in our own woodshop by the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club.

Club members reconditioned the finish to a beautiful palomino-colored shine. James was so pleased with his "new" horse that



he wanted to share his happiness with the neighbors. The rocking horse was unveiled to a chorus of oohs and aahs, but then a resident said the horse needed a new mane and tail.

Residents tossed out suggestions for a mane and tail using a mop or yarn, but one very generous resident said the mane and tail should be as beautiful as the horse. She volunteered to complete the project with a special touch.

The only thing left was giving the horse a name. They named it LaLa in honor of Deborah.

And as you can see, the grandson loved it.

The rocking horse went from a \$4 value to priceless.



This used to be an old, unloved rocking horse sitting in a second-hand shop. Today it is a grandson's favorite toy.

Meet Richard Budin

Switching jobs, and retiring in Florida, has created a playwright amongst us

The On Top of the World Paradise section has a special 21st century renaissance man.

Richard Budin, of the Waterford building, is a mechanical engineer by education and professional standards, but this is only one of his many talents. His math and engineering knowledge is enhanced, and often overshadowed, by his significant musical and theatrical talents.

Richard has dabbled in the arts and has written and/or produced many musical productions. His uncle was a professional musician, but Richard never pursued music.

His inclinations and artistic knowledge were encouraged by his mother.

Richard was born in 1939 in Little Ferry, N.J. He often jokes about the fact that he was lucky not to have been born in a leap year.

Richard was an only child. His father, John, was a jack of all trades and his mother, Jennie, was a bookkeeper. Richard learned at a very early age to be independent and to find ways to keep himself busy and otherwise entertained.

Often, John would bring home broken appliances and Richard would spend time working on them. On occasion, Richard would put the appliances back together in better working order.

After seeing Richard's talents, and his interest in disassembling and rebuilding machinery, John and Jennie strongly encouraged him to pursue a career in mechanical

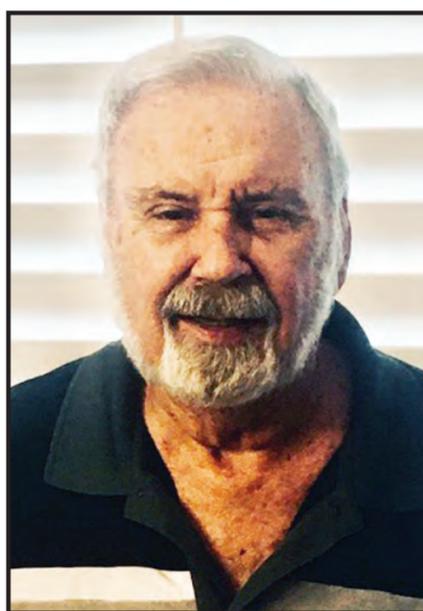


engineering. Richard attended Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J.

When Richard graduated, he was the first member of the family to obtain a college degree. Subsequently, Richard worked on a number of government contract projects, but during an economic downturn in the 1970s, Richard found it necessary to move to Florida to seek new employment.

After his retirement, Richard became active in community theater and worked hard to make community plays a reality. He then decided he had an interest in producing plays.

Richard had never had any formal training in music or theater, but he was inspired by a personal experience as a young boy that involved a fabricated book report. His teacher had given him an A-plus for the bogus book report. Richard, ironically, used that grade as



Richard Budin

an inspiration to become a "storyteller."

Richard joined the krewe of Gasparilla and ultimately became captain of the krewe. He researched Gasparilla yearbooks and ultimately wrote a play about Gasparilla descendants.

Most recently, Richard had presented "Crimson Sails" at the Catherine Hickman

Theater in Gulfport.

"Crimson Sails" is an original play with music written by Richard. The story takes place in an unnamed country in a world of ages past. The play follows the lives of a prince and a young woman, Ariana, as they mature.

The woman's father is seeking revenge after having been rejected by his village because the prince refused to save another man in peril.

The prince and his daughter become outcasts.

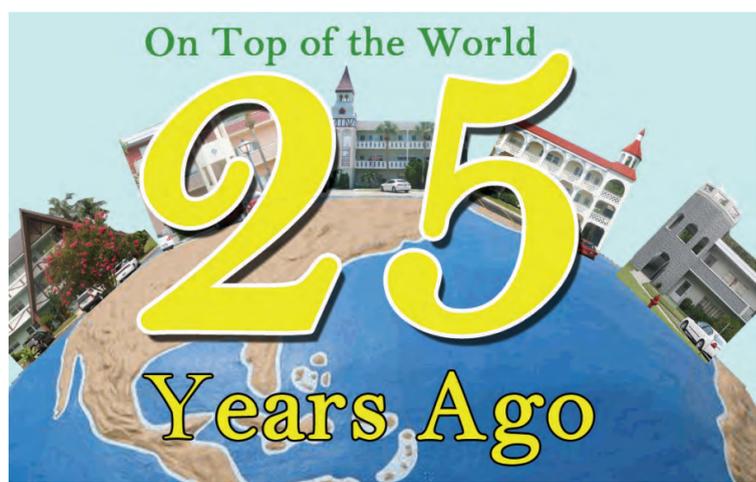
A gypsy tells the prince that his daughter will be saved by another prince who will arrive by ship with crimson sails. The story unfolds as they await that ship.

Richard acknowledges that "Crimson Sails" is inspired by the story of "Scarlet Sails" which is a tale over 100 years old and memorialized in a novel by Russian author, Alexander Grin.

Richard's personal life is as intriguing as many of the stories that he has written and produced.

Richard has been married three times and has six daughters from his relationships. He has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His family lives throughout the country in Florida, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The man who is an only child and had very few family relatives, now has a large family tree with descendants in three generations about which Richard beams with pride!



April 1998

Irish Club: What a grand and glorious 1998 St. Patrick's parade! Joe Cassidy and Jim Brady and their committees are to be congratulated for this great success. But the real heroes were all the residents who lined the streets on that very cold day to watch and cheer the parade. Hats off to all the On Top of the World clubs who participated in the parade, especially the Canadian Club and the New York-New Jersey Club for their floats; and to Morton Plant Hospital for its float and clowns, the Clearwater Marine Corps ROTC and the Dunedin Navy ROTC and their color guards. Also, the Countryside High School Band, the four groups of bagpipers, the miniature ponies, who are always a big hit, the "leprechauns" who spread cheer with their candy, and all the others who helped make this parade one to be remembered.

New England Club: A potluck supper was held on March 7, 1998, in the Card Room of the East Activity Center. We experienced delightful dishes created by the many talented cooks of the New England Club. The decorating committee chose green and white for the balloons, tablecloths and fresh carnation centerpiece – setting the mood in true St. Patrick's Day style. We had a wonderful response of 72, but, on the evening of the supper, we totaled 108. The committee was unprepared, yet excited and delighted by the outcome.

Friday Mixed League Bowling: The new high-gloss wax on the AMF Lanes gave everyone trouble on Feb. 27, 1998. Our top bowlers were all stymied by the way the ball hooked. Jim Harris rolled the only 200 game and had a high series of 502. Fred Veis used the new lanes to his advantage by bowling 74 pins over average for a 500 series. Earl Biggs bowled 85 pins over average for a great 472. On March 3, 1998, bowling much improved, with our people adjusting nicely. Rod Gates rolled 201 with a series of 558, Jim Harris, ever in form, totaled 553. Joan Carlo showed her good form with a 232 game, as did Mary Quintiliani with 490 series.

OTOW Tennis: Our tennis awards dinner was a great success. Two more champions were revealed: Lois Downing and Evie Reece won first honors in the ladies' doubles championship. Through an error (couldn't have been mine!) their names were left out of the winners list. The tennis dinner at Sam Seltzer's Steak House was a resounding success, as the food and service were excellent, and everyone had a great time.

Hemingway Building: On March 7, 1998, Lou and Eleanor Cautero hosted a pizza party in the Sunrise Room to 61 people. The room was decorated in an Italian theme with a generous number of red, white and green Italian flag banners hung overhead. The pizzas, including dessert pizzas of cherries and pineapples, were baked and served hot for everyone to enjoy. Several songs were sung in Italian and English by Hemingway resident Frank Coppola, which added to the festivities. When Fay Rosenberg sang "When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along," everyone really got into a party mood.

The Gables Building: After 18 years without a building organization, one has been established for the Gables and is enthusiastically supported. If you have not yet joined and need information, contact an officer. Be advised this organization is for the benefit of the residents and no other cause. Esther Johnson and a group of friends are members of S.K.Y. ("Seniors Keeping Busy"). They recently lunched at Buddy Freddy's, after which they visited Parkdale Farms in Plant City where they indulged in delicious, huge strawberry shortcakes. A week later the S.K.Y. bunch lunched at the Oldsmar Flea Market restaurant.

Hawaiian Towers residents had good seats for parade

Fun. Fun. Fun.

That is what residents at Hawaiian Towers had at On Top of the World last month.

First we had the parade. I don't know how many people watched it live, but there were a lot of people actually in the parade.

If you watched the parade live on OTOW-TV channel 901, you saw and heard Hawaiian Towers resident Jim Harrington wish our newspaper editor, Doug Kates, a happy birthday on live TV (March 16). Ironically, March 16 was also Jim's birthday.

Let's hope everyone got to watch the taped version of the parade on channel 901.

Second, we had a luncheon for our building. We didn't have many attend, but those who came enjoyed it.

Now it is almost time for our Snowbirds to return north. I am thinking we need a happy hour social at our building before they



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all leave. Watch for notices on our building bulletin board by the trash room.

There were so many things to do in March. Let's carry on into April.



Granadians enjoy dinner at Rumbas Island Bar and Grill.

For a sunset and dinner, Granadians ask to sign up by April 27

The Granadians had a heyday at Tampa Bay Downs last month.

We had a few big winners and a few losers.

Give Tom Jamrozy a big thanks for organizing our big event as he led us down the track for such an awesome great time.

He was the lead trainer in the group for those who ran around the clubhouse for their first time!

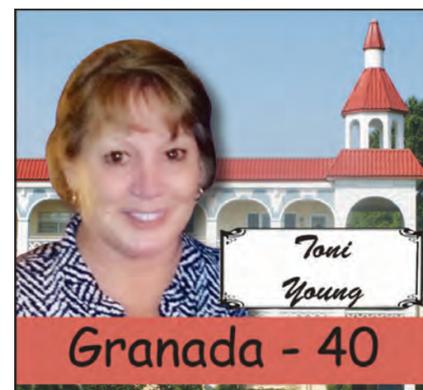
Our luncheon last month was held at Rumbas Island Bar and Grill. We had a big turnout of about 16 or so. Good food, and good company. Let's make next month a record get together. Everyone is welcome.

Please note ... our time for the April get together will at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10, instead of our normal noon time.

We will meet at Island Way Grill located at 20 Island Way, Clearwater. Join us for a wonderful menu, beautiful blue waters, sunset and great neighbors. Watch for the sign up sheet next to the elevator. Barb Jamrozy will be making our reservations.

Our Meeting on the Green social hour will be on Thursday, April 27, 4-5 p.m. We have a few items proposed we would like to discuss regarding expenditure of our building fund. We want to thank those of you who have paid your dues, and we are still collecting. Please contact Linda Faust or Toni Young for your \$20 payment.

Bring a chair, your favorite libations and



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meet your neighbors. We have several new neighbors and encourage you to join us for frolicking and fun!

We will have a 50/50 drawing so bring your \$1 bills for the raffle.

Doris Nero won our last drawing. The remaining 50 percent goes towards the building dues to help support our upcoming building project.

We will ask for your vote at our next upcoming meeting on our newly proposed project. Owners and renters please join us.

Happy Birthday to Kaye Yeisley!

Please contact/text me for future birthday, anniversary or special dates: Toni (770) 313-1450.

Until next month ... Be blessed and let not your hearts be troubled!

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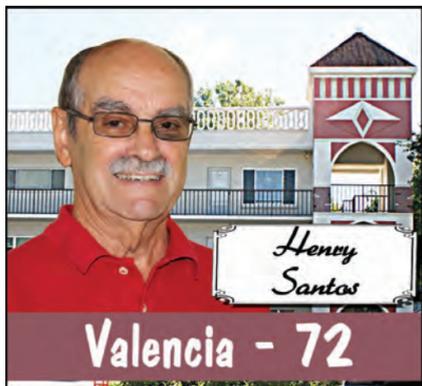
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Valencia residents dine at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar.



Name This Teen?



Valencia building introduces new game 'Name That Teen'

Valencia residence enjoyed a great luncheon at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar, hosted by Cathi and Phil Clinton.

There was a huge turnout which gave everyone a chance to meet and greet, and believe me we all took advantage of it.

Besides the good food, it is probably the

best thing we can all take away from these gatherings.

Good job, Cathi and Phil.

Be sure to check the bulletin boards in the core for details of our up and coming pizza party.

Now to "Name That Teen." There is a

photo of a young lady who lives in our building who was about 14 to 15 at that time.

Can you guess who it is?

I'll admit, this one can be difficult. Look for the answer next month.

Where do Paradise residents go for lunch? Paradise

What's the first question you are asked when you attend an On Top of the World club function, great show or dance?

No, it's not where's the restroom.

It's do you live on the East or West side?

When neither is the answer, you get a glazed-over look in respond.

Did you know that more than 800 people live in Paradise?

When the area was added in the 1980s and 1990s sense of humor rose to the occasion and the streets were named Shangrila, Camelot and Utopia.

We enjoy all of OTOW's amenities from our "lost" location off Belcher Road and Montclair. Still, residents at Rio Riviera are very active.

Thirty-two residents from Rio Riviera enjoyed typical Irish fare, with blessings and bad jokes, hats and beads in March.

We went from paradise to the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor. We moved the party outside for the picture at right. Leslie Cunningham braved Main Street and stopped traffic to get this photo.

The event was organized by Patricia O'Beirne and her reluctant participant and



wonderful husband, Jim. Shirley and Derrick Taylor, as well as Loyd and Leslie Cunningham, lent a hand with many of the small details that are necessary to organize a successful event.

If you live in Rio Riviera and want to share a story with the rest of our community, contact me, Pat, at obeirnep@yahoo.com.

I think I just volunteered to be a writer for the newspaper.



Paradise residents from Rio Riviera spend a March afternoon at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor.

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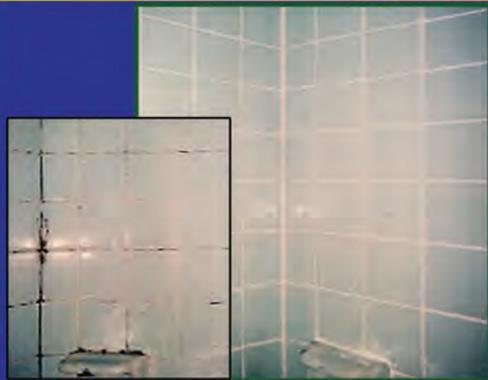
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OTOW has nearly 90 buildings and now has its own French society

By Jean-Paul Reymont

Hello everyone and welcome.

Bonjour et bienvenue to the new On Top of the World French Language and Culture Society.

A new adventure in language and culture awaits the residents of OTOW. It is a great opportunity for one to immerse oneself into one of the oldest and most influential cultures in Europe as well as discovering a country that has contributed to the earliest stages of American history.

And that country is France.

This new society also gives a chance for residents to participate in an ambiance of French culture without leaving the North American continent. Our mission, therefore, is to encourage our residents to learn the basic aspects of the French language and the highlights of French food, wines, travel

lingo, shopping, fine arts, etc.

Included in the sessions is a chance to know about French music, in which everyone will have a chance to sing-a-long together with some of the popular songs of Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel, etc.

In addition, every week each participant can even volunteer to give a 10 minute presentation in English or French about some aspect of French culture or experience in France, Québec, Belgium, etc.

Thus, the society, or la société, is not just open to beginners, but to people who know French well.

If one, however, gives an exposé in French, please prepare the handouts in an English translation for the other students.

Each session will last one hour, but the time will go by fast due to the nature of the course. There will be moments of humor,

singing, learning French expressions and funny words.

The sessions will begin on April 6 on consecutive Thursdays in the Dunedin Room downstairs of the East Activity Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Finally, we envision our society, or la société, as a place where one feels as if one is in France without traveling so far. All one needs to bring to the session is some paper, pen and one's listening skills.

During the sessions, participants will grow in the love of learning about so many facets of French life as well as the joy of speaking French without stress and at the same time plunging into the French culture.

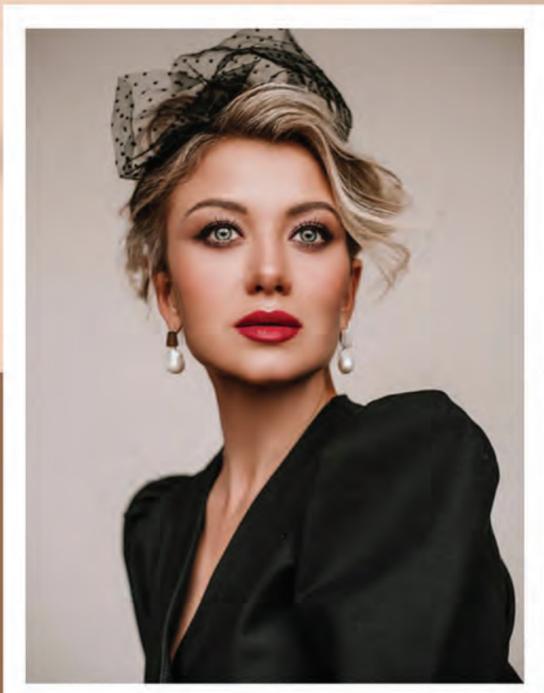
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Farewell party set for Snowbirds followed by dreaded storage room cleanup day

Wasn't that Irish Club Parade a blast?

I heard great comments from some of our new neighbors. However, April "Foolishness" is in the air now.

This is NOT a prank.

By the time you read this, you will already have seen notices for our next upcoming event April 1, a Snowbirds farewell party and Foolishness Day. Everyone is bringing finger foods, snacks and favorite beverages. We will gather in the first-floor core for fun and games.

Be sure to bring a chair and



your sense of humor.

This is also our official Snowbird sendoff. We've had a much welcomed and lovely series of social activities this season.

Lunch at Cricketers British Pub in Dunedin was a great March get together. Many thanks to Lola Dickert for organizing that outing.

After the dust of our frivolity settles, it will be a good time for some spring cleaning.

Don't you agree?

So we're asking everyone to get into those storage rooms and get serious. A date will be set later in the month for useable, but unwanted items, to be picked up by a local charity organization in one fell swoop.

Speaking of spring cleaning,

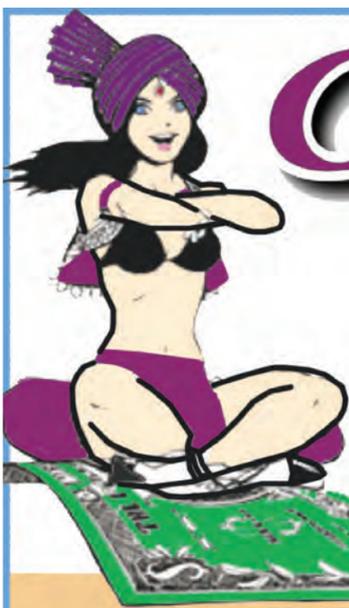
let's remember that the metal bin next to mailboxes is not the place to get rid of unwanted items. It is designated for our On Top of the World newspapers only.

Unwanted clothes, shoes, broken kitchen gadgets, even small items are not welcome in the metal bins.

There is a handy list, posted permanently on the bulletin board, of nearby charitable organizations that happily accept such items. If you are unable to take items to those locations, contact me, and I will happily pick up a bag or box and deliver it myself.

Finally, everyone who has provided contact information for our building directory and contributed dues, will soon receive a copy of the directory. There is still time to return your information slip (to me) and be included. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this important project.

We've survived the worst of pollen season and April showers have somewhat freshened the air. Let's keep enjoying our beautiful Florida weather and wish our Snowbird friends farewell and safe travels until we meet again.



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Kim and Bob Stackpoole ride their bike everywhere in Florida and Michigan, and even in our parade



Kim and Bob Stackpoole take a break from riding the Florida Keys to participate in the Irish Club Parade.

Who are these two bike riders? We've all seen them riding at On Top of the World.

Curious minds ask, where do they come from and where are they going?

Where do they keep that big tandem bicycle and why do they dress the way they do?

Now is your chance to find out all about them.

This is Bob and Kim Stackpoole.

Kim is from South Korea and Bob is from Detroit, where they live on a small island called Dickinsons Island.

This island is so small that it's not even on a map, but it is their home and it is located next to Harsens Island.

Bob says there are no roads or bridges so they have to take a boat to get to their home on the island.

Down from their home they built a waterfront Tiki Bar where they relax and have continuous visits from family and friends, who pull up to the dock with their boats, hang out and enjoy each other's company.

They seem to be living the dream between their Florida home and their Detroit home. How lucky is that?

Now for the bike story.

Bob bought this tandem bicycle in 2019. It was a regular tandem bike until Bob got his hands on it. He then bought an electric front wheel and all the parts that were needed to convert the bike from manual to electric power.

He then moved the controls to the front of the bike.

Bob customized the bike to create a comfortable, safe and stable ride for himself and Kim.

Bob does all his own designing, modifications and repairs on the bike and it shows just how gifted he is. Bob and Kim were off and riding in a way you wouldn't believe.

Bob keeps track of all the biking trips they have gone on. They have ridden more than 11,000 miles - 4,011 miles in 268 rides in the past 12 months.

They like to ride 6-7 times a week and would prefer taking a bike ride to driving a car.

Have you ever seen them around Pinellas County and said, "Hey they're from On Top of the World?"

You'd be right.

Bob and Kim are very noticeable while riding their bike and they say people are always tooting their horn and waving to them as they ride along.

No matter where they are people from On Top of the World recognize them and make a point to say hello.

When they're not riding locally, they have a custom-made trailer (that Bob built) to transfer the bike to far away locations.

They've towed the bike for bike rides from the Florida Keys to Mackinac Island in Michigan.

Bob said, while towing the bike with the car from one place to the next, if they come across a bike trail, they'll pull over and go for a ride.

The longest ride they've taken was through the Florida Pan Handle and their most enjoyable ride was to the Florida Keys - twice.

Bob and Kim said that Pinellas County has many bike trails and we're lucky to have these so close to our homes.

Now you know the story about these two bike riders.

Back at Rural French, on Thursday, March 9, Jim and Carmel LeBlanc hosted our building's March luncheon at Pete's Diner on Main Street in Dunedin. We had 27

people attend.

The owner Nick, donated a gift certificate to use towards our next visit. The certificate was then raffled off. The winning number belonged to Jack Powell.

We need volunteers to host our monthly luncheons. Pick a month and sign up to be the host. You must have a favorite restaurant that you'd like to share with all of your hungry neighbors.

Do you have a group activity or any form of entertainment that our building can do together? Plan it and make it happen.

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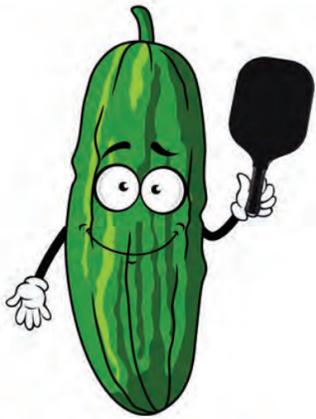
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Pickleball

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AROUND THE BAY

Entertainment by Laurie Fischer

OTOW theater season is over, but across the bay many shows are just getting started

April is yet another exciting month with lots of great entertainment Around the Bay.

Francis Wilson Playhouse (St Petersburg)

Through April 9: *Private Lives* (a Comedy by Noel Coward) where passion, laughter, romance, anger, and love set the stage for a battle of the sexes as a divorced couple find themselves thrown together in Coward's classic comedy of manners.

Unknowingly booking adjoining rooms while on honeymoon with their respective new spouses, they are forced to face their true feelings for each other. This couple cannot live with each other, but cannot live without each other either.

Fast-paced, witty, and passionate, this 1930 romantic comedy is a delightful romp.

Ruth Eckerd Hall (Clearwater)

April 1: Paul Anka is one of the most successful singer/songwriters in music with more than 100 million albums sold.

He has the distinction of being the only artist in history to have a song on the Billboard charts during seven consecutive decades. This concert features Paul's instantly recognizable hits including "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," "Diana," "My Way," "Puppy Love" and "Lonely Boy" among many others.

April 2: Barbara Eden is best known for her iconic "I Dream of Jeannie" NBC television series. She is one of America's most endearing and enduring stars. Let Barbara take you back into her Magic Bottle, recalling her fabulous star-studded career.

April 13 and 14: *The Price Is Right Live™* has given away over \$12 million in cash and prizes to lucky audience members all across North America. The show remains network television's No. 1 daytime series and is the longest-running game show in televi-

sion history.

April 19: George Benson, whose groundbreaking 1976 *Breezin'* album went triple platinum, continues to woo crowds with his smooth vocals and sultry guitar with hits such as "This Masquerade," "On Broadway" and "Give Me the Night."

The 10-time Grammy-award winner proves that fans should Never Give Up on a Good Thing.

April 23: *CATS*, the record-breaking musical spectacular by Andrew Lloyd Webber, has captivated audiences in more than 30 countries and 15 languages, and is the winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical. *CATS* tells the story of one magical night when an extraordinary tribe of cats gather for its annual ball to rejoice and decide which cat will be reborn.

April 28: Steve Martin and Martin Short's "You Won't Believe What They Look Like Today!" is a show that redefines the comedic form in unexpected and profound ways, from two of the funniest, most influential and acclaimed talents of the past century.

April 30: Florida Orchestra - Sinatra and Beyond: Tony DeSare and the Florida Orchestra take on the legend of Ol' Blue Eyes, delivering a critically acclaimed tribute to the great Frank Sinatra that includes songs such as "Come Fly with Me," "I've Got the World on a String," "My Way" and more.

Mahaffey Theater (St Petersburg)

April 1 and 2: Shen Yun Performing Arts invites you to travel back to the magical world of ancient China. Experience a lost culture through the incredible art of classical Chinese dance, and see legends come to life.

April 12: Theresa Caputo, star of the hit TLC show "The Long Island Medium," has

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April 15: The Florida Orchestra presents *The Wild West* in a night of trailblazing music from TV and movies that captures the spirit of the Wild West.

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April 27: The Florida Orchestra presents a morning coffee concert, "Making Waves" creating the sounds of the sea, featuring Mendelssohn's "The Hebrides," Richard Rodgers' "Victory at Sea" and more.

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Throughout April: "Misery" and "Shear Madness" continue their runs.

For the sports fan, one sport winds down as another begins a new season...

The Tampa Bay Rays open their Major League Baseball Season at Tropicana Field with the following April series.

- April 1 and 2: Detroit Tigers
- April 7 to 9: Oakland Athletics
- April 10 to 13: Boston Red Sox
- April 21 to 23: Chicago White Sox
- April 24 to 26: Houston Astros

The Tampa Bay Lightning end their regular National Hockey League season with the playoffs beginning around April 17th at Amalie Arena. As was the case last year, the first series (of what we hope will be another long run towards the Stanley Cup) will be against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

There are just three home games left in the regular season.

- April 1: New York Islanders
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Want to learn about skiing in Vermont? Ask Mike and Andrea Tomaselli



March was a busy month at Viennese Villa.

The Theater Workshop show "Ocean's Away" was great. Our own Russ Lamsfield (in exile from the Villa since moving to the West side) and fellow "swimmers" brought the house down with their synchronized water ballet.

It was a grand show. Hats off to all.

This month we meet Mike and Andrea Tomaselli. I asked Mike to share his time in Vermont. I am sure you shall find his story most interesting and enjoyable. In his own words.

"I'm in my early 20s. I headed to Vermont to ski bum country. To support myself, I secured a kitchen job at the famous Von Trapp family lodge and restaurant. Little did I know at the time that Frau Maria lived there with a suite just above the restaurant. She would often come down the back stairs to the kitchen area and sit with us, tell stories and occasionally make us breakfast.

"Her smile was warm and contagious. She would also host many of her step-children who had moved to various places around the world. Her biological son, Johannes, had remodeled a large farmhouse on 2000 acres of property and he would use a house as sleeping quarters for staff.

"Maria would occasionally sing for us, which was a real thrill. Generous and kind, Maria still had a stern edge to her.

"The original lodge where I worked was destroyed by fire but was rebuilt. I have visited the lodge since its restoration. A stylish and elegant place to be.

"As far as my skiing, the Von Trapps had the foresight to introduce cross country skiing to America and developed hundreds of miles of trails along with hiring first class instructors from Sweden to staff the ski shop

"The lodge was as popular in the summer months, too. Hiking, biking, swimming were all available. Even horses for trail riding.

I asked Maria how they came to settle in northern Vermont and she said without hesitation, "it's the closest place to resemble Salzburg." The music school the Von Trapps



Mike and Andrea Tomaselli

established in the late 1940s has ceased to exist, but the outbuildings can still be seen.

I recommend a visit to the lodge even if one doesn't stay overnight.

Rest of the column.

The Tomasellis are second generation residents in our corner of paradise. Both sets of parents were OTOW residents.

Andrea, from Ottawa, Canada, and Mike from New York, both enjoy golf at Innisbrook Golf Resort. They have been our great neighbors since 2013.

Rosalie Boreselli attended the Clearwater Beach wedding of a granddaughter. Rosalie said it was a lovely wedding.

Last month's column by Theresa McAllister "Rescue at Sea" was marvelous. We all take so much for granted. Makes one reflect on just how fortunate we really are.

Until we meet again, check the bulletin board for announcements.

Wishes to all April celebrants. Any news fit to print, send along fresca@maine.rr.com.

Bohemia on pace to break canned food collection records

In March, Bohemia building residents assumed an Irish persona.

The festivities began with many participating in the annual Irish Club Parade. They represented various activities including, the Irish Club, the Press Association, the Travel Club and political clubs.

The following week our building held its annual St. Patrick's dinner outing at O'Keefe's restaurant. The participation rate was higher than usual, with 40 people in attendance. This Irishman attributes it to the call of corned beef and cabbage at its best.

On St. Patrick's Day, the social committee hosted a morning coffee. This was our second event since the start of the year at which there was a collection of canned goods for the food bank. We collected 75 pounds of food, putting us at 150 pounds thus far this year. If this momentum continues, we will exceed previous years of donations.

The girls day out committee met to establish its schedule of events for this year. It contains a balance of activities that includes bowling, museums, botanical gardens, golf and a day at the movies.



Mandatory after each event is lunch out somewhere.

The girls group celebrated lunch at Gigglewaters to honor birthdays for Tricia Mlodzinski and Cathy Chambers. The following week they gathered together again, at Queens Pizza, to play Bunco and honor Mae Trembley and Nafija Gjokaj on their birthdays. March turned out to be an active month with dinners, luncheons and parties.

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Reporter turns 60 and decides to write for building 60 all in the same month



I attended my first Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee event on Thursday, March 9. It was a fabulous experience with all the clubs represented and a great turnout of residents who live here.

I sat at the table with the Press Association club and spoke on the microphone when it was my turn. I asked for volunteers to sign up as a building reporter and spoke a little about joining the club.

I just signed up the previous day as the



Joe DeChiaro (center, standing) celebrates his 60th birthday with Korean food and friends.

reporter for building 60. My name is Joe DeChiaro. I have lived in On Top of the World the past five years and I am a perma-

nent resident.

I moved here from Edison, N.J., with my wife, Helen. We were both born in the Bronx in the same hospital six years apart and have been together for 32 years.

We were not able to have children, but raised and nurtured six cats during the years together.

We will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary this year.

I am very active in OTOW as I am the president of the Tennis Club and the Texas Card Game Club.

I am the vice president of the New York/New Jersey Club and the Press Association.

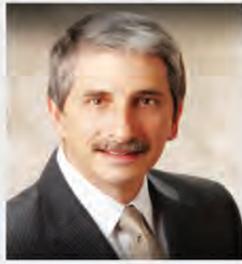
I also play for the OTOW Softball Club.

I just celebrated my 60th birthday in February and invited 11 friends to join me at the Hot Pot Korean BBQ restaurant located opposite Countryside Mall in Clearwater.

I have been writing articles in the newspaper since June 2020. I am looking forward to adding interesting stories about residents and events from my building.

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Azores residents and a former resident attend luncheon for real British food

Approximately 30 Azores residents attended a luncheon on Feb. 23 at Cricketers British Pub restaurant in Dunedin.

A former resident of On Top of the World, Nancy Stefens, was visiting from Arkansas and also joined the party.

Attendees took advantage of the British menu and enjoyed real fish and chips, onion rings, burgers, cornish pasty and chicken and vegetarian pies.



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Confirmed: You can watch space launches from On Top of the World

By Charlie Wood

Yes you can!
You can see spaceships launch from On Top of the World.

In fact, my husband, Mike, and I were out on our third floor walkway at the Rizal building on Thursday, March 2, at 12:34 a.m. watching with excitement.

This particular mission, SpaceX Crew-6, was the sixth crewed flight of a Crew Dragon spacecraft going to the International Space Station as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program.

We enjoy watching the SpaceX launches as often as we can, although this one was particularly exciting due to the fact that instead of the typical payload of satellites, this mission was carrying four astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS).

We watched, with anticipation, the pre-launch discussion on the NASA Channel on our television (Summit Broadband channel 87). As soon as the rocket launched, we stepped out of our front door and looked to the east-north-east for signs of the rocket.

Sure enough, within a minute, we saw an orange flame come up over the treetops. We watched her climb higher for a few minutes until the flame disappeared at stage separation. This is when the first stage of the rocket separates from the second stage and the first stage returns to earth to be reused in a future mission.

Moments later we watched the second



stage engine ignite. This pushed the Crew Dragon into the Earth's orbit so it could dock with the International Space Station to deliver the astronauts to their temporary home away from home.

If you are interested in seeing past SpaceX launches or future live launches, you can see them on your Summit Broadband NASA station or your computer on YouTube. Simply go to YouTube and search for SpaceX or NASA. You can also go to spacelaunchschedule.com/2023-launch-schedule/ to see when there will be launches from Cape Canaveral.

We hope to be seeing more of you outside watching the next time there is a clear sky and another shuttle launch from the east coast of Florida.



The orange glare is SpaceX launching a mission to the International Space Station. The view is from the Rizal building looking toward the northeast. (OTOW News photo by Charlie Wood)

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Dick Smedley steps down after 10 years as building captain

A decade is a long time. Many things have changed. Ten years ago people were talking about Tom Brady, but at that time he was in the Super Bowl with the Patriots. Joe Biden was just working in the White House, although he did get a recent promotion.

Closer to home, Dick Smedley became the building captain for the Flamenco building. He has been the compass that keeps our ship on course. He did everything from keeping our emergency keys to settling local confusion about the storage rooms and parking. He always welcomed new members to our group, including me.

He was a real service to our building. After 10 years of dedication and guid-



ance, Dick has decided to hand the keys over to Lorraine Gendron. He will be missed. Thank you for all your assistance.



Dick Smedley says a few words at a building captain retirement party.

Emerald Isle well represented in parade

Starting in the month of February, Emerald Isle is almost completely occupied. Visitors are coming down and are enjoying the wonderful weather we have and all the activities that are available. This continued through March. Welcome to all who stay in April and best wishes for a wonderful spring season here at On Top of the World.

While some people are enjoying the weather, others are taking vacations to exciting places. Cheryl and Tom Butcher went to Key West for a week, one of my truly favorite places. The building sponsored an outing to Tampa Bay Downs where the group enjoyed horse racing, as well as a really delicious buffet lunch. Everything there is easy to access including the betting windows. For those who placed their bets, there were some winners and some losers. The big winner was Cheryl. Congrats!

If you enjoy horse racing, Tampa Bay Downs is the place to go. Truly a great experience. The Irish Club Parade was a real success. There were so many clubs and other groups represented. Emerald Isle was well represented. Tom and Cheryl marched with the Press Association, Jen Hanson and Catherine Goeke marched with Moving & Grooving, and Lance



Goonan marched with the Baby Boomers, among others. Jack Drewiga's BMW convertible was showcased in the parade. Susan Cohen and I were spectators. We enjoyed sitting on the sidelines with our food and drink enjoying the show. All in all a good showing for Building 58. The following residents celebrated birthdays during the month of March: Cathy Palermo, Sheila Lake, Joyce Hinton, Daniela Camacho, Graciela Berta, Nydia Torres, Michael Harrington and Judy Hetrick.

A ladies' celebration



March 8 was International Women's Day at On Top of the World and ping pong players celebrated with a women's tournament. In front are Maria Lindholm, Phyllis Tetztaff, Anna Ventimiglia and Sally Jetter. In back are Marie Valdes, Renate Jope, Karen French and Olivia Constantinescu. This day is celebrated globally and recognizes women for social, economical, cultural and political achievements. Each player celebrated with champagne and a red rose.

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Time to celebrate Snowbirds and leprechauns at same time



When Snowbirds return, social activities tend to increase at the Melbourne.

This year was no exception.

The building had the following events: October, breakfast at Clearwater Family Restaurant; December, holiday decorating and lunch at Duff's; January, lunch at The Prohibition.

In February it was decided to have a social in the core. About 35 people participated with some residents bringing their visitors.

We also had the opportunity to meet new residents - Julie Kunzeman and her dad, Richard Smith, from Illinois and Bruce Gessler from Wisconsin.

There was much laughter, good food and even better conversations.

On March 4, we had a picnic and building meeting on our World Parkway lawn. About 40 leprechauns gathered to herald St Patrick's month.

We enjoyed subs and the camaraderie of our neighbors.



Melbourne leprechauns gathered on the lawn for a building photo in March. You guessed it. It was in celebration of leprechaun month.

We welcomed Rose Reed to our Melbourne family. Although there was no pot of gold, two residents were lucky winners of our raffle. Congratulations Lainey Quarrell and Sonny Hunt!

Our building captain, Jack Ward, an-

nounced that he would not be able to continue to serve the building in that capacity. We are extremely grateful to Jack and his wife, Diane, for all they've done in service to our building. Many thanks Jack and Diane!

Also, many thanks to all who organized

and participated in a beautiful picnic.

We conclude Snowbird season with a pizza party on March 22 and a luncheon in April. Bye-bye Snowbirds! We will be waiting for your return in the fall and more good times.

New World French resident celebrates retirement by hosting own tea party



Gale Klinshaw and husband have had a condo in the New World French building for more than five years and come down from Buffalo several times a year.

Bob recently retired and Gale has just retired as a State University professor in Buffalo. She decided to host a tea party for the ladies in the building and she wanted something special to celebrate her retirement. It was also a chance to get to know her neighbors.

Gale put out a beautiful spread with china cups, saucers and plates. She also had several three-tiered plates, typical of an English high tea.

Gail made a variety of sandwiches, cream cheese and cucumber, egg, salmon and chicken. Also homemade scones with strawberries and cream, and homemade cakes.



Residents enjoy an English high tea party to honor Gale Klinshaw's retirement.

The invitation was from 1-3 p.m., but it lasted to well after 4 p.m. with a lot of storytelling about ourselves and how we came to

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As you can imagine, we had some good laughs.

Gale, that was a great tea party and very well organized. We all appreciated your hard work. Enjoy your retirement.

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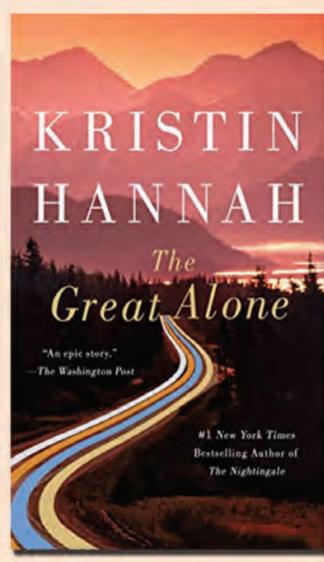
"I will find you" by Harlen Colson
 "Collateral Damage" by JA Jance
 "The Sister Effect" by Susan Mallery
 "Storm Watch" by C J Box

Join the library for \$5.

Used Books for sale: 3 for \$1. Special books 10 for \$1. Also free books. Membership not required for free books.

Hours: 10 am-12 pm Mondays, 1-3 pm Wednesdays

Good Karma Book Club



10 a.m., Thursday, April 20
"The Great Alone"
 by Kristin Hannah

10 a.m., Thursday, May 18
"Kitchen Confidential"
 By Anthony Bourdain

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room
 For more information, see our Webpage on the Box Office:
otowboxoffice.com - look for our link

Need more information, write to Jslantz1948@aol.com or call 727-754-3823

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Community Service Office
(727) 683-6981
Leave Message If Needed | Water Turn On/ Turn Off
(727) 799-3417
Menu Option 6 | Emergency Service
After Hours / Weekends
(727) 799-1115 | Activities Office
(727) 799-2734 |
| <p>Duke Energy (report power outages) 1-800-228-8485</p> <p>Pinellas County Sheriff (Non-Emergency Line) 727-582-6200</p> <p>Pinellas County Consumer Hotline (Report Scams) ... 727-464-6617</p> | | | |

Free Activities

All Year Round!



Aqua Aerobics Classes

If The Outdoor Temperature Is Over 62 Degrees, We're Exercising

Need a fun way to exercise?
Join our exercise classes each morning.
All are welcome. Classes are free.

9-10 a.m., Weekdays, East Activity Center Swimming Pool

Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons will continue. Instructor Fred Mills allows his students to pick the dances to learn and there are a ton of dances to choose from. He will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Fred's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoon, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Bel-leair Room.

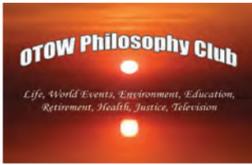
Shuffleboard Club

**Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays**
starting at 4 pm

Philosophy Club

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.



Bible Study

2 pm, Fridays
Crystal Beach Room
All denominations welcome

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"Take Off Pounds Sensibly."
New Day, New Location

Meets 10:30 am-12 p.m.
Fridays in the East Activity Center
Crystal Beach Room.

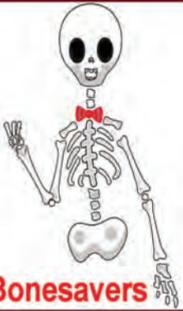
We are very motivated to help you if you want to lose weight. We are a friendly group and usually go out for a healthy meal after our meetings.

Because we are a part of a national club, we charge \$37 per person for yearly national dues. Please come to our meetings at no charge for one month to try us out.



**Real People.
Real Weight Loss.®**

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



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 are both welcome.

Bonesavers

Learning to Dance with Noland



Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.

Duplicate Bridge

Beginner duplicate bridge takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Regular duplicate bridge takes place 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Mah Jongg players wanted

Wanted: Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486. No experience needed!

Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
8-Ball 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

Ceramics

Thursdays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Clearwater Room

Pray for America

Saturdays
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Crystal Beach Room

New Casual Bridge

A new, casual bridge club is starting up in March.

New bridge players, and not so new bridge players are welcome.

The first meeting is March 7, 1-4 p.m., and then every Tuesday after.

The club will meet in the East Activity Center Ozona Room, to enjoy some fun card playing while challenging your skills - old and new. No partner necessary. For further information, contact Christine Nason by calling or texting 727-366-0221.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Ciao



Free Classes - All Levels Welcome - Dunedin Room EAC

Fridays 10:30 to Noon - January 6 through March 31

For more information call (813) 494-4627 or (586) 247-7574

Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again? If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.

Summit Broadband Update

By Kenneth Colen

Chairman of On Top of the World

I acknowledge that many of you are feeling frustrated with Summit Broadband and their failure to provide reliable and consistent services.

Both Management and Board members are meeting with Summit Broadband field staff weekly. We have let them know loud and clear that they are failing in their contractual obligations. We have gotten very vocal and elevated to their corporate president.

I wish I could tell you there is a quick and rapid solution, but there is none to report at this juncture.

The Board will take all reasonable means to force Summit Broadband to honor the terms of their contract.

Because of the outage on the



Without investigating ownership of a live meter running, the power was shut off by Duke. Duke responded to Summit Broadband's escalations and ownership claim to the meter and dispatched crews to restore power. The possibility of a cable cut raised the question of "whatever happened to the redundant fiber ring" to ensure continuous feed to the community? Summit Broadband reports that this late phase work will be completed by Friday, April 7. Summit Broadband assures us that this means the property will be protected in case of a fiber cut outside of the property. The Board will monitor this to ensure it is completed as required. More updates could be posted on the official website:

www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/summit-broadband/

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So can you! Visit:

otowboxoffice.com

