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More than 90 On Top of the World veterans pose for a picture after a Salute to Veterans lunch in their honor. (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

What I saw when 94 of our own veterans went on stage

Commentary by Jim LeBlanc
Staff Writer for OTOW News

What does it mean to be a veteran of the United States?
That is something only a veteran can explain to you.

On March 1, many clubs from On Top of the World joined together to present Salute to Veterans in the East Activity Center Auditorium. On this day, more than 94 veterans were called up on stage, one by one, to be honored for their service to our country.

I was proud to be one of them.

As our names were called, some of us walked slowly, some of us used canes to keep our balance and some of us used a motorized scooter to make the trip across the stage possible.

Many photos were taken of our group. If you were there, what did you see? What did you notice when you saw all of us?

I saw a group of old, worn-out bodies, but not too worn out to pass up the chance to be honored. Whether we sat or stood, every single person on that stage was proud of their service and proud to be a veteran.

Don't let those old worn-out bodies fool you. This group of brave men and women were once young, healthy and in perfect physical condition. After completing vigorous, physical trainings at boot camp, each was no longer called a civilian. They each earned the proud title of United States soldier. Then it was off for more training.

Some of us were drafted to serve and protect our country. Some of us volunteered for the same reasons. It didn't matter what branch or job, our missions were the same, "to serve and protect our country and our American freedom."

Until you walk in a veteran's shoes, it's hard to understand the training and life of a soldier. Training is as hard and as realistic as you could actually get during peace time. Training is to prepare us to actually be in a combat zone. Our training is the best training in the world. It has to be. Every second can be the difference between life or death.

Take a moment and chat with any of the 94 soldiers who were on our stage. Ask them about training. How about 20 mile marches with full 60 pound backpacks. There were no walks in a park. We marched in jungles, over mountains and in deserts. Did we take days off when it was cold? No. Then we wore heavy, bulky, cold-weather clothes and gear. We slept in it, too.

Ships were cramped with small, living-bunk areas. Our morning showers were 30 seconds, twice a week. Transportation was by helicopters, amtracks, cargo planes or in the back of trucks.

Our military has every job that civilians have, plus many more. Soldiers on the back lines are working to keep soldiers on the front lines informed. There's logistics, transportation, supply, medical and much more.

This is what being a veteran means.

Yes. Look at the photo of everyone on the stage. We are all tired now and in not-so-perfect physical condition. But every single person on that stage once was perfect. We can talk about it today.

Do you have some free time? One day, visit our Bay Pines Veterans Hospital in Saint Petersburg. Sit in the lobby. Talk to some veterans. Or just wave hello as they "walk" by. Some are living full-time in the hospital. There is a volunteer's office. You can help a veteran.

Now. This is the end of my column, but this is not the end of our soldiers. We have many active service people who are now protecting our veterans and you. Many are overseas in combat zones.

Keep our active military in your prayers!

Our community salutes you!

By Doug Kates, editor

It's uncommon to have red, white and blue in the East Activity Center Auditorium, but on March 1 it was everywhere and for a very special event.

This has become our newest community tradition - Salute to Veterans Day.

"It was an amazing time," said co-organizer Susan Trost. "We recognized everyone who had dedicated themselves to protecting and serving our country. They are very cherished."

Ninety-four veterans from the USA, Canada, Italy and England (all On Top of the World residents), were given lunch and invited on stage for a group photo. A brief bio was announced for each person, including branch served.

A giant American flag was at center stage, plus a Canadian flag, and flags for each branch of the service.

This event took six months to organize and assistance from five clubs (OTOW/Snowbirds Line Dance Club, Good Neighbors Association, New York-New Jersey Club, Canadian Club and Italian-American Club, plus SCA. Susan was one of four individuals at the center of the efforts. She was helped by Ed Foland, Pat Hayes and Connie Stanley.

"Pulling off such an incredible event was done from the heart in honor of our military residents," Susan said.

Disc jockey Les Weiss sang the American and Canadian National Anthems. Fred Langrock gave a Vietnam Veteran's Day memorial speech. Laurie LeClaire played TAPS and Ray Willis played the pipes.

This event will continue to take place annually in proximity to Vietnam Veterans Day.



The Real Estate Market is Starting to Blossom

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, THE MATH IS FINALLY MOVING TO FAVOR BUYERS.

April 2026 isn't just another spring buying season—it is the most favorable environment for buyers since 2022.

WHY NOW? THE APRIL ADVANTAGE

Mortgage Rates Have Cracked:

With the 30-year fixed rate finally dipping below the 6% range, your monthly purchasing power has surged. A lower rate doesn't just mean a lower payment; it means you can afford more home for the same investment.

Inventory is Flourishing:

Active listings are up nearly 10% year-over-year. More sellers are hitting the market this April, with a larger selection of prices and floor plans to choose from.

The End of the Bidding War:

The current market conditions are balanced. Buyers have more opportunities to negotiate on price, with some sellers offering repairs and other incentives to qualified buyers.

Price Stability:

National home price growth has leveled out. While values remain strong, the era of runaway appreciation has cooled, allowing you to buy with confidence instead of panic.

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SCA ready to begin sewer project that will tell us the health status of our lines

Creek Restoration Project

The contractor is wrapping up much needed work at the (unnamed) creek project on the north end of World Parkway Boulevard.

Pending the last agency filing for project close-out, the project is completed.

Thank you to every resident (and their dog), who includes the creek walk in their regular daily walk, for helping us bring this project to a safe conclusion.

Fatberg

What's a "fatberg" you say?

Fatberg is slang for a human-made blockage in the sanitary sewer system, formed when materials such as grease, wipes and other debris accumulate and harden over time.

These blockages typically consist of items like cooking grease, so-called "flushable" wipes, paper products, adult diapers, plastics, hair and other waste.

For maintenance crews, removing fatbergs is a difficult and unpleasant task often requiring specialized equipment and hours of labor.

Always remember the three acceptable Ps when flushing: pee, poop and (toilet) paper.

Grease, in particular, should be absorbed with paper towels, sealed in a container or bag, and disposed of with household trash.

Despite marketing claims, "flushable" wipes are one of the biggest culprits — they don't break down like toilet paper and are a major ingredient in fatbergs.



Kenneth Colen
President, Parkway Maintenance & Management of Pinellas, LLC

If you recall, in December 2025, the community was confronted by a 10 foot long "fatberg" of mostly congealed grease in a sewer main that affected 10 buildings. Fortunately, there were no sewer back-ups into any units, but it did take a sewer line contractor several hours to get the fatberg broken up and vacuumed out, and then processed for safe disposal.

This type of blockage is by no means an unusual or isolated incident in collection systems. The volume of the problem is what made it unique.

SCA Pinellas Utilities ("SCA Utilities") staff is now asking themselves, "what else is lurking in the collection system?"

There is one way to find out. We can engage a specialized contractor to televise and hydro-jet the sanitary lines, removing small problems and making note of any problems anywhere in the collection system that need to be addressed more comprehensively.

SCA Utilities expects to begin this

process in late May of 2026. This will be a methodical process that will be executed in phases over several years until fully completed.

Work will begin in the oldest section of the community and progress from there.

The process itself should not disrupt any activities in the community. Many manholes are in the roadway and must be accessed by the vendor. Traffic control will be implemented within the work area. Please use caution if driving or walking in the area.

OTOW Residents Know How to Party

I want to give both a shout out and a congratulations to the Irish Club and 22 other community clubs, who worked together to pull off the best St. Patrick's Day parade our community has ever seen.

The first parade was 30 years ago. This was a milestone. In addition to 23 clubs, Parkway, Good Karma Cafe, and SCA were there.

One of the highlights was a 200-person marching band from St. Petersburg called the "Second Time Arounders Band."

Congratulation on reaching 30 years. We wish the Irish Club and the parade many, many more successful years ahead.

I'll also give a shout out to Doug Kates for his live TV broadcast. This was the very first live broadcast of the parade from World Parkway Boulevard on top of the viewing stand. With help from the Information Technology team

in Ocala and sound engineer Mike Wood, this challenge was successful. Good work Doug, parade announcers and broadcast team!

Lease Extension Reminder

The Association Board recently received a few questions regarding lease extension and how residents can learn more about this process.

As a reminder, 81 out of 91 buildings at On Top of the World-Clearwater have leasehold units. Those condos were originally conveyed for a lease term of 99 years, but with OTOW now more than 50 years old, it is time for many residents to extend their lease to protect the value of their unit. This also ensures that lenders will be comfortable with the remaining term of the lease.

When you sign the First Amendment to the Lease, your leasehold will be extended until June 30, 2119.

There is no additional payment required to extend your lease, no change in the way lease fees are currently being collected, no change in the amount of your lease fee, and will have no impact on your property taxes or insurance.

Additionally, the lease extension includes capping annual increases to \$6 per year.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/leasehold-first-amendment-request/>.

In addition, you can send any questions to leaseFAQ@clw-info.net and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Take an Earth Day challenge

Read Nancy Rogers' column on page 8 and make an effort to improve your recycling habits in the month of April.



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Take care of your windows before

Tips for Window Maintenance

As we approach our traditional late May to early October rainy season, it's never too soon to get a jump start on thinking about your windows.

Whether the season brings a lot of rain, or very little, it is still important to have some tips for general window maintenance.

One thing to keep in mind is that not all signs of potential leaks can be found indoors. Assess all your windows bi-annually to make sure they are functioning properly. Windows need to be free of fractures, either in the frame or the actual pane itself. If you notice broken glass, contact a local window professional so you can remedy the situation quickly. Broken windows may provide an access point for wind-driven water to damage the common elements or to enter a unit causing damage to your unit and even the unit(s) below.

Leaking windows also allow air to escape your home resulting in higher air conditioning costs.

During your window inspection, be on the lookout for telltale signs such as water stains, mold and mildew. Pay particular attention to the caulking for any cracks or areas that may have a void. You will want a window professional to remove old caulking carefully and then replace it with a polyurethane sealant.

Regularly inspect all weep holes in your window tracks for water drainage. Clean out weep hole areas to avoid water intrusion at your windows by cleaning and removing debris when necessary.

Inspect screens for any damage and repair or replace as needed.

Now it is time to check those locks on your windows. If any are faulty, it is recommended to have them replaced immediately.

Did You Know Kindness is Contagious

Kindness is defined in the dictionary as "the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate or a kind act." How many of us live up to that?

Can you see it in yourself and in others?

When was the last time you waved thank you to someone who let you get over a lane in heavy traffic?

When is the last time you smiled for the pure pleasure it brings, or just simply said "thank you" and meant it?

My guess is, maybe it's been a while.

Altruism is a natural part of life for most. By sharing our kindness and compassion with others, this can actually make us happier.

It's true. Think about it.



Community Update

Doesn't it make you smile when you compliment someone, when you show compassion and kindness to someone when they really need it, or just listen when someone needs a friendly ear?

I bet you saw them smile, too. After all, kindness is contagious because it fosters happiness in you and in others.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

So true, in more ways than one.

Not only does this saying describe how spring rains help beautiful flowers to bloom, but it is also a well-known proverb describing resilience during adversity.

Today, there seems to be so much conflict and lack of true and honest communication that as a society we are failing ourselves and each other.

So, like the spring season, it's time for us to embrace growth, positivity and resiliency.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

Spring in Florida is traditionally the best season for contractors who perform work outdoors because of the low humidity, moderate temperatures and the lack of appreciable rainfall.

One of the contractors who benefits from this annual "nice weather" are paint and waterproofing applicators as conditions are just right for this nature of work.

April's conditions should afford them a great opportunity to work unimpeded as they complete waterproofing of the rear elevation of Buildings 75 and 80, before heading to the front facade of Building 61.

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 sec-

ondary 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

Building 82 is the next structure scheduled for a roofing improvement sometime in late March/early April, with Building 79 to follow shortly thereafter.

The contractor will begin the staging material portion of the project just days prior to the project start and the entire process is estimated to take roughly three weeks per structure to complete.

As with all roofing improvement projects, the work will require the staged closure of the building's two parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for safe and efficient operation by the contractor. Notices will be posted on the building's bulletin boards in advance advising residents of how the project will be coordinated.

As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety and watch your step as this will be an active work zone.

Asphalt crews are anticipated to be back at On Top of the World in late April to early May for the next round of parking lot surface maintenance.

As noted in prior newspaper work updates, informational bulletins will be posted in buildings and on vehicle windshields for buildings where parking lots will be affected. Barricades will be staged on the side of roadways where the work is to take place thereby giving residents the signal that the contractor will be coming to that specific area soon.

Keep in mind that there may be altered traffic patterns along with flagmen in close proximity to this work, so please slow down and follow any directions given. Your attention and cooperation will help to facilitate yet another safe and successful maintenance cycle at On Top of the World. Thank you in advance.

Building 25 will be the next structure to see work crews arrive from the community's contracted railings vendor.

As with other railing projects, the contractor will affect the complete removal and replacement of the aluminum components on the balcony walkways and in the second and third floor stairwells, after which they will install code-compliant elements in their place to meet life-safety codes.

The improvements are estimated to be completed in three-six 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.

Recurring Reminders for All Community Residents

A reminder that renewal fees were due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor.

The fee for the 2026 registration period was \$50.

Residents looking to inquiry 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 currently have a registered boat/kayak in this area, a representative should have contacted you about your yearly renewal. If you elected not to renew, your boat will be removed, impounded and ultimately disposed of

if not claimed. Thank you for your cooperation.

As a reminder, in 2023 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 rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etc., as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

As has been referenced in the 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 the 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 the community's cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

The Management Company would also like to thank the 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 the common area.

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

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 repainting areas that could not be cleaned up 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.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle. This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

Inspection Services representatives also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproof 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.

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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 from the coating vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

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

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.

Inspection efforts continue to focus on the tagging and removal of portable barbecue grills, including propane, charcoal or electric, which are not permitted in any buildings common areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents. Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patio of first floor units.

If you're a first-floor unit owner and not sure if your grill complies, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff.

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 at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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

the community.

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

After-Hours Emergency Information

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

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service-related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

OTOW Alerts

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OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warnings of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

As a reminder, when signing up for community and emergency alerts, be sure to enter your building number. You can select to receive notifications via text, telephone call, and/or email. You can select one, two, or all three notification options. Should you wish to change your notification options you can do that by visiting the Community Service Office, calling 727-683-6981, or email at clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net.

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Go under the service tab to fill out a request.

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Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. No exceptions. Payments are checks only.



Spring starts with annual concert



Chorus

By Dana Garlick

On Saturday, April 11, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, April 12, at 3 p.m., the On Top of the World Chorus will sing songs of hope, love and inspiration in the East Activity Auditorium.

The theme of our show was inspired by the selection of music, including movies, pop, Broadway, Latin and country, as well as memorable songs from yesteryear that we hope you will enjoy.

Our audience will see new faces on the Chorus grandstand. At the winter concert we had 35 members. We now have 40 members.

We are so pleased these additional folks have joined us. Plus, there's always room for more. Music is a wonderful way to feel good and spread joy.

We have all been learning and growing in song because of the excellent direction of Gordon McMann and the excellent support of our accompanist, Caroline Veach.

We not only learn tunes, but we learn harmony, timing and emotion along the



Chorus is so happy to welcome new members (left to right) Elaine Detlefsen (soprano), Carol Hackman (alto), Marge McKeon (soprano), Suzanne Engel (alto) and Dan Dunne (tenor talked into bass). New music and new rehearsals start Sept. 22. (OTOW News photo by Dana Garlick)

way. We practice our parts separately then bring them together. We grow together.

Within our group we also have many volunteers who help in many ways. There are those who help with setting up and taking down our chairs as we prepare for and after we practice.

Some of our gang were part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade so beautifully organized by the Irish Club.

Some are now getting ready for our

raffle that we will be having the evening and the afternoon of the concerts. This year our raffle themes will be "Friday Night Fun!" and "Pets and People!"

People who like to party or who have pets will be pleased.

New officers are now being recruited for the coming year.

Come join us at one of our April spring concerts. Let the Hospitality Committee provide you with refreshment. Take a chance on the raffle and help us grow our funds so we can buy

more licensed music.

If you would like to give us a hand greeting folks, selling tickets or helping with the raffle, give our president, Vonnie Oto, a call at 813-767-9992.

In the meantime, we will be selling tickets in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Monday, April 6, and Thursdays, April 3 and 10, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or we may come knocking on your door.

Our Christmas holiday concert is not far away, Consider joining us this fall.



"Songs of Hope, Love and Inspiration"





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Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.
OTOW-ALERTS can provide information of critical concern to the residents.

Know Your Water Heater



Water heaters traditionally
last 10-15 years.

If your water heater is leaking around the base unit, is not producing normal amounts of hot water or has become noisy, it's time to consider replacing your current unit with a new one.

If your water heater fails, it could not
only flood your unit, but units below you.
You may be financially responsible if it
causes damage to your neighbors' units.

Please watch your email for a survey notice from Summit Broadband

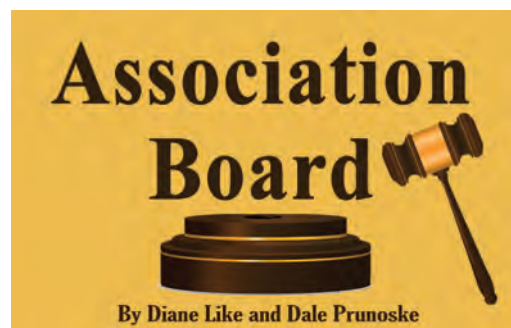
Association Board seeks your positive and negative comments on Summit Broadband

In response to feedback from owners regarding their TV and internet service, the Association Board and its Summit Broadband Working Committee are seeking to better understand the community's overall experience with Summit.

To support this effort, the Committee has developed an On Top of the World Summit Experience Survey.

Whether your experiences have been positive or negative -- or even if you have had little or no experience with Summit -- we encourage you to participate.

The survey should take only three to five minutes to complete. The more owners who respond, the better the Association Board can identify patterns, tailor follow-up actions and determine where improvements may be most helpful -- whether through resident guidance, equipment adjustments, building-related factors, or coordination with Summit.



The survey questions are designed to understand residents' overall experience with Summit's TV and internet service, how often problems occur, and how widespread those issues may take place.

Questions about satisfaction and common problems, such as pixelation, freezing or audio dropouts, help establish whether residents are experiencing occasional inconveniences or more frequent disruptions. Additional questions about where problems occur within the home -- such as in rooms farther from the router or across multiple televisions

-- will help identify whether issues are likely related to in-unit Wi-Fi coverage or the broader network.

The survey also explores how residents respond to problems and what support they may need.

Questions about restarting equipment, adding Wi-Fi extenders, or contacting Summit or others help determine whether issues can be easily resolved or whether additional guidance or support may be beneficial.

Responses about the use of other providers, and the reasons for doing so, provide insight into whether residents are seeking improvements in reliability, coverage or features.

Finally, the survey asks how much these issues interfere with normal use, helping distinguish between minor inconveniences and more significant disruptions to everyday TV and internet use.

While the survey was initially considered for print in this month's commu-

nity newspaper or posting on AppFolio, it will instead be distributed by email to ensure the widest possible participation.

Summit will send a link to the survey to all owners on behalf of the Committee. Once responses are collected, the Committee will review the results to identify patterns and opportunities for improvement. All responses are anonymous, and no individual owner information will be shared.

Please watch for an email from Summit with the subject line "OTOW Summit Experience Survey."

Even if you do not use Summit TV or internet services, you will still receive the survey and are encouraged to respond.

With your participation, we can better achieve our goal of ensuring that all owners are able to fully understand and maximize the services available to them under the Summit agreement.

Coming soon to OTOW-TV, 901
Six new exercise shows with Cammy Dennis

Theater Workshop wrap



Theater Workshop's show 'Welcome to Our Speakeasy' was a successful hit in March with two evening shows and one matinee. Audience members were taken back in time to the 1920s when getting a drink, dancing in a night club and being a little naughty were not the easiest things to do. Theater Workshop made everyone believe that what they were watching bordered on illegal. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

In honor of Earth Day, let's start doing better with our recycling habits

Happy Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22!

Improve Recycling Habits and Stop Wishcycling

This Earth Day, as a community, let's set a goal to improve our recycling habits and stop the well-intentioned, but harmful practice, of wishcycling (* see below).

First, follow the recycling guidelines provided directly from our official vendor, "Waste Connections."

Residents are encouraged to follow the "Simplify to 5" rule to ensure materials are accepted and not diverted to the waste-to-energy plants as garbage.

Accepted Recyclables ("Simplify to 5")

You can place these five categories of items directly into your blue recycling cart:

- Plastic Bottles and Jugs: Containers labeled Nos. 1-7 with a small mouth and wider base (e.g., milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent).
- Glass bottles and jars: All colors (green, brown, and clear).
- Metal cans: Aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans, including empty aerosol cans.
- Mixed paper: If you can rip it, you can recycle it (e.g., newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, cereal boxes).
- Cardboard and cartons: Flattened cardboard boxes and food/beverage cartons.

Prohibited Items (Contaminants)

Items that damage machinery or create hazards for workers include:

- Plastic bags and wraps: Do not bag your recyclables; items must be loose in the cart.
- No medical waste: Do not dispose of needles or sharp objects.
- Electronics (E-Waste): Televisions and computers are not accepted in curbside bins.
- Paper products: Tissues, paper towels, napkins and shredded paper.
- Food waste and liquids: Ensure all containers are empty and dry.
- Others: Styrofoam, mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics and yard waste.

* **Wishcycling** is the well-intentioned, but harmful practice, of tossing non-recyclable items into the bin, which contaminates rather than helps the process.

Items such as plastic bags, greasy pizza boxes or electronics are some examples that we may hope gets recycled, but can jam sorting machines or cause entire batches of good recycling to be sent to the landfill.

Focus on local recycling rules, clean your recyclables and understand that the "chasing arrows" symbol often just identifies the plastic type (1-7), not its actual recyclability.

Deciphering Recycling Symbols

- The number matters: The arrows surrounding a number from 1-7 tell



Events & Activities

you the kind of plastic. Generally, No. 1 (water bottles, peanut butter jars) and No. 2 (milk jugs, detergent bottles) are widely accepted.

- Avoid higher numbers: Plastics No. 3 through No. 7 are harder to recycle and many facilities do not accept them.
- If it doesn't have a number, it likely isn't recyclable in curbside programs.

How to Recycle Right

1. Check local rules: Rules vary by city. What is recyclable in one place may not be in another place. (Acceptable recycles for OTOW are listed above).
2. Clean and dry: Items must be free of food residue.
3. Loose, not bagged: Never put recyclables in plastic bags, as they cause jamming of machines.
4. When in doubt, throw it out: If you are unsure if something is recyclable, it is better to put it in the trash than to risk contaminating the whole bin.

Preserve Vision Florida

Eye Health Free Vision Screening
A Preserve Vision Florida eye health free vision screening will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 25, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Vision Loss is the single most prevalent disability experienced by adults, with 75 percent requiring some level of vision correction by age 40.

Eye disorders have been identified as the fifth most prevalent health condition among people aged 65 years and older. Preserve Vision Florida, a non-profit organization, founded in 1957, is Florida's leading agency promoting no cost vision screening and education. The organization's mission is to promote healthy vision through:

- * Vision health awareness and education for all ages.
- * Vision screenings for children and adults.
- * Assistance to obtain medical eye care.
- * Advocacy for vision and medical eye care health services.

Registration for the screening is required and there are two ways to do it: First, visit me at my information table at the next Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9. I will have a sign-up sheet.

Or, two, simply email your name and

phone number to the representative at Preserve Vision: msutherland@pvfla.org.

Registration deadline is Thursday, April 23

Food Truck Night

The next Food Truck Night is 3-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

Residents can dine at the Pavilion or in the lot where SCA will set up tables and chairs.

Come join the fun, make new acquaintances or reconnect with friends and neighbors. Enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.

The vendors will be as follows: Smash & Grab, Cousins Maine Lobster, Divinos Tacos, Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks and Galvin's Goodies.

We also have scheduled Food Truck Nights for the summer in the EAC front parking lot.

The first one will be 3-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 featuring NY BBQ and Slippy Ice.

The second one will be 3-7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 23 featuring Jersey Dogs and Slippy Ice.

OnSpot Dermatology

The OnSpot Dermatology Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be back at On Top of the World on Friday, April 17, parked at the East Activity Center from parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, visit onspotdermatology.com/otow, click on the flyer/link posted on the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com or call 941-444-0011.

AARP Free Tax Services

For 2026, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will again offer free tax prep in Clearwater at locations like the Countryside and East Community Libraries, focusing on low-to-moderate income individuals, especially those 50-plus, with services running roughly through April 15. Online appointments are required and can be made through the AARP Tax-Aid Locator website <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide/locations/>.

You'll need IDs, Social Security cards, and income documents (W-2s, 1099s) for your appointment.

- Walk-ins are usually not accepted.
- Services: Options include in-person preparation and drop-off services where you leave documents for a volunteer to file remotely.

What to Bring

- Photo ID (Driver's License) for yourself and spouse.
- Social Security cards for everyone on the return.
- All tax documents (W-2s, 1099s, etc.).
- Bank info for direct deposit.

Clearwater Countryside Library

- 2642 Sabal Springs Drive Clearwater
- 1.24 miles away
- Mondays, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Language: English
- In-Person

Dunedin Community Center

- 1920 Pinehurst Road Dunedin
- 3.03 Miles
- Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Language: English
- In-Person

3D Mobile Mammography

3D Mobile Mammography will return to On Top of the World on Friday, May 22, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Make your appointment now!

The mobile unit will be parked at the EAC front parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Routine mammography screening is

the best tool for detecting cancer early.

If you have any additional questions or would like to register for an appointment, you can do so at their website: www.3dmobilemammography.com.

A link to the website will also be available at Nancy's Bulletin Board at the website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com. Walk-ins welcome!

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center front parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 9.

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

All donors will receive a \$20 Ecard, an umbrella, and a mini wellness check-up, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Take this opportunity to save lives!

The Honor Roll from March 12 is amazing - 17 donors! Thank you all for saving lives:

Kathleen MacDonald, Nancy Shephard, Maureen Walker, Heath Bitterman, Henry Nelson, Julie Dowsett, Fred Nehren, III, Phil Scott, Sandra Johnson, Diana Carraturo, John Hepler, Patrick Thornton, James Bridges, Kathleen Porcopio, Matthew Garibaldi, William Fournier, Brian Buzek and Ron Ohanna.

Local Shredding Events

City of Largo Shredfest event dates are Saturday, April 11 and Saturday, Oct. 10.

ShredFest is a free document shredding and recycling event.

Shredfest is held at the Starkey Road Collection Center (1551 Starkey Rd) from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., or until full capacity has been reached.

This easy, drive-through event, allows residents to bring up to five boxes of documents for free and secure on-site shredding and recycling. All patrons are to remain in their cars during the event.

Clearwater will host a Shred-a-Thon and Medicine-Take-Back event 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at the Countryside Mall in the parking lot near Whole Foods.

Clearwater residents can bring papers with sensitive information for free shredding and unwanted or expired prescription medications for safe disposal.

Residents must bring proof of residency and the event is not for commercial use.

How Do I Make a Reservation on the Calendar?

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

Send an email to 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: otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. This form works better if you use Google 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.

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Thursday, April 9
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April Calendar

Special Events (open to everyone)

Thursday, April 2, 1 pm - Association Board Meeting, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Thursday, April 9 - OneBlood, 10 am - 3 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
 Thursday, April 9 - Get Acquainted Coffee, 9 - 11 am, East Activity Center Auditorium (come watch the parade one more time)
 Saturday, April 11, 7 pm; and Sunday, April 12, 2 pm, Chorus Spring Concert, Auditorium
 Tuesday, April 14 - Italian-American Club Ice Cream Social, 5 - 9 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Wednesday, April 15 - Food Truck Night, 3 - 7 pm, East Activity Center Back Parking Lot
 Thursday, April 16 - Entertainment Committee Show, Tap Into Soul, 7:30 - 9:15 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Friday, April 17 - OnSpot Dermatology, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center front parking lot
 Saturday, April 18 - Entertainment Committee Dance, Flashback, 7:30-10:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Saturday, April 25 - Free Vision Screening, 10 a.m. - 2 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Wednesday, April 29 - Association Board Budget Workshop, 10:30-12 EAC Auditorium (Date and Time could change)
 Thursday, April 30 - Suncoast Symphony Orchestra, Free Concert, 7:30 pm, Auditorium
 Club Information Tables, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium
 (Please note there is no craft show/flea market on April 11)

Clubs and Groups

-  Art Guild - Board Meeting, 3-5 pm, Thursday, April 2, Largo Room
-  Art Guild - General Meeting: 1-3 pm, Friday, April 10, Largo Room
-  Art Guild - Presentation: 1-4 p.m., Thursdays, Largo Room
-  Art Guild - Painting Pals: 1-4 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Largo Room
-  Baby Boomers: 5:30-6:30 pm, Wed., April 1 and Thur., April 16, Largo Room
-  Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am-1 pm, Thursdays, Learning Lab
-  Bible Study: 2-3 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Bingo: 6 - 10 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium
-  Canadian Club: Finished for the season
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-  Caring and Sharing: 9 am-12 pm, Tuesdays, Clearwater Room
-  Chorus: Chorus Dinner, 5:30-9 pm, Tuesday, April 14, Belleair Room
-  Coloring Book Club: 11-2 pm, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Computer Club: 9:00-10:30 am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Learning Lab
-  Democratic Club Board: 2-4 pm, Thursday, April 30, Crystal Beach Room
-  Democratic Club Meeting: 2-4 pm, Thursday, April 9, Learning Lab
-  Democratic Club Happy Hour: 6-8 pm, Tuesday, April 28, Learning Lab
-  Entertainment Com. Board: 10:30-11:30 am, Monday, April 13, Crystal Beach
-  Fixers Club: No upcoming events
-  Freebirdz Weight Loss Group: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach
-  French Language & Culture: 11 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room
-  Good Karma Book Club: 10-11:30 am, Thursday, April 16, Crystal Beach Rm
-  Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee: 9-11 am, Thursday, April 9, Auditorium
-  High Vibe Tribe: 7-9 pm, Tuesday, April 14, Kitchen
-  Irish Club: Resting
-  Italian-American Club: 6-9 p.m., Ice Cream Social, Tuesday, April 14
-  Jesters Board Meeting: 11 am-12 pm, Tuesday, April 7, Dunedin Room
-  Jesters Meeting: 6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, April 14, Belleair Room
-  Italian Language & Culture Class: Fridays, 10:30 am-12 pm, Dunedin Rm
-  Kibitz Corner: 9-10 am, Mondays and Wednesdays, Kitchen
-  Knitting Group: 9-11 am, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Lambda Social: 6-10 pm, Sunday, April 5, Oldsmar Room
-  Lambda Chat: 10:30-12, Fridays, April 3 and 17, Ozona Room
-  Lambda Activity Night: Saturday, April 25, 6-10 pm, Learning Lab
-  Lawn Bowl: Practicing all summer.
-  Living With A Strong Mind: Tuesdays, April 14 & 28, 3-4 pm, Learning Lab
-  Music Group: 3-6 pm, Tuesdays, Dunedin Room
-  New York-New Jersey: No events in April
-  Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Rom
-  Plant-Based Living Club: 1 - 2:30 pm, Wednesday, April 1, Learning Lab
-  Pickleball Club Board Meeting: 1-3 pm, Monday, April 13, Crystal Beach
-  Pickleball Club Game Night: 6:30-9:30 pm, Monday, April 20, Belleair Rm
-  Pray For America: 10 am-12 pm, Saturdays, Crystal Beach (No 3/7)
-  Press Association: Appreciation Dinner, 5-7 pm, Philippe Park
-  Republican Club Meeting: 6-9 pm, Tuesday, April 7, Belleair Room
-  Spanish Club: Finished for season
-  Speak English: 10-11 a.m., Thursdays, EAC Dunedin Room (all winter)
-  Tennis Club: No special events
-  Texas Card Game Club: 5-10 pm, Friday, April 24, Clearwater Room
-  Theater Workshop Meeting: 6-8:30 pm, Wednesday, April 1, Belleair Rm
-  Theater Workshop: No other events scheduled
-  Travel Club Meeting: 2-4 pm, Friday, April 10, EAC Oldsmar Room
-  Travel Club Trip Enrollment: 2 - 4:30 pm, Friday, April 10, Clearwater Rm
-  Veterans Club: No upcoming events
-  Women's Bible Study Group: Fridays, April 10 & 24, 10:30-12, Clrw Rm
-  World Quilters: 9 am-2 pm, Tuesdays, Largo Room
-  Writer's Ink: 1:30-3:30 pm, Thursdays, Dunedin Room

Exercises and Games

- Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, EAC or WAC Pool
- Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Largo Room
- Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room
- Cornhole: 1-3 pm, Mondays, Belleair Room
- Gentle Movement Exercises: 11 am-12 pm, Tuesdays and 3-4 pm, Fridays, Auditorium
- Ladies Exercises: 8-9 am, Monday-Friday, Exercise Room
- Line Dance Club Practice: 9-10 am, Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays - East Activity Center Largo Room
- Moving 'n Grooving Line Dance: 9-10:45 am; Tuesdays | 1-2:45; Fridays, EAC Auditorium
- Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Exercise Room
- Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, Exercise Room
- OTOW/Snowbirds Line Dancing: 8 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, (April 22: 9:30-11:30) Auditorium
- Social Dance with Howard: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
- Tai Chi Flow: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room
- Yoga Align and Stretch: 10-11:30 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair Room and Thursdays, EAC Exercise Room
- All-In: 1:30-4 pm, Friday, April 24, Largo Room
- Board Games: 1-3 pm, Wednesdays, Palm Harbor or Belleair Room
- Blackout: 6:30-9:30 pm, Thursdays all year, Belleair Room (Canadian Club members)
- Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room
- Casual Bridge: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays | 9 am-12 pm, Thursdays, Ozona Room
- Cribbage: 10 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Ozona Room
- Dominos: 5:30-8 pm, Tuesdays, Ozona Room
- Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30 pm, Wednesdays and Sundays, Ozona Room
- Ladies Bunco: 6-9:30 pm, Wednesday, April 15, Crystal Beach Room
- Mahjong: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays, Fridays, Palm Harbor Room
- Beginner Mahjong: 1-3 pm, Sundays, Safety Harbor Room
- Mexican Train: 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
- Qwirkle: 1-4 pm, Mondays, Dunedin Room
- Rummikub: 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Mondays, Ozona Room
- Samba Hand & Foot Canasta: Done for season
- Spike's Euchre: 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room
- Alonzo Poker: Done for the season
- Barry's Poker: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
- Bob's Poker: 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room
- Carol's Poker: 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
- Laura's Poker: 5-9 pm, Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
- Richie's Poker: 5-8 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
- Tom's Poker: 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room
- 9 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays
- 18 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays.
- Billiards 8 ball: 6-10 pm, Mondays and Tuesdays
- Billiards 9 ball: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays; 6 - 10 pm, Thursdays;
- Billiards Events: none
- Mens Golf: 8 am, Wednesdays
- Mixed Golf: 9 am, Fridays
- Lawn Bowling: 9:30 am, Monday through Saturday, lawn bowl courts
- Pickleball: 10am-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri | 8-10am, Tue, Thu, Sat | 3:30 to 5:30pm Tue, Wed, Thu | 9-12 Sun.
- Ping Pong: 10-1, Tuesdays-Fridays, Belleair Room
- Shuffleboard: 4 pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Softball: 8 am, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Safety Harbor City Park
- Tennis: 7:30-10 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 10-1 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Building Events

- Bohemia Luncheon - Saturday, April 11, 12-4 pm, Pavilion
- Valencia Picnic - Wednesday April 15, 5:30-7:30 pm, Pavilion
- Siboney Pizza Party - Wednesday, April 15, 5-8, Belleair Room
- Melbourne Pizza Party - Friday, April 17, 4-7 pm, Clearwater/Kitchen Room
- French Renaissance Picnic - Tuesday, April 21, 4-8 pm, Pavilion
- Bavarian Chalet Dinner - Saturday, April 25, 4-8 pm

Swimming Pools (October-April): 8-6:30 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-6:30 Sundays
 Swimming Pools (May-September): 8-8 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-8 Sundays
 Library: 10-12 Mondays & Thursdays, 1-3 Wednesdays
 Woodshop: 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday, EAC Woodshop
 Lapidary: 1-3 pm, Monday-Friday, EAC Lapidary Room



Entertainment



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SONGS AND STYLES

Beach Boys Tribute brought back memories

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Our March show, "Good Vibrations - a Beach Boys Tribute" was sold out. If you missed this show, you missed an enjoyable evening.

Sitting back listening to this fabulous group perform classic hits brought back memories for everyone.

On March 21 we were entertained by the Cruise Control Band. Everyone was out on the dance floor throughout the evening. This band plays around our area and I am sure many of you follow them.

On Thursday, April 16, the Entertainment Committee will have Tap into Soul with Solomon Jaye. Blending multi-octave vocals, tap dancing to a soulful list of both classic and contemporary hits, Solom Jaye's Tap Into Soul offers an exciting new take on a timeless genre of music.

You will hear songs such as "I Feel Good," "Let's Stay Together," and "Up-town Funk."

Jaye will show off his fast footwork throughout his performance. This show will transport listeners from the 1950s to today. You will experience the incredible cross-genre mashup of music, dance and electrifying energy.

It's time to Tap Into Soul so get your tickets before we sell out!

In appreciation to our residents here at On Top of the World, the Entertainment Committee will have a free concert performed by the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, April 30 at the East Activity Center Auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. This event is theater style seating (no tables), and doors will open at 7 p.m.

There are no tickets for this event. So come out for a relaxing evening and enjoy Suncoast Symphony Orchestra.

Here are our shows for the rest of the year.

In May we will host the Edge Effect - ICONS: The Show!

On Oct. 29 we will host One Hit

Wonders.

On Nov. 19 the Alter Eagles - Eagles Tribute will be here and on Dec. 17 our show will feature Voices of Jazz to close out the year.

Our shows so far have been sold out, so please do not wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets.

Our dances and show tickets are reasonable and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment.

The shows are \$20 and dances are \$10.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating - bring your own favorite beverages. We provide coffee and ice.

We will make an effort to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s).

Our tables for shows and dances seat eight people per table.

Tickets are still available for our Halloween Dance, \$15, and New Year's Eve Dance \$30. Since these two danc-

es are usually sold out, stop by today to purchase your ticket(s) before we are sold out. Get a group of your friends together and purchase a whole table!

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

We have pamphlets that list all of our shows and dances to help you plan ahead.

You can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You do not need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

If you have any questions regarding our shows or dances, please call 727-449-9243 or 215-431-4799 for more information.

Just a reminder, please do not wear shorts to our dances, we would hate to ask you to leave.

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

**Tickets on sale at the Entertainment Committee information table
8:30-10:30 am, Mondays and Thursdays, EAC Auditorium**

Committee



Entertainment Committee Calendar

APRIL

16 Tap Into Soul (show), 7:30 pm, \$20

18 Flashback (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

30 Suncoast Symphony Orchestra, FREE, 7:30 pm, Auditorium

MAY

14 - The Edge Effect - ICONS: The Show! \$20 (final show until Oct)

16 - Three's Company (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

17 - Horse Races (Sunday Meet-and-Greet), 2:00 pm, FREE

JUNE

20 - Boomer Band (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10



Erin McCary and Stacey Seifried sing on stage with the Tota Music and Theatre Conservatory during Get Acquainted Friday on March 12. In April, tentative plans call for the 2026 Irish Club Parade video to be shown on the Auditorium movie screen. (Photo by Doug Kates)

Last Chance Did you miss the Irish Club parade on TV? Grab a donut and enjoy!

By Susan Trost

Good Neighbors Association has had an amazing couple of months with all the events and activities that have taken place in our community.

Our Salute to Veterans was an amazing celebration of all of our veterans. There were 94 veterans in attendance including three veterans who were from Canada, Italy and England.

It was such a pleasure to honor all of those who have served to protect all of us.

Good Neighbors Association also sold hot dogs, chips and soft drinks at the 30th Irish Club Parade and all proceeds went back to the Irish Club for future parades.

This year's parade was wonderful and the best yet.

Our next Get Acquainted Coffee will be on Thursday, April 9, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Please join us for a free cup of coffee and donut.

If you missed the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7, and missed the rebroadcast on Tuesday, March 17, don't worry. During Get Acquainted Coffee in April we are going to pull down the movie screen and give everyone another chance to watch the parade.

The parade was filmed by OTOW-TV channel 901 with announcers Carmel LeBlanc and Sheila Bonomo. Whether



you already watched the rebroadcast or not, grab a coffee and a donut, and watch it with us on the big screen.

In March we welcomed the Tota Music and Theatre Conservatory to our stage.

Ladies from the group sang in groups, duets and solos. A lot of their music was original.

See you back here on April 9.

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Keep in mind, nowadays, if you receive a social media message, good chance the person is not real

Scam Alert

Facebook and X (formerly Twitter), Truth Social, Tinder and other social media platforms are loaded with garbage posts, from the filth of racism, and every kind of fear-mongering imaginable, to distortions about health, medicine, politics and politicians.

If there's a phobia someone wants you to have or a hatred someone wants you to adopt, it's there.

And then, there are the scams.

Romance scams, financial scams, threats, intimidation, hacking, identity theft. You want trouble? It's there every time you click on a link or even look at a post or tweet or whatever they're called.

And hovering above it all is Artificial Intelligence (AI).

What can we do to protect ourselves?

Must we delete all social media?

Stop sending messages or posts?

Should we stop answering our phones for fear AI can generate a fake call from our children or friends?

I don't think so. But we must be careful.

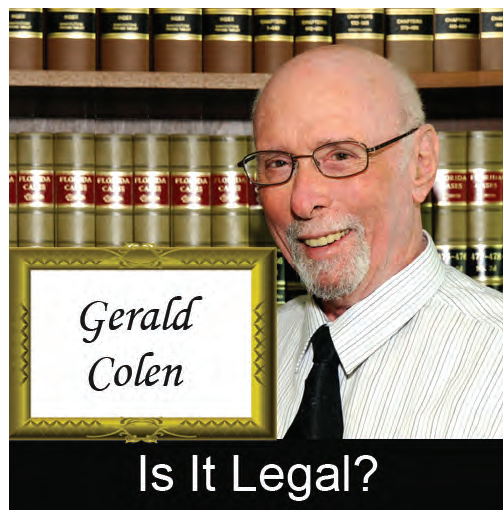
I'm on X and Facebook. I use What's App to place calls to a relative who's not in the country. But please don't share your phone number on What's App with people you do not know.

Can we protect ourselves while still enjoying or using X, Facebook, Truth Social, Tinder, and other social media?

First, we must start with skepticism.

And it takes patience.

Everytime we see an interesting post on any social media platform, we must ask ourselves if it's fake.



If we get a direct message from, say, X or some other social media platform, and you get asked "Can I ask you a question," or "Hi," or "You seem interesting," you must immediately raise your suspicion level to red hot.

Make a couple of assumptions.

(1) This could be an AI-generated attempt to contact you.

(2) This could be an attempt to sell you crypto or stocks or an attempt to have you subscribe to some Only Fans Page.

Just be on guard. That's the start of protecting yourself, but it's only the start.

Most important, if someone you are messaging wants you to send money, it's a scam.

Disconnect and refuse further posts or messages.

You are going to need courage to break free from scams or fake news or all the other garbage you'll find. But you'll be the wiser and much better off.

In future columns, I hope to address

other social media issues as well, of course, as scams and scammers.

Q. I don't want you to spend a lot of time looking this up, but can one state enter into a treaty with another country?

A. I don't have to spend time on this, I already know the answer. It's "no." Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution.

Q. I signed a three-year lease on a home from a long-time friend so he could show more income coming in when he and his wife applied for a car loan. It wasn't their home, just a rental property.

Now, I'm in a financial pinch and want to have a moratorium on my lease payments. He won't cut the rent and he will sue me if I don't pay in full.

Can he be required to give me a break on the rent? I'd even accept a reduction in it.

Some friend, eh?

A. From Mark Twain: "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principle between a dog and a man." I haven't seen your lease. I can only guess that depending on what it says, he can evict you and maybe seek to collect unpaid rent.

Q. I am a 75-year-old woman. While on a cruise with a group of friends, one of whom was my Church's minister, I met a widower close to my age. We fell in love and the minister married us on the ship.

My children are furious and my son

wants to have the marriage annulled and claims it is not valid.

My husband and I don't want to annul, but he'll agree if that's what I want. Your thoughts, please.

A. That was some cruise! Tell your kids to buzz off. So long as your minister complies with Florida law about documents to be sent to the state there should be no issue.

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The East Activity Center Auditorium was full when the latest Bingo Marathon took place in February. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

More than 150 people enjoyed Bingo Marathon in February

By Mary Ann O'Neil

A Bingo Marathon took place on Saturday, Feb. 28 and was a great success. We had approximately 150 people in attendance.

The doors opened at the East Activity Center at 10:30 a.m. and coffee, juice and doughnuts were available for the early arrivals.

Once guests received their bingo packets, they were given a goodie bag with a bottle of water, cookies, a bingo dabber, pen, keyring and hand wipes.

The games started at noon and everyone was ready to win some money.

Halfway through the scheduled games, we took a lunch break where everyone received a fried chicken lunch with chips, applesauce and of course a variety of cakes made by Lucille Greenhalgh, one of our volunteers.

Our marathons are held twice a year and the next one is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24. The cost is \$30 per person, advanced tickets only.

Ticket sales will start in September so be sure to look for our announcement.

When you think of a marathon, it is usually all day, but not here, On Top of the World Bingo can do it in four hours!

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped to make this event a success, but most of all a big thank you to all attendees.



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Twenty-four members of the Press Association celebrated a great 2025-26 newspaper season by enjoying pizza at the Pavilion in March. The staff ordered six pizzas from Boardwalk Pizza and paid for it with a year's worth of 50/50 money. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Thirty-six Press Association staffers qualify for season-ending recognition



Thirty-six members of the Press Association were invited to participate in the club's annual Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, April 7, at Philippe Park.

While more than 80 different people made at least one contribution to the newspaper over the past 12 month, the honorees qualified for the dinner by contributing to at least three newspapers and attending at least three monthly meetings.

Appreciation dinner qualifiers include Katie Bajis, Patti Branch, Richard Broadhurst, Cheryl Butcher, Tom Butcher, Tom Chalupka, Mary Connolly, Joanne Cordes, Fran Fairfield, Kathi Finley, Karen French, Donna Gagnon, Pat Hayes, Sally Herman, Renee Ingrassia, Jim LeBlanc, Roy Lemnus,

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As this newspaper went to press, details about the Appreciation Dinner were changing. Dinner plans had to be changed and staffers will be receiving an email with details.

In March, the newspaper staff held its annual pizza party at the Pavilion. Twenty-four staffers showed up and enjoyed lunch from Boardwalk Pizza. Lunch was paid through 11 months of 50/50 drawings.

Elections are coming up in April. President Tom Butcher has announced he will be seeking re-election.

Vice President Donna Gagnon and Secretary Joanne Cordes have announced they will both be stepping down. Those positions will be open.

Anyone who wants to run for any office had to notify Editor Doug Kates by March 30. If any positions are being contested, there will be an election in April. Staffers will receive information via email letters.

The first board meeting of the 2026-27 season will take place 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. Then there will be only one meeting over the summer, Aug. 4.

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After 8 years of a troubling life, Bella needed a break and started over at On Top of the World

It was not planned. It was not on a bucket list. It was literally a random event predicated by the cable being out again.

I was scrolling through posts on my cellphone to pass the time when I saw her face.

I had to meet her.

I arranged to see her the next day. She was a small, white creature huddled in her cage. Young families walked by her cage, but flocked to the puppies instead.

Humane Society employees estimated her to be around 8 years old. She was miniature - maybe 4 pounds.

The vet believes she was raised in a puppy mill. She was wobbly and could barely stand on her feet. Her feet were misaligned from walking on a caged floor.

She had one surgery so she could never have any more babies.

Another surgery - more than \$1,500 - was mainly for dental work. She only had three teeth and her gums were so inflamed she could barely close her mouth.

During a third surgery, vets had to operate on and remove a two-inch cyst on her neck.

Finally, I could take her home.

She got a new name, Bella.

At first, Bella would growl and bark during the night in her hellish dreams.



I did not know how long she was going to last.

But as of writing this story, three weeks has passed. Bella is up to 4.7 pounds. Not a drastic change, but better than she has been in a long time.

I do not know Bella's past, or how she came to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay, but my wife, Diane, and I know Bella has had a hard life.

It is difficult to imagine someone being so cruel to someone so fragile.

As I sit in my cozy recliner and watch the world news, I do not know how long Bella will be with me, but just seeing a little 4-pound chihuahua walking again fills me up with hope.

Want to try it?

The Humane Society phone number is 727-797-7722.

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You may not believe it, but this is the same dog. The dog on the left was adopted by Bill Golden from the Humane Society of Tampa. The dog on the right is the same dog after three weeks of having a home at On Top of the World.

Humane Society: <https://humanesocietytampabay.org/>



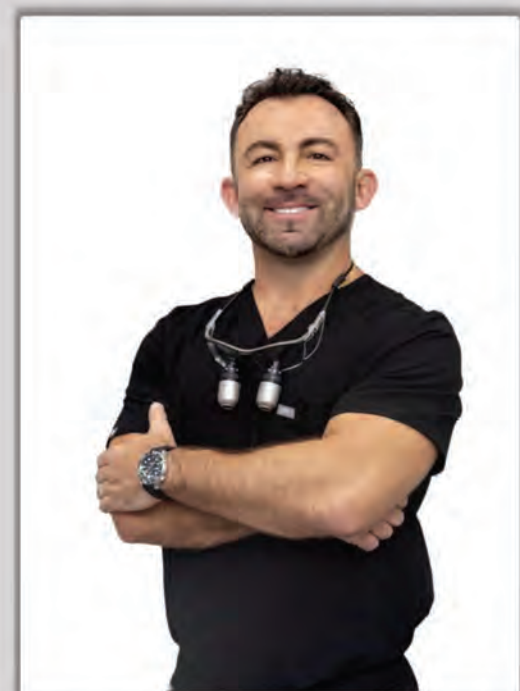
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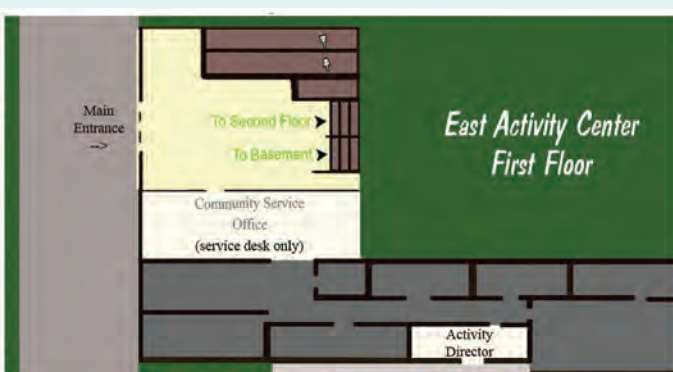
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Hilda Wagner won Best of Show at the annual On Top of the World Art Guild Art Show on March 8. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Hilda Wagner wins Best of Show



Rick Slater took second place.

The On Top of the World Art Guild sponsored its annual art show in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Sunday, March 8.

Thirteen current artists had works on display.

This year's show was in honor of long-time artist John Fier, who not only was a member of the club, but who also provided backdrop art for both theater clubs and artwork for community events, such as the Irish Club post-parade party and the Fall Festival.

Residents displayed multiple drawings, plus acrylic and watercolor paintings. There were seascapes, landscapes, portraits of people, dogs, cats and birds.

A visiting judge awarded first place to Hilda Wagner, second place to Rick Slater and third place to Irene Piper.

All of the paintings on display were available to purchase from the artist.



Art Guild

By Katie Bajis

During the monthly Art Guild members' meeting, Robin Megel won Artist of the Month and will have her painting on display in the East Activity Center Auditorium during the month of April.



Irene Piper was awarded third place.

Artist of the Month

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Pet of the Month



Each month, OTOW artist Irene Piper will be providing each Pet of the Month winner with a pet portrait based on their submitted photograph.

The owner will be contacted when each portrait is finished.

If you would like to contact Irene and request your own pet portrait, she is receiving emails at loislane96@hotmail.com.

Irene does not take the initial photograph. You must submit a photo and she will create the painted portrait based on the picture.

Irene also can be reached at 727-313-0500.

My name is Bentley, or as some people call me, "Mohawk Bentley."

You can see by my picture how I got that name. I'm a Terrier mix who is 12 years old and very lovable and affectionate.

I would love being "Pet of the Month" because, as a therapy dog, I make people smile and help take their mind off of whatever they're going through. I soothe their soul.

I was rescued by my owner, Linda White, on New Year's Eve almost two years ago. We live in the Ottoman building.

I love car rides, especially on the days I volunteer at Empath Health/Suncoast Hospice visiting patients, their family and friends, and staff. When I'm not working, I love looking out the window to see who's outside, getting treats from my neighbors, being petted and socializing with both humans and other dogs.



"Mohawk Bentley"

Each month, OTOW News will feature a Pet of the Month. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one perfect photo and a brief reason why your pet deserves to be Pet of the Month. Email to otow.newsroom@gmail.com. You must include your pet's name, owners' names, breed of dog, age of dog and building you live in. You can enter more than one pet per household but they all must be in the same picture. The winning pet each month will receive a portrait by Irene Piper. The newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. Each monthly winner then becomes eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year, which takes place with an online vote each January. Your pet must still be a resident of OTOW on Jan. 1 to be eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year honors. The State Farm Pet of the Year will be announced in February and gets invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade.



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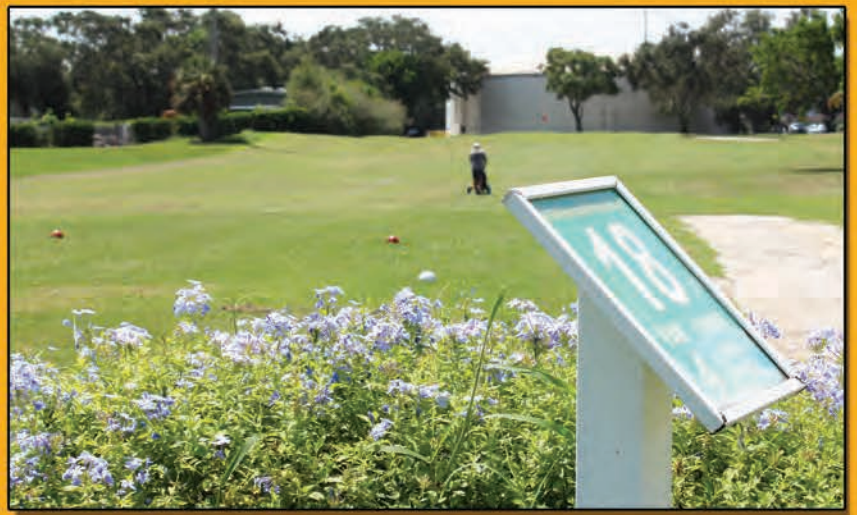
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



The Second Time Arounders Marching Band had so many participants that the entire group snaked around two turns on World Parkway Boulevard East. (OTOW News photo by Howard Wolff)

Best parade ever?

The Irish Club hopes you enjoyed this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was held March 7.

Many residents commented that they enjoyed the first ever live TV broadcast from Brisbane Road and World Parkway Boulevard East. The OTOW-TV 901 broadcast included a pre-parade show with hosts Carmel LeBlanc and Sheila Bonomo, then the entire parade.

Carmel and Sheila did an outstanding job high above on a flatbed truck provided by CTS Towing and Transport. For one hour they interviewed residents about their Irish heritage, laughed and sang Irish songs. They entertained both the audience at the parade and those watching from home.

Once the parade started, Carmel and Sheila were busy announcing each entry in the parade and giving some



Irish Club

By Jim LeBlanc

history of the groups passing by. This was a very well-planned parade and the effort Carmel and Sheila gave us

was a bonus. Sheila didn't even know she would be broadcasting the parade until 24 hours before the start.

A huge thank you goes out to On Top of the World for purchasing new video equipment for our community TV station. Without the new equipment, a live broadcast would not have been possible from Brisbane and World Parkway Boulevard.

Our newspaper editor, Doug Kates, did the camera work and Mike Wood operated and monitored the sound board. This was the 30th year for the parade (1996-2026) and this was the first time residents got to see the parade live from this location and watch it again on rebroadcasts.

Tom O'Riordan from the Irish Club chaired and organized the parade for the fifth year.

Barbara Rice worked with Tom on the lineup and format, and even more Irish Club volunteers helped to keep the parade organized, in order and running smoothly throughout the morning.

Parkway Maintenance did a great job in preparing the community for the parade. Roads were closed and gates blocked for safety. They even helped clean up after the parade to get our community back to normal.

A very big thank you to our Good Neighbors Association. They sold more than 325 hot dogs with all the fixings - all at a reasonable price. All proceeds were donated back to the Irish Club.

As usual, the Irish club supplied free beer, water and pretzels after the parade.

Did you cool off with Galvin's Goodies ice cream or dance to the music of the Paddy-O-Furniture band?

Did you love seeing the Second Time Around Marching Band in our parade? They were amazing, weren't they?

A lot of residents, Parkway employees and SCA staff came together to make this possible.

Gratitude also goes to the Jolly Trolley sponsored by Summit Broadband. The trolley safely transported residents from the west side to the east side.

Twenty-four On Top of the World clubs not only participated in the parade, but many of them made financial contributions to help make the event successful.

It's important to note that without all the donations received, this parade would not be possible.

The Irish Club has to pay, or make donations, to the various groups that participate. Many were non-profit organizations that rely on donations to sustain their own operations.

The parade becomes a very costly event, especially as the parade gets bigger and the participants get better.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed in making this year's parade such a great success.

See you in March 2027.



Sheila Bonomo and Carmel LeBlanc broadcasted the parade live on OTOW-TV channel 901. (Photo by Barbara Rice)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Have dinner first ... then join us for dessert



This was a scene from the ice cream social in 2024. How can you say no?

The Italian-American Club welcomes warmer weather with our annual Ice Cream Social on April 14.

We listened to our members and changed the time to 6 p.m.

Enjoy dinner out or at home, then join your friends in the East Activity Center Auditorium for dessert.

In addition to ice cream, we will be serving layer cake and coffee.

This will be our final event of the season before we break for the summer.

Our St. Joseph's Dinner and Dance was a wonderful success. We received excellent feedback on the updates we made and we are grateful for everyone's support as we continue improving our events.

A special thank-you to Felice's Italian Catering for the delicious meal, DJ Frank Lebrano for keeping the energy high and to all our dedicated volunteers who are always ready to lend a hand.

To finish out 2026, we are bringing back two member-favorites. By popular demand, the Italian-American Club will host A Little Latin Twist on Sept. 23. Then, on Nov. 18, we will celebrate the

Italian American Club



By Renée Ingrassia

season with our Holiday PJ and Game Night.

Tickets for all events can be purchased on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. through May and again starting in September.

Please note that no tickets will be sold at the door. Stop by our information table and say hello. Share your ideas for future events. We love hearing from you.

Thank You

from the Irish Club

The people and groups below made significant financial donations to the 2026 Irish Club Parade to help make the event possible.

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Plans are already in the works for the 2027 parade. If you would like to help make a financial contribution, please visit our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium some time this fall.

Computer Club researches privacy issues when using AI-based services

Artificial intelligence continues to be a prominent topic at the On Top of the World Computer Club.

AI is an important part of today's computing world and we can learn much from it. However, there are privacy concerns about AI.

At a recent meeting, a member asked these questions: "What does AI do with the questions I ask it? Is there a risk my question will be shared with other people?"

The answers are: 1. AI sometimes uses your questions to help train itself, and 2. Although humans may see some of the questions that you ask AI, you won't be personally identified.

Also, there are steps that AI users can take to maximize confidentiality.

- Delete your questions after you get a response
- Turn off AI's activity tracker
- Turn on the temporary chat feature

The exact process for applying these steps depends on which version of AI is used. To learn how to implement these actions, ask your favorite AI application this question: "What can I do to maintain my privacy while using this service?"

And, of course, avoid entering sensitive personal information (for example, your Social Security number, bank details, or passwords) into an AI chat.

Numerous versions of AI exist. Some are Google's Gemini (gemini.google.com), Microsoft's Copilot (copilot.com), and ChatGPT (chatgpt.com). All these programs also have apps for iPhones and Android phones.



Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Meetings take place both in person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

For assistance with technology-related issues, come to a help session in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center, on any Wednesday morning from 9 to 10:30. Please arrive before 9:30 so we have enough time to



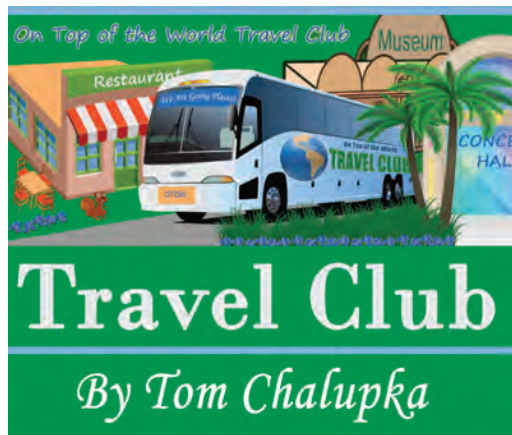
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Travel Club will make huge announcement at April 10 meeting



Every fall the On Top of the World Travel Club schedules a wonderful multi-day bus trip that is usually somewhere in the southeast part of the United States. These trips are coordinated by longtime member Terri Mikszenas and her husband, Dick.

Last year it was a wonderful five-day trip to Charleston, N.C.

In past years we have traveled to places such as Nashville, Savannah, Miami and New Orleans.

The location for the fall excursion is always announced at the Travel Club's monthly meeting in April, which is generally on the first Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room. With Good Friday falling on April 3 this year, we have moved our meeting back to Friday, April 10.

So, while we all anxiously await the official announcement about this year's trip, Terri did sneak us a few details.

This year's trip will be a longer trip than the last few years. It will be a nine day/eight night trip leaving on Saturday

The Travel Club was one of 23 clubs that participated in the Irish Club Parade on March 7. You couldn't miss us. We were pushing suitcases down the road! (OTOW News photo by Barbara Rice)

Oct. 3 and returning on Sunday, Oct. 11. It will include motorcoach transportation, lodging, breakfasts, dinners, admissions to scheduled places and shows.

These trips always sell out very quickly because they're limited to only 44 people and only double occupancy rooms will be available.

With the Travel Club having a mem-

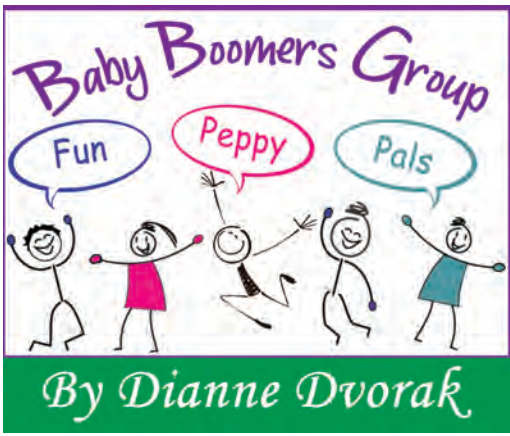
bership of more than 400 people, you can see why our featured trip is very popular.

After we fill the 44 positions with people who want to go, we start a waiting list. Don't let the wait list discourage you from signing up because with seven months between the announcement and the departing date, openings do become available.

So, on April 10, come to the OTOW Travel Club meeting with your traveling partner and your checkbook to sign up. If you are interested in joining us or for more information about this trip, stop by our information table in the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 -10 a.m. or at our monthly meeting on the first Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room.

Association Board Meeting 1 pm, Thursday, April 2, EAC Auditorium

Baby Boomers already had a ton of things to do ... and then joined the Canadian Club on top of it all



Boomers pose for a photo at the recent Canadian Club's Spring Fling Dinner Dance. It was such a hoot, yummy dinner and a DJ that got us up and dancing! Congrats to Connie Stanley and all the Canadian Club officers on the great job they did all season.

So much is going on at On Top of the World that it can be hard "work" fitting in all the fun!

The Baby Boomers group has had a very busy month with Monday bowling, Friday biking, acoustic jam Thursdays, two meetings a month, and entertainment inside and outside our community.

Some of us enjoyed (and ebiked to) the Seafood Blues Fest in Clearwater's lovely Coachman Park and the Sunset Beach Concert Series in Tarpon Springs. Both were free - a favorite word amongst retired people.

Also, several of us have gone again to a great little theater for intimate concerts at the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center (SHAMC) to see musicians brought in from all over the country by Todd and Kiaralinda of Whimsy House Fame.

In the community, we enjoyed the Jesters show (so exceptional this year) and the Theater Workshop show (also really great). We appreciate our talent-

ed people at OTOW and the joy they bring to us.

The Entertainment Committee keeps us busy, too, with the great bands they bring in here. Many of us had a good time at the Over the Edge Band dance.

Thanks to Margery Cruise for organizing and procuring tickets for 24 of us Boomers to see the West Coast Players comedy "The Curious Savage." Then we went out to dinner at Johnny's Italian Restaurant, a nearby Clearwater classic.

Many of our Boomers are ukers and involved in performing open mic at the Whistle Stop and/or Honu. We have become involved in the Tampa Bay

Ukelele Society.

Several went to the District Uke Festival held in Downtown Clearwater this past month.

This past winter season, several Baby Boomers made it a point to join the OTOW Canadian Club. The events are many and Canadian Snowbirds are such joyous people and so organized.

Many Canadians did not return this season and Americans met the challenge to fill some of the void.

We were looking forward to going with the Canadian Club to a Blue Jays vs. Rays spring training baseball game on March 22. It'll be tough for our Rays to beat those awesome American

League champs, but in spring training games, anything can happen.

Do we get kicked out of the Canadian Club if we cheer for the Rays?

If you like the idea of a low key meet-up group and you like fun people, don't be shy, give the Baby Boomers group a try.

Meetings are held at the East Activity Center Largo Room on the first Monday and third Thursday of every month.

If you like biking, come and bike on Friday at 10 a.m. We meet up at the EAC front parking lot. Helmets are required.

Bowling is a show up when you want to event on Mondays at 9:50 a.m. Meet up at Maple Lanes for two games at \$1.50 a game plus shoes (if you don't have them).

We have a great time even when we get splits, but some get "lucky" and get turkeys!

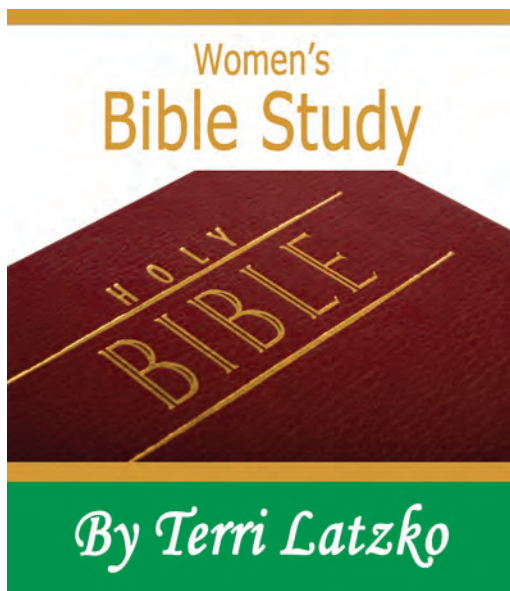
Others like it so much they get new bowling balls!

The acoustic sing-along jam is open to all residents who enjoy playing acoustic instruments or singing along every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the WAC Learning Lab.

Even though these activities were started by the Baby Boomers group, feel free to join in bowling, biking or jamming.

Keeping physically and socially active is a great thing! "Use it or lose it" as the saying goes. Happy spring everyone!

New club reviews the importance of prayer



On March 13, the first women's Bible study group at On Top of the World was held.

We had a lovely group of women who were ready and enthusiastic to study God's Word!

Everyone introduced themselves and shared where they were from and how long they have been living at On Top of the World. I shared some craft project ideas and what we might be creating in the future. After that, we changed course and prepared to concentrate on the lesson. We started by discussing a poem about prayer.

We all agreed that at times we hurry through our day without engag-

ing in prayer, not out of intention, but due to the busyness of life. We came to understand the significance of praying throughout the day, entrusting our problems, concerns and irritations to the Lord, regardless of their magnitude.

We explored the advantages and significance of prayer, which include:

(1) A stronger relationship with God: Prayer is communication, creating intimacy and trust.

(2) Mental and emotional peace: It helps reduce worry, bringing a sense of calm that guards our hearts and minds.

(3) Guidance and wisdom: Prayer aids in decision-making and understanding God's will.

(4) Source of strength: It provides comfort, hope and resilience during challenging times.

(5) Daily alignment: Regular prayer helps us focus on what is truly important, creating gratitude and humility.

One of the Bible verses we discussed was Mark 11:24 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

This is how we apply the lesson to our daily lives: Prayer isn't a last resort - it's the first step to peace.

Come join us in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room on the second and fourth Fridays of the month!

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Next time you make tea, put the whole lemon in - seeds, peel and all



Kathy Brumbaugh demonstrates how to blend and freeze the whole lemon in order to receive the benefits from the limonoids and limonene. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Most of us know that lemons are a great source of Vitamin C, a powerful antioxidant and an anti-inflammatory agent. For these reasons alone, lemons are a healthy fruit choice.

However, lemons also contain two beneficial compounds — limonoids and limonene — both of which have documented anticancer properties.

Evidence suggests that we should consume the entire lemon, including the juice, pulp and rind, to fully reap these benefits.

In March, members of The Plant-Based Living Club learned how to blend the whole lemon to use as a substitute for just the juice. The pulverized whole lemon can be frozen in ice cube trays to ensure it is always available for recipes.

According to researchers, consuming just one tablespoon of the grated peel per week provides necessary health benefits.

During our March meeting, members experienced how delicious the whole lemon can be in various dishes.

At our fabulous Buddha Bowl lunch, the group enjoyed ginger "lemon-aide" and lemon squares for dessert.

Ginger Lemon-Aide Ingredients
 6-8 tablespoons of grated, washed and unpeeled ginger
 2-3 washed and blended lemons
 Raw and unfiltered honey

Instructions

Bring 3 quarts of water to a boil. Steep the ginger for 30 minutes. Cool the ginger tea slightly. Add honey to taste. Stir the blended lemon into the tea. Refrigerate.

To serve - fill glasses with half ice and add the ginger lemon-aide. Garnish with a peppermint sprig if desired.

(Always shake the ginger lemon-aide before serving.)

All residents are welcome to join the Plant-Based Living Club on Wednesday, April 1, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. We will be learning how to grow sprouts, the most nutritious food on the planet.

For more information about the Plant-Based Living Club visit the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com. For more information on veganism visit VeganSalvation.com.

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Members of the Democratic Club walk past the East Activity Center during the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7.

Democratic Club has goals for election year



Democratic Club

By Dave Beaven

The On Top of the World Democratic Club had a great time at the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade last month.

Many thanks to the Irish Club for putting this event on each year. And the luck of the Irish held, too, as the weather was perfect.

Good show. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Our club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. So in April, our meeting occurs on April 9.

We often have guest speakers or watch relevant videos which educate our members on important issues of the day.

We are also currently working on two campaigns. One is to elect Bryan Beckman to the Florida State House representing our district. The other is calling local voters and reminding them to renew their mail ballot status for the upcoming elections.

Thanks to our members who are volunteering in these important activities. We also take time to relax.

On the fourth Tuesday each month at 6 p.m., club members get together for a happy hour in the Learning Lab. We eat and drink and chit chat with each other socially.

If you want to find out more about our club, visit our website at: worlddemsclub.blogspot.com. We also have an information table set up in the Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. Drop by for some Democratic conversation.

Two months after showtime, Jesters members honored with Tony Awards



Jesters

By Jim LeBlanc



At the Jesters post-show party, cast members were treated to a Tony Award type of celebration. Everyone received a Tony.

The Jesters' cast party was a huge success! The theme was a "red carpet party."

We acted as if we were receiving Tony awards. (Tonys are given for excellence in theater productions.)

Everyone was dressed to the nines with glitz and glamour as we walked on a red carpet to receive our "Tony" statues. The theme idea came from Jesters President Michelle Fournier. With

help of many others, the party was very entertaining.

Mike and Charlie Wood, the show's sound and light technicians, were able to set up a monitor and sound system, so all could watch clips of the show and listen to the songs that were performed. It made this night a very lively affair.

What was very funny during our party were the spontaneous performances done using the many charac-

ters we had in our stage skits. During the months of rehearsing, inside and running jokes developed, which made rehearsals lighthearted. That humor continued at the party.

During the catered affair, many were conversing about the fun times they had throughout the show and the positive comments that were received after the performance. As the party went on there was plenty of singing and danc-

ing as well. The affair was a moment many of us will not forget.

If you would like to join the Jesters or learn more about the club, our next meeting will be April 8 at the West Activity Center in the Belleair Room. We have a social time with refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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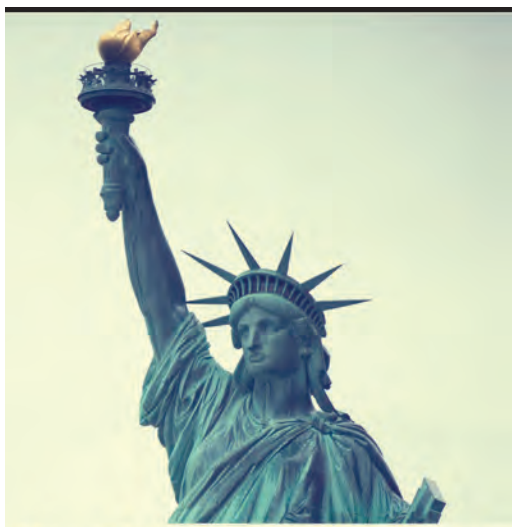
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What do you get when you mix Hawaiian leis with Cinco de Mayo? Don't know - come out and find out



New York - New Jersey Club
By Pat Hayes

At the New York-New Jersey Club, our favorite time of the year is when everyone gets a lei.

Hawaiian Shirt Night will take place on Tuesday, May 5, with DJ Frank Lebano. Subs and pasta salad will be from Felice's Italian Catering.

You must register in advance. Visit our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

On Tuesday, July 14, Carla Hines will be back to perform for us. It will be New York Cheesecake Night with either strawberry or cherry toppings. Cost is \$12.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, we will host a summer social with the KP Duo. Felice's Italian Catering will supply meatballs, salad and bread. The club will provide water and ice. Cost is \$20.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, our club will host its first ever Sock Hop with DJ Scott



Members of the New York-New Jersey Club carry our new club banner in the 30th Irish Club Parade. We were proud to participate with all the other OTOW clubs. (OTOW News photo by Barbara Rice)

McParland. Dinner will be McDonald's burgers, plus chips, coffee, water and ice. Cost \$15.

Back by popular demand, Wednesday, Dec. 2, will be our fifth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party with DJ Frank Lebano.

The New York-New Jersey Club was proud to help sponsor the Salute To Veterans Dinner in March. We are proud to be among several On Top of the World clubs that made it possible.

And a shout out to the entire Irish Club for making our annual St. Pat-

rick's Day Parade a special event. A parade doesn't just happen without a lot of planning and everyone in charge turned March 7 into an incredible day.

Thank you for allowing our club to be a part of it.

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Social dancing benefits your body, mind and spirit - are you ready to try it?

By Mariann Hackett

Howard Wolff's Social Dance Class offers a multitude of benefits that extend far beyond the dance floor.

Engaging in this lively form of expression not only enhances physical fitness by improving cardiovascular health, flexibility and coordination, but it also fosters social connections and builds a sense of community.

As people come together to share the joy of movement, they cultivate friendships and strengthen bonds, which can lead to increased emotional well-being.

The rhythmic nature of dance serves as a powerful stress reliever, allowing participants to escape daily pressures and immerse themselves in the music and the moment.

Furthermore, social dancing encourages creativity and self-expression, enabling dancers to explore their unique styles and interpretations.

This vibrant activity also promotes cultural appreciation, as various dance forms often reflect the rich traditions and histories of different communities.

Overall, social dancing is a holistic experience that nurtures the body, mind and spirit, making it a rewarding pursuit for people of all ages and backgrounds. It's the goal of Howard Wolff and Mariann Hackett to bring the benefits of social dance to On Top of the World. Every week they prepare a dance lesson and follow it with a Tea Dance, where all the dances can be practiced.

They have covered East Coast and



Pictured above are some of the instructors and students in Howard Wolff's Social Dance Class. You can see they are having fun, but keep in mind they don't sit in chairs very often.

West Coast Swing, hustle, waltz, fox trot, rumba, cha-cha, salsa, merengue and bachata with more to come.

Stop by the Belleair Room in the West Activity Center every Thursday at 1 p.m. to start reaping the benefits of

social dancing. No partner is needed. Give it a try. You might be surprised by how good it makes you feel.

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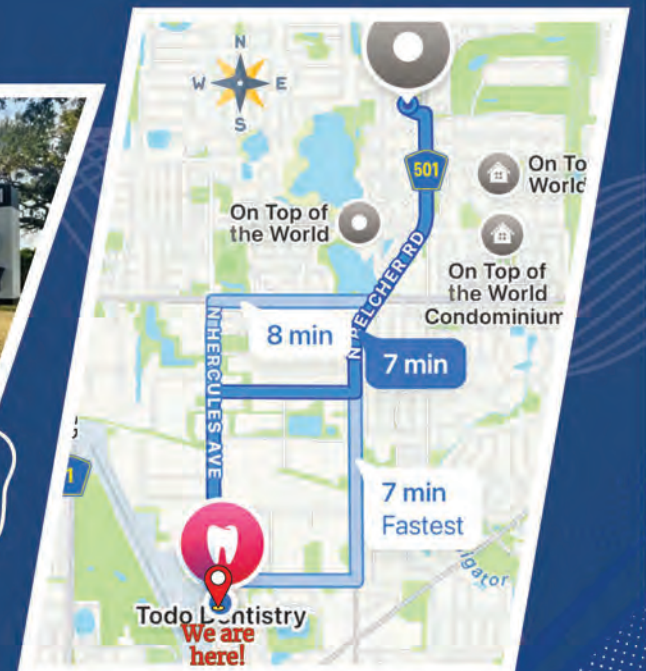
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Julie Marcus visits the Republican Club



Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus with members of the Republican Club.

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club was thrilled to welcome our featured guest speaker, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus, to our March meeting.

Leading a team of 52 staff members, Julie is the only elected official and she has held that position for more than five years.

Prior to her current title, Julie was actively involved and working with the County Election Administration since 2007.

Julie provided our club with a run-down of some of the changes in the organization. She specifically wanted

to mention the mail-in ballot situation. If you previously voted by mail, and wish to continue to do so, you must re-register at www.vote-pinellas.gov in order to get a ballot mailed to you.

She also thanked us for the great election turnout (80 percent) in November 2024 right after Hurricane Milton had come through the area.

Julie also explained a new maintenance feature which will help keep

voter registration current. More than 69,000 names were removed due to death, relocation, incarceration and mental incompetence.

Lastly, Julie urged our members to consider volunteering as poll workers to help keep our elections fair and accurate.

A question-and-answer session followed.

Afterwards, the club discussed the

annual election of our own board members. Due to personal circumstances, we need to elect a new president and vice president. Anyone interested may contact Karen Tatge (khtatge@gmail.com) to let her know of your intent to run.

Information was also passed on regarding our club's participation of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our theme was America's 250th birthday.

Bible Study group takes a road trip

Did you know that just a short distance away in Tarpon Springs, there is an opportunity to experience unique biblical attractions?

On March 5, the On Top of the World Bible Study group set aside their usual routine and embarked on a trip to visit The Tabernacle in the Wilderness and The Bible Museum. Both tours were avail-



able at no cost, making it an accessible and enriching experience for all participants.

For those who do not know what the Tabernacle is, let me tell you.

The Bible describes, in detail, the exact plans to build the Tabernacle of Moses. The Tabernacle was a portable, sacred, tent-sanctuary built in the wilderness by the Israelites, according to divine instructions given on Mount Sinai. The Tabernacle contained the Ark of the Covenant, a chest designed to hold the Ten Commandments tablets.



On Top of the World Bible Study residents visit Tarpon Springs.

Discuss Earth Day with the Philosophy Club

By Constance McDonald

The Philosophy Club will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22. What better time to explore the challenges we face living on our planet Earth.

Meetings generally start with a 20 to 30 minute TED presentation on TV.

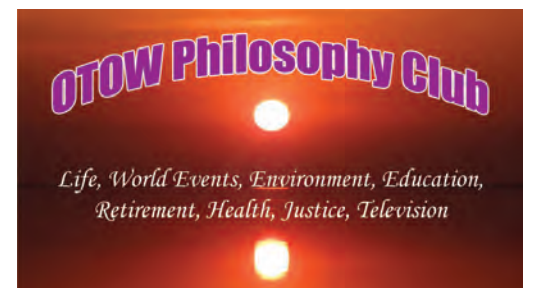
This is followed by group discussion lead by facilitators Bill Worsworthy, Marge Greene or Rachel Stone.

Our meetings are lively and informative, serious, but not so serious that we don't share some laughter.

Our meetings are year around, every

Tuesday, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

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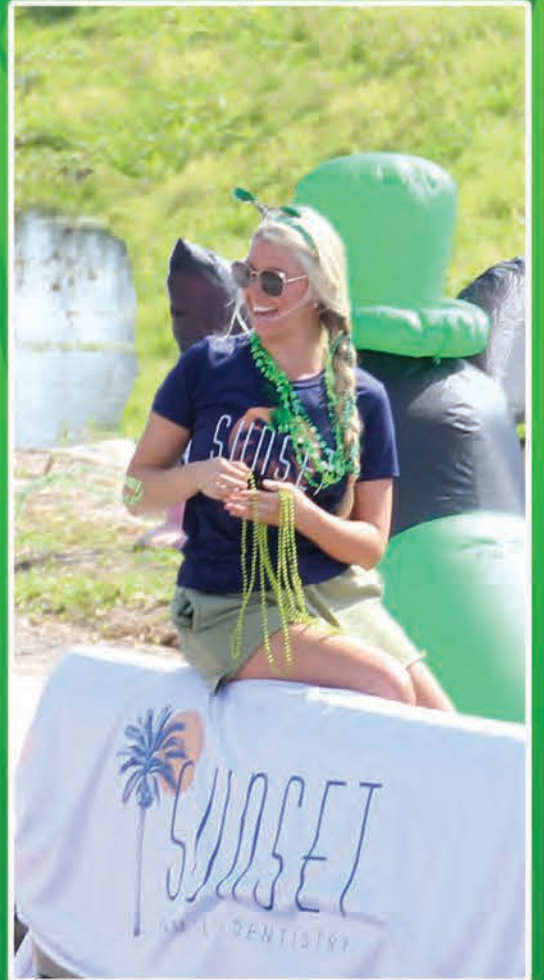
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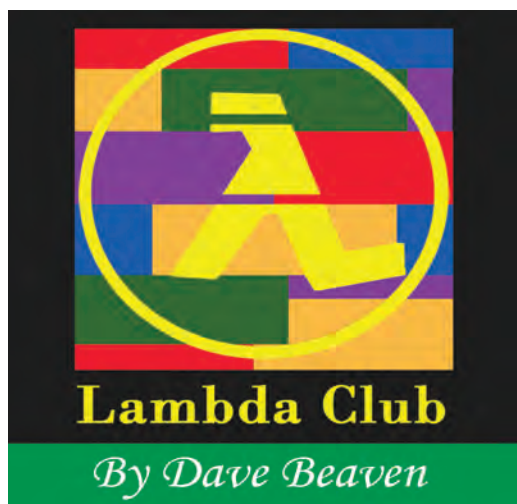
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Mary Lou Wall, and Howard Wolff



Lambda social in April centers on Easter



Last month was definitely a celebration of the green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Everybody was Irish when Lambda Club dressed in emerald at its monthly social.

We shared a few Irish jokes and toasted a bit as well. There was lots of green food on our potluck table. There also was a little contest as to who was dressed to impress the most.

The winner got his own Irish tankard for future celebrations.

Our big event in April will be our Easter Sunday dinner on April 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room. Many of us are far from family, so this is a good reason to get together.

Our main course will be ham pro-



Green was required attire as Lambda held a St. Patrick's Day-themed party in March.

vided by the club. Members are asked to bring side dishes to round out the menu. Members are invited to wear an "Easter Bonnet" to celebrate the holiday. A prize for the most original creation will be awarded.

Lambda Club members have a number of activities available to them

each month. In addition to our monthly social, we do weekly mall walks on Wednesdays and play shuffleboard on Mondays. There are also nights at the movies and game nights that are scheduled.

The Lambda Club was founded to create a friendly space for our LGBT

residents at On Top of the World. We also welcome any other OTOW residents who would like to get to know us. We are happy to be here.

If you want to know more about our club, visit our official webpage at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Canadian Club wraps up season with golf, a spring fling, a sock hop, baseball and more

Canadian Club membership registration closed for the season on Feb. 26 with a total of 420 members.

Our club hasn't seen numbers like this since the mid-2000s.

And guess what? More than 75 percent of our members are American.

Our club had a very successful Golf Fun Day on Sunday, Feb. 22, with 81 golfers showing up at the 18-hole golf course. The championship was won by the team of Karen French, Dale Denning, Amil Brecht and Mike Critterndon.

Tournament Coordinator Harry Morrison said they had the lowest score this tournament has ever seen!

Special thanks go to volunteers Joanne Fenn, Roxanne Deagler, Diane Deagler, Amanda Phillips, Rowland Hetrick, Barb Morrison, Harry Morrison, and Ken Campbell.

Our club collaborated with, and co-sponsored, a Salute to the Veterans on March 1. We joined together with Good Neighbors Association, the Veterans Group, the New York-New Jersey Club, the Italian-American Club, the OTOW/Snowbirds Club and Sidney Colen Associates.

There was a great turnout. In fact, it was sold out with 250 people attending, including 94 veterans, including one Canadian Air Force vet, Herman Hoffman.

Our club provided some very pleasing, well-appreciated banners and a colorful red, white, and blue balloon



arch with a few Canadian balloons.

A beautiful addition to the event this year was a wonderful Vietnam Veterans' memorial tribute by Fred Langrock. He provided a wonderful, educational message in the recital about the Vietnam Memorial, an American national memorial in Washington, DC, which honors more than 58,000 servicemen and women of the US Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War.

On Wednesday, March 4, the Canadian Club hosted its annual Spring

Fling with a beautiful chicken marsala buffet dinner enjoyed by all and catered by Banquet Masters. There were 126 people in attendance.

The décor highlighted spring with butterflies suspended from the ceiling and beautiful pastel colors throughout the Auditorium, including in the beautiful springy balloon arch!

This year, the coordinator who stepped forward and volunteered was Rebecca Bernai, assisted by Reemal Duggal. Their creativity and design were absolutely stellar, and we sure hope they can volunteer to coordinate more events.

As usual, 30 volunteers worked together to decorate, set up and dismantle the beautiful Auditorium. Even our DJ, Les Weiss, was decked out in spring pastels.

The night included a limbo rock to celebrate OTOW Olympics with sparkler wands, cheering on the limbo competitors, followed by many door prize draws and Share the Wealth cash prizes.

We held another '50s sock hop-karaoke on Friday, March 6, with many in attendance donned with several saddle shoes, pink ladies' jackets, Brylcreem-haired gents, and don't forget the many poodle skirts.

Our Happy Hour featured DJ Scott McParland and it was a great time with a lot of fun. Many line dances were included. Super snacks were shared

from the kitchen buffet and many Share the Wealth prizes were awarded!

To close off the season, our final event was on Sunday, March 22, when we attended the final Spring Training game for the Toronto Blue Jays. They hosted the Tampa Bay Rays at TD Park in Dunedin.

Finally, to start off next season, our Annual General Meeting was held on March 31 with many in attendance. Elections were conducted by Past President Harry Morrison and the executive board was elected by acclamation.

A lovely wine and cheese social hour followed and we said adieu for the summer.

Don't forget, full-time residents, that Blackout is conducted by Coordinator Tom Jamrozy year-round in the Belleair Room at the West Activity Center, every Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m.

Tom very happily reports that frequently there are 80 participants and everyone is welcome.

Come out and enjoy a fun night of cards, bring \$1.25 in quarters for a chance to win.

Tom provides training and orientation practice games at 5:50 p.m., with training games from 6-6:30 p.m. Regular play begins 6:30-9 p.m.

Your executive committee wishes everyone a very Happy Easter and a great summer ahead!

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Rosie Multari and her husband, Bruno (front row center), presented a two-hour line dance workshop to On Top of the World line dancers on March 4. Rosie is a nationally known line dance choreographer and instructor residing in New Jersey.

Line dancing is not always simple - it can provide fun challenges, too

If you are a relative newcomer to line dancing, you may have heard the instructor announce at the beginning of a dance, "No tags or restarts!" and everybody claps.

You probably wondered, what are tags and restarts, and if they are so unpopular, why have them at all?

I'm here to clear up those mysteries for you.

First of all, a little explanation about what is an actual line dance. A line dance is a choreographed set of steps, which is repeated several times in a song until the music ends.

The most common scenario is 32 steps, in four sections of eight, but there can be other combinations as well. It is all up to the choreographer how many steps, but for the purpose of this explanation, let's go with 32.

So you learn the first eight steps then the second set of steps, and so on, until you have completed all four sections.

Do the math and you have done 32 steps.

The instructor will probably say, "end of dance." Now all you have to do is repeat those 32 steps until the end of the song.

Yes, it is a bit more complicated than that, because there are usually some turns in the dance, so you end your



32 steps facing a different wall from where you began. That makes it more interesting, but also a little more challenging, because a new wall can make those same 32 steps seem entirely different!

But, practice makes perfect.

Pretty soon you will be circling the room and mastering each new wall with ease.

Now, this would be all well and good if every songwriter composed his or her music in perfect sequences of 32 beats, and frequently this is the case. But

very often, songs have bridges added, or there may be a chorus ... something which adds to the song and sounds entirely natural ... until you try to get your perfectly practiced 32 steps to fit.

All of a sudden something just feels wrong. The steps seem out of sync with the music!

You can force it, and in the early days of line dancing they often did, but once you get a little experience under your belt, you are not going to be happy doing that.

This is where tags and restarts come in.

A tag is simply an extra few steps inserted into the dance, frequently at the end, to fit some extra beats of music which have been added.

A restart has basically the same purpose. Something in the music has changed, so it works best if you leave out some steps and restart with the first set of eight steps.

Once you get used to it, it is not nearly as frightening as it sounds. Your instructor will demonstrate when and where to expect them and will usually call out "Tag" or "Restart" when the time comes.

So there you have it! No more fears about tags and restarts.

OTOW/SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCE CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday mornings in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

8:30 - 9:30 Class for Absolute Beginners, or people who claim to have two left feet. Ed Foland and assistants guide you step by step through the very basics and teach you how to incorporate those steps and touches into some easy dances.

9:30 - 11:30. Our teaching team of Leila Walker, Carol Babini, Dolly Foland and Dale Stackhouse teach a variety of dances, progressing from easy ones to those which provide more challenge for dancers with some experience. You can start and stop whenever you like and sit out any dance you choose.

Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 - 10 in the EAC Largo Room

Practice sessions. We go over the Wednesday playlist so that the dances are more familiar and sometimes add a few extra for variety.

Check out your building bulletin board. It should have a copy of the schedule posted. Or pick one up on Wednesdays at class.

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Joe DeChiaro and Mike Lopez split the pot at Texas Card Game tournament in February

The Texas Card Game Club poker tournament in February had 25 players for the third month in a row.

Helen Hughes brought some cookies to share with everyone.

The tournament dwindled down to the final three players and eventually the top two players - Joe DeChiaro and Mike Lopez - decided to divide the first and second place prize pool evenly.

Third place went to Butch Pemberton.

The next three tournaments will be held on Friday, April 24; Friday, May 29 and Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

New players are always welcomed. Just show up 15 minutes before the start time to register or send an email



to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com for more information.



From left to right, Butch Pemberton, Manny Rios, Doug Shonk, Joe DeChiaro and Mike Lopez were the final five players at the Texas Card Game tournament in February.

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SPORTS



Ping Pong Club members unveil their new banner prior to the start of the Irish Club parade.

We love our new banner!

Did you see our new banner? Ping Pong Club had a new banner designed and printed before the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade. With design help from Editor Doug Kates, we were able to get it done before the parade and show it off for the first time while proudly marching along the boulevard.



By Marie Clodge Valdes

We are truly thankful Doug shared his talents with us. Thirteen of the banners in the parade were designed by him. This also was our club's first appearance in the parade. Club members were so impressed and excited to use our new banner for our first march during the 30th anniversary of the parade. We had two golf carts decorated with

lights and other St. Patrick's Day decorations. We tossed multi-colored ping pong balls out to the crowd as we went by.

It was a real joy to see so many people marching in the parade, and the excitement of the onlookers just added to the positive energy.

I am happy to share a special shout out of thanks to Janice Wisinski and Tom Rivera, who stepped up by helping to organize our club's participation and who attended the parade organizing meetings.

I also wish to thank Mark Legin who helped make oversized ping pong paddles and who ensured our banner had a proper set up to be carried easily.

Many thanks to our club members who participated in the event and approved our participation.

We took a club photo before starting out the parade and we hope each year there will be more and more members joining in on the fun.

Our club held a birthday celebration on March 18 to celebrate Tom Rivera,

Greg Hetrick, Sonja and Jim Griffin and Stan Stock. As always, there was a lot of fun with cake, birthday cards and healthy snacks.

We happily continue enrolling new members and this month we welcomed Barb Hetrick, Rebecca Bernai, Bill Maloney, David Lee and Edmund Molina, who are learning quickly or renewing skills while having a lot of fun.

If you would like to learn a new game, or renew your love of ping pong from years ago, we invite you to join us from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays through Fridays at the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

We guarantee that you will have lots of fun and make new friends.

Competitive tournaments are focus of the Red, White and Blue League

February and March were busy months for the Red, White & Blue Golf League here at On Top of the World.

There were four tournaments on the schedule, including our second major tournament of the year.

The action began in February with a foursomes tournament using a "count three out of four scores" handicap format. Depth and consistency were key, as only the best three scores on each hole counted toward the team total. Every shot mattered and steady play made the difference.

Winners were Ed Molina, Mike Spodeck, Joe Rodriguez and John Spencer.

Next up was a two-man handicap "pick your partner" event giving members the chance to team up with a golfer of their choice.

The brother-in-law duo of Brian Kreilich and Jim Van Leuvan delivered an outstanding performance and captured the win.

The final tournament of the month featured a four-man shamble. In this format, all players teed off, the best drive was selected, and each golfer then played his own ball through the hole.

The highlight of the day was a re-



markable round by Mike Spodeck, Edmund Molina, John Spencer, and Joe Rodriguez, who combined for an impressive 16-under-par finish.

March brought the start of the club's final major tournament of the year: a month-long Match Play elimination tournament. The competition is underway and building toward what promises to be an exciting finish on April 11.

The season continues with fun and competitive monthly events still to come. It's shaping up to be another great year for the Red, White & Blue Golf League.

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The final day for Snowbirds to purchase a 6-month home subscription to OTOW News is Thursday, April 30.

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SPORTS

Ron Shields and Charles Kovarik collect five hits apiece as Red tallies 22 runs in victory

Bill Lepping, Charles Kovarik and Frank Leeb each had four hits, but it was not enough to overcome the consistent hitting throughout the lineup of the Blue team.

On Field One, Blue defeated Red 16-11. All four of Frank's hits were doubles.

On Field Two, Red defeated White 13-10.

Blue was led by Jim Maid who homered and slugged two doubles while Barry Yellets had two triples among four hits. Dan Joyce also had a perfect four-hit day.

Between them, they accounted for eight of the runs driven in or scored, and newcomer Ken Babcock produced two more runs with two singles and an RBI triple.

On field two, Joe DeChiaro and Ralph Scunziano both had perfect four-hit days. Joe had 11 consecutive hits over the last three games.

Together, they accounted for 9 of 10 runs via scoring or driving in runs, but it was not enough.

Every batter on the Red team scored or drove in at least one run with much of the heavy lifting done by Ray Woolsey with a homer and two doubles, and Bob O'Donohue, Gary Zimmerman and George Morgan each of whom scored twice.

Field 1
Red 6, Blue 5

Field 2
White 11, Red 7

The glamour of baseball is in the offense. But insiders know that often it is defense which determines the winners. That became obvious on Field One.

In the top of the first inning, with a run already in and two outs, Rick Champ (Blue) in left field tracked a ball and then dove for the catch, hanging onto the ball for the third out.

Late in the game, the bases were loaded with two outs. Gary Zimmer-



man, shortstop, chased a pop fly into short-left field, and with his back to the infield caught the ball saving at least two runs.

His Blue team then scored three runs in the bottom of the inning to tie the score at five.

In the fifth inning, with a run in on Frank Leeb's homer, Bob Dembinski flashed far to his right and leapt to snare a long liner for the third out of the inning.

Red's defense matched Blue's defense. In inning one, with the leadoff hitter on first base, Mark Manns fielded a ball up the middle, touched second and threw a bullet to first to nab the runner by a step for a double play. Then Robert Bannick, in right field, raced far to his right and back to grab what seemed a sure double to end the inning.

On Field Two, Dan Joyce and Bill Lepping Jr. each homered in White's victory. Going to the seventh inning, White led 8-1, but Red rallied for six runs to create a one-run game until Bill's blast extended White's lead.

Field 1
Blue 12, Red 6

Field 2
White 10, Red 9

The game on Field Two was a nail-biter with exciting defensive plays all around. Particularly starring were outfielder Bob Dembinski who ranged far and wide to catch deep fly balls, and Mary Anne Benuzzi who would let no ball past her at second base.

Pitcher Rodger Hillier also contributed with his glove, snaring a searing liner at the mound.

On Field One, Blue was led by George Morgan's three hits, two of them doubles, and Mark Mann's perfect three-hit day. Blue scored the maximum three runs in three separate innings.

Field 1
Red 22, Blue 11

Field 2
White 13, Red 12

Ron Shields had a five-hit day on Field One. Charles Kovarik also had five hits while Ray Woolsey had a two-run homer.

In seven of the nine innings, Red scored the maximum allowed three runs to rout Blue.

On field two, the defensive award of the game goes to left fielder Jim Tiano, who raced in and to his right for a sinking liner which he caught backhanded and ankle high. He also drove in a run with a strategically placed grounder.

After Frank Leeb's first inning three-run homer, Red led throughout until the eighth inning when White won it on RBI singles by Dan Joyce and Frank Whitney.

Field 1
Blue 12, Red 6

Field 2
Red 10, White 10

We often measure teams by their hitting, defense and running, all of which can be judged by statistics. But some-

times the most telling skill is "smarts," knowing which base to throw to, positioning properly and playing heads-up baseball.

We saw plenty of smarts on Field One. There was Tara Gunning fielding a tough hop behind second base, stepping on the base for a force out and then alertly recognizing she had no play at first base, throwing to third base to nip the runner.

And Eric Ortiz reached high to catch a line drive and then raced behind the runner who had drifted off the base for a double play.

On Field Two, Lenny Segall and Mike Blaa led the Red team with three hits apiece, while White's Barry Yellets, Gene Abood and Mark Manns duplicated their feat.

Field 1
Red 14, White 13, Blue 8

Field 2
White 7, Red 3

On Field Two, Red briefly took a lead, 3-2, in the fifth inning on RBI doubles by Eric Ortiz and Rick Graham. Otherwise, White's superlative defense stifled them.

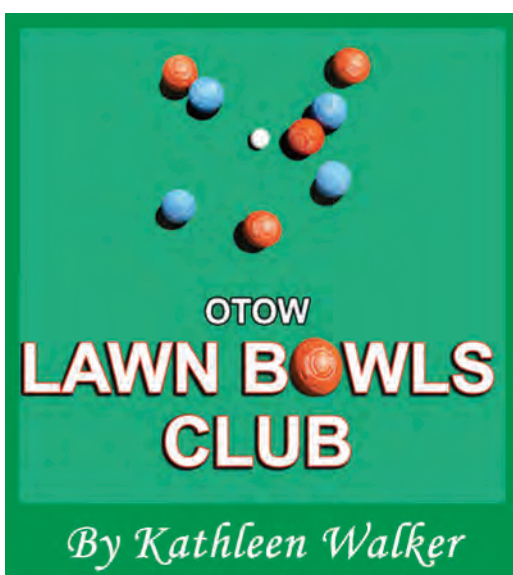
Meanwhile, White scored five runs over the last three innings of the victory. They were led by Rick Champ, Jack Drewiega and Charles Kovarik.

On Field One, behind the consistent hitting of Barry Yellets (two triples), Gene Abood (three hits), and Don Mandeville (four hits including a double and triple), Red piled on for a big lead.

Red then held their breaths as White closed the gap with six runs in the last inning to pull within one. White's Ray Woolsey contributed a homer, two doubles and a single, while Richard Mierzewski contributed four hits including two doubles.

Four other White hitters. Bob Fields, Frank Leeb, Bob Rittner and Jim Kemp had three hits.

Parade was so much fun!



What a blast lawn bowlers had at the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Hopefully you noticed our 12 Lawn Bowls Club marchers, decked out in green, happily handing out beads and candy.

One member who participated, but couldn't walk with us, was our blow-up leprechaun. He certainly enjoyed bobbling along though on the rear of our decorated golf cart!

Thank you so much to the Irish Club



Lawn Bowl Club members before starting the parade on March 7.

and Parade Committee for such a wonderful event!

The parade is only one of the many activities we enjoy participating in together when we are not lawn bowling at On Top of the World. We also love to party, gather in the Pavilion at least once a month, and we occasionally travel to participate in USA Bowls tournaments.

In March we were so proud of two of our members, Cathy Mills and Sandy Wall, who competed in the Bowls USA Southeast Division Women's Open in

Sun City Center, Fl. Cathy and Sandy took second place in doubles and Sandy took second place in singles.

Sandy also was named "Bowler of the Tournament" as she accumulated the most points during the week.

Congratulations to both of them!

The winners of our March in-house tournaments were Mike Patterson, who placed first in the Novice Tournament, and Mike Patterson and Gerry Boone, who placed first in the Pairs Tournament.

The winners of our St. Patty's Day

and Fun Day Tournaments, the final tournaments of the season, will be announced next month.

Our seasonal members will soon be leaving us. Our year-round members though will continue to lawn bowl through the summer, practicing to build their skills for next year.

If you would like to give lawn bowling a try, now is the perfect time to do so. Simply stop by our courts in front of the East Activity Center during a practice session, Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. No knowledge or experience is necessary, and equipment is provided.

You, too, can learn to play the sport and build your skills so you are ready to jump in for the next tournament season.

Not a morning person? Once the heat of the morning gets too intense, we will add evening practice sessions. Additionally a training session can be arranged outside of practice times.

For more information about the sport, or to arrange a training session, contact Gerry Boone at fishingpop1955@gmail.com.



Mike and Andrea Tomaselli win Best Ball Tournament

It was an exciting day of golf on Friday, Feb. 13, in the Friday Mixed League when 78 players participated in a Partners Best Ball Tournament.

Andrea and Mike Tomaselli took first place with an amazing score of 55.

Hats off to Fred Schick and Day Hyden, who took second place, also with an incredible score of 55.

Third place went to Harry Barbin and Deb Young with a 56, fourth place went to Don Hahs and Verna Lundgren with a 56, fifth place went to Mike Marsh and Warren Levine with a 56 and sixth place went to Paul Cairns and Roger Shockley with a 57.

Seventh place went to Gloria and Gary Sayer with a 57, eighth place went to Jim Cadwell and David Rosenberg with a 57, ninth place went to Ada and John Maloof with a 58 and 10th place went to Fred Blatz and Steve Caffey with a 58.

All ties were broken by a match of cards.

Closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 3 winners were Fred Schick and Dan Hyden, hole No. 5 to Harry Barbin and Deb Young, hole No. 6 and 15 to Bill Gambacurta and Jahn Lawson, hole No. 9 to Bill Whipps and George McNeil, hole No. 13 to Gary Piccoli and Andy Corbeil, and hole No. 16 to Lori and David



Wilson.

Skins were awarded on hole No. 3 to Bill Gambacurta and Jahn Lawson, hole No. 4 to Fred Schick and Dan Hyden, hole No. 7 to Ada and John Maloof, hole No. 8 to Don Hahs and Verna Lundgren, hole No. 14 to Fred Blatz and Steve Caffery, hole No. 15 to



Mike and Andrea Tomaselli winner of Best Ball of Partners Tournament

John Pellegrino and Jim Keagy, hole No. 17 to Tim Carr and Ken Oatsvall and hole No. 18 to Andrea and Mike Tomaselli.

Results from Feb. 6

Sixty-seven golfers played on a

cold breezy Florida day on Feb. 6. First place went to Sheryl Barbin with a plus-8, second place to Paul Cairns with a plus-6, third place went to Robin Hendricks with a plus-5, fourth place went to Sue Beals with a plus-5 and fifth place went to Guy Bertuzzi with a plus-5.

Sixth place went to Joe Coyne with a plus-4, seventh place went to George McNeil with a plus-4, eighth place went to Tim Carr with a plus-3, ninth place went to Jerry Jordan with a plus-3 and 10th place went to Drew Degler with a plus-3.

Ties were broken by a match of cards.

The closest-to-the-pin winner on hole No. 3 went to Gary Piccoli, hole No. 5 went to Mike Gleason, hole No. 6 went to Ken Oatsvall, hole No. 9 went to Peyton Grogan, hole No. 13 went to Gary Sandine, hole No. 15 went to Rick Muchler and hole No. 16 went to Mike Marsh.

Skins were awarded on hole No. 5 to Mike Gleason, hole No. 8 to Andy Watson, hole No. 10 to Fred Blatz, hole No. 12 to Mike Marsh, and hole Nos. 16 and 18 (eagle) to George McNeil.

Low gross went to Paul Meyers with a 68 for 33 points. Nice round Paul.



Top players from the annual Shuffleboard Doubles Tournament are, left to right, Linda Pregonzer, Bev Patterson, Nancy Schultz, Tim Lewis and Dan Hoover. Missing was Ziggy Wrona.

Tim Lewis, Nancy Schultz win doubles tournament

The 2026 Shuffleboard Club Doubles Tournament is in the books and the 12-team double elimination tournament saw some new members sharing the spotlight in the winner's circle.

The team of Tim Lewis and Nancy Schultz came away with the first place prize.

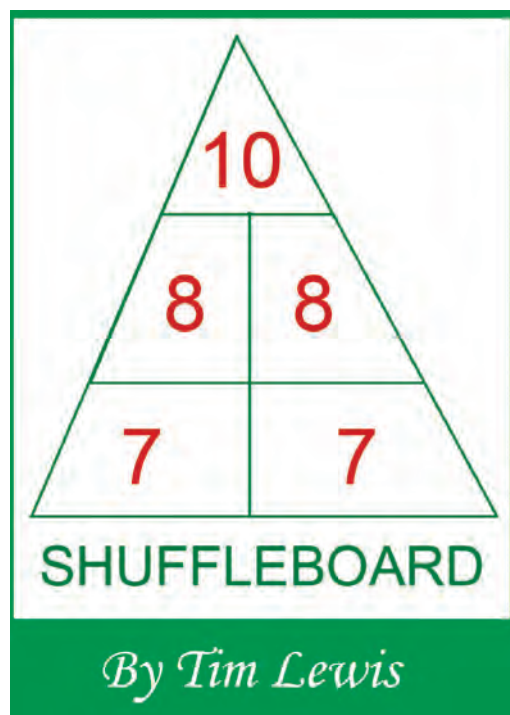
Tim is a club veteran and is currently the club's president. He was also a co-champion in the same event in 2024.

Nancy Schultz is a new member to the club, but has shown she is definitely not a beginner at this game.

The team that came in second place battled their way to the finals through the loser's bracket after an early round loss. Bev Patterson and Linda Pregonzer took home the second place prize.

Rounding out the winner's circle in third place were Ziggy Wrona and Dan Hoover. Their only losses were to the two teams who finished ahead of them. Dan is also a new member to the club this year.

As is our tradition, we held our after tournament picnic at the Pavilion where 30-plus members and guests enjoyed burgers and hot dogs along with a variety of other delicious dishes and sweets.



The club will be winding down its weekly schedule as the weather gets hotter. Our target date for our seasonal break is April 29. We will be starting up again at some point in early October. Hope to see you on the courts.

Be sure to check our courtside bulletin board for club contact information and any changes in our schedule.

Sam Chaker, Donna Irwin win singles championships

The On Top of the World Tennis Club recently held their annual Tennis Tournament.

The singles champion for the men was Sam Chakar and the women's champion was Donna Irwin.

The men's doubles champions were Sam Chakar and Charles Kovarik and the women's doubles champions were Donna Irwin and Irene Babik.

The mixed doubles champions were Donna Irwin and Marek Czarniecki.

The senior singles champion was Rick McColgan.

The Tennis Club also marched in the annual Irish Club St Patrick's Day parade. It was a fun day.

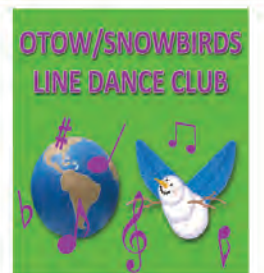
If you'd like to join our club, come out to the courts and sign up. Our hours are 7:30-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10 a.m.-noon Tues-



By Charles Kovarik

days, Thursdays and Saturdays; and 4-6 p.m. on Sundays.

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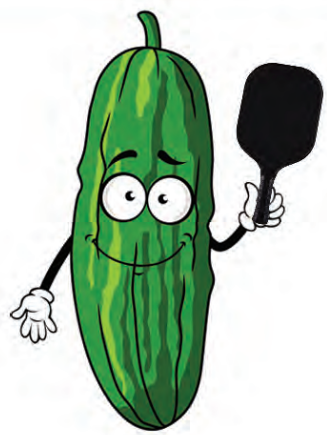
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If you are having fun, you are welcome to stay until 11:30 AM.

SPORTS



Pickleball

By Patti Branch



Pictured above are the Mixed Doubles winners from our annual tournament.

Diane Taylor, Mike Pilodoro, Marina Davidovich and Mike Dionne big winners at annual Pickleball Club tournament

The On Top of the World Pickleball Club held its annual tournament on Feb. 21 and 28.

It was a hard-fought competition which concluded with a pizza party.

Winners for the mixed doubles event were Diane Taylor and Mike Pilodoro. Second place went to Becky and John Kinney. Third place went to Marina Davidovich and Scott Scheibler. Fourth place went to Donna Irwin and Leon Fisher.

There were women's and men's ran-

dom doubles competition where each player played doubles with several partners throughout the competition. The doubles winners were the individuals with the most wins.

The winner of the women's doubles event was Marina Davidovich with Becky Kinney in second place and Tara Gunning and Jacky Ormsby tying for third place.

The men's doubles winner was Mike Dionne, followed by Mike Pilodoro in second place, John Kinney in third

place and George Kelbatyrov in fourth place.

Thank you to Linda Scussel for organizing the event and keeping track of all the changes to the line-up.

The club had a very busy March.

We marched in the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade and our two champions, Marina and Mike, played pickleball while marching down World Parkway Boulevard East.

We hosted another popular Game Night on March 16 and had our annual

meeting and luncheon on March 22.

As you can see, we do more than just play pickleball. We are a very social group and like to have fun.

We welcome new members. If you want to try us out, there is an orientation session the first Tuesday of the month during the first hour of afternoon play at 4:30 p.m.

Or you can just show up during our regular hours and members will be happy to teach you the game.

Bob Kichla shoots net 53 in Men's Golf Association play

Scores are improving dramatically due to the improved weather we are seeing. No one is complaining. We will take the playing conditions over the last two months anytime.

February 18

Group A

Top Scores: Bill Whipps, 61, George Mead, 63, Mike Walker, 64, Jere Keiser, 64, Fred Peace, 66.

Group B

Top Scores: Eric Russell, 62, Jeff West, 63, Pete Gagnon, 63, Dale Drenning, 64, Edward Molina, 64.

Group C

Top Scores: Vincenzo Maranto, 59, Jerry Jordan, 60, Daniel Morey, 63, Jay Laracuente, 64, David Baldwin, 64.



By Barney Hanrahan

Group D

Top Scores: Robin Hendricks, 63, Joe Ventimiglia, 64, Bob Kichla, 65, Bill Robertson, 65, Irving Hernandez, 66.

February 25

Group A

Top Scores: Fred Blatz, 60, Mike Walker, 63, Stanley Doran, 65, Bob Beals, 65, Nilson Sabadin, 66.

Group B

Top Scores: Ron Lafond, 58, Dale Drenning, 69, Jeff West, 62, Ron Nobile, 62, Mike Schyler, 63.

Group C

Top Scores: Roger Schockley, 57, Len Picone, 60, Tom Pettit, 61, Henry Rejman, 63, Harry Crawford, 66.

Group D

Top Scores: Bob Kichla, 53, Robin

Hendricks, 57, Joseph Dowe, 62, Bill Robertson, 63, Bob Ellis, 63.

March 6

Group A

Top Scores: Bill Whipps, 61, David Johnson, 62, Paul Cairns, 62, Gary Sandine, 62, Stanley Doran, 63.

Group B

Top Scores: Bill Holland, 60, Bill Haener, 62, Bob Beals, 63, Barry Pelham, 63, Jay Schwallie, 63.

Group C

Top Scores: Harry Crawford, 61, Henry Rejman, 61, Bob McGregan, 63, Jim Cadwell, 63, Daniel Morey, 65.

Group D

Top Scores: Joe Ventimiglia, 60, Ken Nield, 61, Ken Schifferle, 62, Tim Palmquist, 63, Bob Ellis, 64.

March 11

Flight A

Top Scores: David Saccone, 61, Jere Kelser, 64, Andy Poselli, 64. George Mead, 66, Fred Peace, 66.

Flight B

Top Scores: Doug Silver, 59, Jim Anzalone, 61, Jay Schwallie, 62, Bill Holland, 62, Ron Lafond, 63.

Flight C

Top Scores: Joe Johnson, 58, Jim Cadwell, 60, Henry Rejman, 61, Bill Gambacurta, 61, Guy Bertuzzi, 62.

Flight D

Top Scores: Bob Ellis, 63, Jay Laracuente, 64, Tim Palmquist, 64, Joe Ventimiglia, 65, Ken Nield, 66.



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SPORTS

Pam Riley wins Flight Tournament after 3 playoff holes

Finally. The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League can say that they completed one of their three winter tournaments.

However, it wasn't the Best Ball which was scheduled for January. That date is still to be determined.

We had warm weather Feb. 17 for our Flight Tournament organized by Sheryl Barbin. And wouldn't you know, there was a tie in Flight B.

Sheryl and Pam Riley had tie scores. So they headed out to the course another day to break the tie. It was a suspenseful day. It took them three more holes. They played hole No.1 and tied. Then they went to hole No. 7 and tied again. On hole No. 9, Pam had the lower score and was declared the Flight B winner. You couldn't ask for any better golf than that!

March started with warmer weather and we were back to normal. We marched in the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. Just like always, the weather was beautiful and the crowds were big. Thank you to the Irish Club for this fun event.

We waited for the President's Tournament and spring luncheon in March. Ann Stewart took over the job of organizing the luncheon after Nancy Schifferle had done it for many years. Once again, we were going to the Safety Harbor Spa.

Our March luncheon marks the end of our 2025/26 season as established by the league founders. We do continue playing through May. April and May scores will be recorded for the 2026/27 season.

Now is a good time to join our league. Start the new season with us. Be part of the golf, the fun and the friendships we make. Call Carroll Harris at 432-528-



8684 for information. Don't hesitate. We have actual scores to report from two events.

Feb.10

Three Clubs and a Putter

Flight A: Paula Ergang had 38 and Gilda Gambacurta shot a 40.

Flight B: Pam Riley had 42.

Flight C: Sue Stevens scored 42. Carole Whynot had 43, Diana Anderson and Carroll Harris 45 and Judy Bergeron 47.

Flight D: Mary Arnone and Mary Ellen Makowski had 52.

Birdies: Gilda Gambacurta and Pat Holland had birdies on hole No. 2. Pam Riley birdied No. 4 and Judy Bergeron No. 5.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 4: Paula Ergang.

Feb.17

Flight Tournament

Flight A: Paula Ergang had 37.

Flight B: Pam Riley won on a three-hole playoff.

Flight C: Sheri Blaa won with a 43.



Sheryl Barbin and Pam Riley had to play three extra holes to decide the winner of our Flight Tournament.

Flight D: Mary Ann O'Neil won the flight with 48.

Birdies: Pat Holland had a birdie on hole No. 4.

March 10

Mystery Hole

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon had 25.

Flight B: Dorothy Hughes score was 25.

Flight C: Diana Anderson had 26.

Flight D: Deb Barnes had a 23.

Birdies: Lainey Quarello birdied hole No. 5 and Marilyn Lisbon No. 2.

Becky West wins Club Championship

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held its two-week Memorial Handicap Tournament on March 3 and March 10.

Congratulations to Becky West, who won the Club Championship with a score of 146 and Joedie Albert, who won the Handicap Championship with a score of 122.

Congratulations ladies!

The following are the flight results of the tournament:

Flight A: First place was Kim Norried with a total net score of 132 and Barbara Moon 134. Flight B: First place went to Gloria Sayer with a 131 and Nancy Low finished with a total score of 133. Flight C: First place went to Joann Congelli with a 128 total net score and second place went to Arlen Hansen with a 132 net score. Way to go ladies.

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League participated in the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7 and the league would like to thank Fran Urban-



Day for organizing and making this event a wonderful success for our club.

We also would like to thank all the other ladies who helped Fran with decorating our golf carts and passing out



Becky West, left, was the winner of the 18-Hole Club Championship. Joedie Albert won the Handicap Championship.

beads and candy throughout the event. The weather was absolutely perfect for the parade and enjoyed by all. Thank you ladies!

Preserve Vision Florida will be holding a free vision screening on Saturday, April 25, from 10 am to 2 pm. For details, please read Nancy Rogers' column on page 8 of this newspaper. Registration is required.

Nana Hendricks returns to High Vibe Tribe on April 14

One of the favorite guest speakers of the High Vibe Tribe has offered to return on April 14.

Since the first time I met Nana Hendricks, I recognized the purity of her soul and its mission. She was performing an evening meditation at the Unity of Palm Harbor. The rhythm of her voice and the imagery unfolded magically and I was hooked.

That was back in 2022, the year that the High Vibe Tribe was created.

Back then, Nana offered to do a presentation for our club and in subsequent years she continues to come back.

For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Nana, please read the following brief description.

Nana is an intuitive visionary and spiritual teacher with more than three decades of experience. She inspires her clients to find their inner radiance and live soulful lives.

As an intuitive, she sees soul light shining from inside everyone, inspiring them to find their radiance and to live soulful lives.

She has taught us about the five frequencies of transformation, an alchemy sequence, and has the gift of being a messenger and guide providing a roadmap to answers and gifts carried within.

Nana creates events for personal transformation, education and elevation in groups and private sessions.

She has authored two books entitled "Living From the Soul" and another titled "Transformative Gratitude Journal."

Nana has tentatively come up with a planned discussion for her April visit, however with her, the evening flows in whatever direction inspiration hits.

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talk we will explore the power of heart-brain coherence and how regulating the nervous system opens the doorway to clarity, creativity and inner stability.

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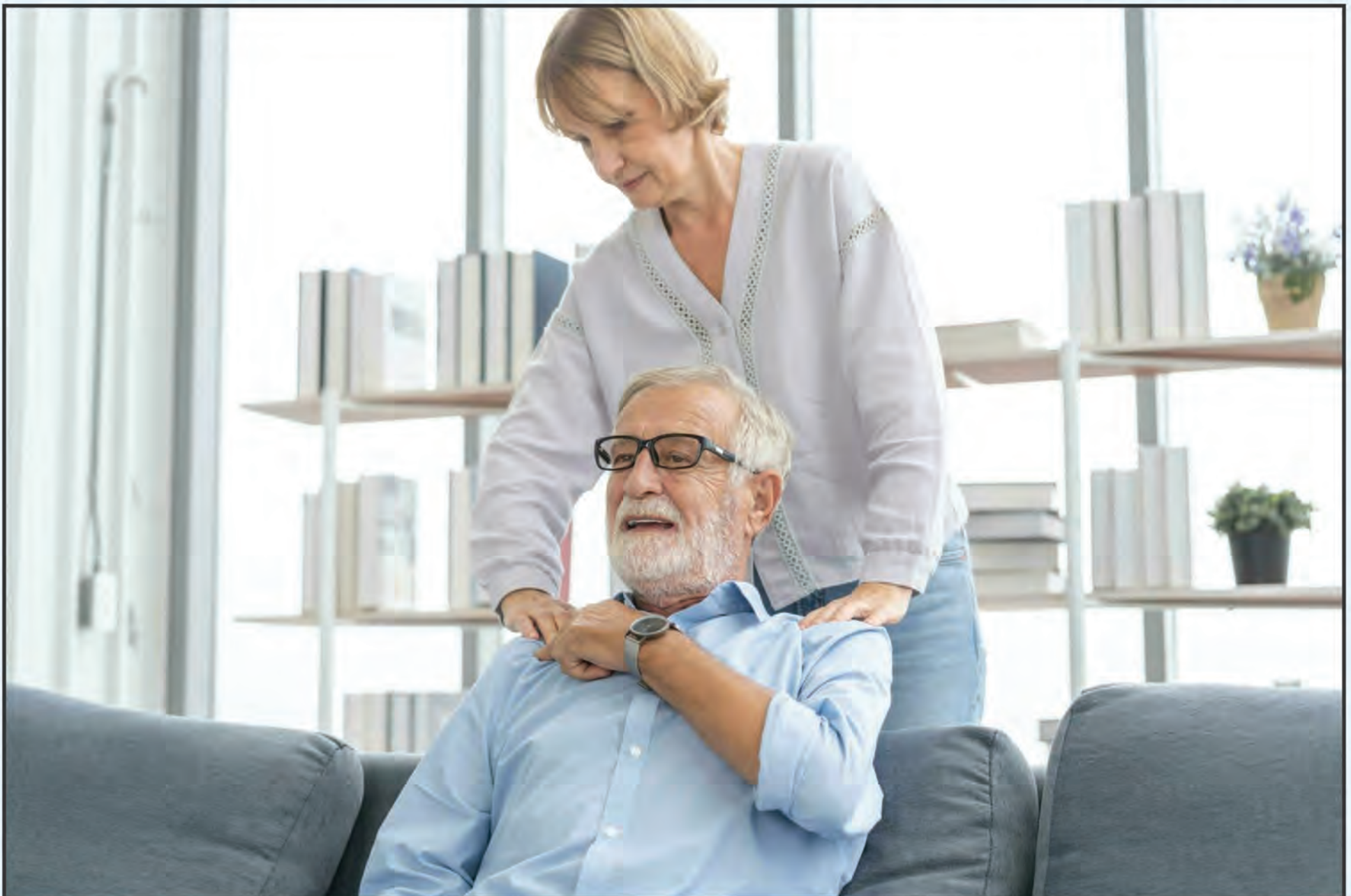
Our High Vibe Tribe meets monthly on the second Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. It is held in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room of the East Activity Center and is free. We welcome newcomers. Questions? You may reach me at otowoowo@gmail.com.



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COMMUNITY REPORTS



Original resident celebrates 100th birthday with her favorite neighbors



Did you know On Top of the World used to be an orange and grapefruit grove?

Ruth and Don Bean knew.

They once owned a house where they could see the fruit groves through their backyard.

Soon, development started.

Ruth's sister-in-law actually said one day, "I don't know why they are building there. No one is ever going to buy to live there."

But then an unexpected twist took place. Don developed a health complication and they needed a new place to live.

They knew about On Top of the World and were watching the early developments.

They visited the real estate office, looked at the floor plans and picked a condo that would meet their needs.

In 1994 Ruth and Don became original owners in Queen Victoria, building 90. Total cost: \$11,000. Ruth has been there ever since.

Ruth, who just turned 100 years old, says she has never considered leaving as living here is economical and has met all her needs. She says On Top of the World is safe and she enjoys all of her neighbors.

She considers having good neighbors the best part about living here.

Ruth loves using the swimming pools and routinely participates in the aqua aerobics classes.

She enjoys walks around the lake on the West Side and attending shows in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

"This is the best place to be," Ruth said. "The people are wonderful."

When asked if increasing living fees is a disappointment, she said of course. "But it happens everywhere."

In March, residents got together to celebrate Ruth's 100th birthday. A special cake was made and 30 guests attended.

Ruth is not the only original owner still here at Queen Victoria. There are five more residents. When they turn 100, there will be more birthday parties.



Residents celebrated this original owner's 100th birthday. Ruth Bean has lived here since building 90 was constructed and opened. Thirty residents of this building and additional close friends were present to celebrate her big day.

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April 2001

By Randae Van Denver

World News

An April 2001 Russian TV strike was a desperate protest by journalists at NTV against a forced takeover by state control. The quick crackdown resulted in a significant reduction of media freedom in Russia, as NTV was brought under Vladimir Putin's influence. NTV was Russia's last major independent television network.

U.S. Events

President George Bush proposed a budget with significant tax cuts and the Senate passed a \$1.2 trillion tax reduction bill on April 6. At the time, the U.S. government was running a rare budget surplus. President Bush campaigned on the principle that the surplus was "the people's money" rather than the government's, and that it should be used to reduce the tax burden rather than being absorbed by federal spending.

Space Events

On April 7, 2001, NASA successfully launched the 2001 Mars Odyssey spacecraft from Cape Canaveral. The mission began its seven-month journey to Mars to map the planet's surface and search for evidence of water and ice. Odyssey holds the record for the longest continually active spacecraft in orbit around a planet other than Earth. Originally designed for a three-year mission, it operated for over 23 years.

Movie Events

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone broke the record for the highest-opening movie weekend ever. It was the No. 1 movie in 2001, both domestically and worldwide, leading the box office by a significant margin. Its success was driven by a combination of strategic marketing and a sense of wonder that appealed to all ages.

Sports News

In April 2001, Barry Bonds began his record-setting 73-home run season against the Los Angeles Dodgers. He started the season at a historic pace, quickly reaching that milestone before ultimately finishing with a single season record of 73 home runs. He is one of the greatest baseball players, holding the all-time record with 762 home runs and 73 in a single season, although his reputation is tarnished by performance enhancing drugs charges.

OTOW News

In 1989, Eva Kahana initiated a successful National Institute on Aging (NIA)-sponsored interdisciplinary training grant in gerontology at Case Western Reserve University. Part of this effort included long-term studies at OTOW-Clearwater. In April 2001, she visited OTOW-Clearwater to celebrate the project's 12-year anniversary. Participants ranged in age from 68-90. At that time, about a third of the participants reported exercising three times a week. Walking was most popular (43%), followed by stretching exercise (20%), golfing (11%) and swimming (10%).

Oddities

One of the most unusual and notable events in April 2001 was the massive, record-setting X17 solar flare on April 2, featuring a sunspot 13 times the size of Earth. It was the strongest since 1989. It impacted electrical operations in Canada.

Englander was overdue for a building social

It's been a lively and heartwarming month for the Englander building.

A big thank you to Maureen McGuire for bringing neighbors together for a delightful Sunday afternoon gathering. Plenty of good food and libations helped warm our conversations and connection. It was just what we needed.

It had been far too long since our last get-together and the afternoon reminded us how special our little building community truly is.

That gathering sparked yet another celebration — this time graciously hosted by Kelli and Tim Convery on behalf of the building funds.

Apparently, we are quite the sports-loving building!

We gathered to mark the end of football season while also looking ahead to the excitement of the Winter Olympics.

Along the way, we discovered we were just as enthusiastic about the thrills of the Daytona 500.

Who knew we had so many racing fans among us?

Special thanks to Kelli for preparing such a delicious spread — I was even lucky enough to head home with a couple of new recipes and some samples.

It was also a pleasure to finally meet Stephan and Angie Fusco, our newest neighbors, who were able to join us toward the end of the afternoon.

Stephan was born in the Bronx and Angie in Brooklyn, and the two later met while living in Middletown, N.Y.

Stephan brings with him a love of sports and a lifetime of hockey experience, having previously served as the hockey coach for the University of Scranton men's ice hockey team.

If you're in the mood for a fancy cocktail, Angie is your gal! She brings



25 years of experience as a resort bartender while living in Pennsylvania, and more recently has held supervisory roles within the Walgreens organization.

When COVID arrived, Stephan and Angie retired to Surprise, Ariz., where they remained until their recent move to On Top of the World. The move brought them closer to family on the East Coast.

Married in 2016, Stephan and Angie share a blended family of two sons, three daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Congratulations to Donna Coleman, who is now the proud grandmother of a new grandson!

That brings her total to two grandchildren — though in the grand scheme of things, there's never really a count or an order in a grandmother's heart.

Spring tiptoed through, but could not stay. Summer's sunshine now leads the way.

Wishing everyone a joyful Easter and many bright days ahead as we continue to enjoy the friendships that make our building feel like home.



Emerald Isle residents enjoy a luncheon together to start 2026.

Lunch is a great way to start the year together

Residents from the Emerald Isle building kicked off 2026 with a luncheon at Clear Sky Draught House in Dunedin.

Mary Anne Nargi hosted the luncheon and welcomed 15 people, including Marilyn Trokey, Graciela Berta, Jack Drewiega, Ron and Maggie Reinhart, David and Carol Pettinger, Larry and Kathy Faulkner, Joyce Donnelly, and Bob and Thelma Tilbert.

We are in the process of updating our building list to include all of the turn over that has happened recently.

For anyone in the building who has not yet visited the Clear Sky for lunch or dinner, it is worth a trip.

We are looking forward to a busy year at Emerald Isle and hope all of our residents enjoy the activities that we are working on for the new year.



Azores breakfast gathering



Azores building had a breakfast get-together at The Broken Egg Café. Twenty residents attended and we had a great time eating and interacting with our neighbors. We ordered from an extensive menu of egg dishes and beignets. We had a private room and a great waitress. We would like to thank the manager for guest gift cards that we will raffle off in the future for fundraisers.



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Bavarian Chalet or Minnesota? During the winter - easy decision



Tom and Sandy Stephenson doing one of the things they enjoy doing the most - enjoying the sun and relaxing.

Every building has fun and unique folks who are always ready to help others.

Tom and Sandy Stephenson are perfect examples from the Bavarian Chalet building.

Tom and Sandy moved here in early 2023. They were in Mexico on vacation when they saw a unit online for sale. They have friends who live across the street and their positive experience helped with the decision to purchase a winter retreat from cold winters in Minnesota.

It was a real treat to listen to the many things Tom and Sandy are involved with in their "summer home." Sandy enjoys her flower gardens and now is into drying and pressing flowers to use in shadow boxes. Tom stays busy keeping the yard neat and tidy.

Their Minnesota home is on a lake so they spend many hours on the water just relaxing.

At one point, Sandy had chickens until they started to get too big. Then Tom said the chicken had to go. There were feathers flying everywhere!

It was so much fun to sit and listen as they shared their many stories about all the things they have experienced during married life, including lots of laughter, adventures and all filled with love.

A few things about this great couple: They met at a goodbye party for one of Tom's co-workers and Sandy was there with friends from her softball

team. They started dating soon after the meeting and last month they celebrated 34 years of being best friends and enjoying a very happy marriage.

They have two adult daughters, plus grandcats, granddogs and grandrabbits.

Tom retired from Goodrich Aerospace as an electrical engineer and Sandy was a purchasing agent for Emerson Electric.

When they are here for the winter,

they travel around exploring new areas. Tom has made a map for all their favorite places to take guests. One of their favorite spots is going to the beach where they can all relax, collect shells and get some Florida sunshine.

Tom and Sandy joined the On Top of the World Bowling League and both agreed it is an absolutely wonderful bunch of people to spend time with.

They have lots of company from Minnesota. During my visit with them,

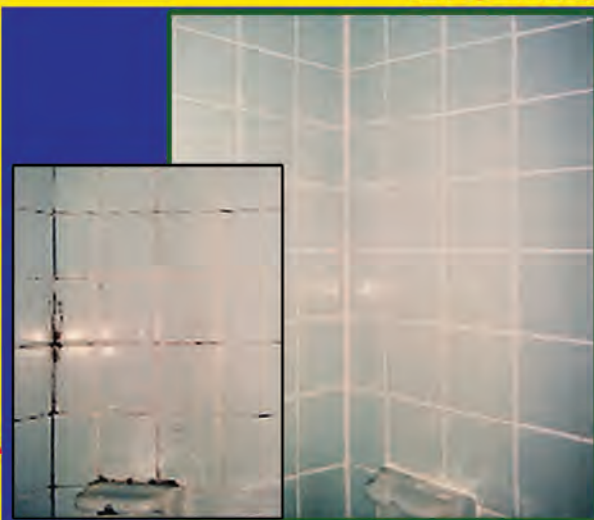
I learned they were pet-sitting a dog and cat for friends from Minnesota who were on a cruise.

Thank you, Tom and Sandy, for choosing Bavarian Chalet as your winter home and thank you for sharing lots of fun things about your life.

Continue to enjoy all the fun things that On Top of the World has to offer and for volunteering to help with anything we need to make our building continue to be the best.

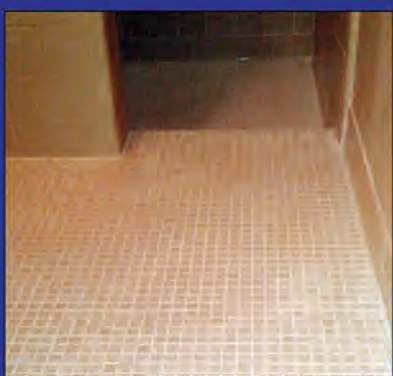
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If you go fishing with Bill and Julie Kunzeman, you're gonna need a lot of nets

When you see Bill and Julie Kunzeman loading their car with fishing gear, you assume it's an ordinary couple heading on a fishing trip.

However, you would be very mistaken.

Bill and Julie are a retired professional fishing team. They were the top husband/wife team for Bass Pro Shop and Cabela's. They also served as elite members of Cabela's King Kat advisory board. This was sponsored by Eagle Claw tackle company as well as Cabela's and Bass Pro Shop. This gave them the opportunity to be instrumental in bringing fishing to the forefront for families by sponsoring fishing seminars, hosting fishing events, writing magazine articles and making instructional videos.

Julie and Bill are most proud of their fishing careers because they believe family fishing can be a lifelong passion for any age.

Julie and her sisters were taught to fish by their Mom in two ponds on their family farm in Illinois. When Julie couldn't find night crawlers, she would use beef liver from their cattle.

Bill was taught to fish by his grandparents. He would always be out-fished by his grandmother who would spit on her bait.

During a difficult tournament in Iowa, Julie resorted to "grandma's spit technique" and that launched their sponsor-



ship by Cabela's and Bass Pro Shop.

Bill had always fished competitively but, when his partner was unavailable for a tournament, he asked Julie to substitute. That began their dynamic husband-wife duo.

Julie stated that very few women were involved in competitive fishing.

Julie has been retired now for a few years as a certified optician, certified contact lens specialist, corporate trainer for International Eyecare Centers and a certified myo-skeletal therapist.

Bill is retiring this year as an engineer for the Burlington Northern Railroad. Bill also is a master captain.

They are very excited for Bill's retirement because it will allow them more time to fish and enjoy biking and golf here at On Top of the World.



When Julie Kunzeman catches fish, she catches a lot of fish. This is proof from a recent fishing trip with her husband, Bill.

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This month, let's talk Polish cuisine



As you may have noticed, my last couple of articles have been about food from other countries.

Because we live in On Top of the World, I thought it would be fun to explore foods around the world.

So this month I am showcasing Polish cuisine.

Polish cuisine in the Middle Ages was based on dishes made from agricultural products (millet, rye, wheat), meats of wild and farm animals, and fruits, herbs and local spices.

It was known mostly for abundant salt use and permanent presence of groats (whole grain oats).

The high caloric value of dishes and drinking beer, as a basic drink (unlike the wine in south and west Europe), was typical of Middle Age Polish Cuisine. Beer and mead were the most popular drinks for a long of time, but later an expensive wine imported mainly from Silesia and Hungary appeared.

Medieval chronicles describe Polish cuisine as very pungent, using large amounts of meat and groats. Indeed, medieval Polish cuisine applied a prodigious seasoning amount (when compared with other countries of Europe), mainly pepper, nutmeg and juniper.

Thanks to close trade relations between Poland and countries of the Orient, prices of spices were lower in Poland and nearby countries.

Presently, Polish aromas include dense and very spicy sauces ('jucha szara' and 'jucha czerwona'). Turnips and peas were also common.

What's interesting is, in the Middle Ages flatware wasn't used.

Polish cuisine is deeply rooted in the country's history and culture, often associated with family gatherings and celebrations. Meals are typically hearty and designed to be shared, reflecting the communal nature of Polish dining. Traditional dishes are often prepared for special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, showing the importance of food in Polish culture.

Polish cuisine today is a blend of traditional flavors and modern influences, offering a variety of dishes that reflect

the country's rich history and diverse culture. Here are some of the popular Polish foods enjoyed today.

Pierogi: Thinly rolled-out dough filled with various fillings, both savory and sweet, served as an appetizer, main dish or dessert.

Golabki: Cabbage rolls filled with minced meat, onions and mushrooms, served with potatoes or bread, and a creamy tomato sauce.

Kotlet Schabowy: Breaded and fried pork chop, a staple in Polish restaurants, often served with mashed potatoes and pickled cabbage.

Sauerkraut: A traditional Polish condiment made from fermented cabbage, often served with various meat dishes.

Bigos: Often referred to as "hunter stew," bigos is made with sauerkraut, fresh cabbage and various meats. It is a traditional dish that showcases the use of preserved ingredients.

Kielbasa: Polish sausage, which comes in many varieties, is a beloved food item often served grilled, fried, or in soups. It is a common feature at Polish celebrations and gathering.

Zurek: A sour rye soup made with fermented rye flour, often served with sau-

sage and hard-boiled eggs. It is a traditional dish, especially during Easter.

Kolaches: Sweet pastries filled with poppy seeds, nuts, jam, or a mashed fruit mixture (like strawberries), popular in Poland and other countries with Polish heritage.

These dishes are not only delicious but also a testament to the Polish people's resourcefulness and love for great food. They are a reminder of the country's culinary heritage and the joy of sharing meals with family and friends.

Kielbasa with Apple Caraway Sauerkraut

Ingredients

- 1 ring kielbasa, about 2 pounds cut into small ½-inch slices pieces
- 1 medium onion
- 1 package sauerkraut
- 1 tart green apple, cored, peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon caraway seeds

1 cup chicken stock

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large oven-proof skillet over medium heat, sauté kielbasa until browned, about 4 minutes on each side. Remove kielbasa to a plate and keep warm.

In the same pan, sauté the onion and apple for 1 minute. Drain and rinse the sauerkraut and add it to the apples and onion in the skillet. Add the chicken stock and caraway seeds to the pan and stir. Return the kielbasa to the skillet and cover. Put covered skillet in oven and cook for 15 to 20 minutes.

Babcia's Polish Borscht

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds pork spareribs
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 peppercorns
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 5 medium beets
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 cups milk
- Salt and pepper
- 3 tablespoons flour

Directions

In a large pot, combine spare ribs, onion, bay leaf and peppercorns, vinegar and cover with water. Bring to a simmer and cook until the meats is tender, about 1 to 1 ½ hours. In another pot, cover the scrubbed beets with water and bring to a boil. Simmer the beets for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until the beets are tender. Drain and rinse the beets under cold water until they are cool. Peel and grate the beets.

When the spareribs are tender, remove the bones and strip off the meat in bite size pieces. Return the spareribs

to the broth and stir in the grated beets. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, stir together the sour cream, milk and flour. Add two cups of the hot stock to the sour cream mixture and stir to combine.

Pour the mixture through a strainer in to the soup. Heat the soup over medium heat at a gentle simmer, but do not allow it to boil. Boiling will cause the sour cream to curdle.

Serve immediately with boiled potatoes and pumpernickel or rye bread.



Valencia held a pizza party in March where the annual 'who can balance a pizza box on your head' contest takes place. This year's winner was Donna DiMeo.

We know people are busy, but Valencia finds ways to get residents together

Happy spring!

On Top of the World may not have the tulips, cherry blossoms and daffodils as they do up north in the spring, but we do have some wonderful spring trees that bloom here.

Have you seen a Tabebuia Tree?

It's the one that has beautiful, cheerful yellow flowers and is the first to give us a show in the early spring.

How about the Jacaranda?

I love saying the name. It has lavender-purple, fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers and blooms here from late spring into early summer.

Fringetrees are native trees that feature fluffy, white, fringe-like flowers in March or April.

The Geiger Tree has orange flowers that bloom in spring and summer.

Yep, Florida means "full of flowers."

Residents at the Valencia building have been very busy. Our Ladies



brunch bunch is doing a great job of finding fun places to get together each month, on the second Thursday, for some laughs and good conversation.

In January, we had our annual appetizer social and business meeting, where we do a quick year-in-review,

talk about any "common good" issues or opportunities, and lay out a basic plan for monthly socials.

At February's Love Thy Neighbor Dinner at Island Way Grill, we had some great early bird specials. The winners of our Valentine's Day quiz game got prizes like mini proseccos and chocolate roses. Joan Albrecht always does a good job of selecting a great venue.

Our annual pizza party in March always gets a big turnout. Tom and Linda Munson make sure the custom-ordered pizzas arrive on time and are hot from Queen's Pizza. Last year's champ of our pizza contest (where contestants compete to see who can balance a pizza box on their head the longest) was Ellen Gilbert. But this year, after some stiff competition, Donna DiMeo is our new champ.

Folks joined in, if they could, to help with the set-up and clean-up, thereby

using up some calories to offset their pizza consumption.

April brings our annual hot dog party to the Pavilion. It is another real crowd pleaser for our residents. We expect another big turnout because ... we truly believe we know where to buy the best hot dogs!

In May, thanks to our American Legion members, we'll be heading out to enjoy the waterside deck at the Madeira Beach American Legion for an afternoon of great food, drinks, music and dancing.

As you can see, we seek to encourage the sharing of a kind, warm and hopeful vibe among all our residents. We know everyone is busy, but it's great when folks make an effort to join in whenever they can. Flyers and emails always announce events.



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Rita Plyer

Blanket maker by day - dance club bouncer by night

I am delighted to write about my neighbor, Rita Plyer.

Linda Herron, another neighbor, and myself volunteer at the American Legion Post 7 once a month collecting the entrance fee for nightly dance.

For over a year now, Rita has been making beautiful lap blankets for our local veterans who now live in nursing homes in the area.

I have lost count of how many she has made. We take them to the Legion and the auxiliary ladies deliver them to veterans.

The veterans really appreciate Linda's time making the blankets for such a needy cause and they really enjoy them.

Many of you might know Rita, as she works in the On Top of the World library several days a week.



Thank you Rita for all your good work.

I would also like to thank Reta Carney for donating a new flag for the New World French building. Our flags do not last long, maybe about a year or so.


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Bohemia does not let our Snowbirds go off quietly

The lyrics of an old song say, "March went out like a lion, whipping up the water in the bay."

To the residents in the Bohemia building, when March left, it presented what could only be called fond memories.

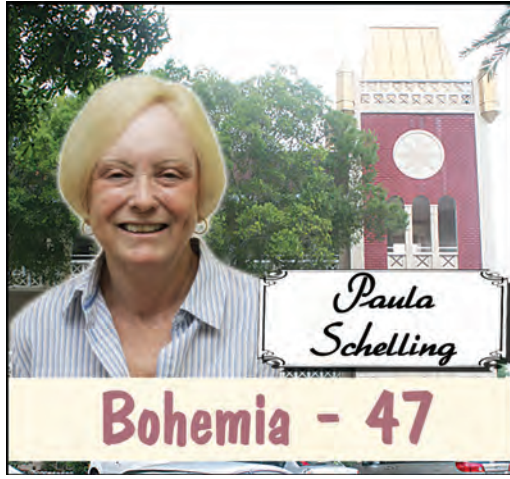
Many of our residents participated in the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade by either marching for their clubs or spectating. It was agreed, this year's parade goes down in history as having been one of the best ever.

Another event we celebrated was a dinner at O'Keefe's. We had a record number 30 people join together to enjoy a traditional Irish dinner.

On St. Patrick's Day, we celebrated with a morning coffee, pastries, donuts and hearty games of bingo. It also included, a 50/50 drawing and can food collection.

It sure was a great way to celebrate the day.

Years ago, our building wanted our



Snowbirds to know that when they return north, they are missed. It is in their honor that we developed an annual going away dinner.

Our dinner was normally in April, but we learned last season that by April, many of our friends were already gone.

In our wisdom, the building activities committee scheduled our dinner



Bohemia residents hold a going away dinner each year for our Snowbirds. Above was the scene two years ago.

this year for the end of March at Ozona Blue.

All in all, you can see we are a busy building in March.



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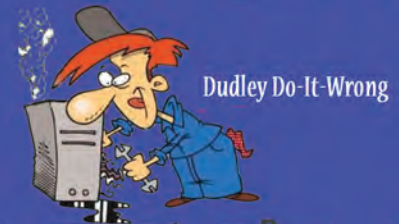
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Austrian Alpine not only had a great seat for the parade, but one of the featured marchers



it certainly looked like the three of them were having a great time representing Austrian Alpine.

Notably absent from the spectators were Lenny Segall and Kathy Ahrens, along with Rick and Lisa Munchler. They were cruising the Caribbean with 30 of Kathy and Lenny's friends — it was quite an adventure!

We even celebrated a couple of birthdays with neighbors this month, another reminder of how special it is to share these moments together.

We are already missing Marilyn Whelan, who is moving to Largo. Mari-

lyn has been an anchor in our building for many years, always contributing and participating in unexpected and meaningful ways. She will certainly be missed and we wish her all the very best in her new home.

If you have a story about someone or something happening in the Austrian Alpine building, please let me know so it can be included in a future update. Our building is more than just a place to live — it's a community, and the stories we share are what keep us connected.



Pictured on top is Romeo, the Pet of the Year, while marching in the Irish Club parade. Just above are some of the spectators who sat in front of the Austrian Alpine building for a front row seat.

March was a busy and celebratory month for residents of Austrian Alpine.

Jeff and Lora Flynn marked a wonderful milestone — celebrating 33 years of marriage. Congratulations to them on this special anniversary!

Bob Young also enjoyed a long-anticipated cruise. Bob does so much for our building and for his neighbors, and he had a fantastic and well-deserved getaway.

Our community came together to enjoy the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade along World Parkway Boulevard East. Bands and clubs from across the community participated, and many of us had a front-row seat to enjoy all the fun, music and camaraderie.

Cliff and Laurel Chavis joined the parade with Romeo, our Pet of the Year. They shared that Romeo performed even better than expected, and

Gables dinner got serious - residents cleaned their plates with bread



Gables residents held Italian Night together. Some topped their food with sauce - others gravy.

On March 5, a group of Gables neighbors gathered for their own "Festa Italiana" with food and fun conversation.

The main course included lasagna, sausage and peppers, and meatballs. Italian bread was plentiful for "fare la scarpetta," literally "to make the little shoe," which is a rustic, country custom of using a piece of bread to soak up sauce. While cleaning your plate with bread is not used in formal settings, it is seen as a compliment to the cook in other settings.

Desserts included tiramisu and key lime pie, a nod to southern tradition.

Childhood regional traditions and cultural debates were included with the dinner. Topics included the Italian-American controversy between is it

"gravy" or "sauce."

While not a concern in Italy, in the Northeastern United States, especially New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Chicago, people will defend and define what each term refers to — meatless or meat.

Most of us don't care, as long as it

tastes good.

In my house, it's sauce!

While going down a rabbit hole on the internet, I read about a Dutch custom, "dusking," which captured my interest. The Dutch have been doing this for years - watching the sky go from light to dark, and all you need is a chair

and a view of the sky.

We started sitting out in the evening and leaving the noise and business of the day behind. It's touted to be a nervous system reset and it prepares your body for the evening ahead.

Celebrate leaving anxiety behind and finding peace.

**Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee
Thursday, April 9, EAC Auditorium
Free Coffee and Donut at 9 am**

**We will be showing the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Movie Screen.
This may be your last chance to see the video.**

After you've sailed everywhere, may as well dock at On Top of the World

"Welcome aboard" to our new residents Lynn Bamberg and Brian Munroe.

They spent 17 winter years cruising inter-coastal waterways, sailing to the Bahamas and Key West, and now choosing On Top of the World for their home base.

Homestead served as their previous home mooring, and they made many lifelong sailing friends while living very economically.

Our Thursday, April 23, our Meeting on the Green will be a potluck dinner at 4 p.m. Our neighbor, Bill Houser, will be providing a little musical entertainment. Please check the bulletin board for details and use the sign-up sheet to tell us what you will be bringing. There will be



birthday treats for birthday ladies Renee Ciofu and Jean Cocuzzo. Please join the fun.

A special Honor Flight will be in the air Tuesday, April 21, carrying a precious cargo of heroes who made sacrifices to defend our great nation allowing our country its freedoms and privi-

leges that so often are taken for granted.

Please take time to support our heroes by welcoming them home at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. There is free parking, and a rocking patriotic party with lots of cheers and tears.

The plane usually lands at about 7:30 p.m.

Our building's April 13 luncheon will be at Sonny's BBQ at 1 p.m. Please check the bulletin board for details and use the sign-up sheet.

It's a great time to go outside and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood or walk those convenient covered walkways.

Please stay safe and well.



Lynn Bamberg and Brian Munroe are now calling On Top of the World their new home port.

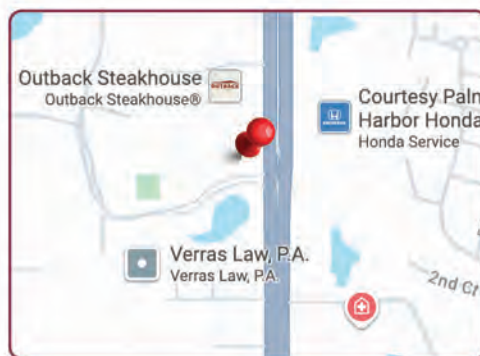


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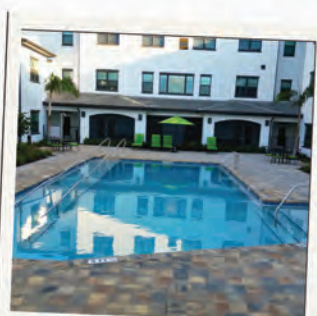
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Polynesian might have the best-fit residents in the community



Antoinette Russell recently completed the Say No To Drugs 5K Race in Clearwater and took home a medal. She also completed a 5K race in St. Petersburg. She proudly displays both medals.

The Polynesian building is bustling with activity as residents take full advantage of social and fitness opportunities close to home.

Sue and Bob Beals are true golf lovers. Sue plays in the 18-Hole Women's League, the Mixed League and the Golden Girls, while Bob is a member of the Men's Golf Association, the Mixed League and the Red, White and Blue League.

"The fantastic golf leagues and courses are a major reason we live here," Sue says.

Fitness is popular beyond golf. Susan Miller, Diane Bigelow, Marlene Krol, Elsie Jane Anderson, Debbie Clarkson, and Nora and Rick Dluzak attend water aerobics five times a week.

"It's great exercise, but easy on the joints. Plus, it's fun," says Elsie Jane, the founder of the water aerobics classes in our community.

Kathi Finley and Antoinette Russell have been hitting the pavement recently. Antoinette completed the Say No to Drugs 5K and "has the medals to prove it." Kathi took on Disney World's Princess events — the 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and Princess Challenge — and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. But she admits, "I will never run another half-marathon! It was one of the toughest, physical things, I've ever done, and I have eight children!"

Kathi's dog, Charli, also ran the 5K with her. And, although Disney isn't too



close to home, she prefers the beautiful places we have available here to train.

We also have some bowlers in our building. Nora and Rick Dluzak, and Joanne Whelan enjoy the lanes with the On Top of the World Bowling League.

Joanne is also an active member of the ever-popular Pickleball Club and Nora and Rick are enjoying the Moving 'N Grooving line dance classes.

The building's social calendar recently included a group outing to Tampa Bay Downs, where 16 residents cheered at the horse races. A few folks won small amounts, but most agreed the fun, festive experience was the real prize.

With strong participation in both sports and fitness classes, the Polynesian building continues to be a lively, connected community.

Rural French holds traditional barbeque to wish Snowbirds a joyous summer

Rural French residents held their annual end of season barbeque on Sunday, March 15.

We had planned to have it in the Pavilion, but our only problem was Mother Nature didn't agree. Due to inclement weather, we moved indoors.

Our group was relocated to the East Activity Center Kitchen-Clearwater Room. Stanley Doran and Lars Felling were still outside cooking all of our food, but once the cooking was completed, they brought the hotdogs and burgers into the kitchen for all of us to enjoy.

We had a great turnout for the spring BBQ. More than 40 friends and neighbors signed up and came together. Many of our residents volunteered to set up, cook and clean up. All the help made this a relaxing, enjoyable and pleasant day.

Building Coordinator David McClellan took care of all of the planning and shopping. David's shopping trip to Sam's Club got us all of the burgers, hotdogs, rolls and fixings.

Our neighbors also signed up to bring their favorite dishes. We had multiple appetizers, side dishes and desserts to choose from. Our choices were so plentiful.

Bob and Kim Stackpole had help from their oldest son, Mel Stackpole. He helped them keep up the tradition. The Stackpoles brought their traditional



hot fudge sundaes as they have done for all of our building dinners.

With all of this delicious food and so many choices, not one of us went home hungry. That's a sign of all the good food and the good time that we all had.

This BBQ was our way of telling our Snowbirds that we had a great winter and to have a safe and good summer.

April is the month that the Snowbirds start heading home to clean up any mess that the winter has brought down on them. It's the beginning their spring cleaning.

This building event was funded by building dues that were collected this year. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, our treasurer is still collecting \$20 per unit or whatever you can afford to donate.



Hot fudge sundaes are a spring tradition for residents at the Rural French building.

As always, if you have a story or interest to share with our readers, contact your building storyteller. We'll get it in next month's newspaper for all of our readers to enjoy.

Don't forget to sign up and plan our next building luncheon or dinner. As

you know we all do love to eat! You must have a favorite cafe or restaurant to share with us. Set it all up. This is the perfect way to have our monthly get-togethers and spend time with your neighbors.

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Tuesday, April 14, 6 - 9 pm, EAC Auditorium

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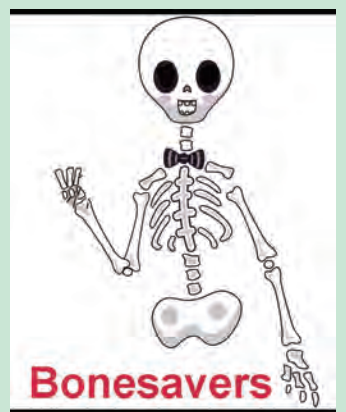
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Mondays, Wednesdays,
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8:00 - 9:00 am
Largo Room



Shuffleboard

Open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card.

Join us during league play and we have equipment available.
Mon-Tue-Wed 4 pm
East Activity Center



Pull Tabs for Tampa Shriners benefits
Children who need Wheelchairs



Hey, On Top of the World neighbors. Just a little reminder. Please continue to collect pull tabs from any soda cans, beer cans, juice cans, food cans, etc. Just contact me, Connie Stanley, at 727-475-8888 or bring the pull tabs to the Canadian Club information table on any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Also, OTOW clubs with dinner-dances, I'll be back with red solo cups again! Thank you for contributing to such a worthy cause.



Bible Study

2 PM, Fridays
Crystal Beach Room
All Denominations Welcome

Example: OTOW NEWS WORD FINDER
DEFINR
"Finder"

ADDFFILO

There may be more than one answer for a word. Your answers might not match the answers listed next month.

Make words below by filling in the blanks. You can only use the letters shown above in blue type.

O _ _ | F A _ _ | _ O _ _ | I _ _ L
 _ _ D | _ _ L _ | _ _ _ F | _ A _ _ _ D _ _

(The word above must use every letter above)

Last month's answers (answers could vary): PLANE, PACE, PLACE, LUNCH, LEAPER, CHURCH, CHEER, LEPRECHAUN

BRAIN TEASE

8	5	7	1	□	0	9	6	2	4
□	4	8	9	□	3	6	5	□	2
7	□	0	□	9	□	8	□	5	□
2	0	□	7	□	9	□	1	8	5
3	8	2	□	7	□	0	9	6	1
□	□	□	□	□	7	□	□	□	□
4	6	5	□	0	□	2	7	1	9
5	3	□	8	□	6	□	0	9	7
□	□	□	2	5	□	7	8	□	□
□	7	9	0	□	4	5	□	3	6

To do the Brain Tease above, you must put a number 0-9 in each white square. The trick is, each number can only appear one time horizontally and vertically. Start with a row or column with only one white square. As you fill in squares, the rest of the board will get easier to manage.

OTOW News WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below. If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month. If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words. Please note, none of the secret words are plural.

S T U Y D

I D S E U S

U T I N P R

G N Y R C I

R B E S O V E

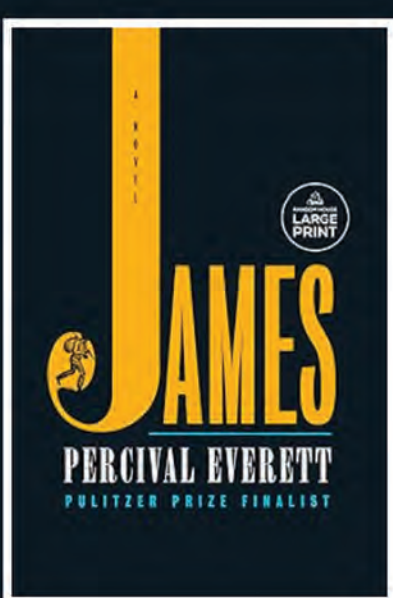
I S M L U A C

SECRET WORD:

Last month's scrambled words: Yeast, EVERY, LADDER, LUMBER, OAKTREE, WALLEYE. Secret Word Last Month: YELLOW

Good Karma Book Club

A post-read book discussion group.




JAMES
 PERCIVAL EVERETT
 PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST

10 am, Thursday, April 16
"James"
By Percival Everett

10 am, Thursday, May 21
"Frozen River"
By Ariel Lawhon

All of our meetings take place in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. For more information, see our web page on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). You can also call Jane at 727-754-3823.

LIBRARY



New Books

"Cross and Simpson" by James Patterson
 "Gone Before Goodbye" by Harlon Cobon and Reese Witherspoon
 (We also have been given 16 books from Freida McFadden, best-selling author on The New York Times best-seller list)

Join the OTOW Library for \$5.
 Renew your membership so we can buy new books.
 Hours: 10-12 Mondays, 1-3 Wednesdays, 10-12 Thursdays



Ruth Eckerd Hall

April 1-5 - Moulin Rouge - The Musical
April 9 - Tribute to Chicago
April 10 - Santana
April 12 - The Florida Orchestra
April 15 - The Florida Orchestra
April 17 - Bill Murray and His Blood Brothers
April 19 - UB40 with Ali Campbell
April 24 - Jeff Foxworthy
April 25 - Alton Brown
May 1-2 - Pink Floyd Tribute

The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St, Clearwater

April 11 - Dwight Yoakam, Flatland Calvary and Chayce Beckham
April 17 - Goose, The Band
April 18 - Foreigner with Lou Gramm and Night Ranger
April 24 - StatchVai Band: Joe Satriani and Steve Vail and Animals as Leaders
April 30 - Alabama Shakes
May 13 - Bush, Mammoth and James and the Cold Gun

Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St, Clearwater

April 4-5 - Hooray For Hollywood: Concert Fundraiser
April 30-May 17 - Grease

Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater, Cleveland St, Clearwater

April 2 - Countess Leann
April 4 - Eric Clapton Tribute
April 16 - Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show
April 18 - Saigon Kick
April 20 - RTP The Rush Tribute Project
April 21 - Alyssa Edwards
April 22-23 - Graham Nash
April 24 - Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra
April 25 - Justin Hayward
May 2 - Six Guitars
May 7 - 10,000 Maniacs from Jamestown, NY

TheatreFor, 1863 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater

May 1-17 - You May Have Six

Early Bird Dinner Theater, 13355 49th St N, Clearwater

March 1-April 12 - "Baggage" by Sam Bobrick
April 25-June 7 - Becky's New Car

Getting a new OTOW Activity Card or Access Card

The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).

To get a new Activity Card, you must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card.

There is no fee for renewals, however, if your card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required and the fee is \$3.

If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card or Access Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement. If you already have an Access Card,

there is no charge to renew. If you need an Access Card, there is a \$7 charge.

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. Noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.



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