

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS



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## Women of the Woodshop

By Penny Page

In January of 2013, I walked into woodshop and fell in love with the work on display.

Since then, and since joining the Fixers Club, I have been fortunate to have had many mentors who have helped me learn about woodworking.

Now, today, I am a woodshop supervisor!

My main focus has been jewelry boxes, but this year I have learned to use a lathe (a cutting tool), which has opened up new opportunities to turn wood pens and make wine stoppers.

I am lucky to have met some really talented women woodworkers in our woodshop these days. Some are working in our shop right through this summer. Their projects are as diverse as their personalities and they are a pleasure to work with.

Let me tell you a little about them:

Lyse Martel is originally from Quebec, Canada. She inherits her talent from her 88-year-old mom, who started woodworking when she retired. Lyse and her mom have fun comparing work.

Lyse began seriously working in wood when she moved to On Top of the World. Her mate and teacher, Jean-Guy Pelchat, is a woodshop supervisor at Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers. She told me she has made 10 jewelry boxes, flower vases, paper towel holders, make-up holders, and this year began turning pens out of exotic woods. Quite an accomplishment for this new woodworker!

Inez Linkewich began woodworking when she met Kasy, who is another OTOW woodshop supervisor. They moved here as Snowbirds from Alberta, Canada, four years ago.

The first things she made were small toy animals and flowers as gifts for family and friends. Neighbors enjoy seeing wooden flowers and hanging whirly-gigs in the Linkewich garden.

As she progressed, she and Kasy began to make game boards and they have become famous for making 20 in the last two years alone!

Inez can be found helping Kasy paint and spray projects when she's not lending a hand to other woodworkers in the shop.

Betty Gerkin is originally from Indiana. She and her husband, Tom, moved here four years ago. Betty joined woodshop this year primarily because all her friends were getting new cabinets. She thought her old cabinets could look like new with a little molding at a much lower cost. She shared "My family always did that. They thought you should use what you have!" They have 15 grandchildren and are looking forward to learning how to turn pens for them as Christmas presents.

Diane Ouellet is originally from Ottawa, Canada. She and her spouse, Levis have been here five years. She joined woodshop three years ago when she saw a jewelry box being made in the shop and she "just went crazy!" Her dad was a woodshop teacher, but they never worked together. She knows he would be proud of her.

Diane has quite a few friends that ask her to repair furniture and she is happy to help them. She also makes those jewelry boxes, with which she fell in love, along with men's dresser trays. She plays golf with her friends and also quilts and sews.

"I love doing things with my hands," she said.

At home she manages her daughter's two fashion shops and spends time with her grandchildren.

Carla Dunlap is originally from New York State. She move here last year and joined woodshop because she has always wanted to work in a shop like ours. She volunteers in our toy shop throughout the year and is a woodshop supervisor this summer. She is working on cabinets in her condo and making pens for gifts for her family and friends.

She is very active in our community and belongs to the decorating committee for our dances. She is also a member of Lapidary Club and the Baby Boomers Club.



Penny Page



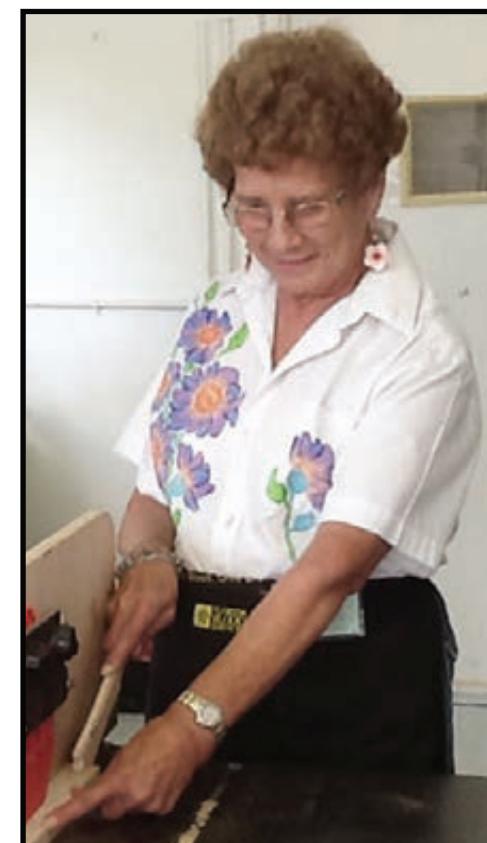
Carla Dunlap



Betty Gerkin



Diane Ouellet



Inez Linkewich



Lyse Martel

Starting August 1 at On Top of the World  
**Single Stream Recycling**

**What items should be placed  
in your building's receptacle?**



- Cardboard (all types)
- Paper (office paper, newspaper, magazines, brochures, envelopes, paper coffee cups)
- Plastic Containers: (#1-#7)
- Aluminum Cans • Steel Containers
- Juice/Milk Paper Cartons • All Glass

**What items should not be placed  
in your building receptacle?**

- Liquids
- Ceramics
- Furniture
- Styrofoam
- Food Waste
- Carbon Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Shredded Paper
- Stretch wrap / cellophane
- Light Bulbs (incandescent or florescent)
- Tires
- Paint
- Appliances
- Oil / Air Filters
- Rags / Clothing
- Industrial Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Chemical Products
- Petroleum Products
- Herbicides, Pesticides
- Radioactive Materials



- All glass containers must be empty and free of metal caps.
- All tin and aluminum cans must be empty.
- All aerosol cans must be empty.
- All plastic containers must be empty with caps removed.
- Tissues, paper towels, or other paper products that have been in contact with food, are NOT acceptable.

# Special evening session set for renewing, issuing OTOW Recreation Cards

## Recreation Card Special Evening Event

If you need your Recreation Card punched, or a new card issued, please plan to attend our evening event on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 4-7 p.m., in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Need a ride to get your Recreation Card?

On Thursday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to noon, the SCA shuttle bus will pick you up and bring you over to the East Activity Center to get your Recreation Card issued or punched. Advance sign up is required. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bus and at the Community Service Office.

Full-time residents, remember to bring with you a current Florida driver's license or Florida state issued ID. Part-time residents will need the same ID, as well as a current utility bill or tax bill reflecting the property address.

## OTOW Bus Service

The SCA shuttle bus service is cancelled for the afternoon run on Thursday, Aug. 14. Service is also cancelled on Friday, Aug. 15 and Friday, Aug. 29.

## Front Garden Fountains

Renovations on the front garden fountains will begin tentatively on Monday, Aug. 11. We anticipate this project to take about three weeks, so please pardon our dust during this



time.

## Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus, or FLOW bus, will be at the East Activity Center North parking lot on Friday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you need to renew your license or change your address, this is an easy, quick way to do it without leaving the community.

## AAA Senior Drivers Course

The next AAA Senior Defensive Driver Course will be held at the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and is payable the first day of class.

Additional classes may be offered in the future, but will be based on need and those dates will be announced. Registration forms can be found on page 51 and need to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than Sept. 11.

## SHINE

Shine will host a Question and Answer Medicare Workshop on Oct. 16. The event will be scheduled in the East Activity Center Large Card Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

The SHINE program supports the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' mission by providing free and unbiased health insurance counseling through a dedicated network of volunteers, empowering Florida seniors to make informed healthcare choices.

Please join them for this informative session hosted by Jan Raver.

## Senior Expo

Good Neighbors and the Community Service Office will be hosting this year's Senior Expo.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event this year will include vendors who have an established working relationship with the On Top of the World community, as well as many new vendors.

## Suncoast Hospice Golfing for A Cure

Jan. 13, 2015, save the date for Golfing for Suncoast Hospice.

Wendy Colquhoun from the Lawn Bowling Club says to wear your best golf attire and join everyone for a fun-filled day of helping others.

This is a new charity, replacing

Rally for a Cure, takes place a new month and has a new format. Please watch for more information in the On Top of the World newspaper.

## Good Neighbors

Opera Tampa will be performing at the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 13 during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday. Please come and enjoy the show.

## Activity Center Renovations

The Billiards Room will be closed for renovations this month. An exact date has not been determined, but notices will be posted.

We anticipate the East Activity Pool fencing and shade awning to be installed this month. The pool will be closed for approximately four to five days for the final touches on the pool. We apologize for the pool closing, re-opening and subsequent closing of the pool. Unfortunately we are working with three contractors on this project and it has been difficult to align the schedules. The end result will be a beautiful new pool area for all to enjoy!

I would like to once again thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so, too, please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office.



**On Top of the World anticipates the East Activity Center swimming pool will reopen in August, but as of press time, no date was set. OTOW will post notices at the EAC, West Activity Center and on OTOW-TV when a date can be announced. Fencing and a new canopy still have to be completed.**

# Take time for a reality check

## 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 is 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.

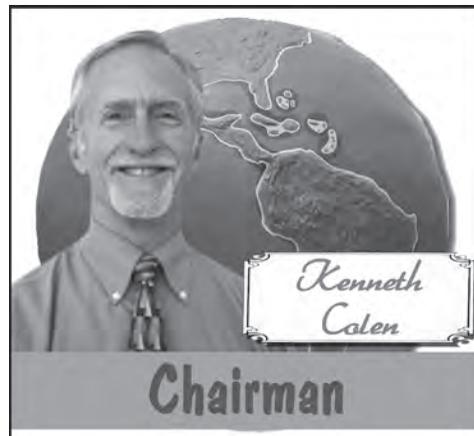
It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit. The Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner.

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 its repair work in every instance.

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit owners may wish to have. Contents 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 3 percent of the total value at the time of 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. For more information, please visit [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) then click “Community Information” and download the pdf document entitled “Insurance Responsibility of the Indi-



vidual Unit Owner.”

## 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 down stair 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 damage to Association property.

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

Building 22 is scheduled to have its front façade re-painted in August. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

## Flooring Projects

Replacements scheduled for the month of August include the first and third floors of building 41. Please remember that this work is affected in the overnight hours to minimize any inconvenience to the community. Please exercise caution if you find yourself in proximity to these posted work areas.

## Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The roofing department will be working on a multi-stage improvement project along the front facade and roofline at Building 53 throughout July and August. The majority of this work will be performed utilizing lift equipment and will require the temporary closure of different spots over the length of the project. A management company representative will leave door hangers in advance of the work for residents that are affected. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around the work area while these maintenance activities are underway.

Construction teams will continue to replace sidewalk panel replacements throughout the community as the year progresses. Many residents will also continue to see hi-reach equipment operating around the rear of buildings as maintenance crews focus on repairs.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management's construction and roofing departments that affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be an ongoing process throughout this and future years. As building's age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Construction crews continue to patch and paint areas in center core and walkway areas from years of unapproved brackets, hangers and attachments. The management company is once again asking residents to not drill penetrations into the structures as this becomes a costly item to continually repair. If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

## Inspection Services Division

The summer and fall of 2014 will

see an emphasis on addressing parking violations, as well as vehicle registration compliance. The management company asks that all of our residents make sure that they keep their vehicle registrations up to date to avoid any issues.

Boat compliance is another area where residents will see an increased presence by the Inspection Services Division. The management company is asking that all residents make sure that they keep current on their boat registrations, as well as ensuring that their watercraft is seaworthy. Boats considered to be in disrepair will be noticed for non-compliance and ultimately impounded if measures are not taken to correct the issue.

The Inspection Services Division is also working in tandem with community residents to get building storage and bike rooms in compliance. Many times residents move and leave unwanted items, use more than their allotted space causing an inconvenience for other residents, or store prohibited items in these areas. Residents may request a storage room inspection through the Community Service Office if they believe they have an issue.

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

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

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas. Remember, much of the material placed there was unapproved by your association and may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services Division of the management company.

# on your insurance coverage

The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clamshell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure. The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points. As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" 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 at the East Activity Center.

## Landscaping Projects

Landscaping enhancements will continue across property in August. The increased rainfall at this time of year allows the sod/plants to easily take root. The crews working on these projects may need to temporarily cordon off parking spots or sidewalks while green supplies are delivered and installed. Please excuse our dust while we work on these beautification projects.

## Changes coming to Our World

Beginning in late August, Palm Acre Real Estate will become "On Top of the World Real Estate" both in Ocala and Clearwater.

"This name change will better identify the preeminent leader dealing with pre-owned properties, rentals and property management within On Top of the World Clearwater," said Kenneth D. Colen, broker.

"The very professional sales staff will continue to provide outstanding service to this community. On Top of the World Real Estate is committed to supporting the highest property values for the benefit of all residents."

On Top of the World Real Estate will continue to give condos for sale the broadest possible exposure both locally and across the internet-verse.



Palm Acre Real Estate will be changing its name to On Top of the World Real Estate, Inc. this month.

# Gizmode

INNOVATIONS



Water is the #1 cause of property damage. Undetected water loss will destroy home and property. Gizmode Water Alarms are the loudest and most effective on the market. Don't let another day go by without the peace-of-mind that your home or office are protected.

**Get Your Gizmode Water Alarms Now!**

Gizmode Water Alarms make direct contact with floor for immediate detection of moisture and water.

For more information, and details on cost, visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center



Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)  
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 8-3:30.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://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.

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\* Be aware, we may sell out all our ad space before the deadline!

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\*The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but our color ad space will likely sell out before the 15th. Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.

Returned checks will incur a \$35 bank fee. A finance charge of 1.5% per month, annual percentage rate of 18%, will be charged on all past due accounts.

In the event of a non-payment, the customer agrees to pay all collection costs.

**This month's volunteers:**

- Dawn Rubio
- Barb Sundberg
- Theresa Kawalec
- Cele Radeloff
- Esta-Lee Schwartz
- Arlene Bergen
- Gloria Clifford
- Lonnie Hollen

**Newsroom Hours**

**9:30-6 Mon-Thur, 9-2 Fri**

The newsroom will be closed from Aug. 22-31.

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# There are at least eight ways water can spill into your condo

During the hot, humid summer months, the community receives more than its fair share of rain and thunderstorms.

If you are not practicing good preventative maintenance on your property, the impact from these events can be costly.

Unfortunately, a water leak in a second or third floor unit not only impacts the originating unit, but the units below. These issues are alarming in the aspect of cost to the unit owners involved.

Water can make its way into your home by several avenues.

Here is a list of ways water can enter your condo:

- Improperly sealed windows, includes using incompatible sealant. If your windows are sealed with a silicone product, they should be resealed right away with a polyurethane based caulk.

- Awning anchors, not properly sealed and weatherproofed, could allow water penetration into a unit. Awning inspections are occurring throughout the community. You will be notified of any potential hazards and the awning will be scheduled for removal.

- HVAC exterior access panels and flashing, incorrectly sealed or improperly installed. HVAC lines not



sealed and wrapped properly, and interior HVAC drain lines not serviced. Missing or deteriorating HVAC drain pans.

- Aged water heaters with deteriorated bottoms.
- Spontaneous washing machine activation following power outages (surprisingly common!). Unplug the washing machine and turn off the fill valves before going away for an extended period.
- Deteriorated ice maker lines.
- Toilet – old wax rings and inappropriate items being flushed. Old supply lines and fill valves.
- Unlicensed contractors or do-it-yourself homeowners making inadequate repairs.

All of the items listed above should be regularly serviced and maintained.

If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it is a very sure bet it

needs replacement.

Your air conditioner unit (HVAC) should be serviced at least two times per year, optimally before you leave for an extended time.

I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping current phone numbers and emergency contacts on file with the Association and also keep a copy posted on your refrigerator door.

If you are away from home for an extended time, your unit must be inspected by someone you trust once per week to minimize the extent of possible damage.

Make sure you leave your key with a reliable person that will do this on a regular basis, not just a “key holder.”

## Elevators

The intense summer lightning storms have also created havoc with building elevators.

While elevators are equipped with surge protection devices, when Duke Energy experiences a partial outage and the building loses an electrical feed, or experiences intermittent power outages, the elevator cannot reset itself and will not operate.

It is important for you to report this outage right away.

Do not rely on your neighbors to do so.

The sooner the outage is reported

the sooner it is up and running again.

Also a prompt response to an elevator outage can mitigate larger issues from occurring. Please contact the 24 hour Emergency Service to report any elevator outage at 727-799-1115.

## Recycling

As discussed at the annual Association meeting held in June and reviewed in last month's newspaper, a community-wide recycling program will begin Aug. 6, 2014.

Recycling bins will be distributed in your building trash rooms on Aug. 1 with pick up scheduled on Wednesdays of each week.

In order for this program to be successful, everyone must do their part by disposing of only recyclable items in the marked recycling bins (please refer to poster in each garbage room).

Glass and cans should be rinsed, and cardboard and paper products folded.

This is a single stream recycling program, which means all recyclables can be disposed of in the same recycling container.

Your regular household trash should be bagged as usual and placed in the current garbage cans.

With a community of our size, everyone's participation can make a big impact in our small part of the world.

## Library will be open Wednesdays only in August

By Katy Gerritt

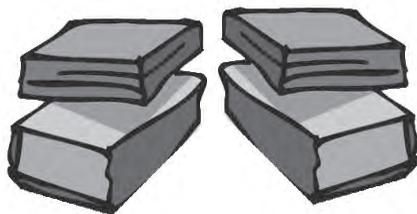
Good news from the library!

Due to popular demand, we will not be closing during the month of August. We will remain open on Wednesdays only from noon to 2 p.m.

We had so many requests from our regular readers, we felt compelled to be open at least one day a week. And as an extra bonus, we will offer a special sale every Wednesday in August. Paperbacks will be 5 for \$1 and hard bounds 3 for \$1 on all of those days, since we won't be having our usual First Friday that month.

So come on in and see us!

Another plus are new books hitting the shelves. We have: “I've Got You Under My Skin” by Mary Hig-



### AUGUST HOURS

Wednesdays, Noon-2 p.m.

## Library News

gins Clark, “The Collector” by Nora Roberts, “Carnal Curiosity” by Stuart Woods, “Unlucky 13” by James Patterson and “Walking on Water” by Richard Paul Evans.

Some other selections to arrive

any day now are “The Marriage Pact” by Linda Lael Miller, “Field of Prey” by John Sandford, “Otherwise Engaged” by Amanda Quick, “Live to See Tomorrow” by Iris Johansen and “Hurricane Sisters” by Dorothea Benton Frank.

We are also looking forward to the fall, not just for cooler weather, but for some great titles due to publish at that time. It's the peak time for leading authors to come out with new material, so keep watching here and on the Box Office Website for updated information.

And since our community is starting recycling in August, remember that we take book donations. It's a great way to recycle!

Do you know the golf cart hand signals?



Left Turn

Right Turn



Stop

Your vehicle has a turn signal. Please use it!

# Learn the word 'no' and learn how to say it

Q. I appreciate the Scam Alerts you put in your column, but I have a question. How do we seniors always know what to trust and what not to trust? Also, a friend of mine who lives in (not at OTOW) got a phone call that she missed jury duty and was going to be arrested unless she paid a fine immediately. The caller began to yell at her and she was so frightened she gave out her credit card numbers. Your suggestions would be appreciated.



A. I love the word NO!

It's simple and easy to pronounce.

However, I am aware that it is not always easy to use it.

From time to time, when I am meeting with a client, who's under pressure to do something — frequently from the children, of course — I will write out the word NO, in very large letters. Then I suggest it be placed on the refrigerator or by the phone.

Most important, USE IT!

With regard to telephone calls from the FBI or from a local or federal court, they NEVER call and ask for money. So that's an immediate fraud alert.

Just this morning, I got an email, supposedly from Google. It said (in broken English) that I wasn't getting enough emails so my account had

been routed to another email address and I should click on the new link.

RIGHT-O.

I'll rush to do that!

Nope!

Not now!

Not ever!

We have to learn that in this day and age, we cannot just click on a link — even if we believe we know who sent it.

Here's my suggestion(s).

Learn to say NO! Never click on a link. Investigate precisely who sent you and attachment BEFORE you open it. Oh, and by the way, the next time your grandchild calls and says he's stranded in Bora Bora and could you send money, tell him to contact his parents. Better yet, just say "NO" and shut off the conversation.

Q. My granddaughter is being investigated by (an enforcement arm of a State of Florida regulatory agency). She was hired as an accountant by an insurance company, and after only a few weeks, her supervisor demanded that she do something that would "fudge" the company's bottom line.

She refused.

Now the company is being investigated and she's been called as a witness. How does an employee deal with something like that?

She's a single Mom and needed a job.

A. I understand your question to be "how does someone in a position of trust deal with a supervisor who requests something unethical or downright illegal?"

Interestingly, my associate, Attorney Rachel Wagoner (See our website at [www.gcolen.com](http://www.gcolen.com)), is handling a complex case involving just such a question. In that case, a controller for a company was directed to complete a written report that was not in accordance with certain significant ethical standards. Our client refused. The company is now being investigated and the client subpoenaed. He will be fine because the record is clear in his favor. He acted appropriately and in accordance with the law.

Now to answer your question: These are decisions of conscience, and anyone who is requested to make an unethical choice needs to assess what he/she knows in his or her heart to be the right thing to do. It may cost one his or her job, but in the long run, the result will be safety and security in the knowledge that nothing illegal was

done.

Q. Is it better to name a bank as my personal representative rather than my children?

A. It is better to name the person or entity that you feel will handle your estate with competence.

Q. The lady at my bank said I can name the bank as the Agent in my durable power of attorney. Is that true?

A. It may be. You must check with the bank, though. I suggest that you should discuss doing that at great length with someone in higher authority at your bank.

Of course, you should also discuss that with your attorney. The bank, with whom you deal today, may not be around in a few years and the person with whom you deal at the bank may also be gone.

I realize that sometimes there do not seem to be truly good choices for a durable power of attorney. Yet, in my opinion, it is so important to have a durable power of attorney that you must explore whatever good options you feel might work for you.

Q. My daughter's husband is 22 years older than she is. Recently, I have come to believe he is making passes at me. How should I handle him, legally?

A. Don't handle him at all. Tell him to buzz off.

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## NOTICE

### Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

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

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 Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

# Newcomers!

(OTOW News  
photos by  
Mary Lou Wall)



**Dianne Tomlinson  
of New York**



**Lisa Klein and Christopher Devay  
of New York**



**Helen Hayden  
of Dunedin**



**Barbara and Luke Walsh  
of New York**

## Freddie Prinze's short career as a comedian

Frederick Pruetzel, also known as comedian Freddie Prinze, was born in New York City. His father was German and his mother was Puerto Rican.

Beautiful women were attracted to him because of his good looks and natural charm.

Asked how he decided on his professional name, he said that Bob Hope was the King of Comedy and he wanted to be the Prince of Comedy.

Freddie and Jay Leno were roommates in New York, and both caught the attention of agents and producers while performing at the Improv Com-



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### Inside Showbiz

edy Club in lower Manhattan.

Freddie's big break came when he was invited to appear on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

Johnny was laughing so hard he

had tears in his eyes. He invited him over to chat, which was most unusual for anyone who was making his debut on the show.

Freddie later recorded a comedy album entitled "Looking Good." After that his success was pretty much assured.

However, his personal life was a mess.

Freddie was married to Kathy Cokeran and had a son they proudly named Freddy Prinze, Jr.

But the marriage did not last long. Freddie's rise to stardom was so

quick that he often had difficulty accepting it. To ease his insecurities from the long working hours, he turned to drugs.

Freddie wrote a suicide note, picked up the phone and called his mother and manager. He told them he was committing suicide. He died hours later at the age of 22 years old.

He was also close friends with Sammy Davis, Jr. and Tony Orlando.

In his short life, most of us fondly remember him in the NBC TV hit series "Chico and the Man," co-starring Jack Albertson.



# Bingo is back!

A notice to  
On Top of the World  
residents and their guests,  
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## July Photo Search Answers

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# Next time you see a greyhound, smile, knowing the former racer has a home

You've read the Greyhound Club stories in this newspaper.

You've seen the club march every year in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Maybe, you've also seen a group of greyhounds at Third Friday in Safety Harbor, where an attempt was made every month to find homes for these retired racers.

Chances are, you've seen a greyhound somewhere this past month.

Chances are, you'll see another greyhound in upcoming weeks.

But when you do see your next greyhound, what will you think?

Will you see just another dog going for a walk, or will you see a cherished pet and an owner who has volunteered their time to make a difference?

Every year, On Top of the World Greyhound Club President Bill Sharpsteen wrote about a greyhound reunion party at Philippe Park. The event was held to unite families who graciously volunteered to adopt retired, racing, greyhounds and give them fine homes.

There was always a lot of food, games and opportunities for pictures.

It was a special time to show how many people really care about these former racers.

Last month, however, Bill left us to attend a greyhound reunion party of another sorts - one that will never end and one that will never run out of food.

Perhaps, Bill was even reunited with past greyhounds he once helped.

In case you didn't know, Bill, himself, helped more than 400 grey-



hounds find homes. He founded the OTOW Greyhound Club in 2003. He also founded Gold Coast Greyhound Adoptions in 2003.

For you and me, a greyhound is a dog which lines up, chases after a rabbit, and then is caged until its next race.

But to Bill, a greyhound was a loving animal, loyal to its owner, who needed a nice, quiet place to sleep after retirement.

Bill made an effort to show everyone that greyhounds aren't big, intimidating, clutzy animals, which are just made for racing. He proved that every greyhound has a heart - loyal to the person who walks them.

Now the question arises, what happens next?

Bill is not coming back to help the next greyhound get adopted and put into a home.

At the time of writing this column, it's not clear regarding the future of the OTOW Greyhound Club.

But one thing is for certain, Bill worked too hard for current racers to go homeless after their careers end.



Shortly before the OTOW dog park opened, Bill Sharpsteen took these greyhounds inside the gate to test everything. The greyhounds were pleased with what they saw.

There will always be greyhound racing.

There will always be greyhounds who can't race anymore.

There will always be a greyhound looking for its next home.

Next time you see a greyhound going for a walk, whether in this community, or somewhere outside our gate, take a second to remember the work Bill put into finding this breed a loving home.

It's been 11 years since the Grey-

hound Club got started. You can't imagine how many greyhounds were saved by volunteers, like Bill, who took one into their living room or prepared them for someone else to adopt.

It's too late to thank Bill now, but you can show you were paying attention by at least saying "hello" to the next greyhound who passes you by.

Let's hope Bill's club remains active and Gold Coast Greyhound Adoptions remains strong for years to come.

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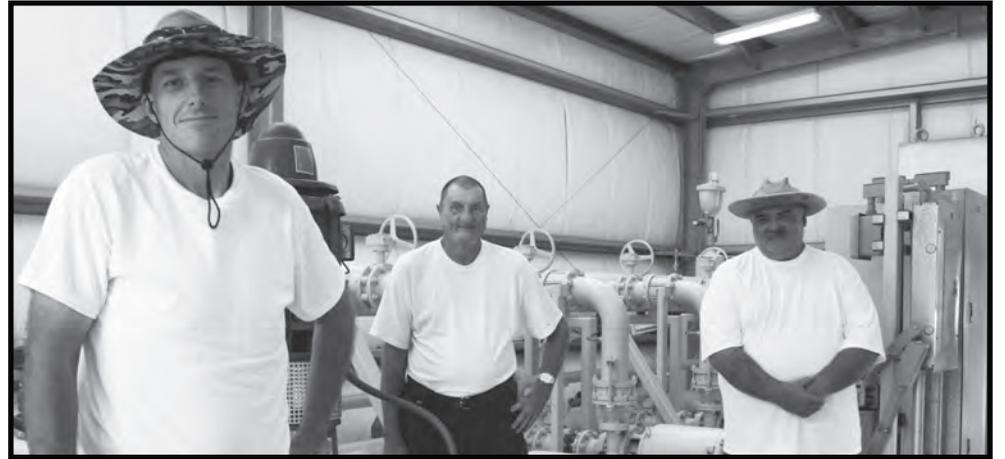
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At left, Jose Jaquez and Gary Armstrong show off controls for a computerized irrigation system. Above, Michael Gorman, Richard Piel and Roger Dinallo show off some of the water pumps. Below, Thomas Minshall, Mike Coughlin and David Kennedy stand in front of the 2.4 million gallon tower for recycled water. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

## *OTOW's Utilities Crew is our secret weapon for keeping things flowing, sprinkling and draining*



By Doug Kates  
Editor

Did you know On Top of the World has a Utilities Department?

Even if you did, do you know what they do?

To put it simply, if it flows, sprinkles, leaks, sprays, bubbles, drains, cleans or condensates, the Utility Department is trained to handle it.

For the most part, the utilities crew handles water and situations surrounding water.

When treated water leaves the OTOW waste water treatment plant and becomes a liquid source for land irrigation, the Utilities Department maintains it.

When water leaks from a pipe, a water line breaks, a sewer drain becomes clogged or a storm drain overflows – the Utilities Department fixes it.

When you need your water turned on or off, a representative from the crew comes to your condo.

When sidewalks need a good cleaning, the crew takes care of that, too.

Ever see one of those miniature fountains in one of our ponds and wonder what it's there for? Well, those devices actually aren't fountains at all. They are aeration devices used to keep algae out of the pond water. And guess what? The Utilities Department is in charge of aeration, too.

"We're the Ninja Turtle in the sewers," said Assistant Superintendent of Utilities Gary Armstrong, who has been employed at OTOW for more than 30 years, the first 20 years at the waste water treatment plant.

"I have a good staff," Gary added. "We've been together for a while now, which helps tremendously. We all work

well together."

The crew also consists of foreman Jose Jaquez (2 years), and Richard Piel (33 years), Roger Dinallo (7 years), Michael Gorman (6 years), David Kennedy (5 years) Mike Coughlin (5 years) and Thomas Minshall (2 years).

Did you know treated water from our own waste water plant is recycled and reused in our various sprinkler systems on the east and west side, and both golf courses?

The recycled water is pumped from the plant, is stored in the 2.4 million gallon water tank next to the golf course, and then a computer regulates where and how much irrigation takes place on both sides of Belcher Road.

The utility crew watches over this whole process, and the computerized system is so intelligent, if there is a problem, the computer calls Gary on his cellphone.

So, is there anything the Utilities Department does that has nothing to do with water?

Yes.

After storms, crew workers will set up barricades to help motorists avoid danger areas. During paving season, the same crew will assist the contracted paving company by keeping the construction area safe.

And when the On Top of the World newspaper is ready for delivery, it's the Utilities Department that transports 5,000-6,000 newspapers to all 91 buildings in the community.

You might wonder, with all this experience, can the utilities crew control rainfall and remove alligators from ponds?

Gary said his crew has yet to learn how to make it stop raining, but if you want to meet the alligator on the West Side, he'll introduce you.

# Quebec's health insurance absenteeism rules

By Rick McLauchlan

In July, we discussed the basic health care insurance coverage rules regarding absenteeism for Ontario residents.

This month, we look at the slight differences in the Quebec Health Insurance Plan.

To maintain your health insurance coverage in Quebec, "all persons who have taken up residence in Quebec must be present in Quebec more than half of the year.

The Régie (provincial governing agency) conducts checks to ensure compliance. Specifically, your total number of days of absence in a given calendar year must be less than 183 (absences of 21 days or less do not count).



Departure and return dates are not considered days of absence. For example, in one calendar year, departure for Spain on March 4 and return on June 3, the Régie would calculate 90 days of absence.

Departure for Alberta on Sept. 1 and returning Nov. 4, 63 days would be assessed.

Departure for the United States on Dec. 20 and returning on Dec. 27 would be calculated as 0 days for a yearly total of 153 days.

Persons who do not observe this rule lose their Health Insurance Plan coverage for all the calendar years during which they were absent 183 days or more and may have to repay for services rendered during those years.

For more information, you may go to <http://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/> or call 1-800-561-9749.

Canadian Club Registration Night is Saturday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Membership is open to anyone, Cana-

dian or not, in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card.

Renters wishing to join the club, or share in other clubs and activities of OTOW, are reminded that they must be in possession of an OTOW Recreation Card.

Christmas Dinner and Dance is Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Please look for announcement of the special ticket selling day in November's article.

Remember during the summer months you can follow our club news by going to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) and clicking the Clearwater Press Association link for the latest issues of the OTOW newspaper.

Also, look for our club page on the Box Office Website.



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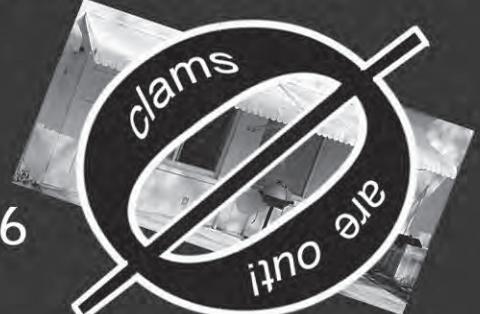


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# Line dancers hold ice cream social and then have fun working off the calories



## Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

Line dancers gathered on Tuesday, July 9, for an ice cream party with all the great fixings thanks to our hostesses Lynn Anzalone, Loni Bentley and Helen Crombie.

Song Brooks provided a delicious fruit bowl to add to our tasty treats.

Cele Radeloff held a 50/50 raffle and the lucky winners were Anna Ventimiglia, Terrie Starr and Cele Radeloff.

After indulging in the ice cream, we took off some calories by line dancing.

One of our devoted line dancers, Ann Adams, brought a beautiful "survivor" quilt made by her cousins, Joanne, Mary and Linda from Arizona. Ann and her husband recently attended a Simpson family reunion in New Paris, Ohio, with more than 100 attendees. The quilt was given to Ann at the reunion. We celebrate Ann and pray for continued good health and happiness.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5. Please present your On Top of the World Recreation Card along with \$5 to Mary.

Remember, those of you who are



Loni Bentley, Lynn Anzalone and Helen Crombie participate in last month's ice cream social.

full-time residents here at OTOW, the Line Dance Club keeps dancing through the summer months, therefore, please join us as any time 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.

Beginner lessons start 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 invite

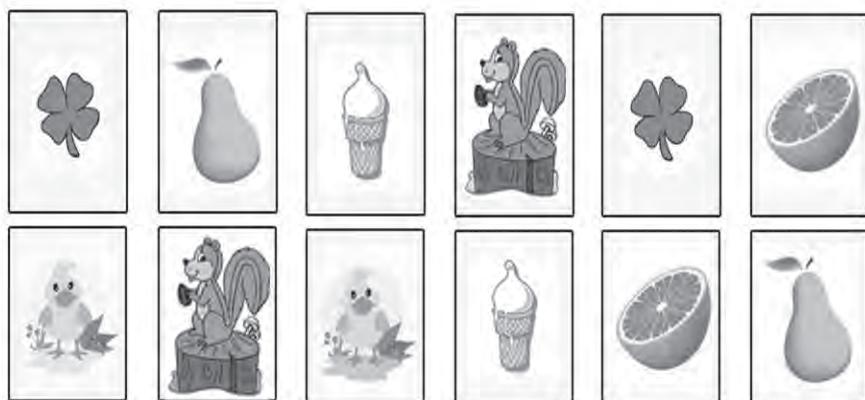
you to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing Club, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!

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# 2015 show will be written and directed by a resident with plenty of experience

My name is Will Peterson and I have been asked to be the writer/director for Theater Workshop's 2015 show.

I have a big act to follow after the success of "Swingin' with the USO," last March, which was so very well directed by Mary Sundblad and produced by her husband Will.

The words "Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid," still ring in my ears.

Theater Workshop has also elected me as assistant treasurer on their Board, which means they either like me or they are just trying to wear me out!

Anyway, at this time, I would like to humbly tell you a little about my background and the show I am putting together.

I have been an On Top of the World resident for 2.5 years, and if you remember, I appeared in the March 2014 show where I performed "Everything Stops for Tea," with a British Accent. I was also in the Ration Skit, with an American accent.

I was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. I started doing theater when



## Theater Workshop

I was 8 years old, so that makes it 60 years of being in the theater without become rich or famous.

(You can do the math if you want my actual age.)

I have a BA in Theater, a BA in Nursing and a Master's Degree in Religion. (Still didn't make me wealthy.)

I am a veteran, having served in the Army during the Vietnam War. I always like to say that I was an invited guest of the U.S. Government.

While in the service, I was fortunate enough to audition for and actually be accepted as a singer with the USO and then cast in theater productions in Germany. My theatrical experience



Will Peterson

includes actor, singer, director, and producer, as well as a playwright.

I have written successful Cabarets for performers and sung in The Philadelphia Opera, In the Park Series.

I am now writing nonfiction novels.

Since my arrival in Florida, I have staged script-in-hand performances of some of my short plays, and I have been a judge for the Florida Talent Quest Contest held in Tampa over the July 4th weekend. Talent Quest, is a national contest for Karaoke singers, and the winners go on to Vegas for the national championships. Florida has

won several times.

I have also been cast in a movie short to be shot in St. Petersburg, and, hopefully, my star will shine bright yet!

Many people would say that I am considered to be a Legend in my own mind.

The show I have written for Theater Workshop promises to have something for everyone, as it combines songs from Broadway with songs that are current, and it also contains an intriguing story about a group of OTOW travelers on a Cruise to the Islands — and Love.

The show, of course, cannot succeed without actors, singers and dancers. I want to see high kicks, but not too high!

If you are willing to lend a little of your time to help our show find success, please join the Theater Workshop. You don't have to be onstage, as people are needed behind the scenes as well.

So, don't be shy! Come on out and be a part of something fun and exciting. We are always happy to welcome new members.

## We are still making art

By Cheryl Reese

The Art Guild is in session from October through April. However, there are enough residents to continue our Wednesday Painting Pals class, 1-3 p.m., and we are still creating art with our favorite materials.

We have meetings 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays, but instead of drawing lessons on Thursdays, we each bring in artwork to work on, or we experiment with other art mediums.

Occasionally there are special programs on Thursdays.

At this time of year, you do not need to be a member to join us on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. We invite you to come and see what we are doing, then decide if this is something you would enjoy. Art is a wonderful hobby and it can fill your life with the joy of learning and making something very unique and special.

Enjoy your summer!



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# Lilia Bensonoff: Courage in action

## Getting to Know You

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

by John Koning

Ancient Chinese philosopher, Laozi, wrote, "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."

It was that kind of love and courage that brought Lila Bensonoff and her family from Russia to America and, finally, to On Top of the World.

In 1980, Lilia and her husband, Michael, were residents of the city of Minsk, near the Soviet border with Poland. They were both highly educated as engineers and proud parents.

Their life was acceptable by Russian standards, but there were storm clouds on the horizon. They, along with millions of other Russians, were not realizing their potential, but merely surviving under an oppressive regime. They realized that the only way to improve their family's destiny was to leave.

Lilia had a brother already living in Schenectady, NY, so the decision of where to go was simple.

On the other hand, the decision to leave their beloved motherland took all the courage Lilia and Michael could muster because the ramifications of their decision would be far reaching and devastating.

Lilia's son, Leon, was 11 years old, and her older son, Mark, was 23 at decision time. While both embraced the idea of leaving the Soviet Union, Mark was married with a child, and neither his wife nor his father-in-law, a military man, approved of the idea. So, the first casualty of Lilia's and Michael's decision to leave was the fracture of their family unit.

Lilia and Michael were forced to accept the fact that they might never

see Mark and his family again. They left the only home they had ever known with only two suitcases each, some gold and silver trinkets, \$240 between them both and only one of their two precious sons.

That first hurdle on their sprint toward freedom was followed by many others. They found themselves in a strange land with a foreign language, a new culture and no friends.

While the matter of friends would soon sort itself out, these two engineers faced another challenge of converting from the metric system of measurement to the cumbersome imperial system.

Another hurdle was language. While Lilia had learned some English in college, Michael had studied German instead, so he started his new life virtually incommunicado.

Lilia and Michael were prepared to work hard to forge a new life in America. Their solid Russian education, their impressive skill sets and their penchant for life-long learning helped them gradually claw their way up the economic ladder, but their ultimate dream was not yet realized.

That dream was to be reunited with Mark and his family, so they sent an invitation to them to come and visit America. Mark and his wife were granted visas to visit, but their children remained in the Soviet Union as collateral.

During the month when Mark and his wife visited, Lilia and Michael showed them an honest profile of their new country, from the slums of Harlem to the millionaire who worked in the office with Lilia. Their strategy was simple – to show their son and



Lilia Bensonoff teaches a circle dance in the EAC auditorium.  
(OTOW News photo by John Koning)

his wife the true face of America, and trust them to make their own decision.

While we all know that this country is not perfect, the decision for Mark and his family was a no-brainer. After some family reflection back home, they wrote and asked mom and dad to invite them to immigrate to America. A few hurdles later, thanks in part to social reformer Mikhail Gorbachev, the whole family now calls the United States of America home. Yes, even Mark's father-in-law lives here.

These days, Lilia is more than an example of courage. She also teach-

es the advanced line dancers of the OTOW Line Dance Club in the East Activity Center on Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

When Lilia pauses from her busy American life and looks back on her courageous journey, she feels grateful to the many new friends who opened their homes, their hearts and their wallets to welcome the new Russian immigrants. When she hears people lamenting the small stuff, she says, "Stop complaining and appreciate what you have... and God bless America!"

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# Residents look up at lighthouses in June, will look up at giraffe smiles in September



By Pat Zorland

The Travel Club July meeting was held on the second Friday because of the 4th of July holiday.

New calendars for the rest of the year were handed out with a few changes made due to a conflict with some of the dates.

Please note the Aug. 1 meeting will be held in the East Activity Center Large Card Room at 2 p.m. There will be a special program on a Freighter Cruise taken by club president Audrey Jones, followed by an ice cream social. We will see how this program goes and maybe have a few more travel programs like it in the future.

On June 23, a group of our mem-



OTOW residents stop by to tour an old church on Jekyll Island. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

bers left on a five-day trip to Savannah, Ga. There were some sightseeing stops along the way and on the return trip to Florida.

Some of the stops included Savannah's historic downtown district, waterways and Jekyll Island.

Some residents even braved a 129-

step climb to the top of a St. Simons lighthouse.

If you want to read more about this trip, see the Mandalay Building article on page 53.

On Mondays, from 9-10:30 a.m., Travel Club has a table in the East Activity Center auditorium where you can pick up flyers and information on what is happening.

Information is also available on the Box Office Website and on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732.

It is very important that if you plan to take a trip with us, you make your reservations early and turn in deposits on time.

Don't wait until the last minute to decide to go on a trip.

There are no trips scheduled for the month of August. But, on Friday Sept. 12, we will be going to a Giraffe Ranch.

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# Singles Club celebrates summer with a cool, indoor picnic

By Mary Widman

Our Singles Club picnic was a great success with 44 persons attending.

Our thanks to hospitality members Sally Shevlin, Pat Grace, Patti Darby and Dorothy Carpenito for all their help in making this a fun day.

A game called bean bag was played and was enjoyed by all who participated. It was donated by member Janice Capatano.

Her late father, Spiro Zulich, made this game for Janice many years ago. Thank you, Janice, for letting us enjoy this special game.

Club President Nancy McMullen presented gifts to the winners and everyone had a good time.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the high tea event scheduled for August has been canceled. There will be no club meeting in August.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 6, at 6:15 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Please join us for an ice cream social free to members and hear what president Nancy has for our next event.

For more information, call Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460. Our meetings are always the first Saturday of every month at 6:15 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Enjoying the Singles Club indoor picnic are, from left to right, Sally Shevlin, Pat Grace and Patti Darby.

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Doo Wop vocal groups join together for the closing act at a recent concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The groups received a standing ovation. (Photo by Ed Foland)

# Snowbirds to attend Susan Boyle concert

By Ed Foland

What a thrill it would be to win a national talent contest and become world famous.

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## Snowbird Club

concert tour and will be performing at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Nov. 1. The Snowbirds Club has purchased a block of tickets for our members. These are sure to go fast so book early!

Cruises are on the schedule for

January and February. Right now is the best time to book cruises while the prices are low and cabin availability is high. Both cruises will be escorted by Ed and Dolly Foland.

Summer is now half over for the migrating Snowbirds and many are looking forward to returning to On Top of The World before the first snowflake falls.

No need to wait until you return to OTOW and take a chance on all of the tickets being sold. Our welcome back dinner party and dance will be held Nov. 23 with entertainment by At

Large. Thanksgiving dinner and Broadway show Christmas Carol will be on Thanksgiving day at the Show Palace. Date of the next meeting and preview of our events is on Oct. 6.

Go to our Website at [www.snowbirdsotow.com](http://www.snowbirdsotow.com) and click on the events button. From there you can print out an events list and a ticket order form. You can order your tickets by mail or call Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922 and order by phone.

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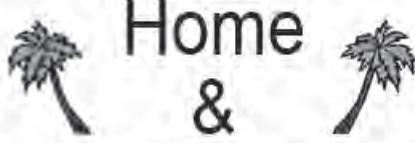
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# Traffic is not a problem when Lambda throws a beach party

Here we are in the dog days of August.

Summer is surely here as we sit in our air conditioned condos waiting for fall.

One source of relief is the beach. But the traffic over there can be a hassle. So we're going to do the next best thing. Our August monthly social will have the theme: Beach Party!

On Friday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m., come down to the East Activity Center Large Card Room and visit Lambda Beach.

We'll have the radio tuned to play some top 40 music. The bar will feature the drink of the month: Sunshine Punch. As usual, our members will be providing some tasty foods to share.



**Lambda**

It should be a great time!

The dress code is swim suit, beachy shirt, hat, sunglasses, flip-flops, etc. That should get you in the spirit. Just leave the sand at home because I don't want to have to clean it up!

Soon after you read this, the East Activity Center swimming pool should

be ready to open and handle all the overheated folks here. In the past, we have used it as a location for our club – going as a group to the pool.

If you have seen a group of about 15 older men paddling about the pool on occasion, then that was probably us. Feel free to say hi next time.

In case you don't already know, Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. 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 all LGBT 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 fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: [lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).

You can contact us by e-mail at: [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) and you can even send messages to us via the Box Office Website now.

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## 'Celebrate America'

# Star of 2015 show will be the lady with the torch

Declaring "our show will be as big and as wonderful as all outdoors," Jesters' Director-In-Chief Pat Sprouse announced that the 2015 spring show, "Celebrate America," will not only be "Star Studded," but an historic, humor-filled musical that will bring Mega Star "Ms. Liberty" to our very own Clearwater shores.

That's right, Pat proudly stated, the lady we all know as the Statue of Liberty, will be leaving New York Harbor to make an appearance on our own East Activity Center stage.

This is a real coup on the part of our director and creative team.

For all current Jesters' members, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share the stage with the Statue of Liberty, affectionately known to her friends all over the globe as "the



Lady with the torch."

For non-members, who would like the opportunity to make their stage debut with Ms. Liberty, you can purchase a club membership from Mike Kaplan, at the East Activity Center, any Monday between 9:10-10:25 a.m. for just \$5.

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Pat Sprouse is already showing off the colors of this spring's musical comedy, 'Celebrate America.'

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# 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

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# Get Acquainted Coffee on Aug. 14 comes with a surprise

Good  
Neighbors



President Doris Paino

I just want to take this time to remind you of some upcoming events.

Don't forget Good Neighbors on Thursday, Aug. 14. I am planning a surprise, so come on out.

This fall we will be having a flea market, craft show and senior expo. The senior expo will be organized by the Community Service Office.

The date for the Senior Expo will be Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dates for the other events will be posted at a later time.

Hopefully we can get volunteers to put fliers on the building bulletin boards. However, dates will be in the newspaper and the TV channels.

We have a serious problem. I can't find anyone who wants to get involved in Good Neighbors. We are going to need a president for 2015, treasurer, several vice presidents and someone to take charge of Helping Hands.



Residents attending the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in July were treated to some wonderful piano music and singing.

If you have any interest in filling one of these positions, contact me at the Gift Shoppe. I am there Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. See you at the East Activity Center.

## Classroom Club

# OTOW residents heading back to school

By Jane Lee

Just a reminder that here at On Top of the World, we have a club that provides opportunities to volunteer at Pinellas County Schools.

Anyone interested is invited to participate.

The objectives of the club are:

1. To provide classroom help, in reading and other subjects, to children and teachers in Pinellas County schools.
2. To collect "Box Tops for Education" to help provide equipment and supplies for schools.
3. To provide volunteer opportunities for OTOW residents in schools.
4. To provide opportunities for OTOW residents to meet with other residents interested in reaching out to community schools.

This past year, some residents volunteered at Skycrest Elementary School to listen to first graders read and to help them become more proficient with reading skills.

Twenty-two children were helped and they were able to move on to the second grade because of the progress they made.

Volunteers went for two hours a week and worked with each child assigned to them for about 15 minutes.

There is also a need for field trip chaperones from time to time and this may interest some of you.

To volunteer at the schools, you just need to fill out an application and provide the volunteer coordinator at the school a copy of your driver's license.

Call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 if you are interested in volunteering or you need more information.



## What can you recycle?

There is a list on page 2 of this newspaper and more information is available on the Box Office Website

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## Morning exercises 8 a.m. each day

The 8 a.m. exercise class continues throughout the summer months, so come join us in the East Activity Center lower gym every morning. Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting to improve muscle tone, and cardio workouts to music.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises. Each day we work different muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning.

Come give it a try! 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.

## Bonesavers Classes

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tuft University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

For more information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.

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## Philosophy Club

# Express your views

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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change monthly.*

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# Oh, to have a rebellious childhood again

I once asked my incredibly, almost perfect, children why they seemed so rebellious at times.

I understood rebellion.

I lived through the Sixties.

My kids, now fully grown, married, and with children of their own, explained how rebellion became a part of their lives.

“Dad, Jasmine was in a relationship with a dirty, homeless boy named Aladdin. Snow White lived alone with seven men. Pinocchio was a liar. Robin Hood was a thief. Tarzan walked around without clothes on. A stranger kissed Sleeping Beauty and she married him. Cinderella lied and snuck out at night to attend a party. Ariel disobeyed her father, and he was a King. And then there’s Donald Duck...”

“You can’t blame us. We were taught to rebel at a young age.”

Yup, I blame Walt Disney for the problems of the world.

Why do we have to grow up?

I know of so many adults who are blessed with the children’s approach to life. They’re people who don’t give a hang what the Joneses do. You see them every time you go to theme parks and ball parks, at beaches and picnics. They are not afraid to be de-



By Allen Winston

## Winston’s World

lighted with simple pleasures, and they have a degree of contentment with all that life has brought them. .

I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, though I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter.

It’s kind of fun, however, to think about doing the impossible, like being able to fly, (hello, Peter Pan), because, I believe imagination rules the world, and when you’re curious, you can always find lots of interesting things to do.

The real trouble with our world is that too many of us grow up.

When I was younger, I let my imagination find wonder in the shapes of clouds. I was amazed by all the evening stars which seemed to go on forever. Landscapes of great wonder and beauty were all around me. I dis-

covered them in giant waterfalls, the majesty of the great redwood forest, a large freshwater lake in the Sierra, Nevada, mountains at an elevation of 6,225 feet, the subtropical wilderness of the Everglades, the Amazon river, the pyramids, icy glaciers, or seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time.

And don’t even get me started on fireflies and giraffes. How could this Earth of ours, which is only a speck in the heavens, have so much variety of life, so many curious and exciting creatures, and such incredible wonders just waiting to be discovered?

My imagination had all the answers.

As Dr. Seuss once wrote, “Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It’s a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope (which, on occasion, I like to do).”

Once upon a time I read a great deal (until I discovered baseball, basketball, and the opposite sex). I learned early that there is more treasure in books than in all the pirates’ loot on Treasure Island, and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.

Fantasy, if it’s really convincing, can’t become dated, for the simple

reason that it represents a flight into a dimension that lies beyond the reach of time.

Fantasy is not a world of logic. It’s a world of escapism. And in that world, you become a spaceman, a pirate, a clown, a great athlete, a movie star, an explorer, and of course, the hero that saves the girl, and the world.

Great dreamers built our world. Imagination led Columbus to America, led Ben Franklin to discover electricity, led Einstein to discover the theory of relativity, led Steve Jobs to discover Apple, and Dorothy to discover the land of Oz.

Imagination sees what the eyes cannot see. With imagination, everything is possible. I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge, that myth is more potent than history, and that dreams are more powerful than facts.

Einstein said, “Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”

So, on behalf of my children (and yours truly), thank you, Mr. Disney, Dr. Seuss, for taking my family into that sometimes rebellious world where laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever.

## Ever wonder why a coin flip starts a football game?

This is one of the best blonde jokes because it makes football make sense.

A guy takes his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. After the game he asks how she liked it. She said she liked the tight pants and big muscular shoulders, but couldn’t understand why they were killing themselves over 25 cents.

When asked what she meant by 25 cents, she said when they flipped the coin before the start of the game, one team got it, and for the rest of the game, the other team kept screaming, “Get the quarter back.”

I’m like, “Hello, it’s only 25 cents!”

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Do you know how a doctor determines when an older person should go to a nursing home? The doctor fills a bathtub with water and gives the person a teaspoon, a teacup and bucket to empty the tub. You would think a normal person would use the bucket, but actually a normal person would

Marge  
Mayer



## Marge’s Humor

pull the plug.

If you said bucket, the next room in the nursing home is saved for you.

Do you want a bed next to mine?

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The secret to enjoying a good wine is first opening the bottle to allow it to breathe. If it doesn’t look like it’s breathing, give it mouth to mouth.

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Alcohol is not the answer; it just makes you forget the question.

Coffee keeps me busy ‘til it’s acceptable to drink wine.

I tried cooking with wine, but it didn’t go well. After five glasses, I forgot I was in the kitchen.

Don’t forget to buy a bottle of wine for Mother’s Day. Remember, you’re the reason she drinks.

I drink because I don’t like to keep things bottled up.

Wine is cheaper than Botox and paralyzes more muscles.

Wine is now cheaper than gas. Drink – but don’t drive.

I got an e-mail about using vodka to clean the house. The more vodka I drank, the cleaner the house looked.

My idea of a Super Bowl is a bowl that cleans itself.

Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning all you need is two

hearts and a diamond. By the end you wish you had a spade and a club.

A man is not complete ‘til he’s married – then he’s finished.

What do you call an intelligent, good-looking and sensitive man? A rumor.

Where can a man over 60 find younger women who are interested in him? At the book store under fiction.

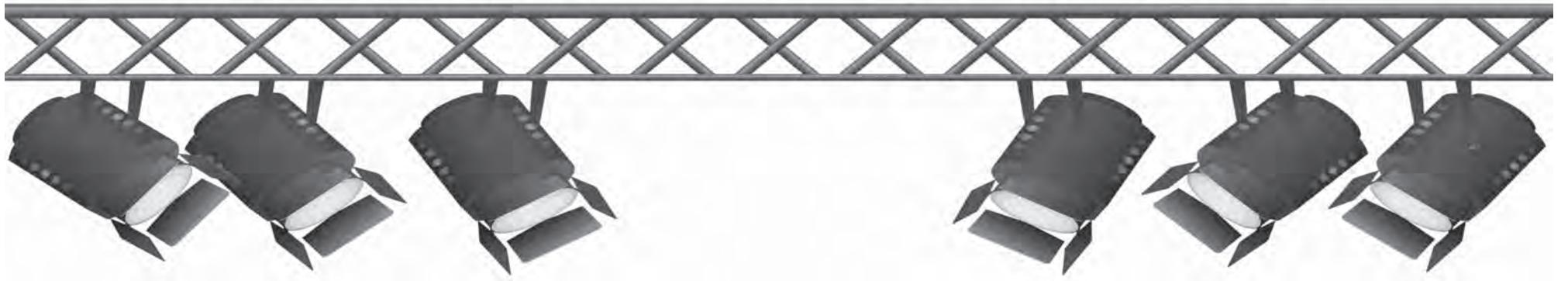
Women are like phones. They like to be held, talked to and touched often. But push the wrong button and you’re disconnected.

Sometimes your knight in shining armor is just a jerk in tinfoil.

Whoever said diamonds are a girl’s best friend, never owned a dog.

Live your life and forget your age. Don’t regret growing older. It’s a privilege denied to many.

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



## Since the beginning, the Entertainment Committee has been providing world class entertainment

By Marvin Flam

The mission of the Entertainment Committee (EC) is to arrange for, organize, and conduct entertainment activity for all residents of the On Top of the World community.

For more than 40 years, the EC has presented shows, dances and other year-round events featuring professional entertainers who have performed worldwide.

All the performances take place in the East Activity Center (EAC) auditorium. Residents can see and enjoy this world class entertainment without leaving the OTOW community.

In these challenging, economic times, the ticket prices for this entertainment is substantially less than that of entertainment elsewhere. And events like Sunday-in-the-Park are provided free to residents.

Recently, I was asked about our Saturday dances regarding the start time of 8 p.m. and the dress code. The start time has been in effect since the beginning.

Residents coming to the dance socialize with friends, have a leisurely dinner or enjoy a cocktail party without being rushed, and are able to enjoy the professional bands that start at 8

p.m. and play until 11 p.m.

The dress code has been in effect from the beginning except it is more relaxed these days. Originally, the men wore jackets and ties, and the women dressed up. Today, we see more casual clothing, with men still wearing slacks, but no ties or jackets; and we still prohibit shorts of any kind.

Yes, we live in a more relaxed society, but we still are a social group having fun.

The significant word, however, is "social," implying courteous interaction and interrelationships between individuals and groups. From the begin-

ning this has been true of the quality of life at OTOW.

Follow us in the coming months for more of our history. Please continue to support us so that we can continue to provide great entertainment.

For information call 727-797-1761, or email [entcom2014@gmail.com](mailto:entcom2014@gmail.com).

Check us out on the bulletin boards in your building or in the activity centers. We are also on the Box Office at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com). Visit us in the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Good Neighbors' Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. during August.



In mid-July, the Entertainment Committee hosted an indoor beach party with musical guest 'Bitter-Sweet.' Pictured above, Luke and Barbara Walsh take part in a beach ball race where partners had to keep the ball stationed between their backs, without using their hands, throughout the entire race. At right, Jerri Good and Maxine Kelly dance to the sounds of 'Bitter-Sweet.' (Photos by Stormy Pickering)

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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# Good scores, plenty of skins in off-season

The month of June was a good one for the Thursday Golf League.

Below average precipitation allowed the league to play each week.

Summer course conditions are in play - wet ground, thick rough and the daily thunder showers can make each round of golf a challenge.

Week six of the off-season was won by Clyde Hershberger, who also recorded the low gross score. Second place was taken by Ada Culbertson. Don Leamy was third. Skins were taken by Ada, Clyde, Don and Bruce MacPherson.

## Thursday Mixed Golf

Dutch Michael was the week seven champion. John Maloof took second place and Fred Schick followed in third place. Bruce MacPherson garnered low gross honors. Bruce also had a good day with four skins. Clyde Hershberger and Fred Schick had one skin each.

Week eight saw John Maloof take first place. Bill Cook came in second and Don Leamy finished third. Gary

Bronson had the low gross round of the week. The ladies had the hot hands in the skins competition. Patti Cook took home three skins and Claire Bruyere had two. Don Leamy had the only masculine skin.

Claire Bruyere was the week nine winner. Bruce MacPherson finished second and Dick Kronawetter placed third. Low gross honors went to Clyde Hershberger. Pete Dominguez took two skins. Gary Bronson, Bruce MacPherson and Dick Kronawetter had one skin each.

The league's monthly road trip will

continue at the Countryside Country Club. Unfortunately, it will not be played in time for this article. Results will be posted next month.

The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members and guests at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 11 a.m. every Thursday. For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolf@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolf@aol.com).

See page 35 for a big announcement from Palm Acre Real Estate.

# Gary Drake's first ace

## Golf

Gary Drake, playing with his brother, Don, aced the par 3, fourth hole, in late June on the nine-hole course.

Gary used a 9-iron for his first career ace.

Just a reminder, it is very im-

portant to stay hydrated on the golf course. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. Think - water, water, water!



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# Tournament schedule taking shape with first event set for Aug. 20

By Pete Milner

I finally had an opportunity to play golf on one of our regular golf association Wednesdays.

I had not played since September because of shoulder problems and eventually shoulder replacement. That first swing was one that I didn't want to take, but knew sooner than later it had to be made.

We started on the 18th hole, and I would like to say my first shot went in the cup, but actually I had to settle for a five.

My partner was patient with me and provided encouragement, so I felt pretty good out there.

Just to make sure I didn't overdo it, we only played nine holes. It was too hot, and my stamina was low. Good thing I stayed hydrated and brought along a snack.

## Men's Golf

Please keep in mind the conditions we play in here in Florida in the summer months. No matter what shape you are in physically, make sure you are prepared for the heat.

There hasn't been too much golf news to report, but it's great to report that our association president, Les Whynot, aced the ninth hole with his 8-iron while Phil Smerz, Ken Nield and Jay Schwallie looked on.

For those who have had holes-in-one, that really is an amazing feat. I haven't even come close to a hole-in-two. Doesn't stop us from giving it our best shot every time we play a par 3 hole.

On a sad note, our association lost two of our long-time members in June. Willis "Hambone" Hamilton and Floyd "Flame" Thrower passed to their reward. I had played with both of them a couple of times and must say it was an enjoyable round of golf. They will be sorely missed by all, and the officers and members of the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association send their sincere condolences to their families.

Please pay particular attention to the following reminder of our golf schedule for the remainder of this year.

Aug. 20 will be regular tournament play, with refreshments to follow.

Sept. 17 will be regular tournament play, with refreshments to follow.

The annual Guys and Dolls Tournament will be held on Oct. 15. This

will be a one-day tournament and will be limited to the first 144 players who sign up (72 men and 72 ladies). Refreshments after play.

Nov. 19 will be Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament with refreshments to follow.

Finally, our last event of 2014 will be our annual Christmas party. Play that day will be a Scramble with four-man teams. As usual, on this day, the gals are invited to join us for the holiday festivities after golf for music, dancing and refreshments.

Of course, the above activities are subject to change by our association officers, so please keep your eyes on the big green scoreboard at the edge of the parking lot for posted changes.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe.

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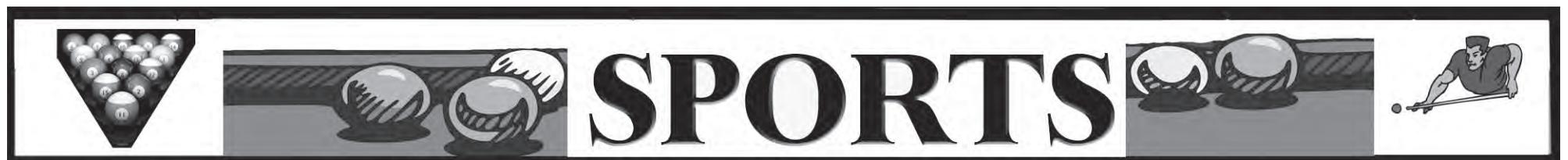
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## Player of the Year honors announced for nine-ball

By Barb Sundberg

Congratulations go out to Joe Ventimiglia, who was named "Player of the Year" in nine-ball.

Joe took first place nine weeks and second place seven weeks.

Good job, Joe!

To mark this event, Andy Suhar hosted an appreciation get together on July 8 in the West Activity Center's Sunrise Room after his nine-ball tournament. Joe's picture is posted on a plaque in the Billiards Room, and will remain there through June 2015.

It's such a competitive field so it's an honor well deserved.

### Monday Night 8-Ball

On June 23, in A Flight play, Dave Williams walked away with first place, Andy Suhar captured second place and Ed Ramirez took third place. In B Flight, Howard Wilson took first place. After a playoff, Mario Rodriguez claimed second place with Terry Wittman settling for third.

On June 30 and July 7, in A Flight, Denny Balderson edged out the field claiming first place, and Dave Williams captured second place at both tournaments. Barb Sundberg claimed third on June 30 and Howard Wilson took third place on July 7.

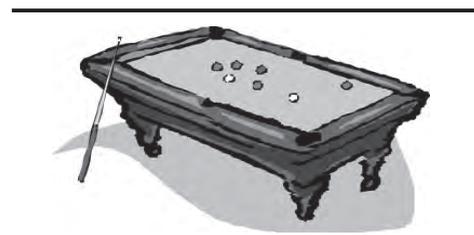
On June 30, in B Flight, Howard Wilson walked away with first place, Terry Wittman took second place and Ron Baltrunas settled for third. On July 7, in B Flight, Ed Ramirez captured first place. John Shearer and Andy Suhar had a playoff for second and third places. Andy edged out John for second place. John had to settle for third.

On July 14, in A Flight, Dave Williams edged out Tony Baker for first place, Tony settled for second, with Don Sorensen taking third place. In the B Flight, Joe Ventimiglia captured first place, Terry Wittman took second and Ron Baltrunas took third.

### Thursday Evening Scotch Doubles

On June 12, Billiards Club played a singles tournament with Dave Williams capturing first place, Terry Wittman second and Joe Gora third.

At the June 19 tournament, they played singles again with Dave Wil-



## Billiards

liams taking first place, Nick Sapienza claiming second and Mario Rodriguez taking third.

On June 26 they played doubles with the team of Nick Sapienza and Joe Ventimiglia taking first place, Joe Gora and Howard Wilson claiming second place and Ed Ramirez and John Shearer took third place.

On July 3 they played doubles again with the team of Joe Gora and Nick Sapienza claiming first place, Ed Ramirez and Mario Rodriguez taking second, and the team of Ray Quirion and Dave Williams settling for third.

On July 10, the team of Dave Williams and Joe Ventimiglia captured first place, Joe Gora and Nick Sapienza claimed second, and Dennis Balling and Mario Rodriguez took third.

### Tuesday Afternoon 9-Ball

At the June 24 tournament, Howard Wilson edged out the field for first place, and newcomer Don Sorensen walked away with second place.

On the first of July, Dave Williams captured first place with Ed Ramirez claiming second place.

On July 8, no one could catch Ron Blaettner who won every round played. There was a four-way tie for second between Tony Baker, Joe Gora, Don Sorensen and Howard Wilson. Joe Gora edged out the field to claim second.

On July 15, Ed Ramirez captured first place with Bob Eads taking second.

Nine-ball meets 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoons in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in this heavily competitive field. We use the round-robin format.



Joe Ventimiglia is named Player of the Year in nine-ball.

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Some people call me "Wrigs."

I know for a fact that everyone I see wants to come over and greet me, so first I wiggle all over and then I run to meet my new friends.

My mom and dad, Connie and Michael, are from Indiana. Mom feels a little bit guilty living in the Tampa Bay area and giving me a Cubs name, so she is considering giving me a middle name, "Ray."

Next time you see me, my name will probably be Wrigley Ray.

We all live happily in The Gables building.

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](mailto: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)



# BUILDING REPORTS



The Baby Boomers set up tents and grills behind the West Activity Center pool for a picnic. Special permission was received from OTOW to hold this event.

## Boomers enjoy an outdoor picnic

By Rita Kress

Cars came to a halt.

Swimmers popped their heads over the deck fence to see what was going on.

Dogs stopped walking their masters to get a glimpse.

What was everyone looking at?

The Baby Boomers' Fourth of July picnic.

The heat was blistering and the humidity was oppressive, but this did not stop the Boomers from setting up canopies, grills, tables and chairs for a morning picnic in the lawn area behind the West Activity Center swimming pool.

More than 30 group members arrived for the new, outdoor experience, and it was a fun-filled event throughout the day.



### Baby Boomers

After the picnic, a collective group went to Coachman Park to hear a concert and view fireworks.

We want to give special thanks to On Top of the World management for graciously giving our club permission to use the WAC pool grounds for this very successful event. Planning

began when the Boomers submitted a letter to the Community Service Office and later received approval from OTOW management. The Boomers agreed to several conditions and requirements to make the event a reality.

Later in the month, the Boomers had a wonderful, cool, old-fashioned ice cream social in the East Activity Center kitchen. Ice cream was provided by a member, with others supplying toppings of their choice. Lots and lots of conversation took place and many, many calories were shared by the large group of members that attended.

The Boomers are a very active group participating in many fun-filled activities, including biking, kayaking, sailing, golfing, deep sea fishing, cruising, dining out, dancing, potluck dinners, holiday parties and picnics. We also do outings

to the theater, museums, festivals, concerts, and local day trips.

Our meetings are 5:30 p.m., the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Anyone interested in joining the Baby Boomers group is welcome to the meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Card. There is no membership fee.

Our meetings usually consist of everyone participating to create weekly or monthly social activities.

After the meetings, we usually continue with a fun-filled activity, such as dining out, dancing, or visiting a local club for additional socializing.

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## OTOW full-timers find much to do in the summer

The middle of summer, the weather is hot and humid but the air conditioning is cool and the finished pool is wonderful. The Snowbirds may be up North for the summer, but we year-rounders are happy with the reduced traffic, easier shopping and shorter lines everywhere.

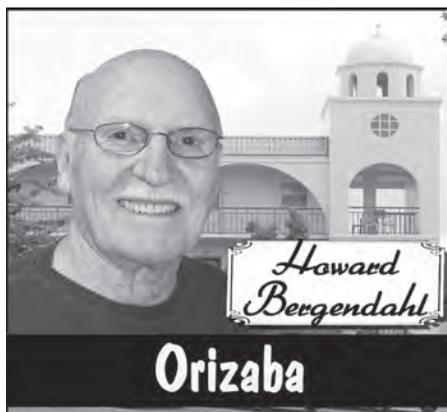
The luncheon last month was held at the old reliable Sunset Grill and a good turnout enjoyed a great lunch. This month Linda Ledesma has taken charge and we are headed for the Lucky Dill. I am sure that everyone will leave the restaurant with a full belly and maybe a little take-home.

Jim and Lynn Anzalone recently returned from a trip to Las Vegas but it was more about visiting than enjoying the slots. The Georges, Felip and Dusita, also returned from a lengthy trip and are glad to be home again.

Congratulations to Jack Herman upon joining that exclusive 90-year club. I hear that the parties that were thrown for him were many and enjoyable.

Welcome the following new residents to our building:

Joann Filippelli and Anne Lomardo; Bill and Jane Link; Jackie Gajus and her daughter Kim Zahralban; Tony and Amy Odorisio;



Pam Wagner; and Larren and Doreen Doniger.

Congratulations to Jack Soll and Charla Fogel for their wonderful dinner and great hospitality extended to other residents of our building. A fine evening was had by all.

Since the upgraded and revamped East Side pool is opening in August, West Side residents can get full, uncrowded use of their renovated pool area. Remember to follow the pool rules and always have your recreation card with you.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple at a girl was a proposal of marriage; catching it was an acceptance.

Soldiers do not march in step over a bridge because the vibration caused might be sufficient to make the bridge fall down.

## Enjoy the many summer activities, but do so safely

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Last month, I reported on being prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms. This month, I want to give some hints on being careful during the remainder of the summer months.

August and September are the last months of summer. They can be severely hot. We must be careful outdoors that we don't get overheated. Always make sure everyone uses sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Always make sure you keep hydrated and drink plenty of water.

Many of the clubs and groups are doing trips and projects during the summer. Our East and West Activity Centers have many outdoor sports and trips going on.

If you wish to stay cool, there are many indoor groups and activities where you can keep cool. The pools are always great to exercise or just wade in. Call a neighbor and invite them to go to the pool or groups/clubs with you.

It is important that you check on your very elderly neighbors or ill neighbors who cannot get around. Make sure they are doing alright in the heat. Check to see if they need items from the store. It is a good feeling helping our neighbors out.

In July's On Top of the World News, there was an in-depth article on



recycling. OTOW is going to recycle on a trial basis. This starts on Aug. 1. Hopefully, everyone in our building will do their part to help make this a success.

Garbage will be picked up on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Recycle will be picked up on Wednesday.

Please put all recycle items in the green cans only. The items will be listed on our bulletin boards in the core. Let's make this a big success and hopefully all other buildings will follow suit.

Thank you to Gerri Jaeger and Audrey Lerigo for painting our bulletin boards in the core. Their next project will be painting the rusted mailboxes.

We wish all our neighbors fun for the rest of the summer and keep cool!

## Three ladies share the same birthday (with a unique twist)

There is a coincidence in our building of which you may not be aware. Three of our ladies have the same birthday and they live on first, second and third floor right above and below each other. They are Carol, Joan and Brenda. Their shared birthday is September 27. I don't think that happens very often.

Barbara Mooney is proud of her husband Bill. He joined a local running club. On July 3 he ran a 5k race in 32.04 minutes. Way to go, Bill! You must be proud of yourself! Keep up the good and healthy work.

Hope you are all enjoying this hot and rainy weather. Be sure to let



me know your interesting news at 724-5909, or leave it in the little white box by our bulletin board. You can also e-mail me at gaga.77@verizon.net.

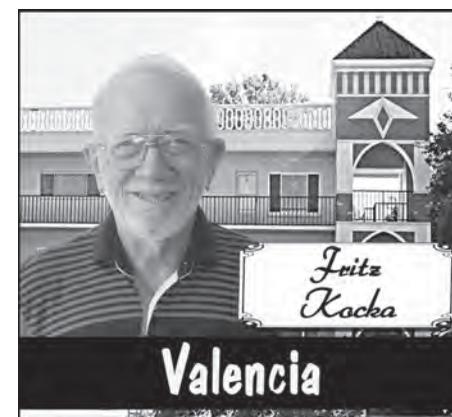
## New pools will make these hot months more bearable

Our refurbished pool on the West side is getting plenty of action. All the new faces from the East side are getting to look familiar. The temperature has to be between 85° and 90° before I begin to enjoy it.

The ladies' July 10 lunch was held at Cheddars. They had a good lunch and excellent service.

The men's lunch was canceled due to lack of interest. Maybe baseball, soccer or tiddliwinks.

Our building dinner was held July 22 at 4 p.m. at the Bon Appetit. The dinner and ambiance were very enjoyable. Thanks to Hal and Donna for putting it together. Note: In the early '60s I would fish off the Bon Appetit dock while their patrons sipped on their martinis.



Now it is my turn!

In August we will meet at the Olive Garden for dinner. This event will be hosted by Claire. Watch the bulletin board for details.

Mama sez: You only live once, but if you live it right, once is enough.

# Eastern seaboard motorcycle trip will be treasured

Our new neighbor, Diane Sanserverino and her cousin John took a motorcycle trip from Lindenhurst, N.Y., to Florida at the end of June (see photo at far right). Diane's husband Richie stayed home this trip.

They started out on the Garden State Parkway and took the ferry to Cape May. Next they went through Lewes, Del., and then on to Maryland so they could visit Ocean City.

Then they continued on to Chesapeake and Norfolk, Va. Next on their touring agenda was the Outer Banks in the Carolinas.

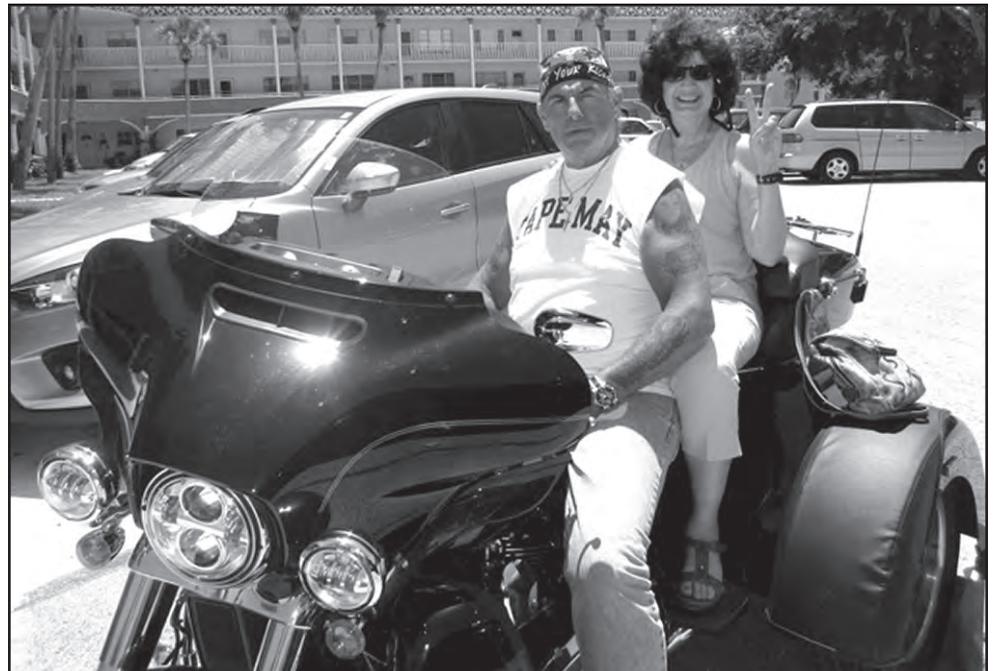
Three ferry rides later and they were in Cape Hatteras. Charleston, Beauford and Savannah were also on their list of "places to visit." Diane and John then headed to Florida.

Diane said the great part about the motorcycle ride was the scenery along the way instead of the usual boring ride on I-95.

John has ridden motorcycles for years and loves the open road. They were happy to finally arrive in Florida, though, as the sun and high humidity made for a hot ride.



Reporter's granddaughter came from Georgia to visit the Laskowskis for two weeks.



Roman Byzantine resident Diane Sanserverino sits behind her cousin John on the bike on which they recently took a journey down the East coast of the U.S. (Photos above and at left by Marguerite Laskowski)

Summertime fun continued for my husband and me with a two-week visit from our Georgia granddaughter (see photo at left). She and her girlfriend, whose grandparents are also OTOW residents, enjoyed our newly refurbished West side swimming pool.

We also went to the movies, went to the Straz Center and shopped in Tarpon Springs. Game night consisted of cards and board games. Our granddaughter loves trying to beat her grandparents playing Rummikub!

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# Independence Day salutes all who fought for freedom

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About this time of the year I remind us of our debt to those who have fought to insure our freedoms.

### It is the Soldier

by Father Dennis E. O'Brian, USMC

*It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.*

*It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

We, at the Azores, are allowed to put up our nation's flag for a few days to help with the birthday party and to show we care for our country, our service people and veterans.



For that, we are grateful.

Chuck and Carole Kilgore recently returned from vacationing in Texas. Said it is nice to be home and to cool off. We were grateful for Chuck's return — we were able to resume our Tuesday evening poker game. I'm not sure, but I believe he took some advanced training in Texas hold-em while he was gone. His game does appear sharper. He says, "Aw, shucks, it's just luck, fellas."

I will have photos soon of an exciting trip to China that Sy Mackey and I took recently.

Keep watching the bulletin board for stuff happening. If, by some accident, you do find yourself near the bulletin board, look near the bottom right-hand corner. A great place to put your news items for me to find... I sure would appreciate it!

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# Let's welcome a new resident and review a trip to Germany

Welcome to Patrick Ellingham, who is originally from Buffalo, N.Y. In 1976 he moved to Hollywood, Fla., where he taught English at Broward College. He was also an advisor to the Literary Arts Magazine there for 24 years.

Patrick has two children, a son and a daughter. His son lives close to On Top of the World with his family, which includes three daughters. The day I went to meet him he was getting ready to leave to take his granddaughter to one of her activities. Since he moved here to be closer to them, that was exactly what he wanted to be doing!

A cat that isn't real fond of people lives with Patrick, and spends most days under his bed.

I asked Patrick what he likes to do and he said he is still figuring that out. He does like to ride his bike, and is an Elvis fanatic. There is quite a bit of Elvis memorabilia in his condo, and Elvis actually signed one of the items he proudly displays.

Hart Kraimer is home from a three-and-a-half-week trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. He spent six days with a friend from his grade-school days in Münster, Germany.

Castles, palaces, and museums were visited. One museum was the Zeppelin



Hart Kraimer, left, stands with his long-lost cousin in front of a picturesque home.

Museum in Friedrichshafen, Germany. It features a full-size replica of the Hindenburg's starboard section.



Note the narrow streets, which are a familiar sight in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. The looming mountain in the background adds a dramatic touch to this photo.

He drove over 2,500 miles including driving at a speed of 160 kilometers per hour on the Autobahn. Driving that fast is stressful, but while he was driving 160 others were passing him like he was sitting still.

Walking took up quite a bit of his time, because the streets over there are very narrow, which I can vouch

for, and there is not enough parking. (See photo). He enjoyed the Alps and the Rhine Falls, and spent two days in Innsbruck, Austria.

As I'm writing this, Germany has just won the World Cup. Since Hart is German, I visited a very happy person shortly thereafter!

## Emergency Contact Info

These numbers or Web sites may come in handy when in a hurricane or other emergency situation. See page 26 for more hurricane preparedness information and instructions.

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- **American Red Cross:** www.redcross.org
- **National Weather Service:** www.nws.noaa.gov
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## THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 63, August, 1976)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

Some of the Good Neighbors activities were reviewed including:

1. The Visiting Committee, where members visit new residents, presenting them with OTOW booklets and answering questions.
2. A monthly Good Neighbors coffee, giving old and new residents an opportunity to become acquainted.
3. The Veranda Shoppe, which provides an outlet for handiwork done by members of the community.
4. The Blood Pressure program, which is held once a month.
5. Many residents have found the Assistant Helpers program to be an answer to minor household needs.

**See you next time!**

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# Residents enjoy summer by hosting visitors, traveling

Hello boys and girls — it's August already. Where is the summer going at such a clip? Happy birthdays and anniversaries to all of you in August.

A huge tip of a chapeau to Steve Mezurek for once again doing his fantastic Fourth of July flag decorations for our lovely building.

It's nice seeing Orrin Fanter around and enjoying himself. Orrin's cousin Lineia and husband Mike from Chicago visited recently much to the delight of the local eating establishments.

Jim Mease touched down from his travels long enough to celebrate his birthday with son and daughter-in-law from Texas — belated greetings, Jim. I will eat cake on your behalf!

Also having visitors was Carol Harris, whose daughter and family came from Missouri. They collected sand in their toes from every beach from St. Pete to Honeymoon. Aquariums were also on the agenda and John's Pass was their favorite shopping spot. After their company left, Fred and Carol hit the links. I hope to have a picture of one or both of them getting that elusive hole-in-one — good luck, pals!

The Bill Carey's were also on the move, having been to California for a wedding and some sight-seeing.

Charley Coombs, our official good neighbor and airport driver, had a grand



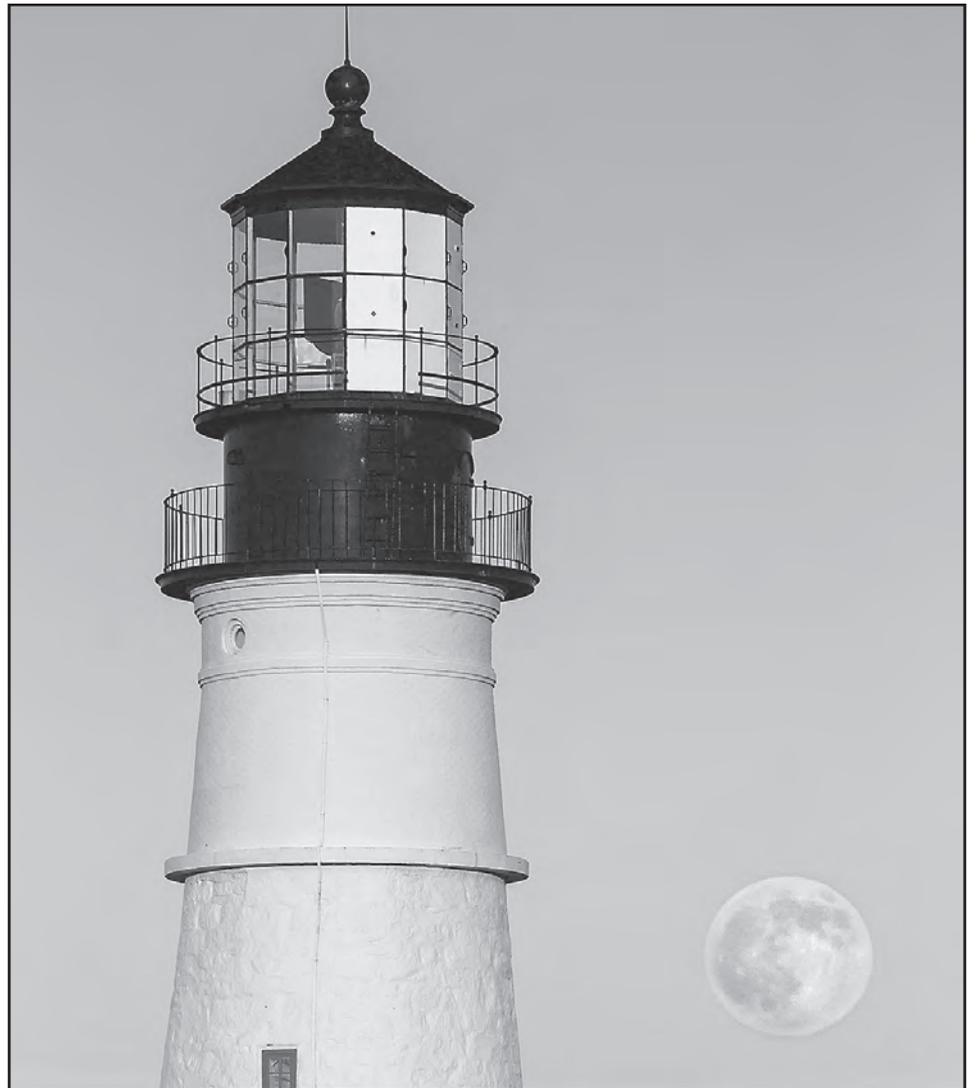
trip to Nevada. Landing in Las Vegas, he collected a car and was off to see the sites. He is now home safe and sound after a fun trip.

Our building is looking pretty darn ship shape. The re-paving along with sidewalk repairs is nice, indeed.

I leave you this month with a picture of one of three Super Moon rises that are expected this year — this one taken at Portland Headlight in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, courtesy of Mike Leonard, professional photographer and instructor, and our son.

Any news fit to print please send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Have one of those expensive Pillow top mattresses swayback too soon? We did. Flip it, get a topper and voila! A new mattress.



This mid-July "Super Moon" was captured in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, by the reporter's son, Mike Leonard, professional photographer and Photoshop instructor.



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## 'Grandma, take me out to the ball game'

...And so I did. Recently my granddaughter came to visit and requested that we go to a ball game, an easy wish to fulfill as Bright House Field is just down the road.

I had never been to a ball game in Florida myself, so this would be an adventure for the both of us. Turns out a friend of mine and her friends were going, and even better, they were going on my birthday. What a treat for my granddaughter and myself!

There is everything you can ask for at the stadium. Souvenirs store, hot dog stands, beer and atmosphere. Parking is easy; it is a joy to go. Lots of people and an extra treat after the game a rock concert. Does it get any better?

Also visiting this month were my daughter and my baby sister. Both were a great help and one even cleaned out my kitchen cabinets where she found a package of yeast from 2007! Stuck in a corner and at last found. Never had anyone clean out my cabinets before — what a treat!

Of course, we did the usual and ran around like crazy people: doing everything, seeing everything and non-stop talking to catch up.



Always nice to have family around.

My upstairs neighbors Malcolm and Elizabeth Warren went on a cruise on Carnival Legend in June. The highlight of the trip seemed to be the Warm Chocolate Melting Cake. The recipe is:

- 6 ounces dark chocolate
- 6 ounces butter
- 4 eggs (room temp)
- 1.5 ounces sugar
- 2 ounces flour
- Melt chocolate and butter, mix in eggs and sugar.
- Beat about two minutes.
- Add flour and egg mixture.



Reporter Sally Simmonds and her granddaughter on their way to a baseball game at Bright House Field.

Mix everything together. Pour into a greased mold and bake at 290 degrees for 14 minutes.

Please welcome Ms. Lovedly to our building. She is here with her best friend, "Buddy." Buddy is a very cute and friendly dog, so please welcome him as well.

That's all folks, 'til next month. They say the sky is the limit, but you cannot say that when there are footprints on the moon!



## Improvements made over the summer are welcome

August already — so hard to believe. Soon all of our friends from away will be back. One more month and things will start happening again for the winter season.

There has been much going on at On Top of the World. Not particularly clubs or shows, but improvements. Our building just had sod put in — what a nice look! Plus new sidewalks at the entrance. Now when you're out for a walk, you don't have to walk in the street.

We can now tell that our golf course is private. Flowers at both entrances, and as they lose their beauty they are replaced. Two new remodeled swimming pools. So much more goes on that we don't see. So thank you, OTOW!

Our building has been enjoying a night out every month by going to dinner, so watch the bulletin board.

Welcome to the new residents in our building. Enjoy the rest of your summer and have a happy Labor Day!

## Refreshing Ohio visit was activity-filled

*In August*

*When the sun is strong and the day is hot,  
We move about at a peaceful trot.  
We don't wear much in the way of clothes,  
And squirt ourselves with the garden hose.*

Remember when you or your children were young and did that? Growing up on the farm there was no hose but we had a galvanized tub which we put water in and just sat in it. Only room for one at a time. The boys went down to the creek to swim but that was off limits for us girls. Try that today. Nothing seems to be off limits for anyone, especially not wearing much in the way of clothes.

Carol Ann Futej is back from her month-long trip to Cleveland, Ohio, and the surrounding areas. Her granddaughter graduated from high school on May 24, and is going to Ohio State to study Physical Therapy. Of course, Grandma Carol was there for the ceremonies.

Carol stayed in three different places while there. One was out in the real country where she enjoyed being with the farm animals and the open spaces. She attended several family functions and had a very enjoyable time. She says the weather was quite different from Florida, 0 to 1% humidity, pleasant and enjoyable.

After her return, her grandson and family arrived here for a week's vacation July 4–12. The kids enjoyed being at the beach, but Carol only went along on the



special dinners. They all enjoyed the special fireworks display at the Seminole Street Marina. It is always fun having the young ones visiting.

Now that Carol is back, she has planned a dinner at the Village Inn for food and a free piece of pie. Remember every Wednesday is free piece of pie with one purchase. I hope I saw many of you there. I know the number will be small as I see all the empty parking places around the building. More about that next month. Thanks, Carol.

Have you been watching the replay on the OTOW channel of past shows at 8 p.m. on Friday nights? I recently watched the 2014 Chorus Spring Concert. There was our friend Carol singing away on camera. I'm glad I saw the June program as the July 2013 one was on July 4 and I have to see the Capitol Fourth celebration in Washington D.C. Always enjoy so many people surrounding our

national landmarks and celebrating our beginnings.

I marvel again at the fact that there are no holidays posted on my calendar for August. Guess we need to rest up from the busy July celebrations.

There is a box by the Melbourne Bulletin Board for you to drop off your monthly news. Hope to see more news in there for September.

Again, may you survive the dog days of summer, why do they call them dog days? I am sure looking forward to the return of our Snowbirds.

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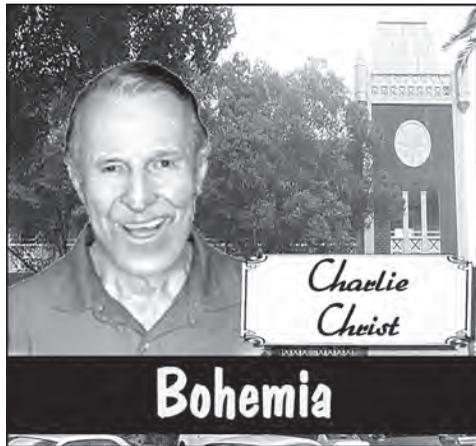
# Special rum cake was a hit at holiday picnic

Our 4th of July celebration was a hit, featuring burgers, hot dogs and pot-luck-style side dishes. Our men won the puzzle-solving contest, thanks to Fran's 12-year old grandson. He almost single-handedly defeated our ladies with the help of Dan and Jim.

The food was outstanding, but the real hit was Fran Leichhardt's delectable rum cake, which left everyone begging for more. The ladies vowed to dethrone the men on the next go-around in the puzzle contest.

Jim Schelling had a rare surprise when wife Paula took him to Clearwater Beach for his 70th birthday celebration. Awaiting his presence was his son along with his wife and 4-year-old daughter and a nephew from Orlando. The event culminated at a dinner with a great view overlooking the Gulf of Mexico from the Hyatt Hotel dining room.

Barbara and I celebrated 10 years of marriage by repeating our vows at St. Matthias church in Clearwater this month. Our previous



spouses had passed away. This is our third marriage.

She did the cooking and preparations while her daughters helped set up for the luncheon following the ceremony. I helped by staying out of the way and giving my opinion when asked. We thank all our Bohemian neighbors, the Pinochle Club and church friends for being there to enjoy this celebration with us. This will all culminate by a one-night stay in an



"Macy" has a proud owner, Bohemia resident Betty Arnhold. Macy is almost 2 years old.

undisclosed location at a later date.

"Macy" (see photo above) lives with Betty Arnhold. She is a miniature Italian Greyhound born on Dec. 3, 2012, and adopted at the Nebraska Rescue Center. Macy loves to take Betty on daily walks and keeps her warm when they sleep during the night.

I just finished the July 4th Midnight Run in Dunedin. Anyone wanting to join me next year, just call anytime and we can begin training for it.

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**Recycling project deserves support of all**

“Think of what you can do today that will make yourself proud while resulting in a better world tomorrow!” I have thought about it, and recycling is one of the most productive things each and every one of us can do to make our world more environmentally friendly. Think: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

I like to not only purchase at thrift shops, but I also give my good but unusable items back to thrift shops. Why not make someone else happy instead of filling landfills?

Beginning Aug. 1, the Nagoya Building, like all buildings at On Top of the World, will be currently involved with a recycling program on a trial basis. We at OTOW are “the largest single contributors” to our landfill. We should be able to make a very sizable difference. Remember, recycling at OTOW during August is on a trial period to see if we comply enough with the program to make it worthwhile. I am a believer of recycling for many reasons:

1. We only have so much land/water in which to put trash.
2. Why not turn plastic bottles or aluminum cans into new plastic bottles or cans?
3. We can make a difference for future generations.
4. It costs us nothing, but makes a huge difference to the environment.



recyclable items, thereby keeping our landfills from overflowing.

It is vital to reduce and recycle here in Pinellas County since we only have one landfill and yet we have a large population density at OTOW.

It was heartwarming when an unfamiliar lady from another building came to my door about six weeks ago because she said she always looks for and reads my articles. She thanked me because she had seen my picture in the paper as one of eight who visited the Tampa Recycling Plant.

While she can no longer clean her own condo, she has a husband and wife team come in to clean for her. She said she requests that the couple take her recyclables to the plant because she believes in recycling.

So, see, there are many people out there that are eager to recycle. If she can do it, you and I can, too!

As the saying goes, one man’s junk is another man’s treasure! Let’s all join forces to make this recycling program a huge success! I thank all of you for your contribution to this worthwhile project.

5. Yes, one single person’s garbage can make a difference!

6. You don’t have to sort those items that are recyclable. It’s easy once you learn the basics.

Green containers will be in each building and will hold our recyclable items. (Please do not put your regular trash into the green containers.) Only put in items, without sorting them, that are recyclable. The green containers will be removed every Wednesday.

There is a full-page color announcement on page 2 of this newspaper that explains what can and cannot be placed in the bins. You may want to cut it out and post it somewhere for ready reference.

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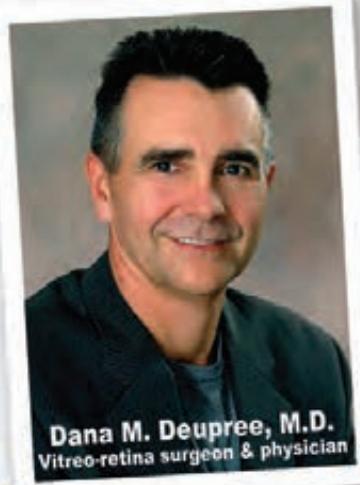
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# Wedding anniversary gala in Chicago marks 60 years

Sixty years is a long time, but not when you are married to your best friend. Fran and Ron Magnussen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month up in Chicago with their three daughters, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They had a wonderful time celebrating non-stop with family and friends. The photos show the happy couple on their wedding day as well as a recent photo from one of the many parties up in Chicago.

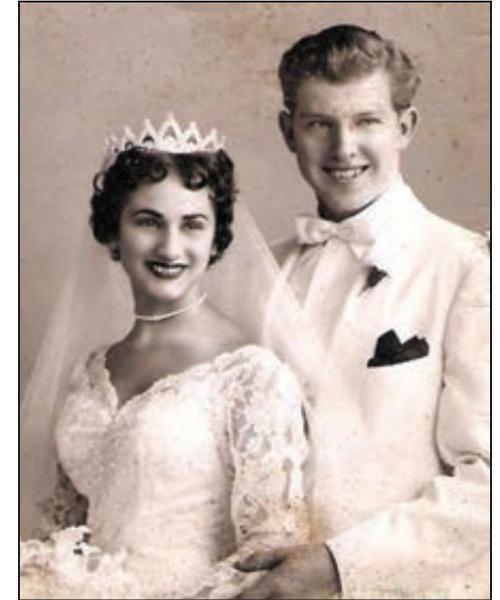
The bottom photo shows their three daughters with their husbands from last year's vacation in Cancun to mark



Ron's 80th birthday. Congratulations Fran and Ron!



Yoshimitsu residents Ron and Fran Magnussen celebrate 60 years of marriage this year.



In this 1954 wedding photograph, Fran and Ron Magnussen begin their marital journey that recently celebrated 60 years with a family party in Chicago.



Family members met in Cancun last year to celebrate Ron's 80th birthday. From L-R are Chip and Linda Rose, Ron and Fran, Sheri and Mike Blaa, Debbie and Mike Deuter (Fran and Ron's three daughter's and their husbands).



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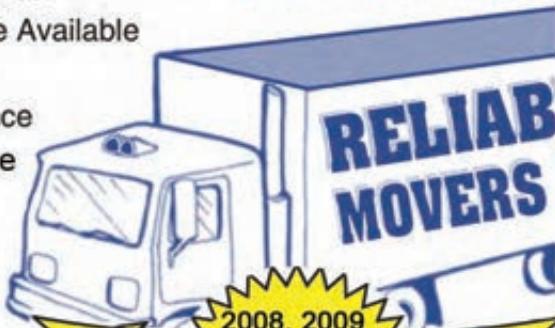
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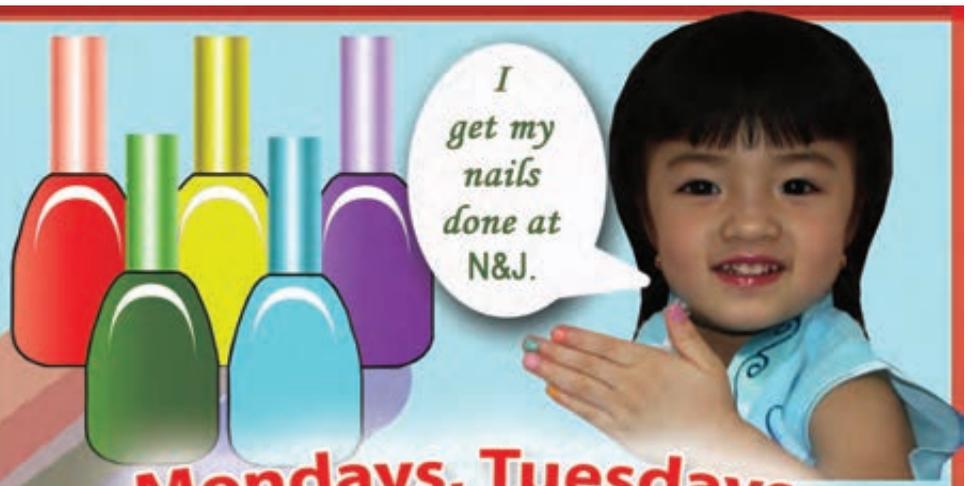
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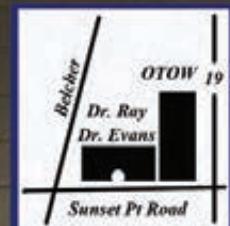
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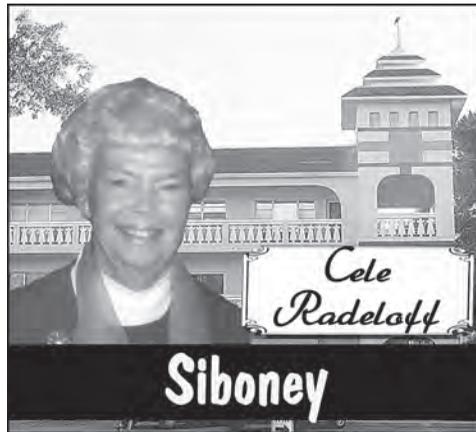
# Reporter enjoys many birthday wishes

One of the good things about having a birthday is hearing from out-of-towners. Mary Jane and Ralph DeVoe are well and in the process of selling their home in Gloversville, N.Y.

Laura and Bob Evans have bought a new home in Missouri and are very happy there.

Connie Hill, Agnes' daughter, and Paula and Craig Ergang sent cards from Indiana. Greetings arrived from "The White House," Washington, D.C., and I also heard from another president, our Siboney leader, Skip Heller and his lovely wife Pat.

Terri Winiarski, a former neighbor, called from Orland Park, Ill. She's feeling good and enjoying life. Eileen Bianchi, of the Dorado building, sent a delicious "Edible Fruit" arrangement, and she is still up in Spring Hill. We do miss her in the Press Room.



Another surprise was hearing from Ceil Marchand, a line dancer from Wisconsin. Many thanks for all the good wishes from Clearwater, New Jersey, New York, Utah, California and Melbourne, Fla.

Two of our neighbors, Doris Prekopa and her sister Penny Drummond, joined Audrey Jones in a bus trip to Savannah, Ga. The bus trip

was long, but they stopped frequently and enjoyed lunch at the Cracker Barrel. The hotel was excellent, and the guides on the bus pointed out all the interesting sights. The weather was just like Florida — hot during the day and rainy in the evenings. Only downside was too many buses going to the same places.

Incidentally, did you read the wonderful article on Audrey in the June issue? Try to attend her seminar on August 1, the issue date of this paper.

See you at the dinner-dance on Aug. 9. Also, Sunday-in-the-Park is on Aug. 10. Bring dollars for the 50/50.

Our new neighbors have done a great job of beautifying their patio with a fence, awning, potted palms and lights. What a great addition! Welcome, Debbie and Antun.

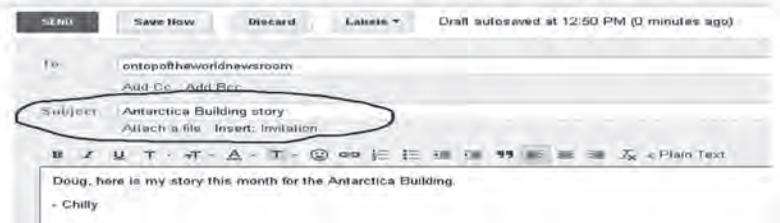
Thank you, Julie and Doug, our editor, for the nice line dance article last month. It was a wonderful surprise!

## COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium. Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is minimal. The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at OTOW. So come visit your recreation center and enjoy a cup of coffee at your Coffee Corner!

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## Calendar of Monthly OTOW Activities — August 2014

01 Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Large Card Room
06 Wednesday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
07 Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Meeting	Large Card Room
08 Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Large Card Room
09 Saturday	5:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
10 Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
11 Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
13 Wednesday	4:00 PM	Community Service Office Rec Card Renewal	Veranda
14 Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
21 Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
30 Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Large Card Room

### Daily Calendar

#### MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner ..... Auditorium  
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) ..... Outdoors  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 8:30 Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 8:30 Ent. Comm/Club Ticket Sales ..... Auditorium  
 8:30 Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 9:00 Computer Club Meeting ..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Photo IDs ..... East Activity Center  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Zumba Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 9:00 Library ..... Library  
 9:00 Water Exercise Class ..... East Side Pool  
 9:30 Brazilian Embroidery ..... Art Room  
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 11:30 Contract Bridge ..... Yellow Room  
 12:30 Mahjongg Game ..... Rainbow Room  
 1:00 Canasta ..... Small Classroom  
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners ..... East Side Gym  
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced ..... East Side Gym  
 5:00 Mahjongg Game ..... Rainbow Room  
 6:00 Bingo ..... Auditorium  
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament ..... Billiards Room

#### TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner ..... Auditorium  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 8:30 Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 9:00 Computer Club Meeting ..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Photo IDs ..... East Activity Center  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Caring and Sharing ..... Crafts Room-Kitchen  
 9:00 Jewelry Making ..... Lapidary  
 9:00 Zumba Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 9:00 Water Exercise Class ..... East Side Pool  
 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 Ceramics ..... Crafts Room-Kitchen  
 1:00 9-Ball Tournament ..... Billiards Room

1:00 Canasta ..... Small Classroom  
 1:00 Line Dancing ..... Auditorium  
 2:00 Chess ..... Rainbow Room  
 5:30 Dominos ..... Small Classroom  
 6:00 Mahjongg Game ..... Rainbow Room  
 6:00 Pinochle ..... Large Card Room  
 6:30 Poker Group ..... Poker Room  
 6:30 Poker Group ..... Yellow Room  
 7:00 Bible Study Meeting ..... Veranda

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner ..... Auditorium  
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) ..... Outdoors  
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training ..... East Side Gym  
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 8:30 Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 9:00 Computer Club Meeting ..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Photo IDs ..... East Activity Center  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts ..... Crafts Room  
 9:00 Knitting Group ..... Veranda  
 9:00 Water Exercise Class ..... East Side Pool  
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 10:00 Zumba Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 12:00 Library ..... Library  
 1:00 Mahjongg Game ..... Rainbow Room  
 1:00 Double Pinochle ..... Small Classroom  
 1:00 Painting Pals ..... Art Room  
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners ..... East Side Gym  
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced ..... East Side Gym  
 5:30 Baby Boomers Game Night ..... Kitchen  
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards ..... Billiards Room

#### THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner ..... Auditorium  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 8:30 Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 8:30 Ent. Comm/Club Ticket Sales ..... Auditorium  
 9:00 Computer Club Meeting ..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Photo IDs ..... East Activity Center  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
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 11:00 Yoga Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 11:30 Contract Bridge ..... Large Card Room  
 12:00 Poker Group ..... Yellow Room  
 1:00 Mahjongg Game ..... Small Classroom  
 1:00 Drawing Class ..... Art Room  
 1:00 Learn To Ballroom Dance ..... Sunrise Room  
 2:00 Chess ..... Rainbow Room  
 5:00 Pinochle ..... Large Card Room  
 5:00 Pinochle ..... Small Classroom  
 6:30 Billiards Tournament ..... Billiards Room

#### FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner ..... Auditorium  
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) ..... Outdoors  
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training ..... East Side Gym  
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 8:30 Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 9:00 Computer Club Meeting ..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Photo IDs ..... East Activity Center  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise ..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Ceramics ..... Crafts Room  
 9:00 Pinochle ..... Small Classroom  
 9:00 Zumba Exercise ..... Large Card Room  
 9:00 Water Exercise ..... East Side Pool  
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class ..... West Side Gym  
 12:00 Library ..... Library  
 1:00 Chess ..... Rainbow Room  
 1:00 Mahjongg Game ..... Small Classroom  
 6:00 Poker Group ..... Rainbow Room  
 6:00 9-Ball Tournament ..... Billiards Room  
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta ..... Small Classroom

#### SATURDAY

8:30 Line Dancing ..... Auditorium  
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting ..... Large Card Room  
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge ..... Large Card Room  
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners ..... East Side Gym  
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced ..... East Side Gym

#### SUNDAY

1:00 Pinochle ..... Small Classroom

# Featured resident is involved in photography and more

Mary Lou Wall, who is well known to a great many residents of On Top of the World because she is quite active in so many clubs and activities, went on a recent Travel Club trip. She was nice enough to take the time to tell our readers about it.

It was a bus trip to Savannah, Ga., and other low country spots. They stayed for the first four days at a motel in Savannah and used it as a base to visit some of the nearby islands. Their final stop was in Beaufort, S.C.

Savannah is a beautiful city with lots of history. It is laid out with a number of squares, and there are many old houses, including some that have been the locale for a number of movies as well as being rented to famous people.

They saw memorials, toured Water Street (see photo), visited the Georgia State Railroad Museum, etc. Mary Lou has gorgeous pictures of some of the homes, the flowers, the ships on the waterfront, etc. They also visited the house of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts.

The group also toured Jekyll Island, which has many huge estates which were built by millionaires. They did it in a horse-drawn carriage, which was fun.



They passed one magnificent house after another. The same "millionaire's row" impression was made by the houses on St. Simons Island.

St. Simons has a tall lighthouse; the more adventurous members of the group climbed the 129 steps to the top of it. (Mary Lou said that her muscles ached for a couple of days afterwards from the exertion.)

They went to the Penn Center in Beaufort and learned about the Gullah culture which grew in the sea islands of Georgia and South Carolina as well as adjacent areas on the mainland. Slaves from many different parts of Africa who lived there developed a language and unique customs of their own.



Featured resident Mary Lou Wall is shown here on the riverfront dock in Savannah, Ga., during a recent OTOW Travel Club tour there.

On a personal note, I found it interesting to talk to Mary Lou and I am impressed by her energy and involvement with the OTOW community.

As well as belonging to the Travel Club, she is a photographer for

the OTOW News as well as for the entertainment committee.

She belongs to the Computer Club, Snowbirds, New York/New Jersey Club and the Italian American Club. She also performs with the Jesters and has agreed to be their assistant secretary.



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



**Class is 9-Noon, Sept. 18 & 19 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room**

*(Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by Sept. 11.)*

**Your name:**

**Date of birth:**

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**Building number:**

**Telephone:**

***You must bring a check for \$15 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.***

## Two-week trip covered parks in the U.S. and Canada

We have had many comings and goings of our residents this past month. Dick Kronawetter took quite a two-week trip. He joined four local friends and flew to Spokane, Wash., where they stayed for a day.

Then they drove to Whitefish, Mont. Whitefish is nestled at the foot of Big Mountain and within a short distance of Glacier National Park and the Canadian border.

They spent a week there enjoying the area. They then went to Glacier National Park, then to the hot springs, where they attended a rodeo and toured an Indian reservation.

The town's historic railroad depot and quaint Central Avenue gives visitors a taste of historic Montana.

Then they were off to Banff, Alberta, Canada. Banff is a town within Banff National Park in Alberta. It is located in Alberta's Rockies along the Trans-Canada Highway.

Dick said that you had to be extremely careful when driving because the wild elk, bears, etc. walk across the road occasionally.

Then they drove back to Spokane where they had arranged to fly home. They had driven about 2,500 miles on the two-week excursion.

Nancy said that Dick slept for about a week after he arrived home. Why did Nancy not go along? The



Dick Kronawetter at a stack of antlers in National Bison Range, near Banff, Alberta.

Kronawetter's have two birds, two cats and a dog. Nancy stayed home to care for them. Nancy, you deserve a nice dinner after Dick recuperates!



Dick Kronawetter, at far left with pole, poses with his traveling companions in the Lake Louise area in Alberta, Canada. He brought back many photos from the two-week trip.

Jackie and Jerry Dooley's 9-year-old grandson flew alone from his home in Alaska to visit his grandparents. They took him to Disney World, Busch Gardens, Lowry Park and Air Heads.

The most exciting of all the events was a helicopter ride in which they flew over our building, the beaches (where they saw the swimmers), and the Gulf. They also flew up to Tarpon Springs.

I know a great number of our residents eat at the Sunset Grill. Well,

on the 4th of July an article appeared in the Tampa Bay Times that Zukie Tzakas, baker, cook and manager of the Sunset Grill won the commercial division of the American Pie Council's national championship. She won for her Key Lime pie. The plaque that she won is now displayed at the entrance to the restaurant.

(See the June issue of the OTOW News for a front-page story on Zukie's famous Key Lime pie.)

## Holiday picnic turned out better than ever

Just when it seemed that we weren't going to do anything special to celebrate our nation's birthday on July 4th, several of our "tree people" got together and pulled off one of the best picnics ever.

Ron Topa and Bob Saylor barbecued ribs for the main dish. (They were so oh, oh, so good!) Gin Upton and Reta Carney set up the tables and chairs. Twenty-two people joined in the fun, each of whom brought a delicious side or dessert.

The weather was very nice (we always seem to get a nice afternoon breeze at our gathering site.) Half of the people stayed until nearly eight o'clock, when the rains came down sending them to their homes.

The happiest person during the month of June had to be Dorothy Hartnaugle, whose daughter came for her yearly visit. Dorothy's smile was a mile wide as the two of them went shopping and dining all over the place and delighting in one another's company.

Another happy camper was Marilyn Weeks (the Rays' most ardent rooter).



She got to go to Tropicana Field to see the game in person. If I am correct, the team won that game for her.

Donna Cameron returned from her four-week jaunt to Indiana where she visited with relatives and old friends. It had been three years since she made that trip.

Her daughter and hubby came to On Top of the World the week before, making the auto trip with stops for a rest in Alabama with friends, both going and coming home. She did a lot of shopping and visiting. She brought home pictures of her five

generations of family, which were so interesting to see.

Now, if you were wondering why our place has been so quiet lately, it was because four of our most active people were vacationing.

Pat Volheim went to Michigan to help her daughter pack for a move to the Clearwater area at the end of August. She wanted to visit old friends and family there.

Connie Saylor went to Connecticut to visit with her two sisters. While there she went to a basketball game in which her favorite women's team participated. I believe it was the University of Connecticut.

Reta Carney went to Arkansas, and Gin Upton flew to Minnesota to attend several reunions.

Thank goodness all have returned because it's just too quiet without them!

We continue to have our 4 p.m. "happy hour" beneath our trees or at "Ralph's Corner" should the weather be inclement. Please join us. You will have a lot of laughs and fun.



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## Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

# OTOW Change of Address Form

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Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Leaving OTOW Home: \_\_\_\_\_



Complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.

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Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

### Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

### Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

### Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
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### Friday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.



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Newlyweds Jerry and Beth Thomas



The newlyweds arrived home to find it nicely decorated. (Photo by Ute Scheibe)



The Brittany Farmhouse July 4th party drew more than 30 residents, friends and family.

## Newlyweds return to find smartly decorated quarters

Our newlyweds, Beth and Jerry Thomas, came back June 28th from a wonderful wedding up in Connecticut with family and friends and enjoyed a nicely decorated front door and windows (see photos at top).

Thank you Hannah Frey for the mesh. It turned into a pretty bow!

Our 4th of July party with 30 people, residents, friends and family, was a great success. It was held under the shade of the old oak trees.

With a nice breeze that "Arthur," the first named storm of the season,



Ute Scheibe  
Brittany Farmhouse

sent us, we had a really good time sharing delicious food and drinks (see photo above).

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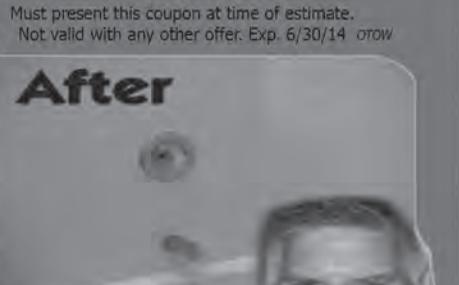
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## Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

## Interesting tours are highlight of month

Terry Mikulski and I posted an invitation to Saratoga residents to come join us for a luncheon at Sunset Grill on July 3. We ended up with eight people and had a great time (see photo at far right). In the picture, front row starting at the left is Kathy Fiorentino, Terry Mikulski, Mike Mikulski, and Mary Ellis. Back row left to right is Roger Nicoll, Hilda Hamilton, and Jim Hamilton.

John Fiorentino took this picture, so he was with us! The conversation was lively, food delicious and our server was top of the line.

Keep watching the bulletin board for more of these luncheons or possibly even a breakfast. It's a great way to meet some of your neighbors and learn more about your surroundings.

Roger Nicoll just returned from an On Top of the World Travel Club bus trip. They went to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and St. Simons Island in Georgia, and Beaufort S.C. While on Jekyll Island they had a guided tram ride through the Historic District with stops at restored "cottages" once known



These Saratoga residents enjoyed a nice luncheon at the Sunset Grill on July 3. (Photo by John Fiorentino)

as the private "Millionaire's Club."

They enjoyed dinner at The Shell House Restaurant in Savannah and also had a guided tour of both historic River Street and the city itself. Roger said it is beautiful. Then in Beaufort they had a guided tour of historic Beaufort and also Penn Center. What a busy five days. Roger is ready for the next trip!

We had John's sister Cathy and his brother-in-law Donald visit us from our home state of Pennsylvania. Cathy and Donald were with us for eight days.

They love Clearwater Beach, so we spent some of those days enjoying the sand and surf.

We took them to see Cigar City Brewery, Tampa Brewery, Ybor City, Sea Dog Brewery, Anna Maria Island and John's Pass. Can you tell by our stops that John and Donald like beer?

The Cigar City Brewery tour was really interesting and enjoyed by all of us and Anna Marie Island was beautiful. A good time was had by all of us but the days went by real fast.

## He thought better about skipping column

Happy Senior Citizen Day will be celebrated August 21!

Hello again! I said I wasn't going to do any writing in August. So there I was, sitting around toasting in the heat reading a pamphlet from my health insurance on "How to Grow Old Gracefully." First off Karen asked, "Why are you reading that when you are already old?" Well, I am in a writing mood now, so here is my submission for August...

Looks like we are going to start a recycling program this month. I know Capistrano residents will cooperate, since we are all environmentally aware. One thing — recycling here at On Top of the World will save me money. We used to fill a bag or two and take them to the dumpster at Walmart.

Lot of strange things around that dumpster. Karen would always have to go into Walmart and buy something. So, thanks, OTOW admin, for the recycling trial!



Hope everyone remembers to renew their recreation pass especially if you are having young visitors that want to swim in our newly-refurbished pools.

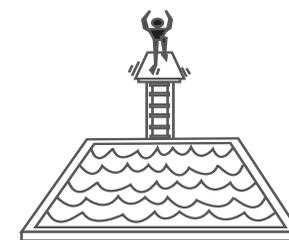
Too hot for golf unless you want to play in the middle of the night. I did see some "glo balls" somewhere. Actually I heard of a glo ball tournament in Brockport, N.Y. But then, who wants to chase a ball when the mosquitos are chasing you?

No one sent me any news and I don't know of anything exciting happening around Capistrano. Everyone is too hot to venture out and do anything exciting.

Well it is time for my trivia junk: August is the month for those who like mustard, watermelon, their sister, S'mores, the tooth fairy, left-handed folks (like me), their dog and Creamsicles. (Remember those orange-covered vanilla ice cream bars on a stick? Phew!)

Heard this is in a bar a while ago while I was having a GENNY CREAM ALE (well, maybe more than one): "They say milk gives you strength, drink three glasses and try moving a wall. You can't. Now drink three shots of vodka and the wall moves itself."

We could conjugate hot: June is hot, July is hotter, August is hottest. Hope you are enjoying summer. The Snowbirds will be migrating this way before you know it. Welcome!



### SWIMMING POOL RULES DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS! Know the Rules and Abide by them!

- This facility is exclusively for OTOW unit owners with a valid recreation card, for guests of unit owners accompanying residents with a valid recreation card, or for renters with a valid recreation card.
- Please show your valid recreation card upon the SCA staff's request.
- Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave.
- Swim at your own risk
- There is no lifeguard on duty.
- Oils, sun block, and body lotions must be showered off before entering pool.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather.
- Walkways to the gates must be kept clear at all times.
- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.
- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week.
- Guests under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

### ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

- As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.
- Remember to make a complete stop when you come to any stop sign within the OTOW community. The other cars and pedestrians around you are depending on it, even though you may not see them. A "rolling stop" places you and others at risk of an accident. Stop, look both ways, and look in front of you. Thanks for being a cautious and safe driver!

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On hand for an early-bird dinner at Acapulco Loco in June were (L-R) Cecile Sangiamo, Kay Tenuta, Roy Satkowski and JoAnn Dameron.

## Kudos to OTOW landscaping crews for sod replacement

My column this month will be a short one. Many of our residents are gone or haven't left yet or just got back and haven't had any time to sit and chat. I promise you lots of news on our travelers next month.

On Top of the World landscapers worked hard on laying sod at the core entrance on Australia Way, digging up the plants that were there and laying mulch on one side.

They also replaced the grass with sod on the other side. A lot of ferns were removed at the Brazilia Drive core entrance and sod was laid. A few residents had their front yards re-sodded also. Some work was done on the in-ground sprinkler system.

While working the church bazaar, Esmeralda and her daughter bought three nice new oilcloth table cloths with flannel backing and donated them to the building for the two new six-foot folding tables. Thanks!

If anyone got out and about on Friday, July 4th, I hope they saw the "bang-up" job at the Modernage Building. Every ground floor unit had



a flag. Flags lined the whole driveway. Looked great!

Our event for the month was an early-bird dinner at Acapulco Loco on June 18 (see photo). We had a very light turnout, but that's life.

Attending were (left to right) Cecile Sangiamo, Kay Tenuta, Roy Satkowski and JoAnn Dameron. JoAnn had a surprise bag of scratch-off lottery tickets to draw from. Cecile had one winning ticket for a dollar and graciously donated it back to the fund.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin board for news on our building.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. ***If the submitters name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.***

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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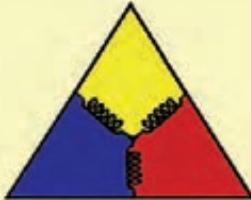
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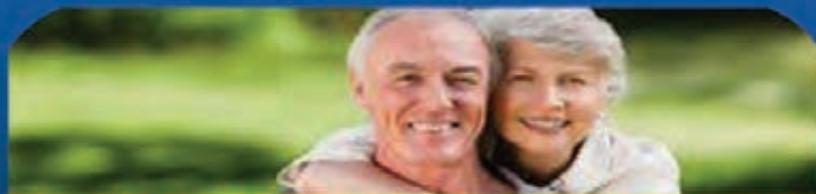
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