



Why not a holiday party in July? Santa makes mid-summer appearance



By Doug Kates, Editor

In the middle of July, New York-New Jersey Club President Jack Casey walked into a local business and asked for 118 candy canes.

The look he got back was similar to a guard at a mental hospital.

“You have to be kidding,” was the response Jack got back.

But Jack was actually very serious. He invited 118 people to the New York-New Jersey Club Christmas in July Party at the East Activity Center and wanted each guest to receive a candy cane upon walking in the door.

Eventually, Jack realized he would have to go Online to find candy canes in mid-July, but he found a distributor, placed an order, and everything worked out.

Boy did it work out!

The summer heat and humidity didn't keep the Sunbirds away from celebrating Christmas five months early.

The auditorium was decorated with Christmas lights, snowmen, wreaths, and red and green tableclothes.

There was a palm tree covered in blinking lights, and a beach chair and beach ball available for Santa Claus to enjoy.

The decorating committee said it was tough finding volunteers to dig deep in their storage units to drag out



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Claus enjoy a summer day away from the north pole. At right, Marie Burns, Debbie Johnson, Maryann Sieminski and Rick Hogquist show off their Christmas-In-July-Best.

holiday decorations - especially since it's a chore in itself later in the year.

But there were enough decorations to set the mood and most people attended wearing holiday attire.

A disc jockey was in attendance to play music, including favorite holiday tunes. Dinner consisted of spaghetti and meat balls, because it was definite-

ly too early for turkey and ham.

When Jack took over the New York-New Jersey Club this year, one of the first questions was whether to stay active during the summer. With so many clubs taking time off, Jack and his board decided to stay active to give summer residents something to enjoy.

The Christmas in July crowd was an indication that residents like to party in July, just like they do in January.

“I didn't think it was gonna be this big,” Jack said. “I guess it's a success.”

When the club's board met for the first time, they discussed ideas for summer events. Another suggestion was holding a pretend wedding where people could dress up, have a nice meal, dance and celebrate. Christmas in July won out this time around, but a pretend wedding party could be the big event next summer.





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Away from home? Make sure someone checks your condo after big storms

Storm season: Take time to check your insurance coverage

STORM SEASON

As many of you know by now, OTOW experienced a downburst or small tornado on the evening of July 17.

The management company staff worked late into the night resetting elevator electrical panels and checking for damages to structures. The majority of the detail work began early on Thursday with resetting walkway lighting timers, irrigation timers and debris cleanup.

Roof and structural assessments were taking place as this newspaper went to press. It is not unusual for electrical and structural damage to show up weeks later following an electrical and wind event of this magnitude.

Not surprisingly, many of the clamshell awnings have been damaged and will need removal and inspection for building damage. I'll take the opportunity to remind my readers that awnings are the condo owner's responsibility. So removal and repair of the structure falls back on the owner. Clamshell awnings may not be replaced. Fortunately, there are other association approved alternatives.

Bottom line is that your Association and management company work hard to provide vital services to the community in good times and bad.

If you are not currently in residence in the community, we strongly encourage you to contact the person responsible for checking your condo. Damage may exist within your unit that needs immediate attention. Water infiltration around windows or other points of entry may cause significant damage to your condo.

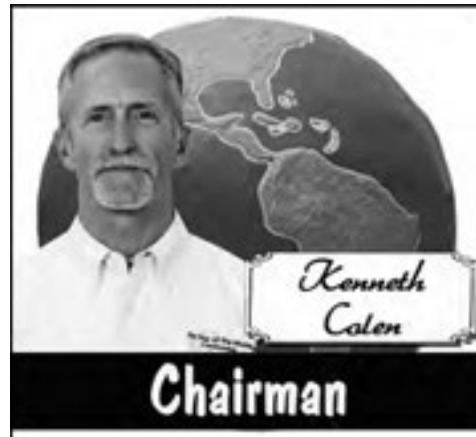
If you do not have an emergency contact, you may forward a copy of your keys to the attention of: OTOW Inspection Services, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. They will perform the inspection. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your key.

Insurance Update

Tropical storm season needs to be a reminder to all residents to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents are adequate.

If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction may well exceed the value of your condominium many times over.

It is the obligation of every owner



to insure the contents of their unit.

The Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner.

In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units.

The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for repair work in every instance.

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit owners may wish to obtain.

Content coverage may vary greatly depending on what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances and cabinetry.

All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage.

Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood, earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

Prevent Expensive Losses

August is a great month to check the condition of your water heater. This appliance is usually silently working away...until it starts to leak.

You may not notice the leak until you hear from an angry downstairs neighbor or you flood your unit.

The Association is responsible for the area between the units. By the time you hear from a neighbor about flooding, you have already flooded the Association's property. You will be responsible for the damage to your unit and contents, your neighbor's damage, and Association property damage.

Water damage can be very expensive to repair, primarily because it is rarely contained in one unit, even more so if you've failed to keep your homeowner's insurance in place.

The water heater, like your air conditioner, is the owner's responsibility to maintain, repair or replace.

If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it needs replacement. If you don't know the original install date, then it probably needs replacement.

If your water heater is less than 10 years old, an excellent and very affordable early warning device is the Water Alarm™ from Aqua Managers. If you can successfully put batteries in a flashlight, you can operate this small device - it really is that simple to use.

The device has a small sensor that you place under the water heater. If it contacts moisture, the alarm sounds and provides warning. This device is available at cost, through our Community Service Office. Look for the display advertisement in this paper for more detail.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

Buildings 1 and 6 will be painted on the front elevations starting mid-month, weather permitting. Remember, all start dates are approximate.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing on schedule. Building 89 will have the first and third floors improved this month.

Hardwired smoke detector installations will start on buildings 26, 27, 28 and 29 this month. Management company representatives will be going door-to-door to advise you of your specific installation time frame.

Again, we appreciate your cooperation. So far, installations have been going along well with only minimal delay.

Roof replacement work is com-

pleted this cycle. New roof replacement work will begin in January 2014.

Asphalt paving and resurfacing projects are completed this cycle. The next cycle of work will begin in May 2014.

Ongoing construction projects

Spall repairs on the walkways at Building 80 should be complete by mid to late August, and then work on Building 60's walkways will begin.

Repairs on a section of the second floor walkway at Building 18a is anticipated to begin this month, pending engineering and permitting.

Header and window sill repairs are ongoing as needed, as are sidewalk and walkway repairs.

Sidewalk panel replacements (lifting due to tree roots /cracked from other events) at various locations on property will be ongoing this summer (the trees always win).

Structural inspections and correction program (inspection process across property to determine condition, then affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be ongoing throughout the summer. As building's age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required.

Compliance inspections are ongoing. Particularly, they are addressing overplanting or unmaintained landscape around the building common area and also looking at clutter enforcement.

This includes tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core areas.

Remember, much of the material placed there may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Parking lot stall number re-stenciling and water meter box number re-stenciling will be ongoing through September.

Awning inspections (all buildings) are ongoing. The management company has reported numerous awnings in disrepair or weak attachments. In some cases, the method of mounting has damaged the building to such an extent, that the awning must be removed.

As noted in prior articles, the "clam-shell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office.



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Remember when you had a squirt gun and thought it was very powerful? Well, it probably was no comparison to the 'squirt guns' Mike Moody Painting and Water Proofing uses to clean buildings. In July, crews were using hand-held and lift-truck pressure washers to clean dirt out from the tightest places on the New World French Building. The cleaning, which included every nook and cranny inside every guard rail, was in preparation for painting and waterproofing.

(OTOW News photos
by Doug Kates)



Many years ago, On Top of the World to do more projects in-house - today, t

By Doug Kates

There's an old saying, "if you want something done right, do it yourself."

At On Top of the World, an entire department is built just around this belief.

Introducing the OTOW Construction Crew – six full-time, skilled craftsmen, and two supervisors. The crew is trained to do simple tasks, such as fixing hand rails and door locks, but they are also trained to do challenging tasks, such as repairing window sills, stucco and drywall.

The construction crew will paint exterior walls and repair sidewalks. The crew will work on long-term projects or sudden emergencies. Most times the crew starts a project from scratch.



Foreman Arion Thedy and Assistant Superintendent Ralph Jacquillard enjoy the view from the roof of the Viking Building on the West Side.



From left to right are Matt Patterson, Ben Blackburn and Norris Hamilton.

"A lot of things are now done in-house that were outsourced in the past," said Operations Manager Shawn Tobias. "Having our own skilled tradesmen is the best part."

If something needs to be fixed or if something needs to be updated, the construction crew prioritizes its schedule and can complete the project in a timely, efficient manner. There is no waiting period for a company to send a repairman, and there is no rush to move onto another project.

"This ensures a quality end product," said Foreman Arion Thedy.

All eight people were hired with specific skills already in their resumes. There is no on-the-job basic training. When a job comes up, the most qualified people for

that job are teamed together for the best results.

This is key for keeping morale up on hot summer days and cold winter mornings.

Assistant Superintendent Ralph Jacquillard said employees enjoy coming to work when they are allowed to use their special skills and work on projects they specialize in. Plus, no two days are ever the same, and each week there are different projects to tackle.

Some departments know what tasks they will be doing on specific days, every week, throughout the year. The construction crew can report to work with a variety of tasks to complete.

Ralph said one advantage to using in-house employees is they take pride in their work. They

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work inside the community and the items they repair are things they see or drive by every day. They know they are making a difference.

The current crew consists of Norris Hamilton with four years experience, Reginald Wescott with three years experience, and Lumen Highsmith, Benjamin Blackburn, Mark Reents and Matt Patterson with one-two years experience.

How has the role of the construction crew changed over the years?

More than 10 or 20 years ago, the construction workshop was adequate for the type of simple repairs that took place within the community. More tasks were out-sourced. But in the last 10 years, the in-house crew has added equipment to keep up with the many new in-house tasks.

Shawn said the department is sufficiently outfitted with tools. For example, there are more than half a dozen drills alone.

Ralph and Arion were asked, based on all the skills and training they represent, if you came to work one day and had a choice, what would you want to do?

Ralph said its always enjoyable to repair something and do it right the first time. He also said it's really fun to build something from scratch.

Arion said getting a job done and staying in the background is a plus. He said some residents are not aware the community has an in-house construction crew, and points out, this isn't a bad thing. When residents don't notice the workers, it shows the crews



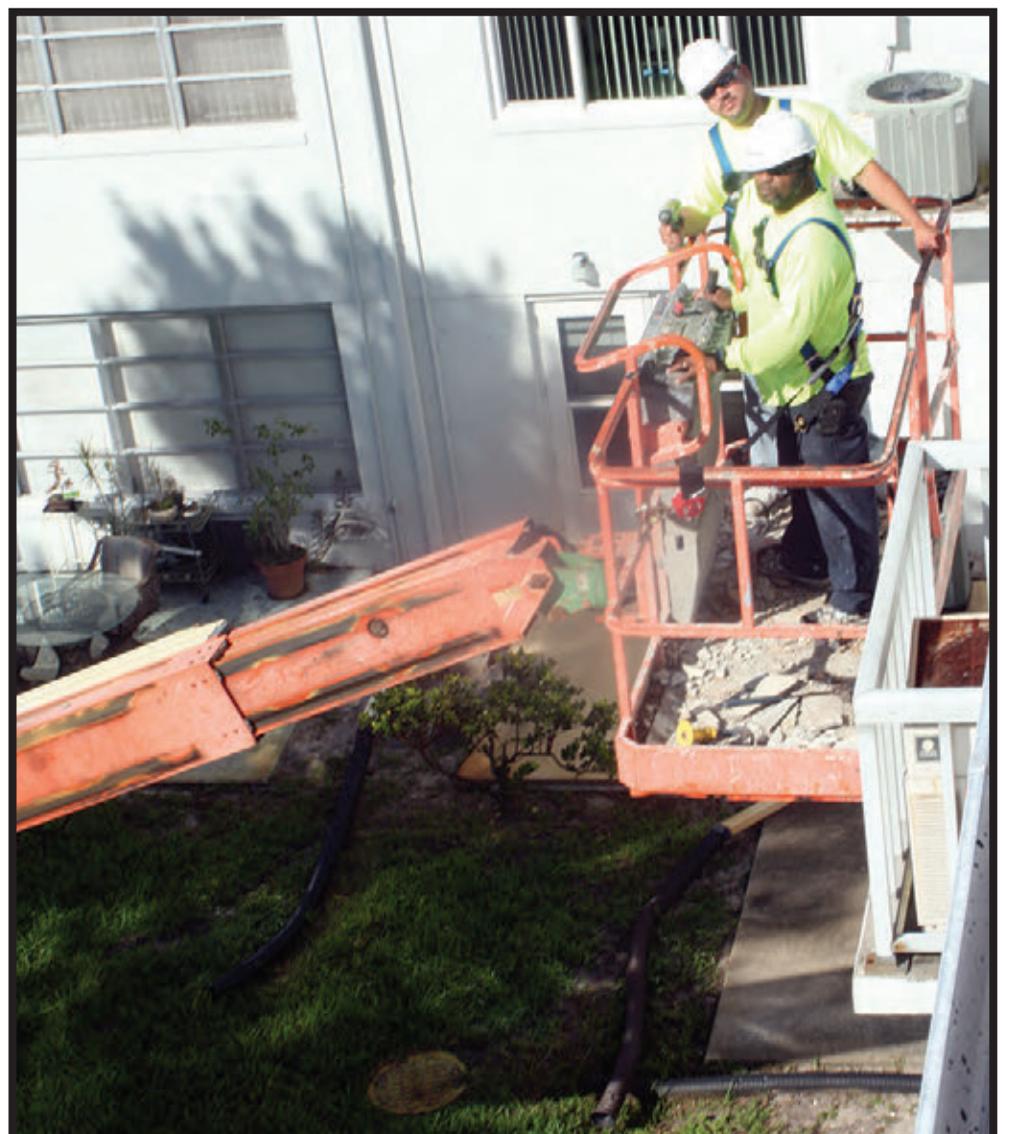
Reggie Wescott works on a door in the workshop.

aren't taking weeks and weeks to complete an assignment and are working efficiently.

One thing is certain. The OTOW construction crew never has to worry about running out of projects to do. There is always something to fix, improve or build. One piece of equipment missing from the department's workshop is a phone book. Calling a repairman is not a daily chore.

Luman Highsmith, foreground, and Edwin Cintron, ride a lift to check out the structural condition of a wall where a clam shell awning used to be located.

(OTOW News photos
by Doug Kates)



New OTOW Community Service Manager will update residents on monthly projects and events

Good day everyone!

My name is Dessa Barabba and I am the Facilities Manager for SCA H&R.

Starting with this edition of the newspaper, I will be writing a column for you each month.

If asked to tell you a little about myself, I would say my background includes many years of extensive management, facility maintenance and customer service experience.

I am a previous business owner and have worked in the Real Estate industry for several years. I have been at On Top of the World since October and have found the opportunity to be both challenging and rewarding.

I look forward to the future.

There have been many "Spring Beautification Projects" going on at the East and West Activity Centers over the summer and many more projects to come.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents for their patience. I would also like to thank the SCA staff and our vendors.



Everyone's participation has been invaluable and appreciated during these projects.

Up and coming projects include the completion of the kitchen and craft room at the East Activity Center, as well as paint and new flooring in the small card room.

We plan to continue our progress at the West Activity Center with updates to the restrooms.

Also, we have completed new landscaping on the south side of the East Activity Center and pool, and will continue landscaping on the north side.

Watch for all of our "Pardon our



The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles mobile service bus will be at On Top of the World on Friday, Aug. 16.

Dust" signs and watch us grow.

In other news, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Florida Licensing on Wheels mobile service (F.L.O.W.) will be here at the EAC north parking lot on Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Through this mobile service you will have the opportunity to renew your driver's license, change of address or name change, out of state to Florida changes, or get a Florida ID card.

For more information regarding the documentation you will need to bring with you, as well as the fees charged for these services, please visit www.GatherGoGet.com.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles accepts cash, check, American Express, Discover and MasterCard as forms of payment. They cannot accept VISA.

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Ladybird deeds provide a way out

Q. I've heard about a ladybird deed. Can you explain it for me?

A. A ladybird deed is a short-hand way of describing what is known as an Enhanced Life Estate Deed.

It is a type of deed where someone conveys his or her or their real property to, say, a child, while reserving for themselves the right to sell, mortgage, convey or encumber the property.

I don't share the view that these are terrific estate planning mechanisms, but some attorneys think the opposite.

When the grantor of the Enhanced Life Estate Deed passes on, the remainder person holds the title to the property and all that is needed is usually just a death certificate to prove that the remainder person now owns the property.

Should the grantor decide to sell or mortgage the property, it can be done without the joinder of the remainder person.

If, however, for whatever the reason, the grantor decides to remove the remainder person, notwithstanding the language in the deed, the title companies take the view that the remainder person does have to sign if his or her name is to be removed.

Additionally, there are always potential issues should the remainder person get sued. It's difficult in a column like this to anticipate what could happen in such an event. Therefore, anyone deciding to have this type of deed drafted should make sure to ask the attorney about any adverse issues.



Q. My father's durable power of attorney was signed by him in (not in Florida). His attorney (the writer said her father's attorney practiced law in another state but was licensed to practice law in Florida) said that it was valid in Florida. However, when I needed to use it to assist him with some financial issues, I was told that it was not valid here and that it did not have the correct language in it.

A. I haven't seen the durable power of attorney that your father signed, so it is very difficult for me to comment on it. However, this does give me the opportunity to discuss the drafting and signing of documents prepared by an attorney who does not reside in Florida, but is licensed to practice law here.

It is my opinion that one should always have Wills, Trusts (if you use them), durable powers of attorney and Advance Directives drawn up by attorney who live fulltime in the State of

Florida and who thus practice law in this State.

There are so many nuances to Florida's various real property laws, estate planning laws, Medicaid planning laws and most importantly, homestead laws, that it just seems logical to me to have a full-time Florida attorney draft up your important documents.

This is true no matter what you think of your out-of-state attorney (or what they think of their abilities.).

I have been licensed to practice law in the states of Texas and Ohio; but I would never think of advising anyone about the laws of those states. I don't live there and I don't always know what's going on in those state's legal worlds from day to day.

Q. What is the best way to avoid probate of my assets?

A. Spend them while you are alive.

Q. My daughter drifts in and out of my life — that is, I might not hear from her for a couple of years at a time and then she calls to say hello, to tell me she got married again, she would like to come and visit, can I send her the airfare and rent her a car.

Nevertheless, she is my daughter and I love her, or think I do.

I would like to leave her a portion of my estate, but not all of it. The rest I want to give to some cousins and friends who I know care about me.

One of my friends said that I was required by Florida law to leave my

estate to my next of kin, which is my daughter. Is this true?

A. No, it is not true.

I don't know where your friend got that idea, but it is wrong.

Florida law does not require you to leave any part of your estate to any particular person or persons. The exception to that might be if you had minor children or, of course, if you were married.

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Driver's safety course returns Sept. 12-13

On Top of the World welcomes AAA Clearwater as the new host for the 55+ driver safety course.

In past years, AARP has hosted a one-day, six-hour class. AAA has come aboard and will be offering two three-hour classes on consecutive days.

The initial first classes will be 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 12, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Sept. 13. The classes are exclusively for OTOW residents.

AAA designs the class into two days because residents can return the second day and ask questions based on what they learned the first day. Plus, when residents return for the second day, they will be handed certificates to use as proof they completed the

course.

Cost for the safety course is \$15 and must be paid when entering the classroom for the first day. Both classes will take place in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

The safety course is approved by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a non-profit, charitable organization based in Washington, DC, which is dedicated to saving lives through traffic safety research and education.

The 55-plus course is customized to senior drivers, who want to take a refresher course, want to learn about the latest in automobile technology and various safety devices on new automobiles. There is no actual

driving or getting behind the wheel of an actual car. There is no test, quiz or homework.

AAA Instructor Tim King said residents who complete this course will not only be better prepared for emergency situations, but most insurance companies will offer reduced rates.

The class includes lectures and instruction videos. Students are given a workbook, which they keep.

"I like to think, people will walk out and say 'wow, I got a lot out of this,'" Tim said. "I'm 54 and when I took the class, I learned things right away."

Some residents may not know how anti-lock brakes work, or how the latest in airbag technology might save

their life. Basic, practical skills, such as where to place hands on a steering wheel, will be discussed.

"We want to reward people who take a little extra time for this class," Tim said. "If you avoid just one accident, it's all worthwhile."

Residents who want to take the course must fill out the application form (page 44) in this newspaper and drop it off at the Newspaper Office in the EAC. For this first class, forms must be dropped off by Sept. 6.

If this initial class is successful, and there is great interest, more classes will be scheduled during the fall and winter months. Watch for more details on OTOW-TV and on your Box Office Web Site.

On Top of the World is an over-55 community - the Association needs your help to enforce it

The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as housing for persons who are 55 years of age or older.

This designation is in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act.

The condominium declaration also provides for age restrictions in the community and it does not permit minors under the age of 17 to reside in the On Top of the World Community.

The restrictions do provide that one minor, 17 or older, may reside with a resident who is at least 55 years of age or older.

From time to time I receive correspondence stating that a child/children or underage persons are residing in a building. Unfortunately, the correspondence does not include the unit number or address of the unit in violation of the age restriction. The unit number must be provided in your correspondence in order for the Association to proceed with enforcement actions.

This information is especially helpful during the summer months when it is difficult to ascertain who is a resident and who is temporarily visiting their parents or grandparents.

If you are aware of a unit owner in



violation of the age-restrictions, please forward the building number and unit number to the Association for follow-up.

Elderly Scams

The slow recovery of our economy has provided an environment rich in crimes such as identity theft, lottery scams, credit card fraud and wire transfer scams.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than 25 million adults were scammed in 2011 with the elderly being the highest percentage of those targeted.

Those persons over-65 and living alone are the most vulnerable.

Typically, scammers try to convince you to purchase devices such as water filters and softeners by claiming

New Recreation Cards in EAC starting Aug. 5

Beginning Aug. 5, it will be possible to obtain your Recreation Cards at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.

You will be able to obtain a card Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed from 12:00-12:30).

In the very near future we will have a special event with extended hours for our working residents. The cards will no longer be issued at the West Activity Center except during special events (return of Snowbird residents, reissue community cards, etc.) Special Events will be advertised in the OTOW newspaper, OTOW-TV Channels 96/720, the Box Office Web Site, as well as posted in your building center cores.

or recommend unnecessary home repair work.

They may also try distraction techniques which include entering your home for a stated purpose and stealing items while you are distracted.

The most popular type of scams includes telemarketers calling you and stating you have won a lottery. They will then ask you to send them a fee so they can process your winnings.

Please understand, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Don't be a victim; it's shrewd, not rude to hang up on a suspicious telemarketer.

You should never agree to pay for

services or products in advance over the phone. Don't give your personal information to anyone you don't know unless you have made the initial contact and you have check references on their business or services.

Do not allow yourself to feel pressured into signing a contract.

As a reminder, do not answer your door to strangers. Don't be afraid to ask for identification and record the information. If you see persons soliciting in your building and/or the community, please call the emergency phone number, 799-1115. On call personnel will be dispatched to make sure they leave the community.

Sal Mineo preferred movies over Broadway and singing

Sal Mineo was bitten by the acting bug early and by the age of 10 he was appearing on Broadway.

He was born in Harlem, N.Y., and after many appearances on Broadway and TV, he headed for Hollywood, soon to become a teenage idol.

In 1957, Sal tried his luck at becoming a Rock 'N Roll singer and released two singles, but quickly decided that acting would be his career.

He did display his musical ability when he portrayed Gene Krupa in the movie, "The Gene Krupa



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

Story."

On Broadway, Sal appeared as the young prince in "The King and I" with Yul Brenner and Gertrude Lawrence,

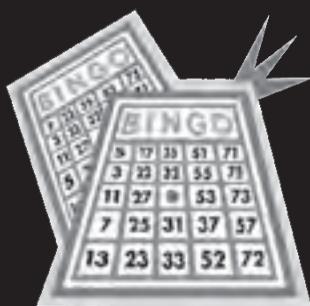
and appeared in the "Rose Tattoo" with Maureen Stapleton. However, he really hit the big time in films when he played Plato in "Rebel without a Cause" with James Dean. Sal won best supporting actor in that movie. He won again as Dov Landou in "Exodus."

Sal had a long relationship with actress Jill Hayworth. He later discovered he was also attracted to men and was the first actor in Hollywood to publicly admit his homosexuality lifestyle, which paved the way for future

generations of gay actors.

Coming home one night from a rehearsal, Sal was brutally killed in a back alley at his apartment in Los Angeles. It was rumored for years that his 1979 knifing death was a result of his homosexual lifestyle, but that was not true. The killer was caught and convicted. Sal was the victim of a robbery.

TV channels today are still running Sal's movies and his many talents are still being enjoyed by all the generations that followed him.



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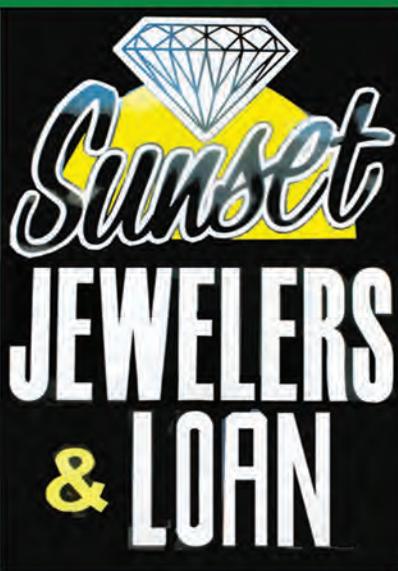
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Investigation already under way

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NEW JESTERS

By Marvin Flam

The Jesters' February show, "Fifty Shades - The Musical," is set in a Hollywood movie studio, and its intricate plot will include numerous twists and will blend movie history and murder-mystery into one very entertaining show in 2014.

The cast this year will be a blend of experienced Jesters and talented newcomers, whose performances will, of course, amaze, astound and amuse, as they perform music numbers and comedy routines from the movies of the past 10 decades.

At the same time, you'll marvel at the brilliant detective work of both American and foreign movie detective favorites, who will have our audiences guessing as to 'Who Done It?'

Ultimately, the mystery will be solved, but not without a lot of great music, dance and comedy, and help from our very clever and talented audiences.

We invite you to join our show and have fun with the New Jesters!

The creative team is working on putting this exciting performance together and they are looking for talent-



Police Lt. Charlotte Chan (Pat Sprouse) and Crime Scene Investigators Bob and Bernee Krause, investigate evidence at the Jesters crime scene. *(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)*

ed newcomers for several parts.

At the same time, we are looking for residents to help with many behind-the-scenes jobs.

This month, visit The Jesters table 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays in the East Activity Center and find out what

we'll be doing.

Mark your calendar to attend the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the EAC auditorium and learn about the show and the fun events.

More about this next month.

I want to thank those who have already signed up and are working on the show. We have had an outstanding response so far. Call me at 727-797-1761. Better yet, email us at jest-fun21@gmail.com.

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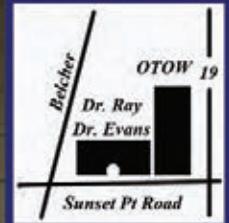
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Good idea for Canadians to have a Florida attorney

By Rick McLauchlan

Last month we shared information about the Domestic Partnership Registry from Pinellas County.

This month we share information received from the Canadian Snowbirds Association (CSA), which also includes Powers of Attorney.

Again please remember the following is submitted for information purposes only and is not to be used as legal advice. For your protection seek advice from a lawyer in your Canadian Province of residence.

We asked the CSA if a couple, either married or not, has a general and continuing power of attorney for property (will) and/or a power of attorney for personal care, whether this



covers them in Florida should something untoward happen while they are a resident in Florida.

The response was, a will made in Ontario, or in any other jurisdiction, which disposes of all of one's property, would be sufficient to encompass property or assets in Florida.

The subject of a "power of attorney" for personal care is completely

different.

Florida Laws (and possibly other states) are very specific as to what is required to create a valid power of attorney, which will be recognized in Florida. The bottom line – a person wishing to create a power of attorney for use in Florida should consult a Florida attorney to have it prepared and explained.

A lawyer in Ontario, for instance, is not qualified to advise on such a subject. His/her advice to a client should be, "see a Florida lawyer."

The General Counsel for the CSA informed us that individuals would be able to exercise the same benefits of a domestic partnership registry through a valid power of attorney.

If you have a valid power of attorney in the state of Florida, registration in a domestic partnership registry would be unnecessary.

Moreover, the CSA's understanding is that some domestic partnership registries are only available to permanent residents.

Please consider consulting a lawyer for personal guidance and carry copies of the suggested documents while in Florida.

Remember, our social games will restart on Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Club registration night will be Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in the EAC.



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We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

Watch a sunset with the Baby Boomers group

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers are organizing dinners and drinks at local places where it is also popular to watch fabulous sunsets.

We enjoy visiting various beaches, plus we barbeque, set daily get together at our swimming pools, kayak, ride bicycles, watch new and old movies, join Zumba parties, and even travel overseas.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group.

All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to two monthly meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and OTOW-TV Channel 96/720.

We meet the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. Therefore we are meeting on Aug. 7



Baby Boomers

and Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. at the East Activity Center Veranda Room, followed by a Happy Hour at a restaurant/bar such as the Varsity Club, Cody's or Whistle Stop.

For more information, send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com

Welcome back dinner Oct. 16

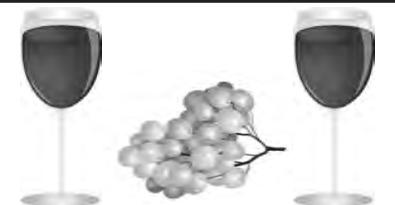
By Jerry Kaplano

Well, summer is about half over and for some it cannot be soon enough.

For Italian American Club members and prospective members, there is plenty to look forward to this year.

First and foremost, we will be having a Welcome Back spaghetti and meatball dinner 7 p.m., on Oct. 16 in the East Activity Center auditorium. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased in the East Activity Center starting the third week in September and continuing each Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

There are many other activities and plans for this year, including a holiday



Italian American

party in November, an ice cream social, a wine & cheese party, a picnic, and a trip to the Hard Rock Casino.

So, plan to join us for the spaghetti dinner and find out more about these other events.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Hurricane Tip Page

June is the start of the hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm.

Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association related assets, and making sure we have an up-

dated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure roofs in the event of damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. With that in mind, this page contains key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

Prepare for the possibility of a hurricane

- Designate as a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number, and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.

- Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate.

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

- Remove furniture from porches or patio, and secure hoses so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.

- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further dam-

aged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.

- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

As a hurricane approaches

- Refill prescriptions.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

- Bring inside any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

- Tape, board or shutter windows.

- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMS may be closed for several days following the storm.

After a storm

- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”

- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

- If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Use the phone only for emergencies.

- Conserve water! DO NOT WASH DRIVEWAYS OF DEBRIS. If the power is out and you still have water pressure it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power.

During a hurricane

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

- Follow the orders of local authorities.

- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.

- Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

The insurance process ...

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.

- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

- Keep records and receipts for ALL expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

If your electricity goes out

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match as this is a fire hazard.

- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Hurricane Center
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Hurricane & Storm Tracking
<http://hurricane.terrapin.com/>

The Weather Channel
<http://www.weather.com/index.html>

Progress Energy Hurricane Preparedness
<http://www.progress-energy.com/aboutenergy/stormcentral/index.asp>

Printable Hurricane Tracking Maps
<http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw/tracking-maps.html>



A recent casino trip to Biloxi included a day trip to New Orleans where the Snowbirds Club did sightseeing and enjoyed beignets at the famous restaurant Cafe Du Monde. From left to right are Sheila Bonomo, Sandy Sanborn, and Linda and Bart Gooch.

(Photo by Ed Foland)

Snowbirds Club announces a variety of plans for next seven months

By Sandy Sanborn

The gaming industry has been providing entertainment for On Top of the World residents for many years.

The most popular casinos are the ones that have more to offer than just gambling.

Snowbirds Club members like to go to casinos in areas where there are other entertainment options, such as shopping, bus tours, sightseeing and spending a few nights at a nice resort hotel with night life.

Casino trips scheduled this season include Biloxi by bus in August; South Florida by bus in November; Bahama



Snowbirds Club

Islands by cruise ship in February; and a fly-to-destination to be announced later.

Several interesting charter bus trips are scheduled in October. They are Cedar Key Sea Food Festival on Oct. 19, Show Palace Dinner Theatre

in Hudson to see Hello Dolly on Oct 20, and Mount Dora Craft Fair on Oct 26.

The annual Thanksgiving day charter bus to the Show Palace is filling up. After the Thanksgiving dinner, we will see the big holiday musical, Irving Berlin's, "White Christmas."

Club members have several cruises to choose from: cancer cruise on Nov. 17, floating vacation on Dec. 8, dancing with the stars on Jan. 5, and casino cruise to Nassau and Freeport on Feb 9.

Our sales and information desk will be open from 8:30-10 a.m. on August 1, 5, 8 and 12 at the East Activi-

ties Center.

Our next monthly meeting will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, in the Starlite Room. No monthly meeting in August or September.

Abundant information on all events is available on our user friendly Website, www.snowbirdsotow.com, Click on the big blue events button to see our schedule of events and order tickets. Or you can contact Sandy Sanborn at 727-21627922 to have tickets mailed directly to you.

Information about us is also available on the OTOW Box Office Web site. Look for our button!

Hazardous junk pickup set for November at OTOW

The Haz-To-Go trailer will be visiting On Top of the World in November and will give residents an opportunity to remove household electronic and chemical products which could otherwise pose a hazardous threat.

The trailer will be available to Eastside residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the East Activity Center near the tennis courts.

The trailer will be available to West-

Haz-To-Go

side residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 7, at the West Activity Center near the dog park.

Disposable electronic equipment consists of camcorders, CD players, cell phones, smartphones, computers, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, Fax machines, GPS units, marine

depth finders, microwave ovens, pagers, portable music players, printers, toner cartridges, stereo equipment, telephones, TVs, VCRs and video game players.

Accepted chemicals include, automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners, cooking oils, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, mercury-containing devices, fuels, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, paint, paint remover, paint

thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, solvents and wood preservatives.

There is no cost to On Top of the World residents.

For more information, contact Pinellas County at 727-464-7500 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

Watch for more information in future editions of this newspaper and on OTOW-TV channels 96/720.

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- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

* For timely service, please schedule a request a day in advance.



Smoke Detector Retrofit Schedule

AUGUST
#27, #28, #29

SEPTEMBER
#30, #31, #32, #38

OCTOBER
#40, #41, #42, #43

NOVEMBER
#43, #44, #45

(note: Buildings 17 and 43 will be split between two months)

Shown above is the schedule for smoke detector replacement work. If you believe you might not be present or available during your building's designated month, please cut out this form and return the information to On Top of the World. Forms can be delivered in person to the East Activity Center Service Desk or they can be mailed to the address below.

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Representative name: _____ Representative phone number: _____

Representative address: _____

Every resident has a responsibility ...

Best way to stop mosquitoes is to remove their breeding areas

By Ronald A Baltrunas
Special To OTOW News

Summer is the rainy season, which means a lot of innocent-looking pools of water can grow all over the place.

When mosquitoes aren't biting you, they are mating and laying eggs in those pools of water.

Everyone hates mosquitoes.

They wait to ambush you in the laundry room and around the mail boxes.

They even work in shifts!

There are day-biters and night-biters!

Their bites can cause painful swelling and more.

Mosquito Control reports the bites can give you encephalitis, yellow fever, dengue and malaria. You can add West Nile virus and there could be more.

The best answer to stopping mosquitoes is to stop their breeding.

Repellants, like DEET, are not cheap. They are chemicals that get into your skin and you can breathe them in. Read the warning labels.

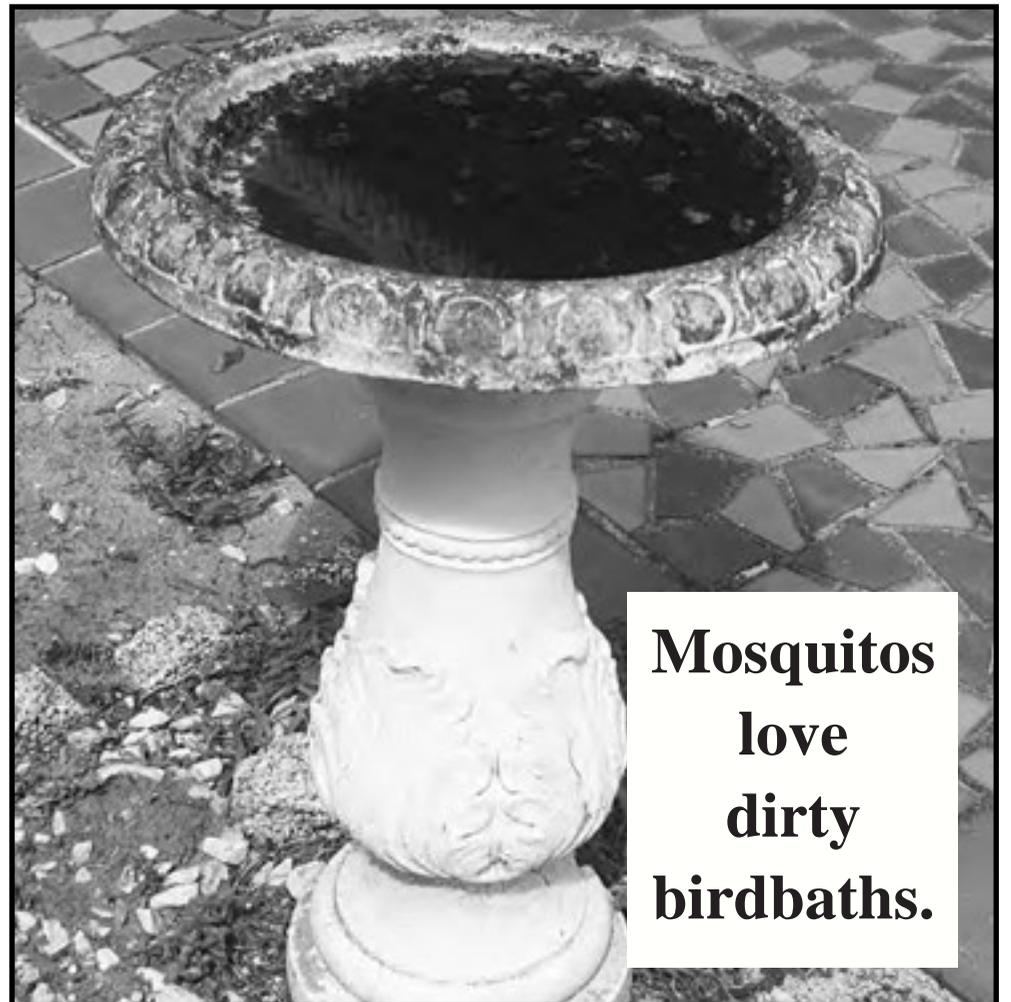
Apartment owners on the ground level have an enormous responsibility to themselves and the rest of us.

Our problems get really bad when Snowbirds go north and leave decorative items outside that can trap rain-water.

Here's what to watch out for when you are walking outdoors around your building:

1. Watering cans filled with old water from previous rains or previous plant care.
2. Plates under flowerpots (the biggest problem).
3. Bromeliad plants: these cup water in the center.
4. Decorative ornaments that can cup water.
5. Bird baths: They should be cleaned daily. Dirty water in a bird bath creates a perfect breeding ground.

Mosquito control is the responsibility of all apartment owners. For answers to your questions, call Mosquito Control at 727-464-7503.



**Mosquitos
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- Gyro or chicken pita wrap with soup
- (and more)



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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

We also have "Open Discussion" meetings. With this format you have the opportunity to suggest a topic of special interest to you.

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

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If these jokes are funny, you are still young

Thoughts on growing old ...

When you wanted a discount on movies, hotels, etc., you paid full price. Now that you get discounts – you're too tired to use them.

When people say "you look great," they always add, "for your age."

Going out is good. Coming home is better.

Remember when your mother told you to wear clean underwear in case you "get into" an accident? Now you bring clean underwear in case you "have" an accident.

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Marge's Humor

The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 pounds, and you have a better chance of losing your keys than 15 pounds.

You used to say you hoped your kids got married. Now you hope your kids stay married.

Now that your husband is retired, you're probably wishing he had a job.

You have three sizes of clothes in your closet – two of which you will never wear again.

You don't care where your spouse goes, as long as you don't have to go along.

When you are old, getting lucky means finding your car in the parking lot.

You may still be young at heart, but slightly older in other places.

When you get old, an "All-Nighter" means not getting up to go to the bathroom.

Old is when "getting a little action" means you don't need to take any fiber.

Old is still good in some places: old songs, old movies and the best of old friends.

They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is to keep it from creeping down into your body.

Old is when you're not sure if these jokes are funny anymore.

View this newspaper Online

Did you know you can view this On Top of the World newspaper Online?

Did you know readers from 24 different states and Canada read this newspaper Online last month?

Are you aware of some recent changes that were made as to where you can view this newspaper and past editions?

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Once there, scroll down until you see the OTOW newspaper banner. Press where it states "Click here to view this month's newspaper."

You will be redirected to the Press Association's own Website, complete with current newspaper and newspapers from the past 12 months.

Once you've reached this page, bookmark it, so you can easily return to view new and old newspapers.

Also on this site, you will be able to see what pets are in the running for Pet of the Year. Soon, you will be able to vote for the best decorated holiday condo.

And in case you haven't visited the Box Office Website yet, find the link on the Press Association page and enjoy the latest information OTOW has to offer online.

Test your TV IQ

It's August.

It's hot.

We stay indoors. We enjoy our air conditioning and watch TV.

Ever wonder about your TV IQ?

How much of yesterday do you remember?

Think of the following quiz as lubricating your mind.

Listed below are memorable quotes from the TV shows you grew up with. Take the time to figure out who said the quote and from which show it came from.

Remember, mental fitness needs to be perceived as fun.

1. "Beam me up Scotty."
2. "No soup for you."
3. "How sweet it is."
4. "De plane! De plane!"
5. "Lucy ... you got some 'splaining to do."
6. "Heeeeere's Johnny."
7. "Aaaaaaaaay..."
8. "Here comes the Judge!"
9. "You rang?"
10. "Does everybody know what time it is?"
11. "Yabba, dabba do!"
12. "Say goodnight, Gracie."
13. "Would you believe ..."
14. "Picture it ... Sicily..."
15. "Who loves ya', baby?"
16. "Norm!!!"
17. "We are two wild and crazy guys!"
18. "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!"
19. "Sock it to me."
20. "Nanu, Nanu."
21. "Oh my God! They killed Kenny."
22. "Mom always liked you best."
23. "I'm Larry, this is my brother Daryl and this is my other brother Darryl."
24. "How you doin'?"
25. "Hey, hey, hey."



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

26. "One of these days, Alice ... POW! To the moon!"
27. "Danger, Will Robinson."
28. "Dummy up, Meathead."
29. "Did I do that?"
30. "Hello, Newman."
31. "Thank you very much."
32. "Up your nose with a rubber hose."
33. "Holy crap!"
34. "I pity the fool."
35. "Kiss my grits!"
36. "Dy-no-mite!"
37. "Oh, this is it. The big one. I'm coming Elizabeth."
38. "God will get you for that, Walter."
39. "I know nothing!"
40. "Whatchoo talkin' 'bout, Willis?"
41. "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 – Schlemiel! Schlimazel! Hasenpfeffer Incorporated."

(ANSWERS APPEAR ON PAGE 36)

Visitors right in step with veteran line dancers

By Julie Narancich

The line dancers were joined by visitors from Asheville, N.C., recently.

Debbie Jones and her daughter, Alyssa, joined the line dancers while visiting their Uncle Dave (Jelaso) of the Dorado building.

Alyssa is a senior at North Buncombe School and has taken Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop for 12 years. Debbie taught aerobics and jazzercise. It was truly a joy to have these great dancers join us.

On July 2, our group danced to patriotic music coordinated by Ellen Gilbert, who also demonstrated the steps.

It was a challenge, but all the dancers did good. Thanks Ellen!

Birthday greetings go out to Cele Radeloff who celebrated her 89th



birthday on June 24. Cele is truly committed to the line dancers and it warms our hearts to see her at line dancing.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World recreation card, along with your money, to Mary.

Please join us as anytime is a great

time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and moral support, so please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The beginner lessons begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

Hope to see you soon!



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does not flush.
Please clean up
while walking
your four-legged
friend.**

Memory Challenge on your Box Office Website

Now two levels - easy and very hard!

Games are a proven, fun way, to keep your mind sharp.

At your On Top of the World Box Office Website, a new game is available which is easy to play, yet challenging for your brain.

Remember the days of playing Concentration where you flipped and matched cards until there weren't any left?

Well, this new Online game provides the same challenge without having to find a deck of cards.

There are now two skill levels for Memory Challenge.

In the easy version, match 14 of your favorite fruits until all 28 cards are gone.

In the hard version, you must match 30 On Top of the World buildings until all 60 cards are gone.

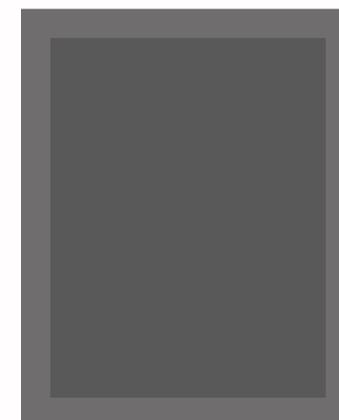
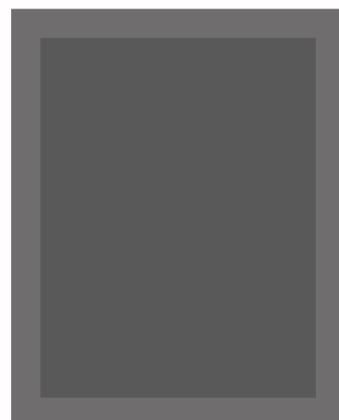
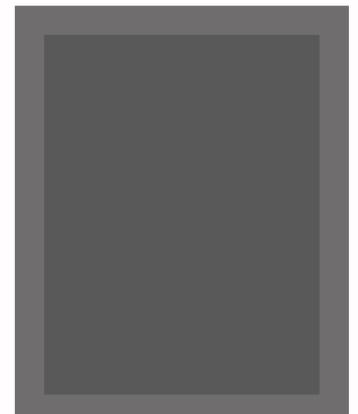
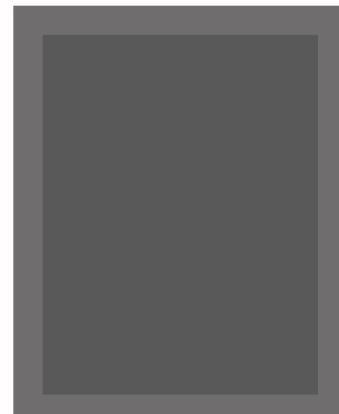
How long will it take you to find all 14 matches at the easy level?

Do you have the patience to find all 30 matches at the hard level?

Give it a try. Create a strategy. Try to beat your previous score. Heck, try to beat everyone's score.

Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Rec Centers & Amenities" at the top of the page and then look for the "Box Office" link. Once you've arrived at the Box Office Website, bookmark it for an easier return. Once you have entered, scroll down until you see "Play Memory Challenge" and choose a level.

Good luck!



***Congratulations!
You found a match!***

Help us honor the USO with a good show this winter

By Lilli Scheifen

With the Fourth of July behind us, it is time to begin thinking about our next show honoring the USO.

In 1940, General George C. Marshall, who headed the Marshall Plan, which helped Europe recover from the devastation of World War II, suggested the creation of the United Service Organization (USO) for servicemen and women who were away from home.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved the idea and was supported by the Salvation Army, YMCA, YWCA, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Travelers Aid Association and the National Catholic Community.

The USO was chartered in 1941.



Theater Workshop

Commander Jim Osborne, of the Salvation Army, resides at On Top of the World and had a relative who was one of the originators.

Do you remember Bob Hope and his USO troupe traveling across the

world to bring laughs to homesick GIs?

For a while, the men and women could forget the war and get a taste of "home."

If you would like to be in the Theater Workshop winter show, and pay tribute to this wonderful organization, you can get information at the East Activity Center each Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Beginning in September, we will resume our meetings at the EAC at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (board meetings at 6:30).

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in the East Activity Center
 8:30-3:00

Next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, EAC large card room

Adopting a greyhound is like adopting a 45 MPH couch potato



Greyhound Club

By Bill Sharpsteen

The phrase “dog days” refers to the sultry days of summer.

The dog days of summer are most commonly experienced here in the months of July and August, which typically observe the warmest summer temperatures.

Make sure your pets get a lot of water and walk them early and late in the day, hopefully when it is a little cooler.

Do you know why greyhounds are called 45 mph couch potatoes?

Take a look at this picture. Enzo, Tio, and foster white greyhound, Ace, sleep almost 18 hours each day ... unless they are really tired!

Chris Palmer had just started fostering Ace, went upstairs, and on his return he found Ace bringing up the rear ... so to speak, on the couch with his two other greyhounds!

They fit well in our retirement community - don't they!

If you think about their racing careers, you'll understand why. They raced about once a week and each race lasted about 32 seconds! The rest of the week they were in their crates, you



There's no racing today. Enzo, Tio and Ace take over a couch.

guessed it, sleeping.

They got fed once a day and were turned out for bathroom breaks and water four times spread out during the day while their trainers cleaned their bedding, crates as well as the kennel.

After a greyhound's racing career, they can retire as young as 16 months or be 4 or 5 years old.

They adapt very well to our lifestyles and schedules. While we sleep, they sleep. While we go to work or leave the condo, they sleep! I think you get the picture as they become real couch potatoes.

However, if you ever see me take a couple of them to our new dog park, and watch them run, you will simply be amazed. They can hit full speed of 45 mph in as short as three strides. It is really something to behold.

These Gentle Giants, or 45 mph Couch Potatoes, are really a special breed and have so much love to give you. Please consider adopting one today. See adoptable ones at www.Gold-CoastGreyhounds.com

I had many interesting comments on our sponsoring the eight-week prison training program, so if you missed it, here is the link as ABC has really shown an interest in this program.

The program involves training greyhounds and making a life-changing difference in these specially screened inmates.

Read more: <http://www.ab-cactionnews.com/dpp/news/prisoners-serving-years-even-life-passing-time-by-training-rescued-dogs#ixzz2VKZI1xvs>

Always remember, Greyhound

Club members meet every third Friday at Third Friday in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, Aug. 16 at the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off greyhounds for adoption.

We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our “Gentle Giants!”

Please add our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings to your calendar for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate, or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

East Side Pool Exercises



East Activity Center pool exercises will run 9-10 a.m., starting May 6 for the summer. Everyone is invited. All you need is a swimsuit and a smile.

Exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool. You do not need to know how to swim.

We enjoy the water, have fun and do something good for us. Join us!

OTOW Entertainment Committee

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We are not closing in August!

Fourteen new books available in library

By Katy Gerritt

We want to remind all our faithful members that we will be open in August for the first time.

Our hours will remain Tuesday and Friday from noon-2 p.m.

We hope this will allow everyone access to plenty of books for those hot summer days.

We have had an excellent response to the new drop box, which seems to make it easier to return books at any time when visiting the East Activity Center. We have also received several donations in the box. Thanks to all who use it!

We also have a table in the center



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Library News

of the library with free books. Lots of old books were found in the process of redoing the craft room, so we decided to share them with anyone who

wishes to enjoy them. Please pass them on to friends, neighbors or donate to a charitable organization after reading them. Help yourself at any time!

We have a lot of new books this month. They include

- "The Black Box" by Michael Connolly

- "Beach Season" by Lisa Jackson
- "The Striker," "The Storm" and "Devil's Gate" all by Clive Cussler.

- "Gotchal!" by Fern Michaels
- "The Perfume Collector" by Kathleen Tessaro

- "Threat Vector" by Tom Clancy
- "Impossible Odds" by Jessica Buchanan

- "The Glass Castle" and "Half Broke Horses" by Jeanette Walls.

- "The Newcomer" by Robyn Carr

- "Summer Breeze" by Nancy Thayer

- "The Chance" by Karen Kingsbury.

We would like input from everyone on which authors and types of books they would like to see in the library, so we can accommodate varied tastes.

As a reminder, we do have a small collection of books on CD, music on CD and DVD movies.

And remember, our First Friday Sale on Aug. 2.

See you soon!

Vendor List

This list could change monthly.

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Art Guild

**Once a week,
let your
artistic side
have some fun**

By Jean Doane

The Art Guild continues its summer break with the exception of the Wednesday afternoon "Painting Pals" group, which gets together with their individual art projects.

Those who take part in Painting Pals enjoy the opportunity to use the East Activity Center Art Room, where they can spread out supplies on the large tables with good lighting and good company.

All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join them. They meet 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Drawing Class, under the direction of John Fier, will resume in November on Thursday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m.

The first general meeting of the Art Guild will be on Friday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. Refreshments and programs are always very good.



At left, a group of Travel Club members visit the Mosi Museum of Science and Industry.
At right, club member Neva Gamble shows us how dinner would look to a shark.

Travel Club members get a tour of the sea and confirm plans for Pigeon Forge trip in September

By Pat Zorland

Our monthly meeting was held on July 5 in the West Activity Center Sunshine Room and final payments for the Sept. 22-28 trip to Pigeon Forge were collected at this time.

President Audrey Jones announced that Pigeon Forge was a go and more information would be given to the travelers before the departure date.

Next, a trip was offered that would take residents to the Tampa Theater on July 27 for a private tour of the building followed by a lunch on your own. For more information, contact



Audrey at 726-5856.

At the end of June, club members went to the Mosie Museum to see a display called "Under the Sea and up

a Tree." I believe all who went had a very good time.

Vice President Roxie Maggio announced there will be a Lunch Bunch on July 19 at the Rumba Restaurant. Then on July 31-Aug. 1 to Fort Myers for a Mystery Train Ride, followed by an overnight stay in a hotel in Fort Myers. Contact Roxie at 474-5040 for more information.

A two-day, one-night trip to Daytona Beach is being offered Sept. 12-13. Call Roxie for details.

Then there will be a four-night cruise of the Western Caribbean

from Oct. 10-14 out of Tampa. Price is \$335. Contact Roxie for more details.

All information on what is happening in the Travel Club can be found monthly in this newspaper and on Channels 96/720 on your television.

The meeting ended with a social hour with cake and coffee. Due to a thunder storm moving in, the coffee hour was very short.

Lastly, from now on our meetings will have three 50/50 drawings. You are welcome to join our club and attend our meetings.



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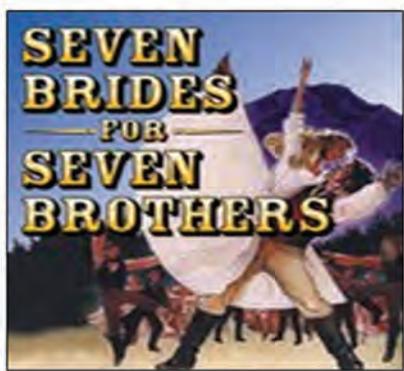
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Kawalecs traded bad weather for Florida 47 years ago

When the Blizzard of '66 struck the northeast with an icy vengeance, John and Theresa Kawalec were happy to leave it behind for some famous Florida sunshine.

They moved here on the recommendation of Theresa's sister, who assured them that there are no hurricanes in Florida.

That same year, their new home state was clobbered by several powerful electrical storms and Hurricane Alma, a rare June hurricane, that caused \$10 million in damage and took six lives.

Theresa and John have been married for 55 years. Together they raised six active and successful children and can boast nine cherished grandchildren.

They met at the Venetian Ballroom in Garfield, N. J., where she was mesmerized by the nice-looking guy with the stunning baby blues.

John, on the other hand, was struck by the beautiful, dark-haired Theresa.

Theresa is originally a New Jersey girl and was an arts major in high school. Ironically, she won a Science Award in her fourth year and went on to acquire her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, of all things.

After graduation, Theresa worked for four years in the field of serology, followed by five years in virology. She loved her job, but moved up to a much more important job as a stay-at-home-mom when she and John started their family.

Unlike the studious Theresa, John was a self-proclaimed goof off in high school. He took the Navy's Eddie Test to, in his own words, "confirm that I wasn't a complete idiot."

He passed the test and a week later was bound for the Great Lakes Naval Training Academy for two months, where he began his training in naval



John and Theresa Kawalec

Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

aviation electronics.

From there, John served his country in the reserves and in active duty

in Korea.

These days, in order to spend quality time with their family, Theresa and

John hit the road every summer for a few weeks and crisscross this great land. It can be an arduous yearly pilgrimage, but the benefits are worth the cost for these two travelers. Some years they luck out when their children and grandchildren pop in for some visitation and a dose of Florida sunshine.

Retirement here at On Top of the World means different things to Theresa and John. They play pinochle together at home and they play bridge with Betty and Al McKay. On his own, John loves to ride his bike, do crosswords and cryptic quotes. He has been playing eight-ball with his pals now for 18 years.

Theresa puts her faith into action when she hosts the Father Gobi Rosary Prayer Group on Monday mornings in her home. On Thursday evenings she attends the Divine Will Prayer Meeting at Light of Christ Catholic Church.

When she's not praying for the sick and needy, Theresa proof reads and writes for the On Top of the World newspaper. She is the building reporter for the Chetnik building, nestled remotely at the north end of picturesque Netherlands drive.

Were it not for her writing, much of OTOW might not even be aware of Building 61's existence, let alone the activities that take place there.

Theresa has pumped out roughly 130 pieces of journalism and has interviewed dozens of neighbors. If that's not enough, for six years she also served as the secretary for the OTOW Press Association.

CBS News Anchor Bob Schieffer wrote, "I think journalism is a great way to do public service, to have an impact on your community."

I guess that makes Theresa an OTOW public servant. She wouldn't have it any other way.

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Fall schedule to be announced soon

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Hello Good Neighbors!

I hope you are having a good summer?

I took some time off last month, so I didn't get an article into the newspaper.

As we all know, things are slow in the summer, but volunteers are busy working on events for this fall.

We are currently scheduling a Senior Expo, a flea market, craft show and clothing drive. Dates for all these events will be posted in each building, in the newspaper and on OTOW-TV.

In July we had a "Can you top this" contest, but we only had two entrees, so we are cancelling it for August.

The entertainer this month will be Louis Bravo. He will perform at the Aug. 8 meeting and has always been a crowd favorite. So, come out and enjoy the show.

Building representatives should contact Debbie Bonomo at 946-3968 for a meeting schedule.



Steve Barlock performed at Get Acquainted Thursday in July.

Anyone, especially new residents, who would like to volunteer for Good Neighbors, can contact myself at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings in front of the Gift Shoppe.

We need to start staffing for upcoming events. Remember to support the Gift Shoppe and throughout the summer stop by and take a look at what we have inside.

Newcomers

OTOW News Photos
By Mary Lou Wall



**On top are
Barry and Judy
McNeil of Florida.**

**At right is
Deborah Yander-Bishop
of New York**



Good Neighbors building rep meeting set for Aug. 19

Good Neighbors building representatives are asked to attend an important meeting 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 19, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room,

Flyers will be handed out with valuable information as the fall season gets closer. There will also be information on the upcoming Senior Expo, Flea Market, Craft Show and Clothing Drive you can take back and share with residents in your building.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

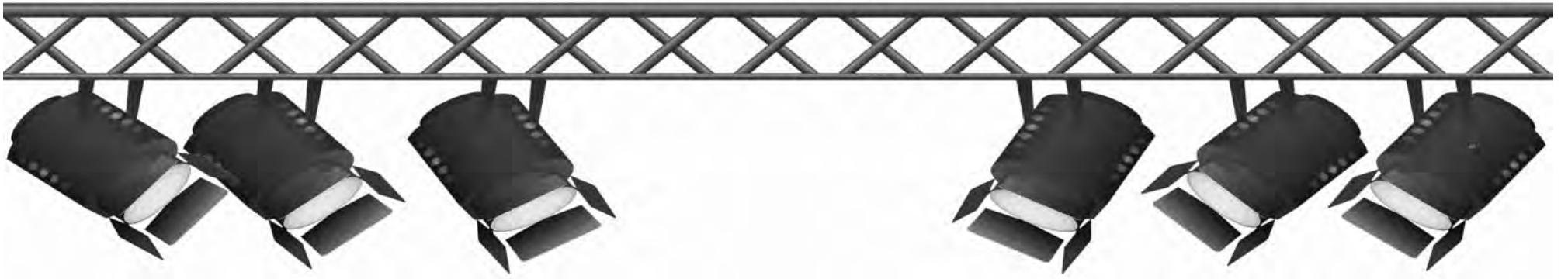
Please call ahead so we know how many people to expect.

If your building does not have a Good Neighbors representative, this would be the perfect time to select one. Good Neighbors representatives help answer questions for new residents. Reps will invite new neighbors to the Get Acquainted social. Reps will also distribute Vials For Life and update residents in their own buildings of any new rules or policies at OTOW.

Call Shirley at 946-3968 for more information.

Good Neighbors representatives normally meet 8:45 a.m., the second Thursday of each month, in the EAC large card room prior to the 9:45 a.m., Get Acquainted morning social upstairs in the auditorium.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD



How do barbequed ribs and chicken sound to kick off an August dinner dance?

Here we are in the middle of summer when things are supposed to slow down.

So what are we doing?

We're warming up for a lot of fun at upcoming summer and fall events.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, at 5 p.m., we've got our annual August Dinner-Dance. Tim and Lotte of "At Large" will provide the entertainment and Marguerite will present a full menu of good summer eating, including salad, barbequed ribs, chicken, roast browned potatoes and grilled vegetables, followed by a fruit buckle for dessert. (A buckle is a dessert, which combines cake, fresh fruit and cream cheese sauce.)

Don't forget to confirm your reservations for this special Entertainment Committee Dinner. Call Bar-



bara Sloup at 386-5752, so we know if you're coming to dinner and we can have an accurate count for the caterer. No tickets will be sold at the door.

On Aug. 11 at 2 p.m., the free Sunday-in-the-Park in the East Activity Center will feature Ralph Rogers, who will warm your heart with magi-

cal love songs or kick things into a higher gear with a variety of popular artists' songs.

You'll be entertained by his vocals. You can even bring your dancing shoes, and enjoy free refreshments following the show.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, we'll have our general meeting with Denise Looney providing entertainment for our horse races. Bring \$1 or \$2 to buy 50-50 tickets when you come in. You could become a drawing winner.

Our fall shows will include Broadway and Beyond, A USO Tribute, Showtime, Sweethearts of Branson, and The New Dawn Singers.

The dances will feature popular bands like Rebound, Flashback and The Mix.

In October, we'll offer a free fash-

ion show by Patchington.

In November, you can join us for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, which will be served right here at On Top of the World. For only \$24.95, dinner will be catered by Marguerite, and entertainment provided by "DJ with a Twist," Denise Looney.

Reserve your place at the table, or reserve a whole table for you and your friends. Reservations are already being accepted.

Don't miss out on the Entertainment Committee's exceptional lineup of fun. For fall season tickets or ticket packages for you or your group, come see us on a Monday between 8:30-10:30 a.m. We'll be glad to help you find a good seat. We look forward to saying hi when you stop by and become part of the fun.



Cele Radeloff, left, who sells raffle tickets for the Entertainment Committee, is surprised to learn she actually won one of the raffles during the Sunday In The Park performance in July. At right, Tony Orifici entertains the crowd.

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Take precautions against heat stroke

By Joe Spahalski

It is wise to take precautions with any outdoor activity.

Hydrate before, during and afterwards. The main objective is to keep hydrated and don't get overheated.

Who said it is too hot to play tennis?

We do it everyday and we do drink a lot of water. We do take frequent rests and quit before the sun gets too hot.

Tennis is a great exercise to get the body moving and the competition makes you feel alive.

The On Top of the World tennis group is currently working on our tennis tournament for the upcoming season. We have a lot of surprises in store.

There will be a new team concept that uses both skill and strategy to win. Participation in the tournament should be at a all-time high.

Tennis

Speaking of tournaments, Art has signed up to play in the Vermont State Senior Pickleball Championships.

In past tournaments, Art has won one gold and one silver medal. This tournament is open to all players and teams from all over the country, including Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont.

Medal winners are eligible to play in the senior nationals to be held in Cleveland. Last year 40,000 attended the event.

A pickleball court is smaller than a tennis court so the conversion is very easy.

Additional boundary lines are put down with tape that does not cause any damage to the tennis court. In fact all



the tennis courts in Vermont are taped for both sports and playing times are allotted for each sport throughout the summer.

We are rooting for Art and his partner Bruce to win the gold.

Annmarie Haskell has been working her fingers to the bone crocheting a full size afghan (62-inches x 56-inch-

es). The design is the logo of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team.

The afghan will be raffled off on Nov. 21 with proceeds going to the OTOW tennis club.

So, if you want a Rays logo afghan, you better get your tickets. They will be on sale Mondays at the East Activity Center starting in September.

Shine your shoes - the rain will go away eventually

By Pete Milner

It's the rainy season and we haven't had any league play for several weeks. Given this fact, it has become difficult to write a monthly golf column.

Obviously, it is more fun to play golf than watch it on the tube or read about it in a sports column.

Each week, about 50 of us diehard On Top of the World golfers, show up at the men's golf shack hoping to sign

Men's Golf

up for the following week's opportunity to play. Unfortunately, Tuesday's rain doesn't allow enough time for our course to absorb all the water. That means golf carts cannot be deployed.

By the time you read this article, it will be August and we will be in the

middle of the monsoon season. This means there will probably be many more lost opportunities to play. We also will be far enough into the summer months that we can start to plan on the return of our friends from up North or elsewhere.

I understand that there are plans afoot to have some pros available for some golf seminars, and hopefully, group lessons. This would be a treat for

some of us and necessity for others.

Keep your clubs dusted and your golf shoes shined, so IF the course ever dries up and we resume play, we will at least look like golfers.

Please remember you must sign in for next week's play no later than 8 a.m. Don't get shut out. Thanks for reading this article and checking the scoreboard for upcoming news and events.

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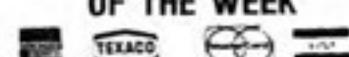
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SPORTS

Scotch Doubles, singles, 8-ball, 9-ball and team events keep On Top of the World pool players busy in summer



Men's Billiards

Thursday night's tournaments change weekly depending on the number of players.

If there are 12 or more players, the game of choice is Scotch Doubles, where two players are paired together by picking chips.

If there are less than 12 players, we can play as teams.

The first team game was played on June 27 with the West Side beating the East Side 18-14. The West team was Bob Eads, Nick Sapienza, John Shearer and Terry Wittman. The East team was Ray DiGuilio, Hugo Orantes, Barb Sundberg and Joe Ventimiglia.

On July 18, the East Side team of Hugo Orantes, Ed Ramirez, Barb Sundberg and Terry Wittman won a total of 19 games over the West Side team of Ron Baltrunas, Mario Rodriguez, John Shearer and Joe Ventimiglia, which won 13 games.

MONDAY NIGHT 8-BALL

There were five nights of 8-ball action last session.

On July 17 the A and B Flights



West Side team members John Shearer, Nick Sapienza, Terry Wittman and Bob Eads.

played together. Joe Ventimiglia took first place, Marc Schell was second and Ray DiGuilio, John Fier and Barb Sundberg were third.

On June 24 there were two flights. In A Flight, Hugo Orantes took first place, but there was a four-way tie for second place between Jim Anzalone, John Fier, Andy Suhar and Terry Wittman.

In B Flight, Howard Wilson was the champion, Nick Sapienza was second and Ray Quiron was third.

On July 1, both flights played as one again. First place went to Barb Sundberg, followed by Mario Rodriguez and Ron Baltrunas.

On July 8 there were two flights again, and Hugo Orantes won another A Flight title. There was a three-way tie for second place between Frank Mc-

Guire, Nick Sapienza and Marc Shell.

In B Flight, Mario Rodriguez was the champion, Howard Wilson was second and Ray DiGuilio, Ray Quiron, John Shearer and Terry Wittman tied for second.

On July 15, A Flight had its first new champion. Frank McGuire finished ahead of Jim Anzalone and there was a tie for second between Bart Gooch, Hugo Orantes and Nick Sapienza.

In Flight B, Terry Wittman was the winner, Ron Baltrunas was second Ray Quiron was third.

THURSDAY NIGHT TOURNAMENTS

There were two singles tournaments and one Scotch Doubles tournament last session.

The first singles match was on June 20 Terry Wittman taking top honors. Jim Anzalone was second and

Bart Gooch, Hugo Orantes and Howard Wilson tied for third.

A holiday singles tournament took place on the Fourth of July. Marc Schell was the winning with Ron Baltrunas, Mario Rodriguez, Nick Sapienza and Terry Wittman tying for second.

Scotch Doubles was held on July 11. The winning team was Hugo Orantes and Mario Rodriguez. Second place was Andy Suhar and Terry Wittman. Third place was Nick Sapienza and John Shearer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 9-BALL TOURNAMENT

There were five different winners in five nine-ball tournaments last session.

For starters, Bob Eads captured first place on June 18. John Fier placed second.

Joe Ventimiglia took first place on June 25 and John Fier repeated as runner-up.

On July 2, Barb Sundberg claimed first place with Joe Ventimiglia taking second.

On July 9, Howard Wilson took first place and Bob Eads claimed second place.

Finally, on July 16, John Fier broke into the win column with Barb Sundberg claiming second place.

If you're looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoons, get in on the action and out of the heat. Join us at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiards Room for nine-ball. Bring your Recreation Card and join in the fun.

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Lambda sets Beach Party social this month

By Dave Beaven

It is August, and many of our neighbors are taking cover from the heat in their condos.

Who can blame them?

The Lambda Club seconds your search for relief from the heat. This month's social is centered on the theme: Beach Party!

The gang is invited to get together in our newly renovated quarters in the Craft Room, or Lambda Lounge, as we call it.

The date and time is Friday, Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to show up with swim trunks, t-shirts, flip-flops, beach towels, and other beachy accessories. Just leave the sand at home. I'll have some surf music going on my boom box to further set the scene. Don't miss it.

Lambda's birthday party last month went very well. We met up in the Art Room, as our Lambda Lounge was undergoing renovations at the time. Love that natural light in that room - so different from the windowless Craft Room.

The party had food, cake, games and presents. Hard to beat that.



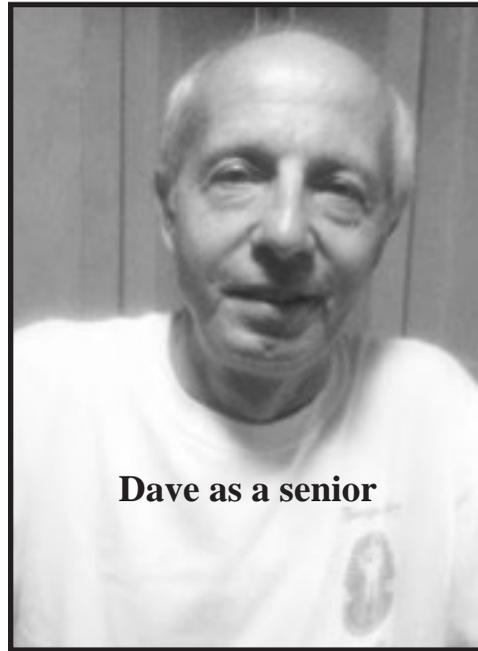
Lambda

One of the games used a gallery of baby pictures our members brought in. We spent some time trying to guess who was who. It's quite a challenge to match today's senior face to a long ago baby snapshot.

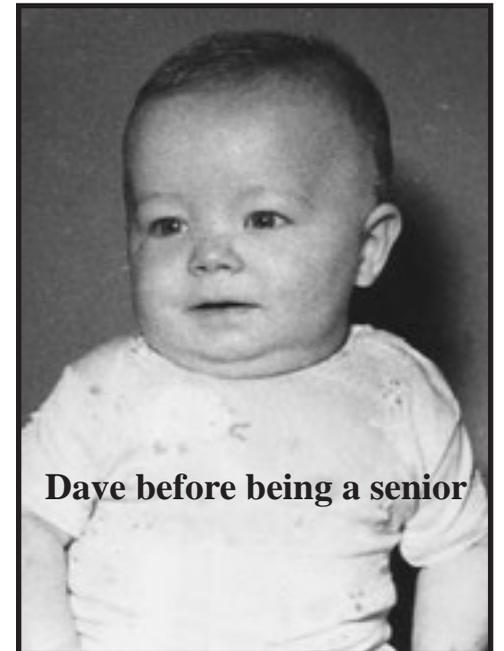
Check out my own before-and-after pictures to see what I mean. At least the amount of hair seems to be unchanged!

Lambda is a social club for gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to



Dave as a senior



Dave before being a senior

all gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly for a social 7:30 p.m., Friday, in the EAC Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

NOTICE

Important bulletin for all residents of On Top of the World

A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. **WATER INTRUSION** is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an **ACRYLIC URETHANE** or **POLY URETHANE** sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

We are working harder to make OTOW your wonderful place to live!

Answers to Winston's World column

1. Captain Kirk on Star Trek
2. The Soup Nazi on Seinfeld
3. Jackie Gleason on The Jackie Gleason Show
4. Tattoo on Fantasy Island
5. Desi Arnaz on I Love Lucy
6. Ed McMahon on The Johnny Carson Show
7. Fonzie on Happy Days
8. A whole bunch of people on Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In
9. Lurch on the Adams Family
10. Pamela Anderson on Tool Time on Home Improvement
11. Fred Flintstone on The Flintstones
12. George Burns on the George Burns & Gracie Allen Show
13. Maxwell Smart on Get Smart
14. Sophie Petrillo on The Golden Girls
15. Telly Savalas as Kojak on Kojak
16. The bar at Cheers
17. Yortuk and George Festrunk aka Steve Martin and Dan Aykroyd on Saturday Night Live
18. Jan on The Brady Bunch
19. Judy Carne on Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In
20. Mork/Robin Williams on Mork & Mindy
21. Stan and /or Kyle on South Park
22. Dickie Smothers on The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour
23. Larry on Newhart
24. Joey on Friends
25. Fat Albert/Bill Cosby from Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids
26. Ralph Kramden on The Honeymooners
27. The Robot (Dick Tufeld) on Lost In Space
28. Archie Bunker on All In The Family
29. Steve Urkel on Family Matters
30. Jerry Seinfeld on Seinfeld
31. Andy Kaufman as Latka Gravas on Taxi
32. John Travolta as Vinnie Barbarino on Welcome Back Kotter
33. Frank Barone on Everybody Loves Raymond
34. Mr. T on The A-Team
35. Florence Jean Castleberry aka Flo on Alice
36. JJ/Jimmy Walker on Good Times
37. Redd Foxx on Sanford and Son
38. Bea Arthur on Maude
39. Sergeant Schultz on Hogan's Heroes
40. Arnold/Gary Coleman on Diff'rent Strokes
41. Laverne DeFazio and Shirley Feeny on Laverne & Shirley



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Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also bring your hand weights to our strength training/weightlifting classes on Wednesday

and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

Motivation workshops start in August

Laura Evans, who formally worked in the field of motivation with Dale Carnegie Training, and also with Communication Resources, will be offering a motivational workshop to On Top of the World residents.

The foundation for these workshops will be "gems of wisdom" gleaned from hundreds of personal interviews with Laura. By highlighting those "gems," Laura can create

a positively motivated environment for creative problem solving, goal setting and communication tips. She will help us continue to have fun in life and keep us motivated on our continued adventure.

The workshops will take place 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, in August, in the East Activity Center Blue Room across from the library.

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Do you want to save your bones?

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Dyna

My name is Dyna. I live in the Moderage building. I like to put myself in my carrier hoping my Mom, Barb Sensale, will get the hint to take me out for a ride (somewhere, anywhere). I have a brother, Chazzie, and a sister, Mollie, who are both 12 years old, but they sleep almost all day. My Mom adopted me thinking I would give them some exercise. Yeah, right! I'm only 6 years old and I like to play, but they don't want me to bother them. So, I get bored. Anyone want to go out on the town!

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Kitchen/craft room renovations result of aggressive spring cleaning

No more storage cabinets.
No more locked cupboards.
No more pieces of unmatching furniture.

The new kitchen in the East Activity Center is simply that ... a new kitchen.

"This project started as a spring cleaning event, but finished with two bright, cheerful rooms that residents are encouraged to enjoy for many years to come," said Facilities Manager Dessa Barabba.

There's a new microwave, a new sink and new countertop space. The refrigerator, oven, tables and chairs are a carryover from the old kitchen.

If your club, group or building needs a place to meet and share a meal, the kitchen is available.

If your club, group or building is meeting in another room in the EAC, but needs a place to set up food, the kitchen is available. You must reserve the kitchen ahead of time through the Community Service Office.

"We wanted to take this opportunity to remove any cabinets and other items in the kitchen and craft rooms that were not being used or were falling apart," Dessa said. "We anticipate this room will be popular for parties and other various functions."

The kitchen and craft room both received new floors and new wall paint. The craft room will remain wide open for any type of event, but tables and chairs can be set up for working on projects during specific classes. Storage space will be available in the Large Card Room next door.



Pictured above is the new equipment available to residents who use the newly-renovated kitchen in the East Activity Center. Below is how the old kitchen used to look. There were several unmatching cupboards and storage boxes with padlocks on them. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)





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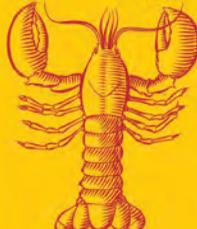
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Rain did not spoil special holiday outing

Well my daughter and son-in-law did it. They raised twins, saw them through high school and everyone is OK! The twins came down to see me in July and had a great time.

Hail, hail the gang's all here! Elizabeth and Malcolm Warren, friend, Jim, Arlene and myself all went to the concert at Coachman Park for a concert and fireworks. As always, we had dinner first at the Columbia Restaurant on Clearwater Beach and arrived just as the rain had stopped, so we felt very lucky.

The night would be perfect for the concert and fireworks. Jim, our friend, plays the violin with the ISO Orchestra and had to leave early to get tuned up on stage, etc. Very exciting to have a friend who is "where the action is."

We arrived at the park shortly after and set up our chairs and got comfortable. The orchestra began and it was lovely. Maybe 25 minutes into it the rain came back and we got soaked. It rained in my purse, my shoes even our underwear was wet.

Grabbing our things, we tore to the car. We drove around for a while and finally the rain stopped so we went back to the park to hear the rest of the



concert and see the beautiful fireworks. After the last firework went off, the rain came back. It was as if we were being blessed. It was a wonderful time.

Our building held an impromptu 4th of July social put on by Avona Carroll and Neal Krug in the core of our building. Avona is a special person who really loves this country.

She read the Constitution and the Bill of Rights out loud to all who attended. What a patriotic gesture! She also offered copies for us to take home.

What a special holiday. Before the "eats" were offered, Avona led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. All the attendees enjoyed celebrating

the 4th with their neighbors. It was a very special time.

I met another good human being recently, when my 25-year-old TV bit the dust. Well, to keep modern, I opted to replace it with a new flat-screen TV and cable box.

The tech that came to my house was young, let us say around 25-ish. He did the job in a hurry, then asked what I was going to do with the old TVs. I said that was a great question, I did not know. Well, he did.

On his own time, he came back after work, took the TVs away and kept them for two older seniors he knew that could not afford a TV. Went to all that trouble after working hard all day and without a blink was thinking of these two seniors. I had to tell him that he was pretty darn special.

Healthy cooking tip: Love coleslaw as much as I do, but don't want the mayo?

Take a mango, four teaspoons of lime juice, a few chopped-up green onions, salt and pepper. Then blend all together in a blender and pour over cabbage and one shredded carrot. Delicious and healthy!

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The OTOW News is online, and you can easily download and view the complete current issue, as well as issues from the past 12 months.

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Genealogy research was important part of Ky. trip

Linda and Bart Gooch took their annual summer trip up North. The first stop was in Murray, Ky., to visit relatives. Linda's brother, from Henderson, Ky., spent some family time with Linda and Bart.

Linda has been researching family genealogy. Some of her and Bart's ancestors were English and Irish. The information she has been able to obtain was an unexpected surprise.

After leaving Kentucky, they headed to Wisconsin. Their son and his family live in Waupaca, Wis. The youngest granddaughter recently graduated from high school. She will be headed to the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Her twin brother and sister just completed their first year of college.

On the way back to Florida, another visit was planned in Kentucky. Bart's sister, Sandy, and her husband, Bob, live in Louisville. The family was interested in trying to find more information about their ancestors. It's fun to discover from whom we are descended.

A month of rest ended with their Orlando grandsons staying for a week in Clearwater. The boys wanted to take a trip to the Sponge Docks and other



local attractions. It sure does keep us young when the younger generation always wants to be on the go!

The dynamic duo of mothers, Shirley Miller and daughter Debbie Bonomo, were on the road again. They traveled to New Jersey for two different graduation ceremonies. Shirley's daughter's twins graduated grammar school. And her son's daughter also celebrated with a graduation.

Driving was the mode of transportation. It was a quick trip as the ladies had to return for work. Bob Bonomo stayed at home and was the dog watcher for Abby. Shirley's other son and his family watched her dog, Cody.

"Till We Meet Again"

Reporter is one of two winners in humor contest

Did everyone see the beautiful, huge picture of the Malaguena Building in the July issue of our paper? Viewers do not realize the time and work Doug Kates (our editor) put into it. He took 15 photos, aligned them all up and made a composite. He then placed half the building in one photo on one line and the other half one photo below it.

It looked good, but when Ken Colen visited the Press Room, he suggested spreading it out as one photo instead of the two photos. The finished picture is the result of almost two weeks' work on Doug's part, and we congratulate him. Good work, Doug!

Maureen Chitnis recently entertained her daughter and two grandchildren, ages 9 and 11, who were visiting from Barcelona. They went to Orlando and spent four days at Disney World. Back in Clearwater, they visited Winter, the dolphin at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Audrey Decker and this reporter put up a few flags in the building to commemorate July 4th. It was a quiet Fourth, although four of us – Agnes, Audrey, Ethyle and this reporter – had lunch together to celebrate Agnes' return from North Carolina where she celebrated her birthday with family and friends in Doris Duke's mansion.



Our own Laura Evans is teaching a class on Motivational Skills this month on Wednesdays. Check it out.

This reporter was one of the two winners in the "Kids Say the Darndest Things" contest sponsored by the Good Neighbors Association in July. The other winner was Marge Mayer, whose "Marge's Humor" column can be found regularly in the OTOW News.

The monthly luncheon brought out only a small group, but we enjoyed Star's Restaurant on Main Street, in Dunedin, as it has the best french fries – large and hot! Try them! Thank you, Audrey D., for making reservations.

New Yorkers: I found Cash Cab again. It's on Channel 04 at 7 a.m. Enjoy!

Family golfing 'dynasty' once again meets for tourney



What began 16 years ago as a family golfing get-together at the Clearwater Country Club has escalated over the years into a full-blown reunion attended this June by 42 Haver family members, the youngest being just 2 years old.

Golf is still very much the central theme of the reunion, held every two years, that started as a way for the seven Haver children to get together.

All but one were golfers, and our Eleanor Arnold, 89, is now the eldest survivor of the original group. Her brother, Ed Haver, 83 of Village on the Green is the other.

This duo spearheaded the winning team at this year's reunion golf scramble that featured three teams of four (see photo at top). Eleanor's team was presented with the coveted "Haver Trophy" at the closing celebration dinner at the Hyatt



Eleanor Arnold holds coveted "Haver Trophy" after her team won the golf reunion scramble.

Regency on Clearwater Beach.

How did six of the seven children of a Pennsylvania coal miner get interested in golf? It seems that Bill, the eldest child, started the ball rolling, so to speak. He took up golf seriously and as they became old enough the other siblings followed.

The family moved from Pennsylvania to New York and then gradually found their way to Florida. One brother lived in California and a sister in Texas, but most resided in the nearby area and the family has had



Haver family golfing teams. Eleanor and Ed, in front row, are shown with other winning team members.

membership at the Clearwater Country Club for more than 20 years.

Bill, who died in 1994 at the age of 91, was the family star, having held the Florida State Moose championship twice and, locally, the Elks and American Legion titles.

He was the former club champion at Glen Oaks where he held the club record of 47 (7 under par).

Ed, whose handicap hovered between 8 and 10, is a retired sports writer for the Clearwater Sun. Eleanor, a 19-year resident of American Gothic, is a member of the Ladies 18-hole Golf League and was pictured next to the new course sign in the last issue of

this newspaper.

This event, hosted in Clearwater for the second time has also been held in Biloxi, San Antonio, Scranton, Pa., and Destin, Fla. Family members and members-to-be (engaged couples and newlyweds) hailed from Texas, New Jersey, Arizona, Connecticut and Michigan.

In addition to golf, they enjoyed fishing, shopping, visiting museums and all that this area has to offer.

Back home at American Gothic, we celebrated July 4 with our indoor BBQ and watched the rain come down. Indoors was good and no one went hungry.



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A potpourri of early summer happenings

The building luncheon at the end of June at the Safety Harbor Spa Grille was a little different.

Although seven signed up to attend, for different valid reasons, only myself and three Chetnik gents showed. They were Phil, Newton and Bill Jacobs. Fortunately I had invited three of my girlfriends.

It became a very convivial group, and everyone enjoyed their choice on the menu. If you have not been there, this historical resort has been restored to super-elegant.

In July, my family had a complete reunion for the first time in years. We had it at the Athena Room of the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

Our son Larry came in from California, our daughter Janet and hubby from Ashville, N.C., and daughter Beth and family from Coppell, Texas (near Dallas). Also many other family



members, grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews, and close friends were on hand to enjoy the reunion.

While dining we enjoyed the music of Terry Premru, a classical guitarist who is in the same guild as my son Edward.

Other professional musicians in the family entertained us with a few renditions. Our daughter Janet soloed

on the piano, and son Edward on guitar accompanying bossa nova singer Shawn Wilhite. It was a day to remember for a long time.

Our daughter Lisa, who lives here in Florida and is a graphic artist, designed the invitations.

Kathy Malessa told me her family is so excited about her niece in South Carolina who had her first child, a baby girl. Congratulations to the happy family.

We just found out that we are going to be great-grandparents for the first time. Our granddaughter said the baby will be born in February.

Also in July, Claire and Paul Bruyere visited with family in New Hampshire for a few weeks.

Press Association members should note that there is no meeting in August. I could not have made it anyway. I will be in Driver's Court that day contesting a citation. Wish me luck!



Bad weather moves picnic event to core

(This article was written by former building reporter Mary Ellis, as the current reporter, Kathy Fiorentino, was not at the event depicted here.)

As usual, there was a sign-up sheet posted for a Fourth of July potluck picnic for the Saratoga Building residents. Last year's picnic had a dozen or more replies, whereas this year only half of that number indicated any interest. We did have one resident attend who played an instrument and one with a gas grill.

Apparently the warnings of bad weather and other more enticing activities grabbed the interest of those who were not at the picnic.

Those of us who showed up at the festivities came laden with hot dogs, buns, corn on the cob and watermelon, plus many other goodies in the spirit of the occasion.

We moved the picnic to the core of the building, bringing along our chairs and Fourth of July spirit.

We had lively conversations about OTOW drivers and our bicyclists. Don't forget — the speed limit is 20 miles per hour.

We even decorated the way into our picnic with lots of flags, both small and large, to show our appreciation of our military.

Hopefully our next potluck will have more in attendance. We hope everyone had a great Fourth.

Resident visits Pro Football Hall of Fame

Our neighbor, Linda Fields, just returned from the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in June.

She said, "For those who love football, the history of the sport, how it has evolved over time, and the contributions of incredible players and coaches throughout the years, this is an amazing place to visit.

"I paid special attention to our Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who were represented loud and proud. I visited the display for Tampa's own Lee Roy Selmon (1976 to 1984). He was the very first draft pick for the Buccaneers in 1976.

"His star will always shine bright in the Tampa Bay region and it was a special moment to visit the display for Lee Roy.

"Since they are celebrating their



50th anniversary this year, this will be a golden, but special moment in football history! The ceremony will be Saturday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. The game will be played Sunday, Aug. 4. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. The game is between the Miami Dolphins and the Dallas Cowboys.

"In the Class of 2013, there are

two individuals who will stand out, Chris Carter for Ohio and Warren Sapp for Florida.

"I found the lyrics to the Hall of Fame which are about never giving up and reaching for your goals... if you just believe.

"Here is just one verse of the lyric: 'Dedicate yourself and you can find yourself standing in the Hall of Fame. And the world's gonna' know your name cause you burn with the brightest flame. And the world's gonna' know your name, and you'll be on the walls of the Hall of Fame.'"

We had a fantastic Fourth of July barbecue, with a great variety of food and a wonderful turnout. Thank you to all of the individuals who made the celebration possible and who assisted in set-up and clean-up.

Friend attends his 'biggest wedding ever'

By Thomas Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world RU? Summer has arrived in Clearwater, can't you tell. First you see the thunderclouds, then you feel the rain.

I was talking to my dear friend John Velchoff, leader of the Monday, Wednesday and Friday exercise class at the West Activity Center. John tells me he was invited to his grandniece's wedding in his hometown of Vicksburg, Miss. It was the social event of the year.

His grandniece, Lynda, married her beloved, James, at the Crawford Street United Methodist Church in Vicksburg. The reverends William Geoffrey Joyner and Richard Carrington Stockett III officiated at the ceremony.

John told me it was the biggest wedding he had ever seen. "How big?" I asked.

"Well," says John, "In addition to James and Lynda, there was one maid of honor, one matron of honor, one best man, one flower girl, one ring bearer, four honorary bridesmaids, five ushers, nine bridesmaids, 11 groomsmen, the likes of which I've never seen." (I wonder if they have groomsmen, where do they keep the horses?)

The reception was held at the B'nai B'rith Literary Club, which is housed in a three-story brick building facing the Mississippi River. There was a band on every floor.

John's guest to the wedding was Liz Bohl. Liz said between

dancing and champagne, they had a marvelous time.

As promised last month, we have a few words from Sweetie Pie, AKA wife Joan. "Our love is the unfolding miracle that expands our joy to include our pain."

That's all, folks. Enjoy the month of August. See you next month if the creeks don't rise.

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New reporter is a daily dog walker and ‘news hound’

Hi, I'm Kay Tenuta and a new reporter sharing space with Cecile Sangiamo, depending on schedules. I bought a unit in the English Tudor building a year ago. I have a 16-year-old male pound rescue Shih-Tzu/Lapso Apso that I walk several times a day.

Originally from East Peoria, Ill., I moved to Long Beach, Calif., with my brother. Six months later, I was in Astoria, Ore., and then Portland, Ore. A year later I was in Bremerton, Wash. The next seven years found me in Aberdeen, Wash. and Seattle. Back to Illinois and Hoffman Estates, a Chicago suburb.

My husband and I moved to Tampa in April, 1986. I was a Realtor for one year and then went to work for Greiner, a large engineering firm with offices on the Courtney Campbell Causeway. My working career includes 15 years in banking and 19 years in engineering.

We bought a condominium on the Hillsborough River because my husband "had to have" a boat. I was on the board and served three years as the president of the HOA and my building. After 15 years we sold the boat and the condominium and bought a lovely villa in Tampa. I was on the Board of Directors for three years.

After my husband passed away in



2008, I sold the house due to shortage of good handymen and the homeowner crisis and came here to On Top of the World.

I had several friends here who were just "over the top" with OTOW so I had to come and see what it was all about. They were right. OTOW is "over the top."

In building news, the residents of English Tudor said goodbye and good luck to two residents in June.

Sheila Hart and Casey, her beautiful yellow Labrador, are moving in with Sheila's daughter, Maureen, who has a home in Safety Harbor. Sheila lived here for seven years. A good-bye lunch co-hosted by JoAnn Dameron and Kay Tenuta was held. Her daughter was able to attend, too.



Sheila Hart, left, is shown here with her daughter, Maureen. Sheila will be leaving OTOW soon and will be living with Maureen in Safety Harbor.

Karen O'Brien and her two Chihuahuas, Duke "C" and Spikie, are moving back home to Erie, Pa., after two years of Snowbirding and 25 years of full-time residency.

Karen and her late husband John were very active in OTOW activities, including golfing and lawn bowling. John was a volunteer Santa Claus for OTOW and a volunteer clown for the Comedy Connection at Meese Hospital.

Karen will be welcomed by her family in Erie and will be sharing a home with her sister, a retired Penn State math professor.

English Tudor is proud to announce JoAnn Dameron as the new Sunshine Captain. She has been an



Cecile Sangiamo, left, and Marilyn Solivan, right, meet with Karen O'Brien, center, to learn more about Karen's upcoming move from OTOW to Pennsylvania.

OTOW resident for 17 years and knows how to welcome new residents. JoAnn greets all new residents, presenting them with an OTOW directory and small live plant. So far JoAnn has spread her sunshine to three new residents since January.

Queen's Pizza on Belcher Road was the scene of a get-together on July 3. Attendees were JoAnn Dameron, Virginia Jones, Tom Kovach, George Landis, Josephine Pleskach, Cecile Sangiamo, Roy Satkowski, Ed and Marilyn Solivan, and Kay Tenuta.

The next scheduled "get together" is Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Norton's, 1824 Main Street, Dunedin at 3 p.m.

I hope everyone had a lovely July 4th holiday.

Resident hails from Idaho and Tacoma, Wash., region

Thank you to Mike Cooper (Finlandia side) and Bill Martin (Ecuadorian side) for the American flags on July 4 and other appropriate days.

Welcome to Mel Nasr, our new resident on the Ecuadorian side. She is from Tacoma, Wash., after growing up in Idaho. She has four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Also living with her is her cat, which gave me a very friendly welcome. Mel likes to read, swim and play tennis. Since we have a library, swimming pools and tennis courts, she should find lots to do. Maybe another tennis player will show her the ropes here at On Top of the World.

For about 10 years, Mel worked in



a blood bank. She has visited relatives in Switzerland in the past and they are now planning a trip here to visit her for the first time. What a visit that will be!

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Tour of Italy included many historic, religious sites

Frank and Ellen Marini's Italian trip began and ended in Rome with visits to many historic sites.

The couple was part of a tour of 39 great companions guided by "Caroline" on a bus driven by "Enzo." The group they travelled with was great, the food was outstanding, and the many places, beautiful vistas, churches and so much ancient history were all so memorable (see photo at far right).

Rome was the first and last stop. To begin, they walked around the Piazza Venezia and visited the Vittoriano Monument of Victor Emmanuel II of Savoy, the first king of unified Italy.

Next morning they saw the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.

Following lunch there was a trip across the Tiber River to the Coliseum. After a 6 a.m. wake-up call, they were off to Florence. Frank walked the hills to the Duomo Santa Maria Della Scola, a beautiful cathedral. They saw Michelangelo's original statue of David, works of art, and the final resting place of Galileo and Michelangelo.

On a rainy day in Pisa, they took in Venice and found Scalzi, the church of the barefoot Carmelite, attended Mass there, and dined on the canal.

Next was glass blowing in Murano and a Gondola Serenade Ride with



"Peter and Ann Marie," their accordion player and singer.

Next day in Assisi they walked the hills to St. Francis Basilica. In St. Agata there was a wonderful restaurant with food beyond belief and a guitar/singer that got them all singing and dancing the night through.

Finally, on the way to Rome, there was a short stop at the Commonwealth Memorial Cemetery at Monte Cassino, where 4,300 soldiers of different nations died at the battle of Cessiso.

The last event was a farewell dinner behind the Vatican. Entertainment consisted of classical and Italian songs. The group was bused back with singing by the gang and lots of laughs.

Regarding the trip home, Frank says, "The Rome airport was the most



Frank and Ellen Marini pose in front of the Roman Forum during their recent guided tour of Italy with a group of 39 like-minded companions.

confusing airport I have ever seen. No directions, flight gathering areas are not well marked, and other delays made us miss our connecting flights. But American Airlines came through and we had a good night's sleep after being up for 20 hours."

We Bohemians are glad you two came through and made it back to the Bohemia after such a wonderful trip!

In other building news, while the men played poker, the ladies took a night out — twice! First was dinner at the Varsity Club followed by laser tag at Celebration Station. Second began with a walk and dinner on the

pier at the bait house while listening to "As the Sun Goes Down." After a sunset celebration, the night ended at Jimmy Crows.

Our 4th of July picnic featured Italian sausage and hot dogs for the entrée with potluck for the side dishes and dessert. Sue brought a yummy casserole, Mike made a delicious multi-bean salad, and Carole and Phil furnished a scrumptious Bundt cake.

The girls won the 500-piece puzzle competition, and all watched the fireworks to climax the day. Our Friday beachwalkers collected food for the homeless at St. Vincent de Paul.

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Of paddle-boarders and a Texas wedding

If you were wondering why a Virginia car with a huge "carrier" on top was in our parking lot, you are about to find out why.

Carol Keough's daughter and her son visited from Newport News, Va. They are real enthusiastic paddle-boarders. That holder on the top of their car held their paddle board. Of course, due to the constant rain that we had at the time, their water fun was really cut short. Since they couldn't go paddle-boarding as much as they wished they could, they took a trip to Cape Canaveral for a tour and really enjoyed that.

Later in the week, they all packed up, including Carol, and went to Folly Beach, near Charleston, for a family reunion.

Speaking of the rain — I am writing this article on July 8th and boy did we ever have a storm at dinner time. It rained so hard I couldn't see the lake. I decided to put all my shutters down in case someone's furniture or trees were blowing.



It was later that I received a phone call asking if I was OK. That's when I discovered that we had a water spout and a tornado. I hope you all paid attention to my last month's article where I suggested we all get ready for the hurricane season.

Lill and Herb Cervinka have returned from a trip to two states. They flew to the Dallas, Texas, area to participate in their grandson's wedding. Their grandson lives in Hollywood, Calif., and is an actor and film director.

The bride also lives in Hollywood, but her parents live in Texas, where she grew up and was raised; hence the wedding was in Texas. The groom's brother returned home from Afghanistan and was best man at the wedding.

Lill and Herb then flew to Milwaukee to visit relatives and friends. Lill and Herb have an interesting family. Their son and daughter married a brother and sister. That's known as "one big happy family."

It's time to remind everyone to be very careful when you leave the West side of OTOW. If you are going to turn left to go north on Countryside, watch out for drivers who are exiting the East side of OTOW.

We have many drivers who are in the right lane to turn north on Countryside but decide not to turn and they cross straight over to the West side. Unfortunately, as we age, some of the younger folks feel that the rules and laws are for everyone else but them. Please watch out and be careful.

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THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the *OTOW* News

(Part 51: August, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- On Top of the World unveiled two new beautiful, professionally laid-out tennis courts located near the pro shop. A key was obtainable at the pro shop with the presentation of an OTOW ID card.
- Among many trips planned was an Orange Bowl four-day excursion in December-January with accommodations in Ft. Lauderdale, a British Isles 15-day trip, a seven-day West Indies cruise and a Las Vegas five-day package.
- A group of 494 people came to watch the Clearwater Aquettes' Synchronized Swim Team of the Clearwater Pool and Recreation Department. The group of 45 girls, ages 8–16, were lovely to see going through their rhythmic strokes and patterns.

See you next time!

Thanks to resident who helps others when she sees a need

AUGUST MEMORIES

Remember the hometown county fair,
Riding the skies in a bucket chair?
Rainbow fireworks and taffy rolled flat,
And all the world to be giggled at?

This sparked my memory of the Tuscola County Fair in Caro, Mich. I especially remember my Dad having to get there in time for the tractor pull, and to see all the animals on display. And, me, in the stands waiting for those slow trotters to get off the track so the special show could begin.

Melbourne had a dinner outing on June 29 at the Villa Maria. It was a small group, with all the Snowbirds gone and others going here and there. We did enjoy the conversation as we were able to see and hear everyone who was there. Dinner was delicious and companionship even better.

Thanks again to Carol Futej who organized the occasion. She now is working on an outing for July 27, at the Cracker Barrel. More about that next month.

Did you see the picture on the bulletin board of Big Bird strutting down the Melbourne balcony? Never know who or what is going to visit us next.

Carol Futej enjoyed her grandsons and their families from Ohio visiting her for a week. Her girl friend, Bonnie Grant, was here for the same week.



They all like our beaches and the sponge docks. Carol is hoping to return the family visits in December.

Wanda Patrick wants to thank Bonnie for all help. Wanda says, "Bonnie takes out peoples' trash, sees to their newspapers and just helps where she sees a need." I know there are other residents that benefit in special ways from Bonnie's help. I'm always grateful that she watches over me daily and my condo when I am away. She checks the condos for the Snowbirds and others who travel, too. So glad she is my next-door neighbor.

You may know that August is the only month without a special holiday. I'm praying you all survive the "dog days of August" and are ready for an active fall.

Looking for more news from you for the September column.

Summer travelers returning to OTOW for autumn events

Julia and Sam traveled to South Riding Va., earlier this summer for a visit with Julia's son Charles and wife Donna.

The highlight of the trip was attendance at a dance recital to watch their teenage granddaughters perform. The girls have been dancing since they were toddlers and presently serve as demonstrators and teachers for the younger dancers in addition to their own routines.

Mother Donna is kept busy keeping the girls on schedule. Julia tells us son Charles, a talented computer person, is busy these days building his own electric car from scratch.

Julia's other son Jonathan is also a talented computer person and is also interested in environmentally-friendly cars, owning an auto that runs on vegetable oil. Jonathan has been a guest speaker at the On Top of the World Computer Club.

While in South Riding, Sam visited a pet store named the "Happy Puppy" to hold and cuddle the little puppies. He was tempted to bring one home, but was afraid all his canine friends at Capistrano would be jealous. Sam is a special favorite of our Yorkies, Timmy and Angel.

Many of our Capistrano neighbors have cruised, motored, flew or traveled by rail to different parts of the country and world this summer. If you would like to share some of your adventures



with us, just send an e-mail to memklj@yahoo.com.

Finally, if you are a lefty, Aug. 13 is your day. All us "senior citizens" — our day is Aug. 21. If you like mustard, Aug. 3 is Mustard Day.

August 14 and 15 are collectively known as VJ Day, the surrender of Japan to end WWII — all hostilities ended. The official truce was signed in September, 1945.

Many of us baby boomers remember the ration stamps, the blackouts with the air raid wardens and the troop trains passing through towns.

If you have nothing to do and are interested in learning about some of the things you can do with your computer and its software, the Computer Club is a great place to learn.

If you like to sing (in or out of the shower), see Julia, president of the chorus at On Top of the World.

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Calendar of OTOW Activities — August 2013

02 Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
03 Saturday	4:00 PM	Ladies Exercise Party	Sunrise Room
06 Tuesday	3:30 PM	Men's Billiards Meeting	Sunrise Room
06 Tuesday	6:00 PM	No.82 Capistrano Building Meeting	Sunrise Room
07 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
08 Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
09 Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Crafts Room
09 Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
10 Saturday	5:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dinner/Dance	Auditorium
11 Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
14 Wednesday	5:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Party	Sunrise Room
15 Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
20 Tuesday	6:00 PM	No.72 Valencia Building Party	Sunrise Room
22 Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
28 Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
31 Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Crafts Room

Daily Calendar

MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm. & Clubs Ticket Sales. Auditorium
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 10:00 Aerobics East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 11:30 Contract Bridge Cards Blue Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Canasta Game Small Classroom
 1:30 Tai Chi Exercise East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Exercise East Side Gym
 5:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00 Bingo Auditorium
 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 6:30 Mens 8-ball Tournament Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Jewelry Making Lapidary
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Caring and Sharing Crafts Room
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting Veranda
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 12:00 Library Library
 12:00 Ceramics Crafts Crafts Room
 1:00 Mens 9-ball Tournament Billiards Room
 1:00 Canasta Game Small Classroom

1:00 Line Dancing Auditorium
 2:00 Chess Game Rainbow Room
 5:30 Dominos Game Small Classroom
 6:00 Pinochle Cards Large Card Room
 6:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Crafts Room
 9:00 Knitting Group Veranda
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 12:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Painting Pals Art Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 1:30 Tai Chi Exercise East Side Gym
 1:30 Scrapbooking Class Kitchen
 2:30 Tai Chi Exercise East Side Gym
 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
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 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 1:00 Chess Game Rainbow Room
 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:30 Line Dancing Auditorium
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting Large Card Room
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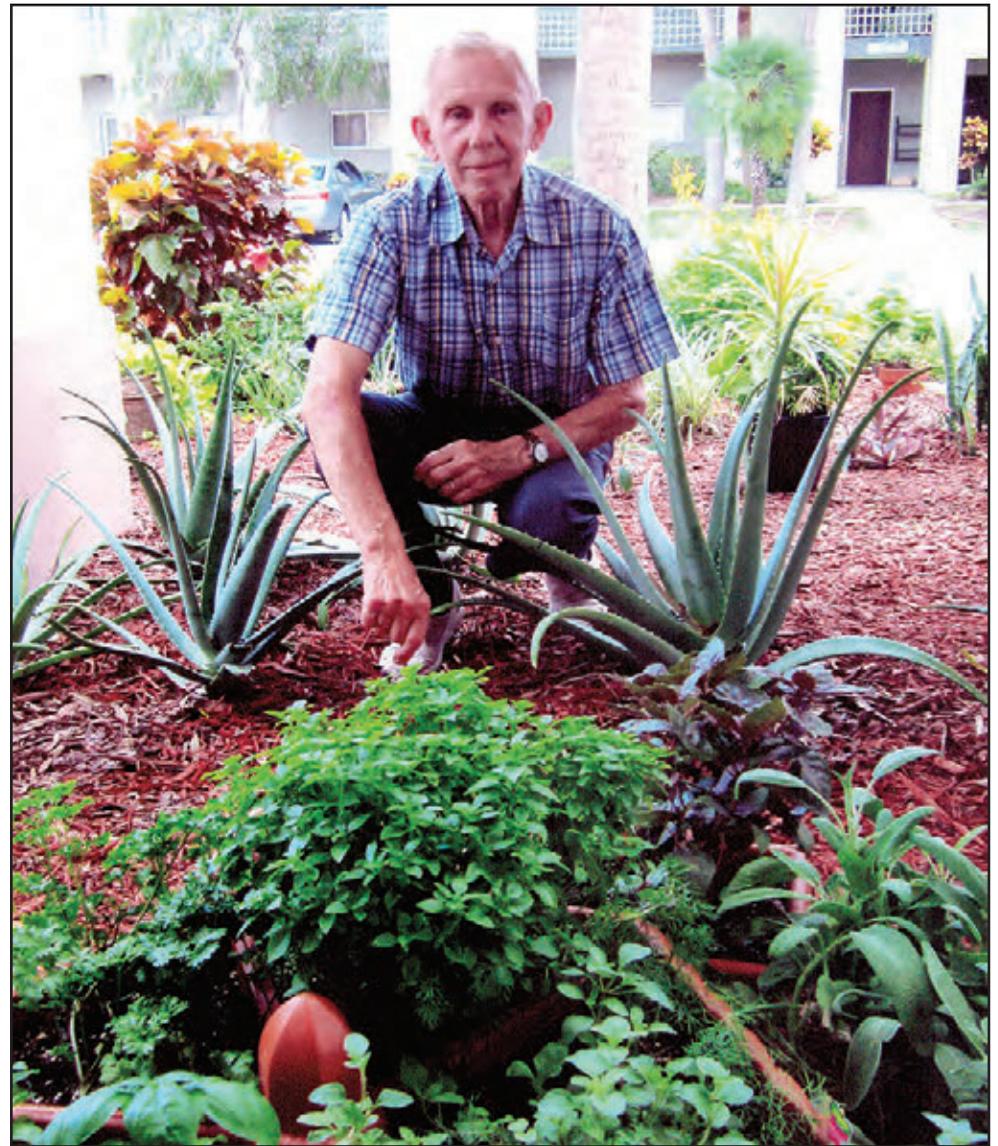
Has everyone noticed the beautiful entrance to our building? Our English gardener, Derek Buggiey, has shown us his magic again. This time he has had a number of neighbors assisting him with planting, donations of beautiful flowers and even some special garden elements including an angel reading a book.

I believe we are probably one of the first buildings at On Top of the World to have an herb garden for our residents. They are potted and arranged under our main stairwell, and even scissors are on site so we can all snip whatever we need to add to our dinner recipes.

This was an idea of Freida Spinelli's, and again Derek assisted in the adventure with the help of Jamye and Barr Noble, along with donations of herb plants from a number of other residents.

We have tarragon, a couple different varieties of basil, oregano, rosemary, parsley, chives and even chocolate mint (which smells heavenly). I'm personally planning on having a snippet of that chocolate mint in my next cup of teal!

Thank you to all of our residents who provided their labor of love, donations and good cheer to make this such a beautiful place to live.



Top photo: The lovely entrance to the Avalon Building, courtesy of Derek Buggiey. At right: Derek tends to the new herb garden he created recently for use by building residents.

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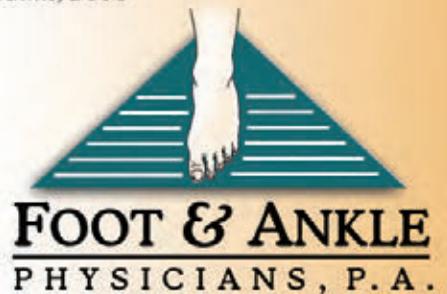
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One Panama excursion was not enough for this traveler

Thirteen happy residents attended a building meeting hosted by Dan and Claudia Bernstein. Who has the next luncheon? Just add to the sheet on the bulletin board.

While it was a year and a half in the making, the result was worth the wait for John Scarpa, whose condo was damaged in a fire. He is very happy to be back in his lovely unit.

Another trip to Panama for Laurie Cole. She reports: "I went back to Panama, to see more of this country (I toured the city and the Canal on my last trip). The first few days in Panama City itself, I stayed in a nice little B&B, pleasant but reasonably priced, with a very nice staff, but believe it or not, no place to eat easily accessible!

"Panama City is not a walkable city, so they advise you to take taxis to the Mall to eat. They are building a Metro (subway) in Panama City, and are supposed to have it completed by next year.

"Next, I flew to Bocas Del Toro. This is a simple little beach/surfing town on an island in the Caribbean. To describe how simple, I wanted to pick up a disposable camera, to take some pictures and I couldn't find one in the town! The little mom and pop stores just had the basics.



"I stayed at a hostel with a dock-like platform built out over the water.

"I took Spanish lessons at the Habla Ya Language School in town every weekday.

"On Saturday it was time for a boat trip, to see the sights. The other passengers were about eight young couples from Europe and South America. Most of them spoke fluent English.

"There was a tarp over us, but when you are zooming along in a downpour, the water just streams all over you, we were all drenched within minutes. First, we went to the dolphin bay, maybe 15 minutes speeding across the water, and saw another tour boat that kept circling where they had



The Panama National Theater was one of the places Rural French resident Laurie Cole lunched at during her recent trip to Panama.

figured out where some dolphins were. Apparently this stirred the dolphins up, because suddenly, about six dolphins leaped together, straight up out of the water! It was amazing.

"Then, after lunch at a Tiki-bar-type restaurant, we headed to a desert island beach. It really was heavenly.

"I then headed to Boquete, a small mountain town in western Panama, which is actually located in the crater of an ancient volcano. It's called Boquete (like bouquet) because magnificent flowers grow in the volcanic soil. My hostel there was quite lovely, with a big patio area and a stream running through.

"For seeing the area, Boquete has rock climbing, river rafting, and

coffee farms, so I opted for a tour of a coffee farm.

On the way back home to the U.S. I flew from the west end of Panama to Costa Rica and spent a couple of days in San Jose, the capital. I stayed at a great B&B there, three meals as well as a room. I got a nice tour of the city, and my tour guide and I had lunch at the restaurant at the National Theater, very elegant (see photo lower left)."

In other building news, every June, Dodie Alfred meets with her life-long friend on Treasure Island where her friend, Gloria, has a time share.

They spend a whole week reminiscing about their "growing up" years. It all began when Dodie's family moved to the house next door to Gloria.

They were friends all through school into adulthood, where they were the Maid of Honor at each others' weddings.

After marrying, they enjoyed camping trips with their families. Their friendship has been very special.

They spent the week walking the beach and recalling happy times together.

See you next time — be good, be happy and be well...

Building meeting emphasizes security

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Last month, I reported that the Hinrichs were from Ohio instead of Iowa. Sorry for the wrong information.

August is one of the last months of summer. Our Activity Centers have many outdoor sports and trips going on. If you wish to stay cool, there are many more indoor groups and activities where you can keep cool. It is a fun way to meet neighbors and make new friends. The pools are always great to exercise or just wade in. Take advantage!

Also, call a neighbor, go to lunch or a movie, or walk in the cool mall. I find it so enjoyable to stop in the middle of the mall to watch the children skating and having fun or the adults gliding so gracefully around. It is important to check on your very elderly neighbors who cannot get around. Make sure they are doing well in the heat and if they need a hand.

We all look forward to September



when our Snowbird friends and neighbors slowly start to return and the new shows start.

Here is news from the building captain, Gerri Jaeger:

"I attended the Association meeting and very important items were discussed especially about the condos with awnings. If your awnings are old, you need to call On Top of the World to have them inspected. If it is faulty,

they will remove it and charge you \$100. If you do not have an inspection and it falls and damages the building, you will be responsible for the repair costs.

"As stated in the July OTOW newspaper, the general meeting discussed about not providing a crime of opportunity. Lock your vehicles, your windows and doors. Always remain alert and notify the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office with suspicious activity. It is important to provide facts and not rumors, so document all facts and incidents. This is meant for all our safety. We need to work together to keep our community safe and happy."

As I request each month, I need news from our neighbors. It could be a funny experience, a great and unique trip, a new birth a special anniversary or birthday. If your neighbor is doing a special project, I would like to write about it.

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This lovely "Hugs & Kisses" bracelet was designed by Yoshimitsu resident Jill Urquhart.

Creative, well-known jewelry designer calls OTOW home

Take a look at the photo above of a beautiful "Hugs & Kisses" bracelet designed by Jill Urquhart.

Jill used only Czech glass and seed beads. You can weave this bracelet to be as casual or sophisticated as you like, depending on the beads and combinations you choose.

The bracelet's Xs and Os blend together with a few easily-mastered techniques, and the matching earrings come together in a minute.

Jill is a jewelry designer and teacher who lives in our building with her husband, Harry. She has a degree in clothing, textiles and design and has always been in love with texture and color.

Beading was a natural transition for Jill after her early retirement, new marriage and relocation to Florida in 1997. She started a beading group and began a career that has spanned more than 14 years.

Jill's best advice is to experiment with color and texture. She suggests finding a colorful picture that appeals to you and use those colors in a design. Use a variety of beads, seeds, sizes and bead weaving techniques in a project to create texture.

Check out the July, 2013, issue of "Bead Style Magazine" for directions on making the "Hugs & Kisses" bracelet and matching earrings.



Jewelry designer and resident Jill Urquhart.

Jill says to embrace the possibilities of this simple weave.

We extend congratulations to Jill for the honor of having her design published and sharing this beautiful bracelet with the beading world as well as our community.



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Waterspout luckily stayed away from us

Monday, July 8, around 6 p.m., the sky in the east was turning dark with a lot of lightning. Instantly a very large gray funnel cloud formed over the city of Oldsmar. It was like a picture out of a horror movie.

Oldsmar was lucky the damage was light. I have lived in the Clearwater area since the '50s and never saw anything like it. We at On Top of the World are truly blessed.

The ladies and men's luncheon for July was canceled for lack of interest.

Our July dinner is scheduled for July 17 at Hellas in Tarpon Springs. This will be reported on in our next issue.

Check the bulletin board for the time and date of our August ice cream social in the Sunrise Room.

Mama sez: We could learn a lot from Crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors. But they all have to live in the same box.

Attention Dog Walkers

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

Many took summertime trips up North

Nationally, it is during the month of May that we set a special time to send cards, flowers and/or gifts to our mothers to convey our deep love and affection that we have for them. This year, in our building, it came to me that there were a number of children who came to visit and to have happy times with their dear "Mom."

Reta and Gene Carney's daughter Donnita came from Arkansas to camp at Fort De Soto Park. Reta joined the group and spent some happy times with her and also her favorite niece Michelle. Michelle was able to visit under the oaks for a very short visit.

Jan Guyton's daughter Pam arrived early in June from St. Louis to spend an indefinite time with her. She no sooner got settled in then her daughter Kathy and two young children came for a week of hugs and kisses, fun, and games with aunts and uncles who live in the area as well as great-grandma Jan.

Pat Volheim's daughter Sarah was here from Indiana for a week's visit. The highlight of her stay was a trip to Weeki Wachee for boating and snorkeling.

Dorothy Hartnaugle's namesake makes an annual visit to celebrate her birthday which happens to occur on the same date as that of Jan Guyton. The two Dorothies took advantage of their time together to shop and dine as well



as to enjoy some of Jan's special cake.

Ralph Wells, a mainstay of we "tree people," saw to it that an elaborate cake was provided to celebrate the auspicious occasion and, of course, there was a deluge of cards wishing Jan much happiness and many more years to come.

Gin Upton's daughter Gloria is expected to be here from Texas as you read this bit of news.

Judy Boley flew to Michigan to make her annual visit with her son Mark and granddaughters Gwen and Jennifer. She enjoyed morning coffee on the veranda and very pleasant sailing on Lake Michigan in Mark's pontoon boat before she returned to On Top of the World.

I made a trip to western

Pennsylvania recently to visit kith and kin in my hometown of Latrobe. It had been several years since I have been able to visit in that part of the state as I usually go north in the winter for an annual family get-together. It was great to see green grass and foliage instead of snow and ice.

As ever, I urge you to check the bulletin boards for any important news that might be to your advantage to read and know about.



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Annual Maine windjammer festival draws large crowd

"August — summer's tail end."

Happy Birthday to all you celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month. I shall eat cake in your honor!

Rosalie Borselli has been on the go again. May was spent again in sunny Italy, visiting family and sightseeing. Rosalie went along with my daughter Laura and her husband Michael, and three other couples. It was a good chance to tag along, Rosalie said, "in case they needed an interpreter" (some excuse!).

Before returning to Clearwater, she stayed in Jacksonville to visit with daughter Anita, who came in from the Panhandle, and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

July found her again on the go. Jacksonville for a baptism and also a bridal shower... for her grandson, who's getting married in October. I'm pooped just writing all that! Welcome home Rosalie.

Connie, Chris, Minnie, Loretta and Rosalie took Maggie Whitaker to First Watch for a nice farewell luncheon. I missed it, being in Maine at the time, but was there in spirit.

Maggie has now moved to



Wisconsin to be near family. We all shall miss her smiling face and contagious laugh, especially the golfers....

Also we said farewell to John and MaryJo Newman in May. We shall miss them also and do wish them all the best.

Viennese Villa is the stage and we are the ever-changing cast of players.

I mentioned being in Maine. We were there for Windjammer Days in Boothbay Harbor, which is always fun. Many large windjammers join in the festivities. A crowd favorite is the schooner *Bowdoin*, which was Admiral McMillan's Arctic ship. It is now the Maine Maritime Academy's training



The schooner *Bowdoin* sails past Burnt Island Light in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, during Windjammer Days. The ship was built in Boothbay in 1921. (Photo by Mike Leonard)

ship. This sturdy little 88-foot ship was built in Hodgton's yard in East Boothbay in 1921 and has made some 26 voyages to the Arctic. Her bow is made of two-foot-thick Maine oak in order to plow through the ice.

You can Google "windjammer Bowdoin" to get much more information on the ship and Boothbay's annual Windjammer Days.

It's good to see Elaine Power

looking bright and chipper these days. Still want to bottle her secret...

Okay — that's all the news fit to print from this corner of On Top of the World. If you have anything for the September column, remember fresca@maine.rr.com is my email.

Hint of the month: Extra coffee/tea/wine... freeze in cube tray for iced coffee, tea or cooking. Put in ziplock bags if your freezer is frost-free.

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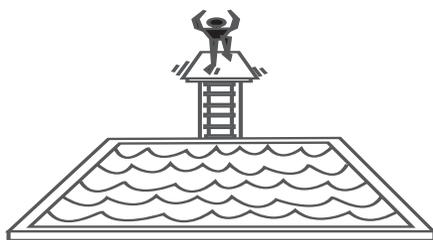
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The Inspection Department mailing address is 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL 33763.

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Summer visits to some great ballparks



Malagueña

Kudos to our editor for splendid photo

Do you remember seeing the full page spread of the Malagueña Building in the July issue of the OTOW News? It was on pages 52 and 53.

Take a look at Cele Radeloff's Siboney Building column on page 43 of this issue to understand the complicated process that our editor, Doug Kates, had to go through to acquire and process the photo.

Hope that everyone had a happy Fourth of July — happy birthday to our great country!

I was fortunate enough to go to the Island Way area and watch the Clearwater city fireworks display. It was beautiful. Hopefully everyone got to see a great fireworks show and there were no malfunctions that resulted in injuries.

It is time for everyone to be taking advantage of the pool that is located in our backyard. The water is just right and the sun is warm between rainfalls.

I have had a few complaints about residents dropping off furniture in our trash room. Remember that it is a trash room and only for daily trash, not discarded furniture. Residents are responsible for disposal of unwanted TVs, fans, cabinets etc., and should call the proper companies for this type of removal.

The water hose on the south side of the building has a new hose connection, replacing the leaking one, thanks to resident Jim Anzalone. Also, the walkway repair to the outside second floor area is progressing.



Orizaba



Recently Jay Leno had the following observation: "A defensive coordinator in the NFL now means a lawyer."

Bob Rittner (see photo) and his son recently took their annual ballpark trip north to visit baseball stadiums. A visit to Pittsburg and to Cleveland was quite enjoyable and according to Bob the stadiums are beautiful. The games were also enjoyable as was the various attractions in these areas, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Someone said to me, "People who say that only sunshine brings happiness have never danced in the rain." I

Each summer, resident Bob Rittner and his son tour ballparks around the U.S. Among the cities visited this year were Pittsburg and Cleveland. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

am still trying to figure out exactly what that means...

An e-mail that I received said, "OMG I have finally discovered what is wrong with my brain. On the left side there is nothing right and on the right side there is nothing left."

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Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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After decorating unit by long distance, it's time to move in

Our nation's birthday party closed with a really big BOOM! Seems the weather gave us a break at just the right time to allow the fireworks show to be presented in all its splendor of spectacular showers of colored lights, with dog-frightening sounds.

It was great being able to display our American flags for a few days. Happy Birthday, America!

Sy returned from Alabama with the news that her granddaughter is now a state champion gymnast. I have been waiting for Sy to show me some of the moves she learned, but nothing yet — more on this later.

Our building Captain, Frank DeSantis has returned from his trip up North to Worcester, Mass. He visited with his mother and with his kids. All are doing great! It feels good to spend time with family in this fast-moving modern world.

I had the delightful experience of interviewing two folks coming to live in our building. They are Jeff and Dyanne Dulmes, recently from Mesa, Ariz.

Actually, Dyanne is the daughter of John and Bettie Warner. Dyanne was pretty much raised in Florida. They have owned a unit in our building for many years and Dyanne has been redecorating it by long distance. She has done a striking job — the coral wall as you enter really takes your breath away. Good job!

Jeff (see photo) was a store manager for J.C. Penny & Co. for 45 years. Jeff says it will take time to adjust to retirement and our cooler weather, but he is sure he will manage the transition.

Jeff admits to playing a little poker now and then, so I'm hoping he will be able to join our Tuesday evening poker group. Be sure to give Jeff and Dyanne a big welcome.



Azores newcomer Jeff Dulmes who, along with his wife Dyanne, recently relocated to OTOW from Mesa, Ariz.

I've about given up on our whack-a-ballers. I understand they have been playing submarine golf for the last few weeks, but have put nothing in my box in the way of news.

Soon I'll be including a list of important dates for meetings and social events; right now we need to find a volunteer to take on the job of building treasurer. Don't be shy, step right up and volunteer. Contact Frank, Doris or myself if you are interested.

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