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New section of Pinellas County Trail will allow residents access at Sunset Point Road

By Doug Kates

Anyone who has ever been on our 18-hole golf course, or driven on US 19 near Enterprise Road, has seen the infamous “Bridge To Nowhere.”

But by June of next year, that bridge will actually become a very important part of the already popular Pinellas County Trail.

Construction is currently underway which will extend a bike/pedestrian path from the west side of the bridge to Sunset Point Road.

The asphalt/concrete path, will parallel the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course and dodge power poles along Duke Energy property.

OTOW residents will gain easy access to the Pinellas County Trail by simply walking/riding to the access area on Sunset Point Road.

“Greater pedestrian and bicycle access is a wonderful recreational opportunity,” said On Top of the World Chairman Kenneth D. Colen.

“Ultimately, the county wants to be connected north to south,” said county planner Dan Glaser. “This is just one piece. This is a very important section.”

A groundbreaking ceremony staged by Clearwater residents, community partners and members of Clearwater City Council, took place in June.

In July, residents leaving or arriving at On Top of the World could see construction work begin along Sunset Point Road next to a former consignment shop.

The path will continue alongside power lines and towers until reaching the bridge - nearly a straight shot.

In the future, when the entire Pinellas County Trail loop is finished, it will become possible to ride a bicycle from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg, and from Old Tampa Bay to the Gulf



Pictured at left, two walkers arrive at the end of the line from the Duke Energy Trail bridge over US 19. Soon, a new path will extend from this point to Sunset Point Road. To the right of the bridge you can see the OTOW golf course. Pictured below is the Sunset Point Road entrance area under construction.



of Mexico.

“With the construction of (this) 1.2 mile segment down to Sunset Point

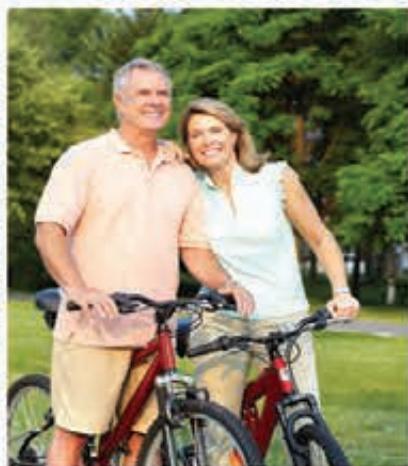
Road, this will bring us closer to completing the 70-mile loop throughout Pinellas County,” said Pinellas County

Commissioner Karen Williams Seel.

Overall, the project will take 300 days to complete.



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Inspection Services Department is here to keep us safe while maintaining high living standards

From time to time, we receive letters regarding notices from the Parkway Management Inspection Services Department.

My article this month will cover a short review of the services and the primary function of this important department and how it serves the community and residents.

The primary goal of this department is to ensure buildings and community residents are compliant with the On Top of the World Condominium Declaration, Rules and Community Standards, as well as local and state ordinances.

Some of the items addressed include:

- walkway, stairwell and center core egress.
- ensuring new components (doors, windows, awnings, etc.) are wind rated and are permitted prior to installation.
- contractors are licensed and insured (proof must be included with every modification form).
- common area warranties are not impacted (specifically paint, waterproofing and roofing).
- community standards are met, rules are not violated.
- unit owner modifications are aesthetically compatible with the com-



munity.

Due to the size and demographics of this community, from time to time unqualified contractors try to gain access into the community and take advantage of unsuspecting residents.

They will offer unbelievable deals that beat the competition, usually because they are unlicensed, uninsured and aren't qualified to perform the work they are proposing.

The unit owner is the one that suffers in the form of leaks from improperly installed windows, doors and improperly sealed openings around the air conditioning compressor.

Trust me. The cost of one leak exceeds the cost of hiring licensed and insured contractors from the onset.

In an effort to save money, one unit owner experienced the installation

of windows designed and manufactured for mobile homes. This is exactly the type of situation the Inspection Services Department wants to help you avoid.

The Inspection Services Department plays an important role in not only your safety, but also in maintaining the integrity and value of our community.

Due to the nature of certain violations, follow-up visits for non-compliance may result in referral to legal counsel for an enforcement action. While this is certainly not the action the Association wishes to pursue, we simply must protect the residents and the community.

If you do not have a copy of the recently revised Amended and Restated Rules for the On Top of the World Community, you may access them online at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com under the Service Department Tab.

You may also obtain a copy by visiting the Community Service Office. The rules will provide direction and specifications related to Community Standards.

Mosquito Control

On June 23, the Inspection Services Department distributed notices in each building center core regarding the removal of live plants, landscape

pots and saucers from common area landings and center cores.

Building inspections had revealed many unattended plants and standing water in the majority of the plant containers.

Not only are the unattended and dying plants unsightly, the standing water in various pots and saucers create an environment perfect for breeding mosquitos.

As stated in the notice, any plants and plant containers remaining in building core landings and center cores after June 30, 2016, will be removed and disposed of.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control asks all citizens to do their part to reduce the mosquito population. Remember, mosquitoes only need one-fourth to one-half inch of standing water for the larvae to survive. Residents with first floor patios are asked to monitor and be proactive by removing and/or emptying any containers that may hold water.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control treats the On Top of the World property in known breeding areas as a part of their maintenance program. The community must assist by eliminating environments located in and around the buildings that are conducive to mosquito breeding.



In mid-July, the yellow, brick wall surrounding the East Activity Center pool received a fresh coat of paint to match the color of the activity center. First the bricks in the wall were covered in stucco, then the pillars were painted dark brown, then the entire wall followed.

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We check for recreation cards to make sure only residents and renters are using OTOW facilities

It's that time of year again.

This is the perfect time to enjoy lunch at the Good Karma Café, participate in a club activity or spend a lazy day by the pool.

It is also the time of year that we see an increase in the number of non-residents coming into our community. They arrive by car and bus, on foot or bicycle, and they shower, use the facilities and certainly spend time at the pool.

It is also the time of year that the SCA facility staff increases their number of recreation card checks. They do this as a way to eliminate, as much as possible, this unwanted activity.

Please do your part by having your valid recreation card with you when you utilize the facilities and present it to staff when asked.

By working together, we can help to minimize unwanted activities and have a cleaner and safer community.

Safety Awareness Seminar hosted by CSO

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the East Activity Center auditorium, the Community Service Office will be hosting Jessica Hughey from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit.

She will be here to conduct a seminar on "personal" safety.

Jessica will share tips on how you and your neighbors can protect yourselves and make it tough for criminals to work in your neighborhood. She will also be discussing when it is appropriate to contact the police, what type of information to report. She will also provide tips related to personal safety in the home, while walking, while shopping and in your vehicles.

Some quick tips include:

At home: Never give out information over the telephone indicating you



are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.

Banking: Many criminals know exactly when government checks arrive each month and pick that day to attack. Avoid this by using Direct Deposit.

While shopping: Don't carry any more cash on you than what is necessary.

In your car: Always keep your car doors locked, whether you are in or out of your car.

Preregistration is required to attend and a registration form is located at the bottom of this page.

You can also stop into the CSO for additional information and registration. Light refreshments will be served.

Alzheimer Memory Care Bus

The Memory Care bus will be on site in the North parking lot of the East Activity Center on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 1-4 p.m.

They will be conducting face-to-face screenings and the screenings consist of a series of questions and/or tasks designed to test memory, language skills, thinking ability, and other intellectual functions.

The individual who administers the screening will review the results with the person being screened and suggest whether the person should follow

up with a physician for more extensive testing. All results of the memory screenings are confidential and the participant will receive the screening results for their records.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite room on Thursday, Aug. 18 and Friday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 48 of this On Top of the World newspaper.

F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus, or F.L.O.W bus, provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

The F.L.O.W. bus is scheduled to be in the community on Tuesday Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

Good Karma Café Offers Late Hours

Tuesdays and Wednesdays the Good Karma Café will be open until 8 p.m. Also as a reminder, there is a link on the OTOW Box Office that lists weekly specials, so take a few minutes and check it out.

For your convenience you can pre-order meals, sandwiches, drinks and snacks for your next club event. Stop into the café for details.

Recreation Card Information

When renewing your recreation card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece

of mail indicating your name and property address. Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Important Phone Numbers

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911.

The OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only.

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request. For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

SCA Staff

As always, I would also like to 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. We like to recognize their good deeds and will announce them in our safety meetings.

On Top of the World Community Service Office

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Personal Safety Information Seminar



Registration form:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

BUILDING _____ UNIT _____

Deadline for registration: September 9, 2016 (Return form to CSO office)

Event Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
 Time: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
 Location: East Activity Center Auditorium



Take time for a reality check

Checking in around the Community

July seemed to slip away incredibly fast, probably because of all the projects going on in On Top of the World.

Insurance Update

Tropical storm season is a reminder to each resident 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 market value of your condominium at the time of the event.

It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit.

Water Heaters

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.

Insurance Coverage

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 5 percent of the total value at the time of loss, at each



location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood (rising water), 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 then click “Community” and download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

Buildings 53 and 61 will both have new paint coatings applied to the front façade of the structure in August.

Please be aware that the painting contractor may require residents to temporarily relocate their personal vehicles in order to reach all areas of the building. All start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

A building walkway light fixture renovation project is slated to continue in the summer months of 2016. Currently scheduled for improvement are Buildings 23, 25, 26, 30, 37, 49, 50, 53 and 61. Please keep an eye out for these installation teams and as always watch your step in and around these work areas.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

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

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management

company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

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

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

The management company will post notices on affected building’s bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of “Caution” and “Wet Paint” signs in and around these work areas.

Inspection Services Division

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

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

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice.

Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

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

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

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

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community. As noted in prior articles, the “clamshell” awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance.

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on your insurance coverage



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.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These ob-

structions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

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

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

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

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

Pictured above and below are plants tagged for removal from a third-floor balcony. The Inspection Services Department is in the process of tagging any plant on an upper floor. The goal is to remove standing water, which can be a nesting ground for mosquitos. Also, water spills over into walkways, which can make walking areas slippery. Plus, walkways must always remain clear in case of any emergency.



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Baseball, swimming pool, hot dogs and man's best friend

Did you take your dog to Bark at the Park in July?

Why not?

My 12-year-old puppy, Montana, is getting up there in age. He doesn't walk as well anymore. His tail doesn't waggle as much either.

But when we pulled into the parking lot at Bright House Network Field in Clearwater, he was like a puppy all over again.

Montana jumped out of my car and started running toward the baseball stadium before I even had a chance to put his leash on.

Once I caught up to him, and went back to lock my car doors, then I told him we could go.

Montana was all smiles.

We took the back entrance ramp instead of climbing stairs, waited in line for two tickets, and from there basically raced through the main entrance.

It had been a few years since Montana and I went to a Clearwater Threshers game, but his memory was still sharp.

He knew the way to the outfield grass, where most people sat with their puppies.

He passed by the hot dog concession stand and knew right away there was a guy behind the counter passing out food. I'm not sure if Montana knows I have to pay for it, but he knew where to wait in line.

We walked past a tavern in left field, where adults buy adult beverages, but Montana pulled me so fast, I had



no chance to even grab a stool!

Once in the outfield, Montana found a plastic swimming pool - his greatest memory from last time.

He slid into the pool, put his belly in the cold water, and adjusted his sight so he could watch the Phillies and Mets play baseball.

Montana was all set. Life was good.

There was nothing in the world

that could get him out of that pool ... except maybe a Mastiff, which politely walked up and said, "Hey Buddy. My turn."

Montana got out.

We watched the game for about an hour from the grass behind left field. A lady Yellow Lab came over and said "hello" to us, but Montana barely took notice. He doesn't like to mix social time with sports.

After the fourth inning, I looked down and asked Montana if he was ready for his hot dog. Like a flashback to arriving in the parking lot, Montana was up and headed for the hot dog stand before I was even back on two feet. His leash was bouncing in the grass as I was trying to get close enough to grab it.

Finally, a German Shepherd blocked his path just long enough for

me to regain control. We walked down a sidewalk, passed dozens of dogs, and returned to the concession stand.

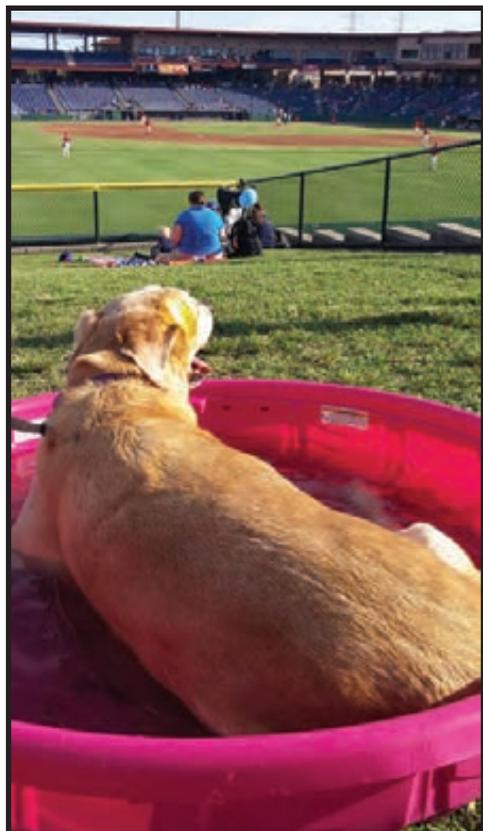
I could see Montana was reading the menu on the wall, but I said "don't even think about it. One hot dog only."

We were handed our hot dogs (I paid) and we walked back to our left field seats. Montana had a few more cute dogs ask for his email address ... but with food in hand, my puppy didn't even notice them.

Finally, we returned to the game. A fan volunteered to take our picture, but for some reason, I couldn't get Montana to look into the camera. Something was distracting him.

We then ate our hot dogs, watched a little more baseball, and an hour later went back home.

So, why didn't you bring your puppy?





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New paint on East Activity Center



Pictured above is the East Activity Center after a fresh, new coat of paint was added in July. The change included all four sides and the wall surrounding the swimming pool. Soon, the West Activity Center will get same coat of paint.

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DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

ART/CRAFTS

CARING AND SHARING
Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room
CERAMICS
Tuesdays, 12 pm, Craft Room
Fridays, 9 am, Craft Room
CHINESE PAINT BRUSH
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
PAINTING PALS
Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room
GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS
Wednesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

ATHLETICS

PING PONG
M,T,W,F, 10 am, Sunrise Room

BILLIARDS

EIGHT BALL
Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
NINE BALL
Tuesdays, 1 pm, Billiards Room
Fridays, 1 pm, Billiards Room
TEN BALL
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
SCOTCH DOUBLES
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
QUE'T LADIES
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

CARD/BOARD GAMES

CONTRACT BRIDGE
Mondays, Thursdays, Yellow Room, 11 am
DOMINOES
Tuesdays 5:30 pm, Small Card Room
DOUBLE PINOCHLE
Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room
DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Wednesdays, Sundays, 10:30 am, Yellow Room
HAND & FOOT CANASTA
Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room
MAHJONGG
Mondays, 4:45, Rainbow Rm
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm
Wednesdays, Fridays 1 pm, Rainbow Rm
Thursdays, 1 pm, Small Card Rm
PINOCHLE
Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room
SAMBA
Mondays, 12 pm, Small Card Room
Thursdays, 6 pm, Craft Room
SCOPA
Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

CARD/BOARD GAMES

TEXAS CARD GAME
Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Don: Wednesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm
Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Rm

CARD/BOARD GAMES

CHESS
Tuesdays,Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

CLASSES/LESSONS/EDUCATION

COMPUTER CLASS
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Kitchen
COMPUTER CLUB
M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Computer Room
COMPUTER CLUB WINDOWS 10 WORKSHOP
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Craft Room

DANCING

DANCING WITH NOLAND
Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room
JAZZ & TAP DANCE
Wednesdays, 10:45 am, Auditorium
SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS
Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS
M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room
CO-ED STEP EXERCISES
Fridays, 11 am, East Gym
CO-ED FUN FITNESS
Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room
LADIES EXERCISES
M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, East Gym
SLIMNASTICS
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, East Gym
TAI CHI
M,W,F, 1 pm East Gym
T, H 6 pm, East Gym
WATER AEROBICS
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, East Pool
YOGA
Tuesdays, Thursdays 11 am, East Gym
Wednesdays, 11 am, East Gym (Sun Moon)
ZUMBA
Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen

LAPIDARY HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9 am - 12 pm (members only)

LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays: 9 am - 12 pm
Wednesdays & Fridays: 1-3 pm

WOOD SHOP HOURS

M,T,W,H,F, 8 am-4 pm (members only)

Events must be approved by the
Community Service Office by Aug. 15
to appear on this calendar in
the newspaper for September.

SUNDAY	MONDAY
	01 Ent. Committee. Board 10:00 AM - Veranda Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
07	08 German Interest Group 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room Health Screenings Bloc 8:30 AM - Veranda Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
14 Ent. Committee. Sunday In The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium	15 Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium Health Screenings Free Testing 9:30 AM - Auditorium
21	22 Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
28	29 Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sign up by August 15 to appear on this calendar in the September newspaper.

DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
02	<p>Pray For America Prayer Group 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p> <p>Travel Club Board Meeting 2:00 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	03	<p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda</p>	04	<p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p>	05	<p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p>	06	<p>Procrastinating Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p>
09	<p>Pray For America Prayer Group 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	10	<p>Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda</p>	11	<p>Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p>	12	<p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room</p>	13	<p>Ent. Committee. Dinner/Dance 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Good Neighbors Party 1:00 PM - Kitchen</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p>
16	<p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Kitchen</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	17	<p>Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Healthy Living Club Better Balance 10:15 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Healthy Living Club Balance Class 11:15 AM - Art Room</p>	18	<p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>AAA Driver Course Driving Course 9:00 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p>	19	<p>Procrastinating Quilters Meeting 8:00 AM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Healthy Living Club Better Balance 10:15 AM - Art Room</p> <p>AAA Driver Course Driving Course 9:00 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Healthy Living Club Balance Class 11:15 AM - Art Room</p>	20	<p>Procrastinating Quilters Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p>
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Welcome back pizza party Sept. 28

By Jane Lee

The New York/New Jersey Club will hold its first meeting of the new season on Sept. 28.

There will be a welcome back pizza party at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

The On Top of the World Travel Club will have a representative in attendance to tell us about their trips, and a representative from the Ceramics Club will talk about the opportunities they provide for residents to create crafts.

Get your \$3 pizza ticket at the EAC on Monday or Thursday mornings before all the tickets are sold. The \$3 includes pizza and a soft drink or water.

Anyone who cares for something stronger is encouraged to BYOB. Hope to see you there.



NY / NJ Club

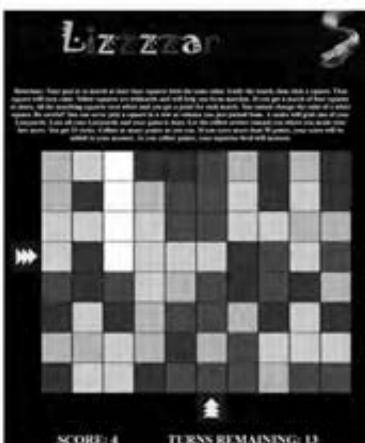
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When are living trusts appropriate?

Q. Since I know you are not necessarily a fan of living trusts, when do you feel they are appropriate?

A. It's really not quite accurate to say I am not a fan of living trusts. I am a fan of them in those estate planning circumstances, where it makes good planning sense to have them.

However, it does not always make good sense to have them and I feel that applies to many folks who have a fairly simple situation, such as where they want all assets to be distributed to a few folks and in equal shares.

Example: A husband and wife have three children. When one of the parents passes on, they want the other spouse to have all assets. When both are deceased, they want all assets to pass equally to the three children.

In a situation like that, it is frequently easiest, but of course there can be exceptions, to set up the accounts so they are payable on death to the children.

So the accounts would be held in the name of each other with the children as pay on death beneficiaries. This would result in no probate proceedings when both husband and wife are deceased.

At the same time, the husband and wife would control the accounts until both are deceased.

Now, let me speak a bit on trusts.

To my way of thinking, a Trust should never be seen as just a fancy Will. To classify a trust as a fancy Will, or as a probate-avoidance substitute for a Will, is to make it appear that a



Trust is a simple substitute for a Will and by using it one avoids probate proceedings.

In fact, a Trust is, or in my judgment, at the very least it should be, an estate planning mechanism. It is designed for specific situations, such as, an asset protection mechanism, to protect a beneficiary from creditors or to protect a beneficiary from his or her own bad choices.

And, of course, there are other solid reasons as well.

Nevertheless, if the sole purpose of having a living trust is to avoid probate proceedings, when in fact, the estate planning involves a simple situation, then in my judgment (and as I said above) setting up an account in pay on death status is simpler and allows the owner of the account to change his/her/their mind whenever might be wanted.

Yet, upon death, the account goes directly to the pay on death beneficiary and without a probate proceedings.

Q. My attorney says I should have a durable power of attorney that is signed by me and is dated after October of 2011. Do you agree, and if so, why do you agree?

A. Florida's present power of attorney statute became effective in this State as of Oct. 1, 2011. So that's why your attorney said your durable power of attorney should be signed and dated after October of 2011.

I cannot say whether you do, or do not need, a new one because I haven't seen the one you now have.

I can tell you, though, that under the October 2011 Florida statute, if you have a durable power of attorney that was signed and dated before Oct. 1, 2011, and if it were valid and effective when you signed it, then that power of attorney is probably still valid now.

However, I strongly suggest that you follow your own attorney's advice since he/she knows you and knows your precise circumstances and thus he/she and NOT me, is who you should listen to for your legal advice.

Q. Do you think we should purchase cybercrime insurance?

A. This is a wonderful question, coming as it does now when all of us can be hacked, or a store, where we've made a purchase might get hacked and our personal information is stolen.

I don't know whether you should have that kind of insurance, but I do know that you should discuss it with your insurance agent.

Q. Where do you get the questions for your column?

A. I get them in different ways and from differing sources. I used to get them mostly by the old fashioned mail system. Now, I can't remember the last time I got a question that way.

I get some by email. I get some because a client has raised an issue that I think I should print in this column. I get some because I am a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys and an issue that I consider significant has been brought up. So I would take that issue and convert it into a question to be printed for my readers to see.

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Press Association staff reminded to attend only meeting this summer

The On Top of the World Press Association will hold its only summer meeting on Thursday, Aug. 4, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

This will be a time to catch up on recent activities, go over some grammar guidelines, meet new reporters and plan ahead. We also want to hear ideas for the holiday lights contest. Do we keep the same format as in previous years or do we just promote the holiday spirit?

There will be no meeting in September.

Seasonal meetings will resume starting in October. Staff members are reminded, the Writers Workshop



will take place Thursday, Nov. 3, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. If you want to submit a story for the December newspaper, you must at-

tend this workshop or take the online tutorial, which will be available in November.

The workshop is a 45-minute review of basic writing guidelines. It is a good refresher for anyone who attends each year. It is a great lesson for new writers. If you have any bad writing habits, you will be glad you attended.

There will be no holiday luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 1, but there will be a regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. in the Veranda Room. The annual holiday luncheon will now be a "kick off the new year" party on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, at a restaurant to be determined. At a previous meeting, staff decided

December was already a busy time full of parties, so the Press Association moved its annual lunch party to January.

Please note the December meeting is on the 1st, because there will be no time to remind staff when the newspaper comes out.

Staff are reminded to please sign our registry on the Press Association Website. Go to:

<http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.php>

and look for the Registration Banner. The rest is easy.

Air conditioning, a good book, make a great combination

By Katy Gerritt

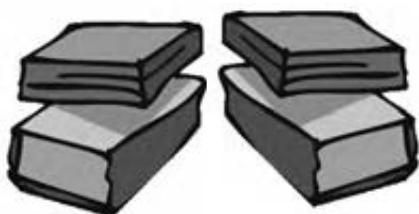
As the hottest months of the year approach, we have added more great summer reading to our shelves.

Time to pour a cold drink and curl up in air conditioned-comfort with a good book. Here are some suggestions:

"Everyone Brave is Forgiven," by Chris Cleave, is a novel of three young friends in England during the World War II years. A love triangle threatens their relationship.

Also related to World War II is "Blood Flag" by Steve Martini. It's No. 14 in the Paul Madirani series. A murder of an aged World War II vet leads to a connection with other suspicious deaths of men from his unit.

On a lighter note, "Death at Breakfast" by Beth Gutcheon, is an entertaining murder mystery set in



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small-town New England.

And for a romantic suspense, try "Troublemaker" by Linda Howard. An operative of a paramilitary group

is needed to go into hiding and picks a small community in the mountains of West Virginia. He meets the attractive police chief but tries to keep his reason for being there a secret.

In "Wilde Lake" by Laura Lippman, a new State Attorney is trying to make a name for herself by trying a case that brings back painful memories and many questions from the past.

"The Weekenders" by Mary Kay Andrews is a story with twists and turns. When a husband does not arrive at the summer resort, but a process server does, lots of secrets are exposed in an idyllic summer town.

A woman returns to the home of her youth, where she left behind family problems she couldn't deal with. In order to move on, she realizes she needs to deal with them in "Flight Pat-

terns" by Karen White.

And we have No. 6 in the Theodore Boone series by John Grisham. "The Scandal" which exposes some suspiciously high scores in middle school standardized tests.

The Library plans to remain open during August on Monday from 9-noon and Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 p.m. Any changes will be posted on the door.

Also, if you have donations, you can bring them during the open hours or place them in the drop box. We accept fiction - published preferably in the past 10 years - due to space constraints.

Older books will be placed on our free shelf inside the library door or on the shelves in the card room, which is open all the time.

We look forward to seeing you!

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LOOK FOR PEDESTRIANS



Remember when ballroom dancing was an art?

Whatever happened to dancing?

Those of us who lived through the 20th Century knew the beauty of ballroom dancing.

Today, dancing seems to be just jumping around, arms flying with no touching allowed.

Gliding across the floor in an evening gown and tux is just a memory or seen in old films.

Dancing is an art and we had dance studios like Arthur Murray, and others, who taught us to glide across the floor gracefully. Even a 300-pound person

could appear to float in the air.

Broadway began this dance phenomenon and Hollywood carried us the rest of the way. Dancing to the melodies of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Johnny Mercer were Fred Astaire, Ann Miller, Gene Kelly, Eleanor Powell and Donald O'Connor.

Fred Astaire, with his partners, Adele Astaire or Rita Hayworth, gave us the most beautiful ballroom dancing you will ever see.

Donald O'Connor and Ann Miller

were the two top tap dancers of the century. Gene Kelly gave us the muscular, athletic style of dancing.

For us to enjoy ballroom and tap dancing, we have to rely on the old movies on TV. Thankfully, we do have Turner, AMC and other movie channels that run the old musicals that gave us such beautiful dancing.

Some say that things go around in circles and good music with beautiful dancing will someday come our way again.

Let's hope so.

Walter Balderson



Inside Showbiz



Ask the Butcher Block!

Got a cooking question? Want to request a recipe? Got something to share?

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Once you enter, look for "Ask the Butcher Block."

Legitimate questions, tips and suggestions will be saved online for other readers to see.

NOTICE

Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

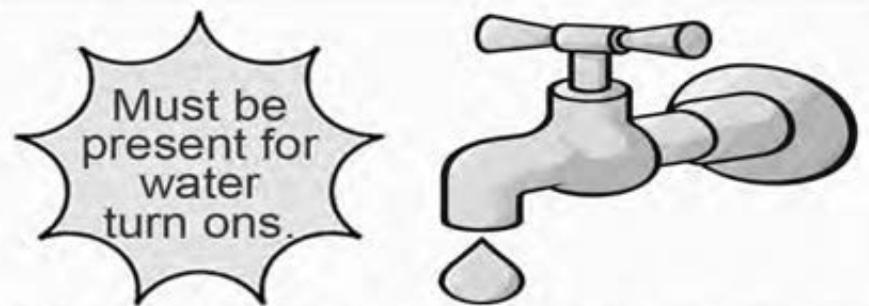
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Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. WATER INTRUSION is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

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.



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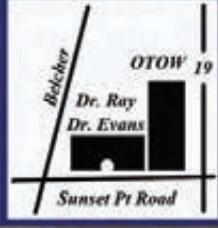
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Get Acquainted Coffee in July



At the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in July, Al Foreman performed classic, favorite tunes in the East Activity Center auditorium. He sang some songs, played saxophone and played clarinet. At times, residents in the crowd broke into dance - even the sales people at the Travel Club table took a break get down! Al was also the performer at the 2016 Irish Club parade. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



Get Acquainted Coffee in August

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee will welcome singer Phil Ferrazano in August.

Phil has been singing since the age of 14 and has been a member of several bands, including Flashback, a popular group here at On Top of the World.

Phil will be in the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, Aug. 11, to perform some country-style music.

Phil admits, country music is his first love of music, besides the Beatles of the 1960s.

Phil gets many requests for Elvis, so don't be surprised to hear a few Elvis tunes thrown into the mix. The king of Rock 'n Roll was as country as most of the singers out there.

After two years in the Army, Phil took a few years to get back into singing. He is a decorated war veteran who performs at assistant living facilities.

His other talent is writing. His book, "Facing The Wall: An Infantryman's Post Vietnam Memoir," is popular among many veterans and those who value the sacrifices our veterans have made for our country.

Phil's song-writing landed him on a box set by Bear Family Records. They compiled music by many well known artists of the Vietnam Era, and asked some veterans to come up with a history lesson of Vietnam.

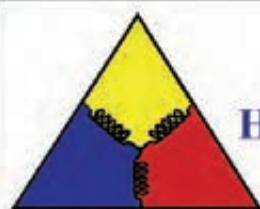
"Next Stop Is Vietnam," is the name of the box set.

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee begins at 9 a.m. with free donuts and coffee. There will be announcements, vendors and a chance to meet your neighbors and friends.

Following the music, the morning will end with raffles.



Phil Ferrazano will sing country music on Thursday, Aug. 11, in the East Activity Center.



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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Gift Shoppe gets a renovated look and there's more to come

The Good Neighbors Veranda Gift Shoppe is open again after being closed for a good cleaning.

A number of new jewelry displays were purchased, as well as a new rolling display rack. A second greeting card rack was installed to expand the variety of cards available. We have new handmade cards, which are drawn or painted.

We sell red and white blinking lights and bicycle lights. They have been very popular and can be found in our safety section, the only area where items are not made by OTOW residents.

A new desk and chair were purchased to assist the shoppe ladies and make them more comfortable. A special thank you goes out to the Good Neighbors for assisting with this project.

This is the first part of a project to improve the gift shoppe. The second phase will take place at a later date, to be determined.

We are two-thirds through the summer months and your Good Neighbors Association is planning for its upcoming fall events.

We have a full schedule, starting in October 2016, which will benefit all On Top of the World residents.

Tables will go on sale Oct. 10 for our fall combined Flea Market and Craft Show. This is a chance to show your wares and/or crafts. The actual show is Nov. 19.

Our annual used clothing drive will take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 21 and 22, under the East Activity Center front portico. We are looking for useful men's and women's garments.

The annual Senior Expo will take place Nov. 5. This event is sponsored by the Good Neighbors Association and the Community Service Office. Vendors will be inside the EAC as well as outside in the North parking lot. The day will be full of facts, fun and food.

Santa will visit On Top of the World in December for "Thursday with Santa." Exact dates have yet to be determined. December will also be our annual holiday luncheon for Good Neighbors Association Volunteers.

Please note these very important dates on your calendar. In addition to these events, we continue planning Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee



on Thursdays, which are the second Thursday of each month, year round, with free coffee, a donut, entertainment, raffle prizes, vendor tables and information updates.

As a reminder, and to answer a question we get almost every day, if you live at On Top of the World, are an owner or renter, full-time or Snowbird, you are a member of the Good Neighbors Association. We have no dues or sign-ups, but we do need volunteers and people to be on call when we need help.

We are also in need of additional members on our Board of Directors.

Please stop by the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe on any Monday or Thursday morning if you can be of service.

Pictured above is the Gift Shoppe after some minor renovations. Also pictured are some OTOW shirts you can buy at the Gift Shoppe. When is the last time you visited the shoppe, where most items are made by residents.

Now on OTOW-TV

Revisit your favorite Jesters and Theater Workshop shows from the past.

OTOW-TV is airing shows from the 2000s, 1990s and 1980s on Friday nights about 8 p.m. on channels 96, 98_1 and 732.

Each week, new shows are added to the lineup.

The 2015 Jesters and Theater Workshop shows have also been added to the mix. Watch for them and enjoy the memories!

Two new balance classes starting in August

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Two balance classes will start on Aug. 17 and will meet every Wednesday and Friday until Dec. 2.

Both classes are in the East Activity Center Art Room. Stop by and make new friends while improving your balance!

These classes are free and are offered to us through the Pinellas County Area Agency on Aging.

“A Matter of Balance” will meet from 10:15-11 a.m. Participants will learn to view falls and falling as controllable. They will also learn low-impact exercises to increase strength and balance.

“Balance and Motion” will meet from 11:15-noon. Participants will learn movements that help develop strength and confidence. Participants learn at their own pace and employ



Jessica, from On Top of the World-Ocala, teach the OTOW-TV exercise classes on balance and posture, two important areas for aging adults.

Healthy Living Club meetings will resume in October. If we learn of a club-related event, we will send out emails to our current list for specific events. If you are not on our mailing list, we will add your name if you go online to the Healthy Living Club site on OTOW Box Office Website and write your name and email address in the Comments section.

gentle motions including Tai Chi.

There are many other exercise classes at On Top of the World. A listing of all exercise classes is in the OTOW newspaper on pages 12-13.

Also, from the comfort of your home, you can join the Better Balance class on OTOW-TV every day at around 7 a.m. and noon. Cammy and

LED Walk Lights are now available from the Good Neighbors Veranda Gift Shoppe in the EAC auditorium. Hundreds of the lights have been sold so far. The price for each light is only \$1.25.

Be Safe, Be Seen! Wear a light when you walk!



NEWCOMERS

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Elsayed and Carmen Abuzaid of Florida



Linda Musil of Wisconsin

If you like new friendships, showing off your talents and putting on a great show, join Jesters this fall

By Sue Calinski

While many of us are on vacation during the summer, others are hard at work planning and preparing the Jesters 2017 show.

The lineup for this year's show is progressing nicely. Props and costumes are beginning to take shape as preliminary construction takes place.



The excitement is beginning to build!

We plan to make this another memorable show, filled with music, glamour, dancing and some surprises.

The Jesters is always in need of people to help us create the magic on stage. If you've ever had any interest in joining a theatrical group, this is your chance!

In addition to those on stage, we have plenty of room if your talents lie in the area of creating and painting backdrops and props.

This show will be packed with them!

This year, we are also looking for tap dancers. Please watch the OTOW News, as well as your building's bulletin board, for more details.

Exact dates and times for meetings and rehears-



Nearly the entire Jesters cast was involved in this scene during the 2016 performance 'Broadway: A Night To Remember.'

als will be announced this fall. We welcome newcomers and look forward to seeing our long-time friends again.

Our meetings are usually on the second Wednesday of each month, so please make plans to join us this year.

The cost to become a Jester is only \$5. It's mon-

ey well-spent when you see how many new friends you will make, the new depths you'll find within yourself and a few surprise bonuses!

We have a lot of fun and hope you'll put the Jesters meetings on your calendar this upcoming season when you're deciding which clubs you will join this year.



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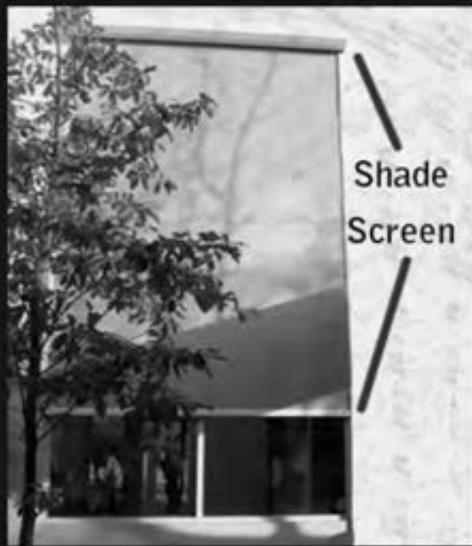


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A beach party with air conditioning

By Dave Beaven

It's summertime and that means vacation – at least to most people.

But we're a little different here at On Top of the World. Most of us are retired. That's like being on a permanent vacation.

So, do you need a vacation from retirement?

A little change is always good. And I have a modest suggestion. How about a beach outing?

We're close to the water.

What's that, you say? Too hot.

OK, then. How about if we bring the beach to you?

Mark your calendar for Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. for our club's monthly social in the Art Room.

It's a Beach Party!

Put on your flip flops, swim trunks, sunglasses, and surfer T shirt and come on down.



Lambda

The boom box will be playing Top 40 music.

Stroll up to the bar for the drink of the evening: Surf's Up.

Sample the beachy-type dishes provided by our members for your enjoyment. Visit with your old friends and make new ones.

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See you there!

In the meantime, if you are look-

ing for a convenient vacation getaway, without all the expense and effort, how about a staycation?

There are plenty of local attractions in Tampa Bay that you can enjoy without spending much money.

For example, Clearwater Beach has free nightly activities at Pier 60 around sunset.

If you're into nature, check out the Florida Botanical Garden in Largo for a look at the varieties of plants and flowers that are native here.

Nearby is Heritage Village, which has more than 31 historic buildings that show how life was in Pinellas County in the past – B.A. (before air conditioning).

For more ideas, check out the site: visitstpeteclearwater.com. That should keep you busy until our Snowbirds come rolling back into town.

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.

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:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>

You can contact us by e-mail at: lambdaclw@yahoo.com. Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Bingo schedules next marathon for Oct. 23

By Brad Day

Hello bingo players.

It's the middle of our nice warm summer and we are taking a break from bingo for the month of August.

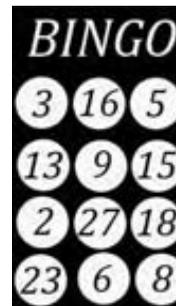
All of our hard-working volunteers need to rest a bit. This heat sure does wear me out fast.

We will be back the second Monday in September, as the first Monday is Labor Day, which is a National holiday.

We have many new people attending and we welcome them. So put us on your calendar for September.

Our "Big News" is that we have scheduled our next Bingo Marathon for Sunday, Oct. 23. The East Activity Center auditorium is available this day and we would like our early-returning Snowbirds to join us.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the games starting at noon. We'll have coffee and donuts in the beginning. A lunch will be provided at the intermission. Prizes will remain the same.



BINGO

We're looking to bring in 150 people for this event. Tickets will go on sale in September when we return from our break.

Here's a big hats off to our great volunteers. We couldn't do it without them. Some of us get here as early as 1:30 p.m. to start the set up.

So go on out there and have a beautiful summer, but we want you all back at bingo in September.

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summer months.

We work on building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting and cardio fitness.

Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

With the Large Card Room in the EAC still under construction, we also meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday

mornings in the Yellow Room for a Co-Ed Fun Fitness workout.

In addition to all of the above, we have added a co-ed step class on Fridays at 11 a.m. in the EAC gym.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

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Our instructor, John, will allow you to work at your own speed and ability. Floor exercises are optional.

There are also Co-Ed Exercise classes in the East Activity Center at the same time and on the same days, 10 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Take in a class to see what it is all about.



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Several opportunities coming up to renew Canadian Club membership or join us for first time

By Rick McLauchlan

As we enter the month of August, there are a number of things that we might want to keep in mind as we enjoy our summer months.

Please review the requirements of your travel, home and auto insurance, so that you are totally protected while enjoying the winter in Clearwater.

This year, the Canadian Club will be participating in the Seniors Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The event will be held in the East Activity Center and back parking lot, and will be a chance to join our club or renew your 2016-17 membership.



You can also join the club at our Registration Night, 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18 in the auditorium.

Besides membership, you will be able to obtain your tickets for A Day at Tampa Bay Downs, our annual golf tournament, Blue Jays Day and learn about the other activities offered by

your club.

As usual, a wine and cheese social will follow, where you can renew relationships and make new ones.

Membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card. Renters wishing to join the Club or share in the other clubs and activities of OTOW, are reminded that they must be in possession of an OTOW Recreation Card.

Before you put away all your Canada Day paraphernalia, please be advised that you might want to bring them south for a special celebration of our 150 anniversary of Confederation.

This summer, please be sure to stay in touch with your OTOW Canadian Club by following us on the OTOW News:

<http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.php>

Our own website:

<http://otowcanadianclub.com/index.htm>

and like us on our new Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/otowcc

On behalf of the OTOW Canadian Club Executive, have a fun and safe summer.

Your freedom allows you to vote and some of you can even walk to your poll

By Marvin Lazernik

The Republican Club meeting in July was cancelled due to many conflicts, including our main speaker, U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, who was going to be at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, over our meeting date.

The Congressman will speak at the Aug. 16 meeting instead.

The On Top of the World newspaper slogan, "Only good news for 48 years," has given me a lot of thought. Our community newspaper has had enough good news articles to fill it and enough advertisers to keep it solvent – that is a marvelous record. This article will be nothing but good news with a slightly different slant!

Good news is, August is coming to an end – we get to freely vote for any/all candidates and issues that relate to us of our choice. We get to vote again on Nov. 7 for another "bunch" of can-



didates and issues.

More good news, we get to vote right in our own community – within walking distance or just a very short drive to the polls.

"By the people and for the people" are "good" news words as we really get to choose our government representatives – we are a free country.

Our government has certain "good" obligations, such as security,

education and many other freedoms such as the Constitution and Bill of Rights that continue to make us the most admired country in the world.

The "good" news for us, as citizens of America, is, all we have to do is vote.

Wow, isn't that great – we only have to do one thing – VOTE and our country/representatives must do everything else.

Isn't it great news that no one can tell us who to vote for!

Won't it be great news if at least 90 percent of OTOW voted in both elections for candidates that support our way of life?

As a member of this community, as well as a president of a club within OTOW, I personally hope every member of this wonderful community will vote.

Let no one but your conscience dictate how you should vote.

Many articles are written for this or that person.

The 24/7 cable news channels are always looking for scoops to improve their ratings – that means more advertising money. Take turns listening to these channels and get the different opinions from the newscasters that are paid to give opinions.

Then the "good" news is that you can make up your own mind who and what to vote for.

Mark your calendar for our third Tuesday in August. Our meeting will be held in the Kitchen-Craft Room starting at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. All registered Republicans and Independents are invited. Refreshments are served and there is no fee to attend.

For more information, visit the OTOW Box Office page, scroll down to Republican Club, or Call 727-239-7585



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk

8 a.m., Saturday, October 15

The past four years, On Top of the World ladies have gone to Vinoy Park to help raise money for cancer research.

We meet in the EAC parking lot at 7:30 a.m. to car pool to St. Petersburg.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

More than 20 line dancers break into routines during Country Western concert at EAC



Line Dancing

By Antoinette d'Oronzio

The line dancers at On Top of the World know how to par-tee!

We had a perfect opportunity to strut our stuff at July's monthly live show presented by the OTOW Entertainment Committee in the East Activity Center.

The Country Western program focused on four separate singing acts of local talent. That was just right for line dancing, which originated with Country Western music!

There were 20 or more line dancers partying the night away, decked out in some combo of our finest jeans, cowboy hats, bandannas, silver and turquoise jewelry, fringes, western shirts and, of course, boots.

The musicians sang and played, and club members lined up and danced.

If we did not have a set of steps to a particular song, we adapted. Vice President Sheila Bonomo called out to us the routine of a similar song that we knew and we danced those steps.

We danced "Chili Cha Cha," "Kansas City," "Mexican Wind," "Rockin' Railroad," "Good Times," "Hully-Gully," and "Ribbon of Highway," among others.

During the intermission, we



Line dancers and guests pose with Matt Wilde, center, one of the featured Country Western musicians who performed during an Entertainment Committee show in July. From left to right are Leila Walker, Antoinette d'Oronzio, Mary Becker, Sheila Bonomo, Matt Wilde, Phyllis Brooks, Hilda Ochoa, Ute Scheibe, Norma Bastidas and Debbie Mayo.

danced to recorded music for which we have choreography: "Tennessee Waltz," "Sexy Tractor" and "All My Exes."

We even did a contra dance to "Boot Scootin' Boogie," facing each other in two lines and crossing to the other side of the line.

Interested in learning more about the OTOW Line Dancing Club? Videos of the On Top of the World Line Dancers are on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 at about 7 p.m. weekdays.

You can dance along in the privacy of your own home.

You can also visit our club page on the Box Office Website. Step sheets for the dances are at the Line Dancing Club official Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing/>

But you may find that the dances make more sense if you come to our sessions first.

General sessions meet in the East Activity Center auditorium at 9 a.m.

on Saturdays and at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Come a half hour early for a beginner class that teaches you the first three dances on the program that day.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., there is also a level two class in the EAC gym. That class is for people who want some extra help on some of the more challenging dances done later in each general session.

For questions or more information on the OTOW Line Dancing Club, call Mary Becker at (727) 253-4874.



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Pictured at left are judicial candidates Dora Komninos, Curtis Korsko, Dwight Dudley and Myriam Irizarry.

In the photo below are school board candidates Matt Stewart and Ken Peluso.

Candidates love talking to our Democratic Club audience

By Donna Lukas

The August 30 election is fast approaching.

By the time you read this, you should have received your mail-in ballot. If you haven't, you might want to call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 727-464-VOTE (8683) and check your status.

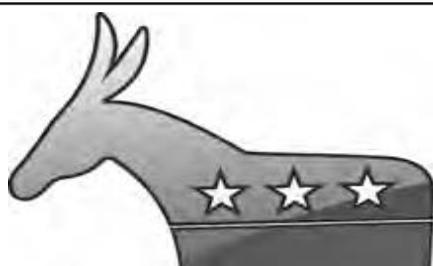
I thank all of you who turned out for the June and July meetings to listen to rarely-heard judicial candidates and school board candidates (see photos).

For Judicial Group 8, Dora Komninos emphasized her listening skills and 14 years of experience with the Pinellas-Pasco State Attorney Office and head of the domestic violence unit.

Her opponent, Curtis Korsko, opened his statement with the phrase "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal."

His modification of words from the Declaration of Independence was used to demonstrate that the law is ever-breathing and changing.

For Judicial Group 9, Myriam Irizarry emphasized her experience as the only candidate who is currently a sitting judge and her lifetime of public service. She was previously appointed to fill the term of a retiring judge.



Democratic Club

Her opponent, Dwight Dudley, emphasized his experience as a state legislator, a public defender, and a private law practice lawyer, where he has handled thousands of cases and argued about 100 jury trials.

School Board members are elected for a term of four years. Candidates Joanne Lentino, Eileen Long and Matt Stewart emphasized the need for new ideas and solutions with greater involvement of teachers in the operation of our school system.

Ken Peluso, elected to the school board in 2014 to fill the term of a resigned board member, emphasized his support for the current superintendent and improvements that are now showing up after changes implemented since 2014.

Also on the Aug. 30 ballot is a constitutional amendment regarding solar devices with exemption from certain



taxation and assessment. Don't confuse this amendment with one being offered by the utilities in November. The OTOW Democratic Club strongly urges a "yes" vote in August and a "no" in November.

After the August election, we will be reviewing candidates to endorse and support for the November election. You can help our club monetarily support endorsed candidates by paying your \$12 annual dues. You may pay them in person at our next monthly meeting on Aug. 11 or you may send payment to: OTOW Democratic Club, P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL.

Our next meeting will be on Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room of the

East Activity Center. It will be led by our club Vice President Ron Baltrunas.

The topic of discussion for that meeting will be about the political agenda in Kansas.

In preparation for the discussion, you may want to take a look at a book by Thomas Frank entitled, "What's the Matter with Kansas? How Conservatives Won the Heart of America."

Our meetings generally last approximately 90 minutes, until 3:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month.

We recommend using this time period to get out of the hot summer sun and enjoy the company of politically like-minded individuals.

OTOW News

Pet of the Month

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My name is Bailey, but you can call me Mr. B.

I am so happy to be here at OTOW. You can tell by the smile on my face.

I moved to the American Colonial building in June 2014 with my owners, Linda and Steve Yauk, and my twin sister, Muffin.

We came from Iowa after the whole family developed

an allergy to snow, cold and ice.

I am 6 years old and a Maltese. I enjoy long walks, bike rides, lying in the shade and visits to the dog park.

It is my duty to keep the building free of squirrels and lizards. I do my best!

I love attention and freely give up puppy kisses. Next time you see me, ask for one.

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

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Baby Boomers celebrate July 4 and Harborita Festival together



By Ron Clement

July started off with a bang, as the Baby Boomers gathered in and around Patty Aden's condo to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Everyone brought homemade food, which was delicious and plentiful.

A small contingent of the Baby Boomer Band entertained folks with a few tunes when the feasting was done. Several joined to sing along, as the energy and patriotic spirit soared.

Taking advantage of the warm summer day, a bunch of Boomers took a dip in the East Activity Center pool.

The holiday would not have been complete without fireworks, so in the evening the Boomers reassembled and headed off to Coachman Park to watch the annual fireworks display.

After staking out the best location for viewing, the Baby Boomers were



Baby Boomers Katarina Tapesh, Val Martin, Kathleen Santosuosso, Joe Santosuosso and Steve Bernai begin Fourth of July celebrations right in the community.

rewarded for their patience with an especially spectacular show. New features this year included some impressive explosive patterns with brilliant colors, almost beyond belief.

America was done proud, as another year of independence and freedom was celebrated and shared by all.

There are lots of things happening in the surrounding communities

during the summer months. For instance, Main Street in Safety Harbor was the site for the Harborita Festival. To avoid parking hassles, the Boomers met up in the East Activity Center parking lot and car pooled on over. That way they had more time to enjoy the festivities and spend the night dancing in the streets.

So, don't think you have to hide

away in the air conditioning of your condominium. The Baby Boomers Club has a lot of "cool" activities. Come on out and join in. There is always room for more.

The Baby Boomers Club meets the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

Assistants needed in August to help at local schools

By Jane Lee

The Classroom Volunteers Club at On Top of the World is for anyone who wants to help students learn, succeed and to feel that they are very special.

The school doors open on Aug. 10 and schools need a lot of volunteers to help students find their classrooms, help new students with lunch trays, and help in any way that they can to make the opening day easier for the children and their teachers.

One school that really appreciates OTOW's help is Skycrest Elementary School. Club members have been helping this school for the past three years and this is one way that we can



Classroom Club

contribute to the community. Hopefully, we can get enough volunteers from OTOW to make a difference in that school's success.

Once teachers get to know their students and to identify needs, we can help with tutoring or any other chore that a teacher requests. Before anyone

can help, though, keep in mind that you must be registered as a volunteer. Go to Skycrest Elementary School very soon and fill out a volunteer application. You must have a driver's license or similar document to prove who you are as well as the application.

The address of the school is 10 N. Corona Ave., Clearwater. The phone number is 727-469-5987.

Another thing that you might like to do is to volunteer at the Stavros Institute in Largo. Each fifth and eighth grader in Pinellas County comes to this center once a year to learn about economics. Call Karen Brighton at 727-588-3746 for more information.

We also need volunteers to sit by

our information table at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays to let people know about our club.

This club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center. Come meet other volunteers and learn more about this club.

If you would like more information or have questions, contact Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 or WLee315695@aol.com or Barbara Mooney at 727-754-3686 or barbaramooneya@gmail.com.

Learn more about our club by visiting the Box Office online at ontopoftheworldnews.com

Look for the Club Page link and find Classroom Volunteers.

How your life changes when you get older

I set a goal for myself – lose 10 pounds.

Got on a scale this morning – only 15 pounds to go!

Read in a magazine, a 14-day diet plan guaranteed to help you lose weight.

Now, I don't want to brag or anything, but I finished the 14-day plan in just three hours.

Pretty good, huh?

Remember back when you were a kid? The weather outside was zero degrees and they used to close school.

You're right. I can't remember it either.

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

My dentist told me I needed a crown.

I said I had one this morning with diet cola on the rocks.

A recent study shows that women, who carry a little extra weight, live longer than men, who talk about women, who carry a little extra weight.

Kids today don't get much exercise. They don't know how easy they have it.

When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet, through a shag carpet, three times a day, just to change the TV channel.

I love being more than 70 years old.

I learn something new everyday. Unfortunately, I forget five things everyday.

When you drive your vehicle up a hill, it gains speed going down the hill.

So, now that I'm over the hill, how come I'm getting slower?

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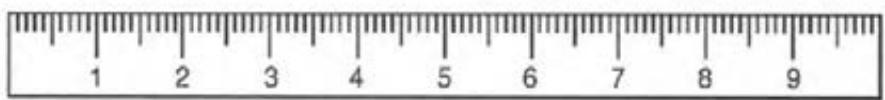
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE


Jeff Lajess sings a patriotic tune during a Country Western Revue concert at the EAC in July.



OTOW News photo
by Mary Lou Wall

A few more summer shows scheduled and then On Top of the World will prepare for another British Invasion

By Marvin Flam

Your year round Entertainment Committee is pleased to present an added show on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. with all reserved table seating.

“The British Invasion 2,” featuring the music of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, has been added by popular demand.

They received a standing ovation last time they appeared here.

BYOB and snacks. The Entertainment Committee will provide ice and coffee.

Reserve a seat with your friends and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. This show is not part of any ticket package so if you want the same tickets as you currently have, you must reserve them by no later than Thursday, Sept. 1. After that, seats become available to anyone.

Don't miss the “End Of Summer Dance” on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. BYOB and snacks. The Entertainment Committee will provide ice and coffee

and a surprise dessert!

You will dance the night away to the music of “At Large.” And by popular demand, Bemuda shorts will be allowed for this dance only!

The free Sunday-In-The-Park on Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. will feature entertainer Louie Bravo. Come dance to the Latin beat. There will be free light refreshments. Bring a few dollars for a chance to win at the raffle.

I want to take this time to thank all the dedicated and outstanding Entertainment Committee volunteers, who handle all the details for our events to make sure they are exciting, fun and safe for you. We are looking for talented individuals to help with our promotions. If you want to have fun, meet new people and get involved in your community, contact me.

Please take the time to check out our schedule of shows and dances for the rest of 2016, including New Year's Eve. In addition to single tickets, we

have discounted ticket packages for all the shows and dances.

Don't sit home. Come out and mingle with new and old friends.

Current show and dance ticket package holders, who want to keep their current reserved seating, must renew for the fall ticket packages no later than Thursday, Sept. 1. After that, the seats become available to anyone.

Get all your tickets early. Starting in August, we are back again in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, on the OTOW Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, and all bulletin boards.

We are still accepting entertainment requests and new ideas. Visit the “Wishing Well” on our Box Office page and make a request today. It is simple.

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Travel Club members get inside look at Church of Scientology



Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

Our club members are curious, adventurous and always open to learning new customs, traditions and beliefs.

This past month was no exception as 34 members enjoyed a tour sponsored by the Church of Scientology in downtown Clearwater.

Amber Skjelset, manager of Scientology's Public Information Center, hosted our event, which began with an elegant luncheon in the Fort Harrison Hotel's restaurant.

During the luncheon, our club's trip leader, Shari Anthony, announced that a donation of \$175 was being given to the Church of Scientology from our tour members. In turn, the church donated the money to the Clearwater Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood Center Coalition for its Harlem Nights Music and Arts 2016 Summer Camp program.

This summer camp program provides an opportunity for a child in the community to attend summer camp and help develop a creative interest in music and art.

Following our luncheon, club members toured the beautiful and luxurious hotel, including the governor's suite, which boasted a balcony overlooking the hotel's grotto pool area and views of our stunning Clearwater beach area.

As our tour continued into several of the Scientology store fronts, we



Travel Club members look on as trip leader Shari Anthony presents a donation to Amber Skjelset, manager of Scientology's Public Information Center in Clearwater.

learned how the church shares their messages for happiness, human rights, a drug-free society and its efforts to bring peace to the world.

It's official, we are on our way to San Antonio, Texas, on Nov. 5. The cost is only \$739 per person, double occupancy for this eight-night agenda packed with exciting visits to include the Alamo, River Walk District tour and cruise, LBJ Ranch, National Museum of the Pacific War and more.

So, what are you waiting for?

If you can't get to the East Activity Center on Mondays, just email us at TMIK2192@gmail.com.

The race is on to fill up our most recent trip offerings, which include a

Sept. 7-21 Greece, Istanbul and six-day Aegean Cruise.

There will be an October Murder Mystery/Dinner train ride and Fleamasters Fleamarket stop.

In December there will be a chance to go into the stables at Tampa Bay Downs horse racing track.

In January, sail away with us on a seven-day cruise to Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel.

Along with this, we are now taking reservations for our Dec. 7 Holiday Dinner at Island Way Grill with transportation to the first 22 requests.

Our nominating committee, Shari Anthony, Mary Garrett, Gay Hunt and Fran Zaloski, continues to seek members to fill each of the positions of

president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. There cannot be a club without a full slate of officers, so please come forward, step up and keep our club moving and our buses rolling.

For information regarding the Greece/Istanbul Cruise trip, please contact Marilyn Whelan, 321-356-7809. For all others, why not stop by the EAC on Monday mornings where we'll be on duty to answer any questions you may have, give you a list of upcoming trips or try to sell you a ticket or two.

Even if you are not a member of the club, you are welcome to join us on our trips or sit in on our monthly meetings the first Friday of each month.

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OTOW Golf Course Superintendent Dale Reash

OTOW promotes new golf superintendent

By Joe Wisinski

On Top of the World has hired a new golf superintendent.

Dale Reash, who had been assistant superintendent, took on the top job in June.

"I'm happy to be here," he said. "I love it and love the people."

Dale began working at what he calls "a great little golf course" in 2013.

"I like the open, friendly atmosphere here," he said. "People enjoy golf and enjoy living at On Top of the World."

Dale said he stresses the importance of crew training, greens management, weed control and insect control. He said his crew has already made a big impact on the condition of the greens.

"I always see potential," he said. "I set pretty high standards."

He said he seeks feedback from golfers on the condition of the course, including the mowing patterns and green speeds.

"It's a process of making changes, assessing, getting feedback and making adjustments," he said.

Dale has a long history with golf.

"I've been enamored with the game since I was 8 or 9 years old," he said.

His first golf course job took place when he was just 13 years old. He mowed fairways and moved hole positions at a course in Ohio. Even before that, however, he gained experience in managing a golf course when he built his own three-hole course.

Dale, a graduate of Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute, previously served as a golf course superintendent in Texas, as well as in Titusville, Fla., and at Country-side Country Club in Clearwater.

OTOW is the seventh golf course Dale has served as either superintendent or assistant superintendent.

"I'm truly blessed to love what I do," he said. "It doesn't seem like work."

Try our league now and maybe you will join us this fall

One of the reasons On Top of the World is a great place to live is the golf.

Many of our residents have been members, or still belong to other golf clubs, so naturally we make comparisons.

One comparison we will no longer have to make is golf course superintendents. Dale Reash, who was recently promoted to superintendent, is already using his vast experience and organizational skills to get the course back into shape. We wish Dale and his hard working staff the best and hope their efforts are noticed and emulated by their counterparts on the golf course staff.

Our weekly off-season competitions continue and our week five champion was Steve Yauk. Don Baker narrowly edged out Joe Wisinski in a tiebreaker for second place. Bruce MacPherson had the low gross round. Don Leamy had the putter working and collected three skins. Bill Cook,

Thursday Golf

Steve Yauk and Joe Wisinski took one skin each. In the long drive competitions, the winners were Ada Culbertson, John Maloof and Bruce MacPherson. Don Leamy had the closest to the pin shot.

Bill Higgins was the week six winner edging out Don Leamy in a tiebreaker. Don Baker took third place. Higgins also recorded the low gross round. Joe Wisinski took two skins. Patti Cook, Don Leamy, Bruce MacPherson and Fred Schick had one skin each. The weekly contest was a "Best-over-Quota" on the front and back nines. Dutch Michael and Don Leamy took the honors.

Week seven saw Rick Muchler make a guest appearance (he is nor-

mally a Snowbird) and he took first place. Don Baker took second place and low gross honors. Ron Parham was third. Rick Muchler took two skins. Don Hunter and Don Baker had one skin apiece. Patti Cook and Don Hunter had the longest drives of the week. Ron Parham made the closest to the pin shot.

John Maloof was the week eight champion. Don Hunter was second and Patti Cook was third. Clyde Hershberger shot the low gross round and collected a skin. Ken Smith, Don Hunter, Ron Parham and Joe Wisinski collected the remaining skins.

Week nine was won by Ron Parham. Joe Wisinski was second. Don Hunter took third, low gross honors and a skin. Bruce MacPherson, Steve Yauk and Clyde Hershberger also collected skins. The long drive competitions were won by Patti Cook, Fred Schick and Clyde Hershberger. Ada

Culbertson hit a wonderful shot to garner closest to the pin honors.

If you have been thinking of trying the Thursday Golf League, the summer is a great time to do it. Fewer people play, so we get done earlier. All you have to do is show up between 9:30 and 10 am any Thursday.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggol@aol.com

We also maintain our Box Office Webpage every month.



If you have never played eight ball, or nine ball, you should join our league and give them a try



Pictured above are June tournament winners Becky Balderson and Rashanee Turner.

The competition is on!

Every month, the Ladies Que'T Billiards League plays two types of tournaments: eight ball or nine ball.

Most ladies will agree, their favorite game is eight ball, but nine-ball is equally as challenging.

In case you have never played nine ball, let me tell you a little about it.

First, we rack up nine balls. We use four solids, four stripes and the eight ball in the middle. Some places use the first nine balls in numerical order and the nine-ball in the middle.

Next, out comes a penny, heads or tails is called, and the shooter who wins the coin toss gets to break.

Crack! The balls are spread all over the table. Sometimes one or more balls ends up in a pocket, which means the person who broke continues her turn to secure either stripes or solid balls. If no balls go into a pocket, at the break, its the competitor's turn.

At this point we say that the "table is open," which means neither player has stripes or solid balls.

The rival player can take either stripes or solids by sinking one of the two types of balls into the called pocket.

In this game, the pocket must be



Que'T Billiards

called for each ball that is played.

The goal of the game is to be the first person to sink the eight ball or nine ball, but the trick is, you must put balls in pockets in order, according to the rules of the game you are following.

Does this sounds like something you would like to try? The Que'T Ladies Billiard Club meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Billiards Room at the West Activity Center. We begin to arrive at 6 p.m. to warm-up so join us one evening and see if this is something you might like participate in.

In tournament play for June, Rashanee Turner and Becky Balderson tied for first place.

Two of the tennis courts at the East Activity Center were closed in July for repairs. Courts Nos. 1 and 3 were marked by barricades. Please stay off these two courts until repairs have been completed and On Top of the World has announced they are reopened. - Thank you,





Four different A Flight tournament winners in 8-ball

Ron Blaettner defends 9-ball crown

For the second year in a row, Ron Blaettner was named top 9-ball champion for his consistent performances all year long in our Tuesday afternoon tournaments.

There were several players who were close on his heels. Look out Ron. They're coming after you!

On June 28, after Ron won the 9-ball tournament, Andy Suhar, tournament director, held his annual luncheon in the Sunrise Room for those players who support this program. Felice Deli supplied the food, there was wine and beer, along with some yummy desserts.

8-BALL

On Monday, June 20, in A Flight, Tony D'Amico captured first place, Barb Sundberg claimed second place and Nick Sapienza settled for third place.

In B Flight, Gene Baranowski captured first place, Terri Wittman claimed second place and Andy Suhar settled for third third.

On June 27, in A Flight, Joe Gora edged out the field to capture first place, Joe Ventimiglia was close behind taking second place with Nick Sapienza claiming third place.

In B Flight, Ron Baltrunas walked away with first place. There was a three-way tie for second between Gene Baranowski, Phil Perez and Eddie Ramirez. No playoff was held.

The members played 8-ball on Tuesday, July 5. In the A Flight, Gene Baranowski captured first place with Joe Ventimiglia claiming second place. In B Flight, Eddie Ramirez took first place and Andy Suhar claimed second place. There was a tie for third between Henry Chapman and Vinnie Martinez. No playoff was held.

On July 11, in A Flight, Tony Baker easily walked away with first place. Then there was a three-way tie between Gene Baranowski, Charlie Cronk and Tony D'Amico. After playoffs, Tony captured second and Charlie took third. In B Flight, for the second week, Eddie Ramirez captured first place. After a playoff between Andy Suhar and Barb Sundberg, Barb



Ron Blaettner was crowned the nine-ball champion for the year, which ended in June. Over the past 12 months, he showcased the best overall results in 9-ball action.

took second place with Andy settling for third.

9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, June 21, Joe Ventimiglia edged out the field to capture first place, knocking out Ron Blaettner with his eight-week, first-place winning streak. Ron had to settle for second place.

On June 28, there was a playoff between Ron Blaettner and Bob Eads. Ron took first with Bob settling for second.

On July 5, there was a playoff between Tony Baker and Eddie Ramirez for first or second places. Eddie came

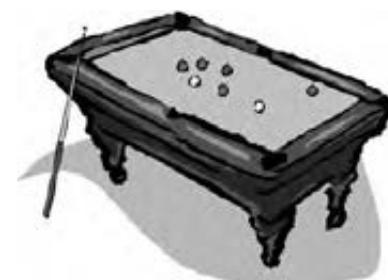
from behind to edge out Tony.

On July 12, Ron Blaettner captured first place. Joe Ventimiglia claimed second place.

10-BALL

On June 21, there was a three-way playoff between Denny Balderson, Gene Baranowski and Nick Sapienza. Denny captured first place, Nick claimed second and Gene settled for third.

On July 12, after a playoff between Denny Balderson and Tony D'Amico, Denny edged out Tony to take first place. Tony had to settle for second and Henry Chapman third.



Billiards

SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, June 16, the team of Vinnie Martinez and new member, Jay Neenan, took first place. The team of Mario Rodriguez and Joe Wisinski took second place. The team of Eddie Ramirez and Nick Sapienza settled for third place.

On June 23, they played singles. After a playoff between Charlie Cronk and Eddie Ramirez, Charlie took first place, Eddie settled for second, Gene Baranowski claimed third.

On June 30, the team of Joe Gora and Eddie Ramirez edged out the field taking first place, the team of Craig Burnette and Nick Sapienza were close behind claiming second place, and the team of Gene Baranowski and Joe Wisinski settled for third.

On July 7, the team of Eddie Ramirez and Mario Rodriguez edged out the team of Howard Wilson and Terri Wittman for first place. Howard and Terri settled for second and the team of Henry Chapman and Joe Gora took third.

Members in the A & B Flights play 8-ball on Monday evenings, both A & B Flights play 10-ball on Tuesday evenings, with Scotch Doubles on Thursday evenings.

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‘Down Under’ journey will be remembered always



Barbara and Jim Sundberg pose with a koala, typical of the wildlife found on the continent of Australia, which they recently visited.

We don't know when we will die, but we can determine how we live.

When we celebrated Jim's 70th birthday last year in Paris, we started talking about all the places we still wanted to see.

Then we hatched a plan to take a trip to Australia to visit friends who live in Brisbane.

They were waiting for us in our hotel lobby upon our arrival in Sydney. We immediately set out to explore the city, taking a ferry to Manly and Bondi beaches, two of Australia's top beaches.

Our next stop was St. Mary's Cathedral, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Hyde Park, Kings Cross, the Opera House, and Harbour Bridge, the world's tallest steel arch bridge.

You can't visit Australia as a runner without going for a run through the beautiful Blue Mountains National Park with its view of Echo Point and Three Sisters mountain ridge.

The dew mist on the eucalyptus trees casts a blue hue on the mountains, hence its name. Featherdale Wildlife Park is where I met a kangaroo interested in reading about all the news going on here at On Top of the World.

We took in a luncheon cruise through Darling Harbor, a walking tour of the Rocks area, and a museum which tells the story from pre-European days to present day housed in an 1850's sandstone warehouse, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Then we said goodbye to Australia and boarded our ship, with our first stop

in Noumea, New Caledonia, with its gorgeous views of the architecture of this island as we pulled into port.

We discovered Dumbea River by kayak through emerald blue waters, and then we were whisked away on a high-speed ferry to Amedee Lighthouse Island. Next we enjoyed Mystery Island, Vanuatu, where a local family welcomed us into their home.

We learned of the life and diverse culture of the island and its people before heading to Port Vila, Vanuatu, where Jim enjoyed snorkeling to the world's only underwater post office to mail postcards.

Next stop was our two-day stay in Suva, Fiji, where we took in a tour of the Nausori Farmers Market, a Spice Farm, a walk-through of the rainforest and nature garden, and a Fijian settlement.

The waterfalls on this beautiful island are stunning, the shimmering blue waters are crystal clear and the lush landscapes and sheltered coves were breathtaking.

When we docked at the pier in Honolulu, Hawaii, I think the entire ship's population headed to Waikiki Beach to see the many sights.

Touring Pearl Harbor, the site of the United States' entrance into World War II on that fateful morning of Dec. 7, 1941, was an emotional experience. While there, we visited Battleship Row, where we saw the USS Oklahoma, the USS Missouri and the USS Arizona memorial.

We also enjoyed an authentic Hawaiian luau with its traditional food and dazzling entertainment. Next we spent two days in Lahaina, Maui, where surfing, snorkeling and sailing is

a way of life on this tropical paradise, with tours of the lush landscape of Lauo Valley, agricultural villages, Maui Tropical Plantation, macadamia nut orchards and flower gardens, a coconut husking demonstration, sugarcane fields (which will stop production because of a reduction in government subsidies due to cheaper production costs moving to China).

We traveled to the Haleakala Crater, the highest point on the island of Maui at 10,032 feet above sea level. That was breathtaking. They say all of Manhattan Island and the Empire State Building could be vertically stacked four times in the crater without reaching the top.

Then we spent another five days at sea on our way to Seattle before heading back to OTOW to plan the next trip on our bucket list!

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New OTOW residents have many years in the area

In June, we celebrated Flag Day and in keeping with a Valencia tradition, a group of our residents assembled for our flag-raising to salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

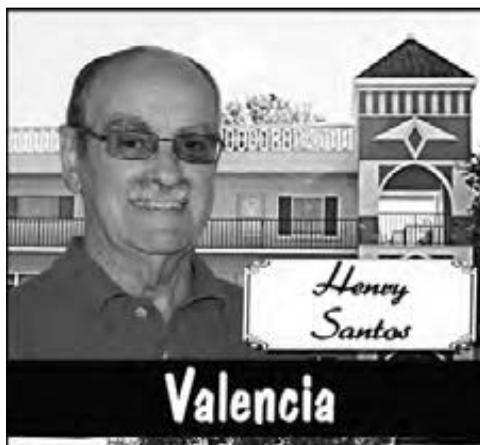
Then all went to Lenny's restaurant for a brunch. This is something our building has been doing for a long time and hopefully will never stop.

Did you know that the idea of Flag Day originated in 1885? A school teacher in Wisconsin observed June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday."

Soon many schools and institutions including the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution and many states celebrated "Flag Day" unofficially on June 14.

It was not until Aug. 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an act of congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day. Amazing, and it all started with a school teacher.

The Valencia building would like to welcome new residents



Albert and Jean Johnston, along with their daughter, Melody. They were originally from Indiana and have lived in Florida for many years. (See photo of Melody and Jean at right.)

Albert was a carpenter and worked for Pinellas County at Fort De Soto Park for about 15 years. He was responsible for building the many benches on the property. If you ever visited Fort De Soto Park and sat on one of the benches, you probably sat on one made by Albert. So if you get a splinter, go see him (just kidding!).



New residents Melody Johnston (at left) and her mother, Jean, on the right.

Jean worked as a seamstress in Indiana. Melody worked for Pinellas County for about 30 years and for about the last 15 years was a school bus driver. You got to love kids to do that job for that long.

Again welcome to Valencia and hope to see you all at our gatherings.

And now "Who is That Mystery Person"? Well, we fooled a few people but most got it right. Yes, it was Phil Roth. I know, I know, after you see

his name, you all say "Oh yes, now I see it." It's amazing that a person who is (ahem!) 55-plus looks pretty much as his picture at about age 3.

Anyway, here's another chance. The new mystery person is the little girl seated in the chair in the photo below. Her first name is scrambled in the following sentence: "A Millibar Blind Eye" Good luck, everyone.



Valencia's "Mystery Person of the Month." See story for details and clues.

Now is a good time to take note of our natural beauty

What a wonderful time we had at our building's 4th of July celebration.

Great conversation, singing, food, and drink were shared by wonderful neighbors, both new and old. Meeting our new neighbors was especially special, having come from many different locations and hearing different adventures of their lives.

Food included various dishes and desserts made by spectacular and talented residents. The main course was hot dogs, barbeque sandwiches, pork and beans, and other foods commonly eaten at a 4th of July picnic. Everyone went back home with stuffed bellies!

Plans for a Labor Day get-together have already begun and everyone is looking forward to it.

As summer passes, remember to stop and appreciate the little happenings in life. Sometimes, they turn out to be the big happenings. Hot weather (no snow), a little less traffic, sightings of alligators, otters, and other wildlife (from a distance, of course) can also be enjoyed.

The beautiful sunrises, sunsets, bright stars, sun, and moon can be enjoyed. Mockingbirds, doves, and of course the squawking of parrots and the cawing of crows can be music to our ears.



The ibis, various herons, and hawks are all a treat to see. Then don't forget the turtles and, of course, the scampering of the rabbits and squirrels (but don't feed any of them).

Remember to use sunscreen, sunglasses, mosquito repellant, appropriate clothing and shade.

Enjoy watching the Allegiant planes fly over us to and from the airport. The Coast Guard planes and helicopters fly over us as a reminder that many brave men and women are constantly keeping our great country safe.

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I hope everyone continues to enjoy the rest of the summer. Until next time....

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Basketball team gets together after nearly half-century

Many of us went on vacation or little side trips this past month.

I, for one, flew to Philadelphia to attend the eighth grade graduation ceremonies of my youngest grandchild.

From there I crossed the state to my home town of Latrobe. It was arranged to meet up with some of my dearest relatives to enjoy a meal together at a mutually favorite restaurant.

Judy Boley drove to Bradenton to spend a few days with her sister-in-law Eunice, the occasion to celebrate Eunice's birthday.

Deborah Androvetti spent a long weekend relaxing at Indian Rocks.

Gin Upton spent two weeks in Minnesota along with her two sisters and brothers. One of these women lives and works in India. It was a very good time just being together laughing, talking and eating.

When Gin isn't here, she is missed very much (I do believe that our Fourth of July was a very quiet one because of her absence).

The most interesting of trips taken was that of Ron Topa and his companion, Esther Marchiso, who flew to Syracuse, N.Y. They spent a couple of days in Massena N.Y., visiting Ron's



92-year-old father and stepmother.

From there they spent three days in Utica, N. Y., at his sister's farm, then a trip to Alex Bay, bordering the St. Lawrence River. While there they toured "Bolt Castle."

The main reason for Ron's trip was to get together with his high school basketball team, which, to this day (48 years later) holds the record for most games won (see photos).

Ron was drafted and John Perry enlisted in the army. They served together in Germany. Ron left the service and started up his own business, while John made a career and stayed in Germany. After retirement he married and opened a restaurant there.



Ron Topa met up with members of his high school basketball team recently. In this old photo are (front row): Bill Ripp, Ron Topa and George Snyder; (back row): Terry Dorrity, Paul Makowski and John Perry.

He contacted his former team members that he was coming to the States for a visit. The big get-together is now history. It was so very much fun.

The monthly birthday party took place at Tiffany's. Of the six people who celebrate this month, only Gin Upton and Betty Ingham were among the 18 present.



Members of Ron Topa's high school basketball team as they appear currently. Front row: John Bradish, Ron Topa and George Snyder. Back row: Terry Dorrity and John Perry.

Diana Bendert provided the cake and Donna Cameron helped to serve the same.

Dorothy Hatnaugle couldn't attend but had a happy day as her two daughters and son visited her to wish her well.

Notice has been put up that this monthly gathering will be held on the last Wednesday of the month as of August 24.



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Candice Peace and other Malaguena residents line up for the scrumptious buffet at the building's successful Independence Day potluck dinner. (Photo by Phyllis King)

July 4th celebrated at Malaguena with potluck

By all accounts, our Independence Day potluck dinner was a resounding success.

The event, held in the West Activity Center, was organized by the building wing captains: Dolores Burn, Anna Hyden, Arlene Mansfield, Jean Norris, Candice Peace, and yours truly.

More than 40 residents joined the celebration, bringing side dishes, salads and desserts. The main course of fried chicken was paid for with the residents' building dues.

Residents who don't see each other on a regular basis mingled and chatted with each other. Ray Sigarelli said a beautiful grace.

After several years of no building events, this year we've held two: a pizza party and this Fourth of July party. Based on the enthusiastic response, we will plan more. A big thank you to all the residents who made this party such a success!

On another note, please respect your neighbors and dispose of items like old microwaves, monitors, paint cans, and fluorescent lights appropriately. These items are currently piled in the North rubbish room and will not be taken out for disposal by Parkway,



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This is unnecessary clutter and presents a hazard. Pinellas County has information about how to dispose of many of these items on the web site www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste, or you can call 727-464-7500 for disposal information.

It would be great to have an article in every month, but I need your stories to make that happen. Please contact me if you've taken an interesting trip, have a hobby, are a volunteer, celebrated a big birthday with family and friends, and would like to share it, please contact me.



A look back at the OTOW News (August, 1991)

By Esta-Lee Schwartz and Cele Radeloff

- AMF Clearwater Bowl's On Top of the World Appreciation Day was held Tuesday, July 23, 1991, at 1 p.m. There were games of fun, plus prizes and refreshments. Open to all OTOW residents at no charge.
- Notice: Please use caution! Bath shoes must be worn on new tile floor in activity centers. (New tile was installed in 1991.)
- (One of the ads): We buy unusual cameras, Especially Leica, Zeiss Ikon, 3D, stereo, miniature/spy type, pre-1960 Nikon or Canon, colorful Kodaks from the 1920s.
- "Smile a While by B" fortune-cookie message: "If man too busy making fortune, somebody may steal cooky."
- Deja vu message from 25 years ago: Drivers in the right turn lanes at Belcher gate must turn right.
- Popular diet at the time, recommended by Cathy Lee Crosby: "The Amazing Micro Diet. An affordable weight loss system that really works." Anyone ever try it?

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Some of our neighbors have been hosting guests and others traveling, including us on both counts.

Building skipper Bill and Mary Carey took an extended road trip, having left in early June. Their jaunt took them to Northern California and a visit with daughter and family.

They drove through the hills and dales of Arizona and New Mexico with interesting sights and places along the way. They passed through Las Vegas and Reno, which meant a bit of poker (which did not disappoint Bill).

After cruising along in comfortable air-conditioned cars at 60, one has more appreciation for those pioneers in covered wagons.

Glad the Careys enjoyed their extended holiday, but it was nice to see them home at On Top of the World.

Carroll Harris had her daughter from Missouri visiting for a week and pals from Dallas as well. Carol said there was lots of beach time and a houseful of guests, but a wonderful time overall. Boss, their dog, had a house guest as



well. Fred had double duty in the dog-walking department.

Theresa Gates had an enjoyable time with family on Long Island. Bet that Atlantic breeze was welcomed.

Steve Mazurek has been entertaining family and friends all summer. At this rate he will be listed in a travel guide. Five stars to Steve!

We also entertained house guests, some from OTOW at On the Rocks in Boothbay Harbor.

Lobster was on the menu of course. Maine is beautiful in the summer. Now winter — that's another story and that's why we're at OTOW!

Glad our elevator was so promptly



In this wide-angle shot, Rick and Dana Garlick (on left) from French Renaissance joined reporter Fran Fairfield and other friends of husband Hal's support team at the Rock's in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, for some "Lobstah."
(Photo by Mike Leonard)

repaired by management, especially in this heat. We sure do take pushing a button for granted!

Brief reminders: please check the bulletin board for news. Turn off the lights in the rubbish room. Have a "ready bag" in case of storms, which pop up quickly in this summer heat.

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American independence celebrated at BFH gathering



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Brittany Farmhouse



The Pledge of Alligiance started off the festivities at the BFH potluck event.

and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag (see photo above).

It was such a nice afternoon with BBQ chicken, German Bratwurst, delicious salads, snacks and desserts. Another successful BFH activity, with 17 residents and friends participating.

We decided to have the next get-together around Labor Day. Watch the bulletin board for information.



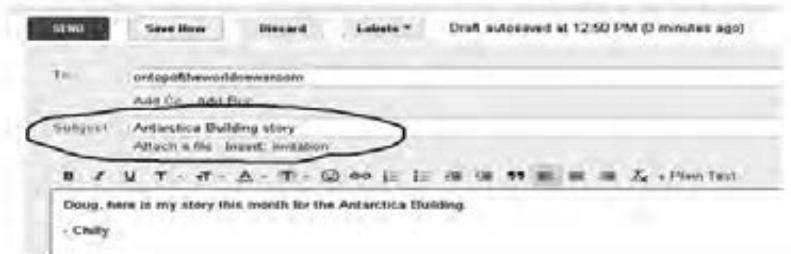
Brittany Farmhouse residents enjoy fine food at their Independence Day potluck meal.

Brittany Farmhouse residents celebrated the 240th year of Independence with a potluck on July 3.

Everybody had a good time (see photo). But before we started enjoying all the good food, the attendees stood

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Some surprisingly good singers at karaoke birthday

While many of our residents have returned to their permanent homes up North and beyond, those of us who stay here all year manage to have a good time.

We keep busy with our lives and celebrating the milestones we all have with our neighbors.

The Flamenco has been celebrating birthdays throughout the month of June, and while it's been really hot outside, our residents have been keeping cool inside.

One of our residents, Sally Morgan celebrated her 80th birthday with a dinner thrown by her daughter, who also lives here in On Top of the World. Several of her closest friends attended to celebrate another year in life. Sally stays active by walking with her dog and spending time with friends.

Royetta Runyon, another resident, celebrated her birthday with an intimate dinner with close friends towards the



end of June. She enjoys going to our dances and shows with a few close friends on the first floor of our building and is always ready to laugh and have a good time.

Most recently, Bob Gendron (in the birthday hat) celebrated his birthday by treating a bunch of us to his extensive karaoke collection, and along with his wife Lorraine, hosted a well-



Bob Gendron presents a karaoke concert at his birthday party. He and his wife, Lorraine, hosted the affair.

attended karaoke birthday party.

There was great food and wine, a lot of laughter, especially when "Sonny and Cher" made their surprise entrance



"Cher" (Jim Ponticelli) and "Sonny" (Elaine Whaley) perform at Bob Gendron's karaoke birthday bash.

(see photo), and even some pretty good singing. All had a great time and we hope to encourage them to have another karaoke party again soon!

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Resident couple experiences 'fairytale wedding'



Nagoya residents celebrated our nation's birthday with a Fourth of July cookout hosted by Jim and Sandy Ropp at their home (see photo at lower right). Lots of good food and games mixed with lots of red, white, and blue and great fellowship put everyone in a patriotic mood.

Thank you, Jim and Sandy, for your hospitality!



Nagoya residents and newlyweds Craig and Heidi Burnette were wed June 18. (Photo by Theresa Hamilton)



Above: Newlyweds Craig and Heidi Burnette are whisked away from their wedding venue on Amelia Island, Fla. (Photo by Theresa Hamilton). Below: Part of the crowd at the Nagoya 4th of July party. (Photo by Barbara Rice)

Congratulations to Nagoya newlyweds, Craig and Heidi Burnette. The happy couple exchanged vows at the stately Fairbanks House Bed and Breakfast on Amelia Island, Fla., on June 18.

Following the ceremony, a coachman awaited to escort the bride and groom away in a royal carriage drawn by a white horse.

They enjoyed an enchanting ride through the historical avenues of the island followed by their first dinner as husband and wife at a romantic five-star restaurant.

"It was like a fairytale," Heidi said. The couple then honeymooned in Asheville, N.C., and Savannah, Ga.



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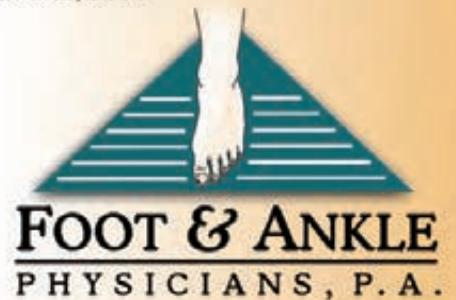
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Resident's father brought love of singing to OTOW

By Cele Radeloff and Kathleen Santosuosso

Just how many current On Top of the World residents are second or third generation? More than you think and this column will highlight them each month.

Mina Osborne

Mina Osborne, a second generation On Top of the World resident, lived in Clearwater for the first 13 years of her life. Her dad, Olen Osborne, worked hard to support his wife and six children, but when his two brothers in Michigan urged him to move where he could make more money, he did. A family support system and the income in Michigan were the incentives.

Years later, when Olen retired, he said that he had to move to Michigan but wanted to live in Clearwater. One of the deacons in his Clearwater church was a realtor, and that deacon found the Saratoga Building residence at OTOW for Olen in 2002.

Olen loved to sing and sang throughout his life. He grew up in a family where he, as a child, and his two brothers sang spiritual songs nearly every night.

This love of singing continued into his adult life. He sang solos in OTOW programs and in the holiday chorus. Olen sang in church too, in both Clearwater and Michigan, and thought of himself as a Sam Cooke.

As he grew older, his daughters came down to help him. When Mina



Saratoga resident Olen Osborne sang solos in a number of OTOW concerts and shows.

moved to OTOW, she was retiring from her job. After Olen passed away, Mina chose to stay in the OTOW residence.

He also had two houses in Michigan.

"This was an opportunity of a lifetime," Mina remembered. "I was driving through snow and icy rain as I left Michigan. OK, I can leave this behind." The driving improved as she headed south.

Since Mina moved to OTOW permanently in February of 2008, she has discovered the joys of traveling. First, she enjoyed cruises with dolphins leaping nearby, lines of dark rain approaching through the sky, and colorful sunrises and sunsets.

She also met a fellow traveler, Phyllis Wong, and has traveled with her to Dubai, Bangkok, Phuket, Singapore, and Iceland-last spring.

"If someone asks me to go on a trip, I say, why not?"

In Iceland in March, it was still cold. Mina and Phyllis went to a hot springs where it was 80 degrees in the lake but 3 below zero in the air. They also saw the aurora borealis, crystal clear waterfalls, mountains, and snowy remote areas.

Mina also travels locally with Travel is Fun, which has trips to local Florida sites with activities such as boat rides and luncheons.

Mina's daily life includes the 8 a.m. Exercise Class with Barb Sundberg, Line-Dancing, Fun Fitness, and Water Walking. She also delivers meals through Meals on Wheels. Mina makes the most of the local theaters and libraries when they show good movies.



Mina Osborne at a remote outpost in Iceland during one of her recent travels.

Every October, along with the OTOW Sisterhood Team, Mina walks in the St. Petersburg Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk.

"Life is good here," Mina observed. Many OTOW residents agree.

If you are a second or third generation OTOW resident, call us at 727-470-2989 and we'll interview you for this column!

Basic Hurricane Preparation Tips

Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.

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Welcome new neighbors from Virginia



Hello, good neighbors! I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome three newcomers to the Brahman Building: Brenda, Jim and "Maggie" Harper (see photo).

They moved in at the end of January of this year.

Brenda is from Virginia Beach and Jim is from Richmond, Va.

They met in Brenda's home town and lived there after their marriage in 1981 for 30 years. Jim is a retired self-employed contractor and Brenda is a retired banker.

They have taken several cruises to St. Thomas and St. Marten in the Caribbean. They love to go to Hard Rock Casino as well.

Jim enjoys golfing but hasn't played here yet. He is part of the Wednesday Breakfast Club that the men of the building participate in. He also loves taking advantage of the pool.

They have brothers and sisters in several areas: Brenda has a sister in nearby Bradenton and in Virginia Beach, and a brother in Roanoke, Va. Jim has a brother in Richmond. They also have nieces and nephews in New York and Port Charlotte.

In 2011, a good friend of Brenda's brought "Maggie" into their lives. Maggie is a dear black and white miniature Schnauzer.

It took a while for neighbors to get used to Maggie's big bark, but you soon find out it is the way she communicates with you.



New Brahman residents Brenda and Jim Harper. "Maggie," their miniature Schnauzer perched on Brenda's lap, makes up the rest of the family.

Mainly she loves the dog park and is always excited and eager to get there, so she pulls Brenda there eagerly each day. Once there she plays gratefully with large and small dogs alike and has great fun (see photo at right).

I was ecstatic. While interviewing the family, Maggie actually left her play toy on the side of the chair where I was sitting.

Brenda remarked, "She never did that before." I was honored that Maggie accepts me now as a friend and tells me she wants me to play catch. She still barks when people come to the door, but that is what all good watchdogs do. Once you enter, she immediately sits or lies in front of you to get scratched or petted or accepts a biscuit. I always have one for her.

When I took a picture of them, she immediately sat on Brenda's lap and posed looking right at the camera. You can see in the accompanying photo how attentive she was to have her picture taken.

I am so glad they all decided on the Brahman Building to make their home. We enjoy them and welcome them here.



Summer is great time for family visits

The summer is going by fast, and along with the good weather come our neighbors having out-of-state family visits.

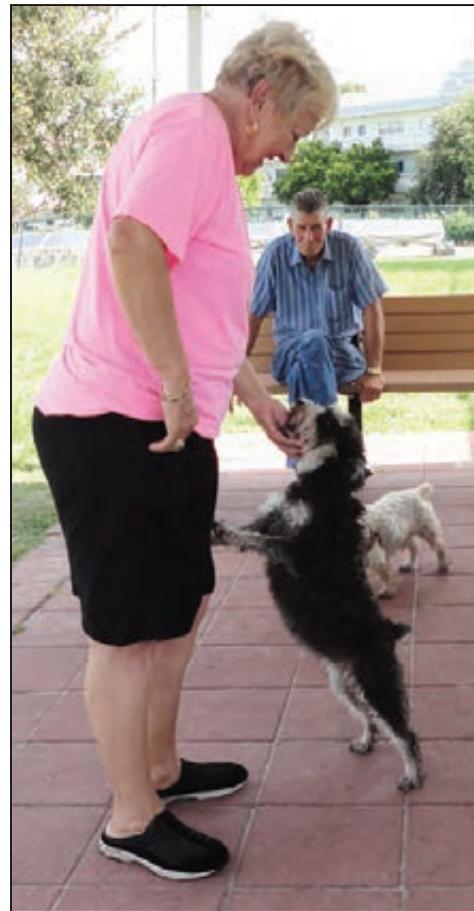
Two such neighbors are Rick and Connie Dansizen. Their son and his wife came for a visit in June along with children and grandchildren for a total of 12.

Before the visit, they all went to Walt Disney World. Later in the week they arrived here in a large van. They enjoyed the day together and had a great dinner at Frenchy's on Clearwater Beach.

Then on July 2 their daughter arrived to spend a week. They went to the beach, the Hard Rock Casino, shopping, and of course, eating out. It was a great time for Rick and Connie since they don't get to see their children and extended family too often since they live in Ohio.

But wait—there is still more! On June 30, Rick and Connie celebrated a milestone with their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them and many more beautiful years together.

As always if you have a story for me to tell, please let me know.



Brenda Harper puts her dog, "Maggie," through her paces at the OTOW Dog Park, one of Maggie's favorite places.

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Summer fun in N.C., Ala. honors the Fourth of July

The painting of our building was completed, and with our new flag poles we were ready for our nation's birthday party.

It is always a great party. Special TV programs reacquainting us with the people who brought forth our nation. Most of these reviews outlined the strengths as well as character defects of our founding fathers.

Many parades, along with speeches by the politicians. And fireworks, so beautiful and loud, a sort of play-like war to remind us that the birth of our nation was not an easy birth.

Sy and I traveled to Huntsville, Ala., to celebrate the Fourth of July with Sy's daughter and granddaughter. Huntsville is the home of the beginnings of our rocket program. The city is proud of its Van Braun Center and a Friendship Park with cherry blossom trees, a lake teeming with Japanese koi and a graceful Japanese bridge.

The fireworks display at the Redstone Arsenal was most magnificent — breathtaking, in fact.

John and Dolores are back after spending the Fourth with family on the Outer Banks in North Carolina. The Outer Banks is the location of the early years of flight experiments by the Wright brothers. They observed that sea gulls change the shape of their wing tips when making turns. This observation led to their basic patent and success. John tells me that they had a wonderful visit and watched a few fireworks.



On July 22, some 20 Azoreans donned loud Hawaiian shirts, sarongs, and grass skirts to be appropriately dressed for a luau. The setting and entertainment were great and of course the food was delicious. A fantastic time was had by all. I'm sure we will have pictures next issue.

The joy of living is the theme of a luau. Only the pig argues this point of view.

All the combatants in our Tuesday night poker game are back except for Jim Williams. The games are creative, usually with a wild card or two. Chuck Kilgore is the inspired creator of some of the most unusual hands that we play. However creative a hand might be, the fact that someone will win and someone will lose is always present.

Nothing from the Whack-a-Ballers — too hot, I suppose.

Please drop a little news in my in-box. Watch the bulletin board for upcoming surprises.

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Beaches beckon summer visitors to OTOW

It is the middle of summer and all the weather channels have the same forecast, HHH: hot, hazy and humid, with a chance of thundershowers.

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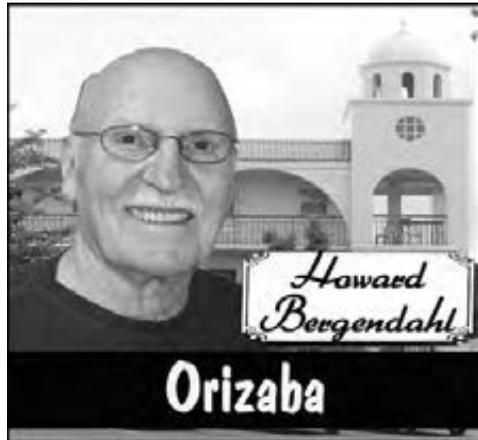
The residents of our building were active entertaining relatives this month. Ed Fournier had a visit from his daughter, son and grandson. I don't know if they enjoyed the weather, but sharing time with visiting relatives is always enjoyable.

There is one exception to this rule and it goes as follows. A husband said to his wife, "No, I don't hate your relatives. In fact, I like your mother-in-law better than I like mine."

Frank and Jenny Hong were happy to have their daughter and son-in-law visit. They made a visit to our fine beach, which is rated at the top of beaches in the country and were sightseeing throughout our lovely area.

Filip and Dusita George returned from a long trip to Romania and, though it was great visiting with family and friends, they are glad to be home.

Jackie Blair follows Linda Ledesma hosting the monthly lunch and has



chosen Cody's, so sign up at the bulletin board in the core. Speaking of Jackie Blair, as I mentioned in last month's report, her granddaughter, well known to Orizaba residents, was married. A photo of the beautiful bride and proud husband are shown here at right.

We had dinner this past week, with four generations being represented. Rosemary, her daughter and son-in-law, her grandson and his wife, but the stars of the evening were the two great grandchildren who were the center of attention of all in the restaurant.

The two young boys were everyone's favorite and stole the show. This reminds me of the reactions of



Orizaba resident Jackie Blair's granddaughter was married recently. She is shown here with the happy groom.

swimmers at the pool when youngsters are present and are the main attraction of all present.

Someone said to me recently that when a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car is new or the wife.

Andy McAvoy says it all. A senior was asked what he does during retirement and he replied, "Monday through Friday, nothing and on Saturday and Sunday I rest."

Niece's class project sets new school initiative



Judy Etherton went home to Rochester over Memorial Day for what she claims was "a long overdue visit with friends and family."

Her oldest niece, a fourth-grade teacher, just completed a project with her class where they built a hand from a 3D printer for one of her students. Because of her drive and resourcefulness, her school has taken on the banner and will continue to offer this to others in need. Judy said, "I am very proud of her!"

She said the weather was perfect and all of her friends showed up. Of course, she ate plenty of "Zweigles" hotdogs, a Rochester original.

JoAnn Dameron left us to visit her homeland in Waynesboro, Va., to see her youngest grandson graduate from high school. The weather was



Cecile Sangiamo and Laurie Cavanaugh waiting for their partners to toss the beanbags during an intense game held on July 4.

cool and she never had a day without a sweatshirt, so she was very glad to return to Clearwater.

Roy Satkowski hosted his visiting sister-in-law and her husband for a week. They are from Chicago, and always ready to trade Chicago for Clearwater. Besides spending a week with Roy, they spent a few days on St. Petersburg Beach before going back.

The end of June found Virginia Jones back at her home base in New Jersey to visit friends and relatives and then on to Illinois to see and visit with

other members of her family.

Laurie Cavanaugh says she isn't going anywhere until her first grandchild is born. Anxiously awaiting the birth of her grandson, due on July 15, she is staying very close to home. Luckily her daughter lives in Tampa and Laurie will be able to spend lots of time spoiling the newborn boy.

The afternoon of July 4 brought a few residents out for a hotly-contested bean bag toss game (see photo above).

Please be sure to check the bulletin board for future events.



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Here's a birthday bash idea: a cruise for family of 18

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Our neighbors Guy Bertuzzi and Anna Pellegrino pre-celebrated Guy's 80th birthday with an amazing trip.

Guy and Anna took a seven-day cruise out of Fort Lauderdale. They went on Royal Caribbean's *Oasis of the Seas*. The ship is huge, with 6,200 passengers and 2,100 staff members.

The amazing thing about the cruise was that 16 other family members went with them. Guy's three sons, their wives and nine grandchildren. Some of their friends also went.

The cruise went to Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martin, which is a French/Dutch island.

Guy's favorite island is the French side of St. Martin. Guy and Anna rented a car and explored the French side. The island is noted for its scenery, nude beaches and French restaurants. Of course, they had to eat while they were there and totally enjoyed it.

All of Guy's family did their own thing while in port. But when dinner time came, all the family was together each night and it was great!

The four youngest grandchildren loved the camp on the ship; they didn't want to be with the rest of the family. They were afraid they would miss something at camp. Guy said, "It was so cute."

Guy was 80 at the end of July. It was amazing that the coordination of the trip went so well as there were 18



Guy Bertuzzi and Anna Pellegrino strike a happy pose on the *Oasis of the Seas*.



Guy Bertuzzi and his family, all 18 of them, aboard the *Oasis of The Seas* cruise ship.

family members to get together. Happy birthday, Guy. We hope you had another celebration on your actual birthday!

I do enjoy writing stories about your trips, special celebrations, family births, a good recipe to share, etc. Please let me know by phone or leave a note

in the white mailbox in the core under the bulletin board. Thank you for all your wonderful stories and pictures.

We all love to read about them. Have a great rest of the summer. Keep cool and drink plenty of water.

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By Bob Reis

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Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

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Baghdad revamps building organization



On June 29, a group of Baghdad building residents met in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center of On Top of the World.

Their goal was to form the new Baghdad Building Neighborhood Group. It was a nice turnout; many questions were asked.

Vicky Portsmouth, one of the two building coordinators, and who acts as liaison between the Baghdad Building and the OTOW Building Coordinator's Project, informed the attendees of new methods that the Project suggests for building groups, hoping to promote more building participation.

The major departure from the former building associations is that there are no elections. Volunteers can now participate in one or more administrative and committee duties. The logic behind this is a collaboration of many ideas, and a feeling that each resident now has the ability to take part in the operation of the building.

The Baghdad Building Neighborhood Group has already



Shown here are eight members of the new Baghdad Building Neighborhood Group. Seated left to right are: Judy Simpson, Secretary; Vicky Portsmouth, Wing Captain and Secretary; Sue Williams, Social Committee; and Pat Cooper, Beautification Committee. Standing from left to right are: Shirley Demers, Treasurer and Beautification Committee; Joe Ventimiglia, Building Coordinator and Social Committee; Fred Williams, Building Coordinator; and Kathleen Clarkson, Building Coordinator and Beautification Committee.

filled 16 volunteer slots: three Building Coordinators, two Secretaries, two Treasurers, two Wing Captains, three Beautification Committee members, three Social Committee members and one Storage Room Guru. A photo that includes some of these volunteers accompanies this article.

Anyone wanting to take a volunteer position is welcome to do so.

"It's exciting to try a new venture," said Sue Williams.

"Very nice to work with friends," said Judy Simpson.

"We can now hone into volunteer positions that interest us," added Shirley Demers.

"I think this is a good idea. Looking forward to having fun with my neighbors," said Vicky Portsmouth.

"I like this," said Joe Ventimiglia.

The Baghdad Building Neighborhood Group is getting off to a good start. It's open, and encourages residents to volunteer for any position that interests them.

New residents on both sides of the building

The Espana has some new residents. Lisa Muller has moved into a condo on the odd side of our building.

She originally came from Taiwan in 1982. She and her husband originally lived in Washington D.C., where he was in the General Accounting Office prior to his passing.

Lisa moved to Florida in 1989, where she was an airline ticket agent. She came to On Top of the World from nearby Spring Hill. Among other things, she is a ballroom dancing student. Welcome to our building, Lisa!

On the even side of our building we also have a new resident. His name is Bill Morgan. He originally came from the Youngstown, Ohio, area. He worked for General Motors. Since Bill was involved with Chevrolet and my husband produced the Buick auto shows, we had an interesting time discussing the announcement shows and the auto shows.

After his wife passed away, Bill came to St. Petersburg for a visit. He



loved the area, so he went home and sold everything and in August 2015, he leased a condo on the East side of OTOW. When his current unit in the Espana became available, he grabbed it. He loves it and the people he has met in the Espana.

Bill has four children and 10 grandchildren.

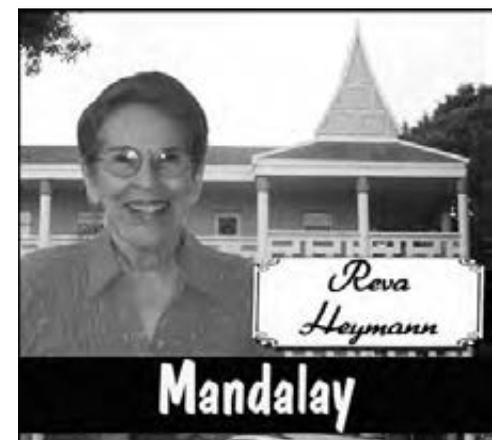
Virginia Rudolph has had a busy month. She had a birthday, and her daughter from Indiana and her son from Arizona came to celebrate it.

Virginia's grandson and his family live in Palm Harbor. They had a grand weekend and they all enjoyed a fantastic birthday dinner party at the Bon Appetite.

The next weekend, Virginia's longtime friend Germaine Hyatt from Punta Gorda came to visit. Their husbands flew together for Standard Oil of Indiana (that is now Amoco). They have been friends for 48 years.

Some friends of Virginia's had them over for a cookout for the 4th of July. Virginia said that they had a great time.

This week, I ran out of mustard so I purchased another bottle. I made some hot dogs and took the new mustard out of the fridge. As I ate my hot dog, I happened to notice some small print by the bottom of the cap or the mustard. It said "Best used by Oct. 28, 2013." I had purchased it at a brand-name store and it was a brand-name mustard. So don't just check meat, etc. for expiration dates — watch those bottles, too!



Family visitors come from near and far

Juanita Brumett had a large gathering of family and friends over the last week in June.

Her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Columbus, Ohio, have visited every year for the last 25 years. They stayed with Juanita for several days.

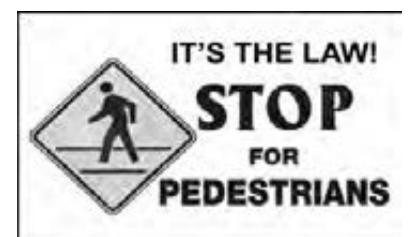
A great-nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, came from Indiana to join the group. Another relative came from Orlando and another from Indian Rocks.

They had a pizza party, they played games of euchre which lent itself to much conversation and good humor and just generally enjoyed each other's company.

Juanita's son also joined the group. He lives in Port Richey but is frequently at his mother's house. He has done many different things, but one of the most impressive is his writing several books for young children with appealing illustrations, corresponding CDs and activities to interest youngsters. The idea is to help them develop early reading and math skills. The books were very well received.

One of our neighbors is always concerned about animals and their needs. She volunteers with the Pet Smart adoption program and is currently fostering two young cats who were orphaned when their owner, an On Top of the World resident, passed. They are a brother and sister less than a year old and she is trying to find a good home for them.

Anyone who might like to look at either or both of them is invited to call 669-5915.



Reporter: 'Acts of Kindness' are AOK

Due to a fall in a friend's home, I've been using a walker and you cannot imagine the numerous Acts of Kindness (AOK's) that strangers, friends and neighbors have extended to me.

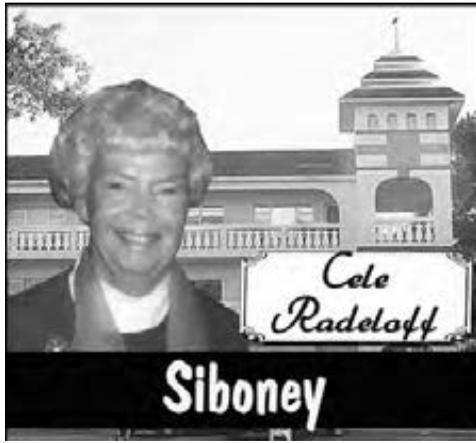
For instance, getting gas for the car was an ordeal: parking, opening the back door, retrieving the walker, setting it up and getting into the store, as I always pay cash.

Halfway through the parking lot, the clerk comes out and says, "How much gas do you want?" I hand him a twenty-dollar bill and say, "Fifteen dollars, please." He then says, "Go back to your car - I'll bring your change." And he did! That was a very kind gesture.

In my building, Joe Morrissey saw that I was struggling with my groceries. He insisted on helping me upstairs carrying all the food to the kitchen, even putting some items into the refrigerator. I certainly appreciated his "AOK."

Many thanks to Sue Rausch and Cindy Stone for sharing a meal and to Ethyle Lee for her desserts and daily phone calls.

My nice neighbor, Doris Prekopa, came over every day for a while with



medication and also bandaged my arm. Wasn't that nice of her?

One day, upon arriving back at the Siboney in the afternoon in the very, very hot sun, Bob and Barbara Stone saw I was unsteady. Barbara was kind enough to walk me to my condo.

Don, a visitor in our building, also offered to help me. Several more Acts of Kindness.

Thank you line dancers Theresa Kawalec, Ednamae Jordt and Lilia Bensonoff for your calls and also Fran Fitzpatrick and Ann Talner for your concern.

All of the above AOK's were extended to me, but as I always say, we

have terrific neighbors in the Siboney.

For instance, Audrey Decker picked up Rita Tombari's mail every day for two months while she was away.

Terri Wittman has performed numerous AOK's for her neighbor, Penny Drummond. Terri even washes Penny's hair - isn't she terrific?

Lisa Von Frangenberg watched over our beloved Violet Orr and we were all so thankful for her kindness.

Lillian Foy came to the rescue of a neighbor whose computer went out. Lillian printed the airline boarding pass for her.

Sue Watlinger is an angel on the odd side of the building. She and Jerry moved several of the residents' cars back and forth during maintenance work on the sidewalks there. Another AOK!

You see how blessed we all are here at Siboney.

For the countless Acts of Kindness extended towards the victims' families and survivors of the Orlando tragedy, we thank you.

So, dear folks, be kind to all, try to brighten your day and perform your own AOK!

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Candy making proves to be quite an involved activity

The subject of the June gathering for the women of the building was candy making.

It was amazing the time involved in creating Bourbon Balls. It involved a base mixing, refrigeration of it, a second mix of ingredients, refrigerating again, melting of chocolate, covering the base, and refrigeration yet again (see photo at far right).

What looked to be an easy project started at 10 a.m. and finally finished at 2:30 p.m. It was agreed by all that candy making was not their forte.

On the 4th of July, Independence Day, we honored the ancestry of our building residents with a festive International Pot Luck meal.

We were treated to foods from, Italy, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Puerto Rico, France, Sweden and



American Indian. Needless to say, we appreciated the awesome food and company of each other. This is what the day is all about.

In our annual 4th puzzle contest, the women were successful over the men. Thank you to Carol, Jutta, Maria, Lucy for your diligence and Shirley for her cheerleading.

Congratulations to Mike and Glenda Shinabarger on the celebration



Candy makers included, L-R: Shirley Golding, Lena Betti, Iris Freitas, Irene Center, Jutta Lane, Carol DeLisle and Carole Fisher.

of their 50th wedding anniversary. A small gathering was held for them at Frank T's. Many more happy years together.

Max Freitas was busy hosting his niece Catherine during her recent visit. He looked totally worn out. She must have really kept him busy!

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Nilda Da Silva gets a hug from her granddaughter at a recent high school graduation

High school graduations mark major milestones

The Austrian Alpine Luncheon at First Watch was an adventure in healthy eating.

Our charming host Joyce Monahan organized the lunch. Residents enjoyed talking with each other about summer trips and plans. Thank you, Joyce!

There were more memorable milestones for our residents. Nilda and Jorge Da Silva attended two out-of-state high school graduations for their grandchildren: one in Tennessee and one in the Boston area (see photo at top). The couple enjoyed the two ceremonies and were happy to visit with family.

Grace Hodek attended her granddaughter's high school graduation, right here in Florida!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Celebration at the Island Way Grill on Dec. 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.



Two buses will pick us up at 4 p.m. Sign-up will begin Sept. 1.

Also, check the bulletin board for specifics on our next building social event. If you want to host a coffee or a luncheon in August, please ask Virginia Donlon or Kathleen Santosuosso to make signs for you.

OTOW 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's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

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Mr. Coffee 4-cup programmable coffee maker, new in box \$8. 791-7610

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Household items: sports items, books, magazines, DVDs, VHS videos, refrigerator, new and lightly used clothes, other misc. items. 791-1444

Shark Rocket vacuum, like new \$100; weather alert radio (no FM) by Midland, \$15; toilet support, 300-lb. capacity \$25. 692-7028

Sonic About scooter, cover, horn, ignition, high/low speeds, basket, new battery, used only a few times \$375. Must pick up. 586-5502

Oreck vacuum, canister type, good condition \$80; child or dog stroller \$30; Wilton pewter plates, 12 dinner, 12 salad, great condition \$375. 797-4198

Huffy cruiser bicycles, one man style, one woman style, like new, barely used. \$65 each or \$120 for both. 610-241-2660

Golf clubs, bag & cart \$40; fishing poles and reels \$10. 669-0711

Brass lamp w/shade \$20; countertop oven, like new \$25; cloth red wagon w/storage cover \$25. 455-3287

Haier A/C window unit, 10,000 BTU \$125; two each Haier A/C window units, 5,000 BTU, very good cond. \$50 each. 768-3424

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Padded card table with 4 chairs; sheets/curtains; Royal Doulton dessert bowls & saucers; place mats; Grecian urn. 799-3086

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Surround sound system, almost new, make offer. 799-6361

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Perfect pet, trained, year-old puppy, cute, neutered. \$1,600 was invested. Sell to perfect owner for much less. 443-1472

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Jon boat wanted for OTOW dock. 608-9176

Old inexpensive guitars wanted for art project. Will pay up to \$20. 726-0542

Musicians wanted for acoustic jam, all instruments and skill levels welcome. Folk, jazzy, blues, pop. Call Joe at 413-735-3101

COFFEE CORNER



Coffee and Danish are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the auditorium of the East Activity Center.

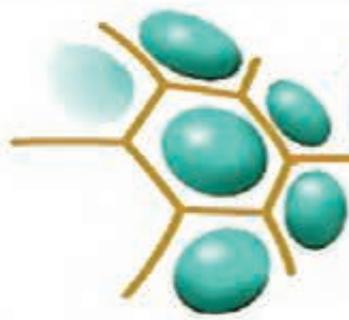


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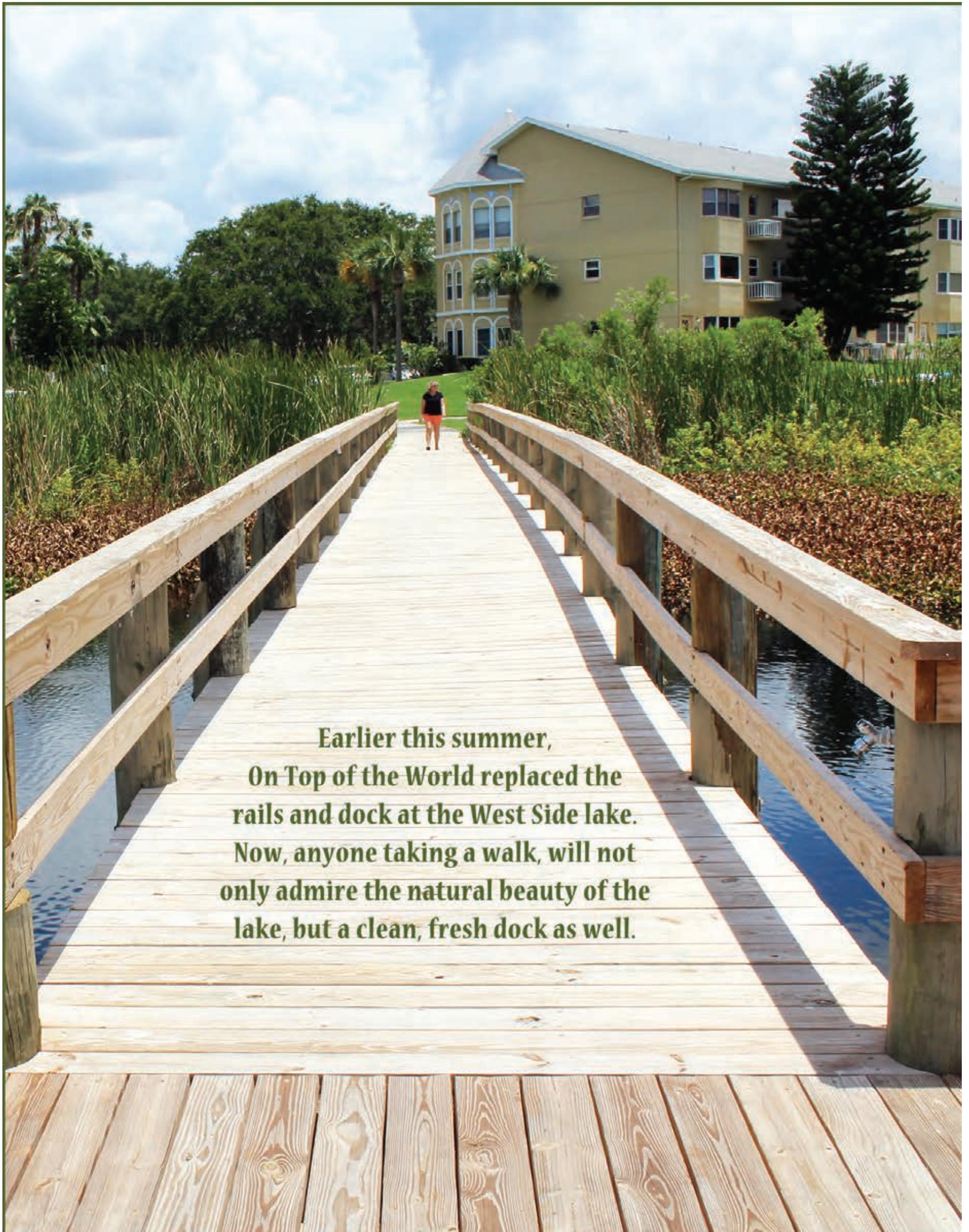
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