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Travel Club members boarded a pirate ship in July. There was water flying everywhere.

Travel Club members captured by pirates and engage in fierce water battle

The On Top of the World Travel Club was set for a day of shopping and eating at John's Pass.

But then it happened.

Pirates.

Lots of them.

Travel Club members were convinced to board their pirate ship or face the consequences.

So they boarded.

"There was a captain and crew of pirates, as well as children who were transformed into pirates," said Travel Club writer Tom Jamrozy.

Once on the pirate ship, things started out calmly. Passengers were able to see dolphins swimming alongside the boat.

Or were the dolphins trying to warn



the passengers of danger ahead?

"All of the pirates were armed with water cannons or squirt guns," Tom said. "They attacked all of us."

Water from squirt guns was flying everywhere. It became a very hostile situation.

"Some of our group managed to get

weapons and proceeded to attack the pirates back," Tom said. "Then they turned their weapons on us again."

So who won the battle on the high seas?

Everyone.

"It was a lot of fun had by all," Tom said.

The rest of July was much more normal for our Travel Club.

Lunch Bunch took place at Norton's Sports Bar in Dunedin where residents had plenty of time for laughs and good conversations.

During their regular monthly meeting, club members decided they wanted to go on a very long cruise, which is uncommon for their trips. So they decided on a 10-day Southern Caribbean Cruise out of

Tampa and the plan was well received.

If this trip sounds interesting to you, please stop by our information table on Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Representatives will share club plans with you for a full year in advance.

This month, Travel Club will have its monthly meeting on Friday, Aug. 2, in the Oldsmar Room, formerly the Starlite Room.

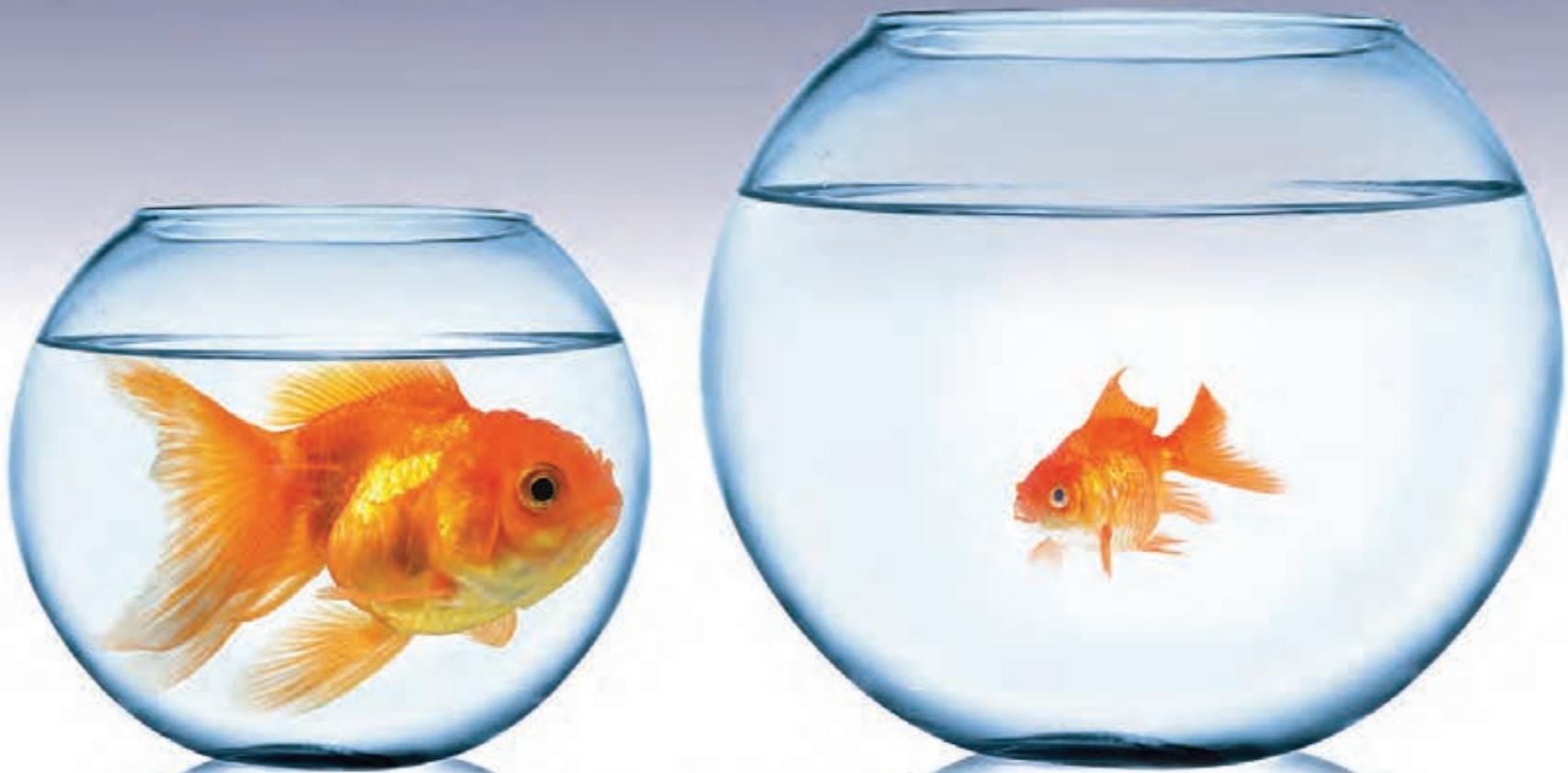
On Wednesday, Aug. 7, club members and guests will be going to Glory Days.

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, the club is headed to the South Florida Museum, Aquarium and Planetarium in Bradenton.

This time they will keep their eyes open for pirates.

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Coming soon ... a relaxing picnic area



The dirt circle above marks the spot where several sidewalks will merge at the new pavilion. To the left is a 'dugout' that tennis and pickleball players can use to get out of the sun, take a break and get a drink of water. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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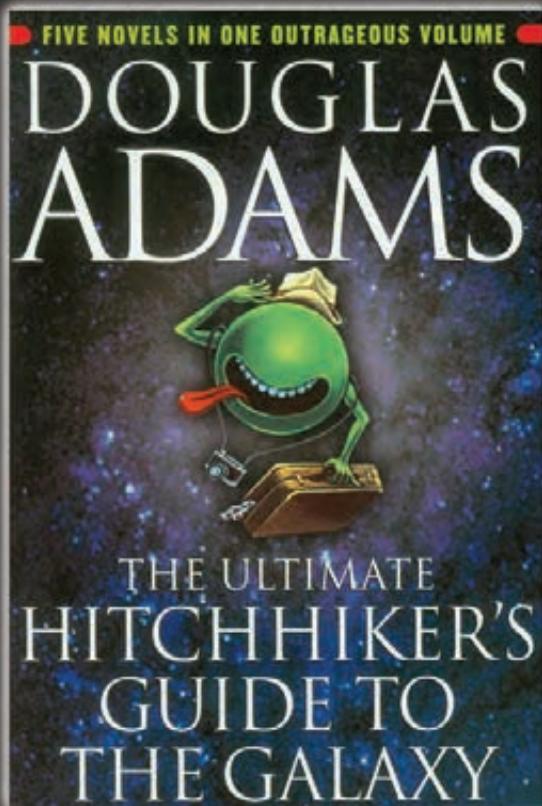
Morning alarm clock going off?

You have 4 choices

From the time your alarm goes off...

1. 16 minutes to drive to a burger place for coffee.
2. 15 minutes to drive to a donut place for coffee.
3. 5 minutes to drive, walk, run or bike to the Good Karma Café for a cup of hot, fresh coffee for only 55 cents.
4. Go back to bed.

(times are approximate and depend on ambition)



Good Karma Book Club

presents

Thursday, Sept. 5,
Good Karma Book Club guests will discuss
"The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"
by Douglas Adams.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab
and share your thoughts. Open to all residents.

Watch for future announcements
on OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on the
Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

The Good Karma Book Club
will also meet on Thursday, Sept. 19.
If you have a book or author to recommend,
this is the day to attend and speak up.
All OTOW residents are welcome.

On Top of the World employee proves that 'if you see something, say something' works

Everyone has heard the phrase "if you see something, say something" at least once in their lifetime, maybe more.

I wonder though, do we really know what that means?

Most often this phrase is associated with witnessing criminal activity. If you see it, report it.

But, not always.

Sometimes it simply means watching your surroundings to see if something seems wrong or out of place, and if it does, telling someone who can provide assistance if needed.

One such instance happened in On Top of the World a while back.

A very perceptive employee, cleaning outside a building, noticed newspapers were collecting outside the door of a unit. Immediately, the employee began looking out into the parking lot and realized that they remembered seeing the same car parked in that unit's parking space for a few days without any signs that the car had been recently moved.

Becoming worried, the employee knocked on the unit door. When no one answered, the employee immediately went to their supervisor and reported this concern.

Because there wasn't any answer at the door, and surrounding neighbors hadn't seen the owner for a few days, local law enforcement was called for a wellness check. Upon arriving, an officer was able to make entry into the unit where the owner was found collapsed and in need of immediate medical attention.

Often times people don't want to become involved. Sometimes they might think that a situation like this may lead people to constantly imagine the worst. All I have to say about that is, because of the keen eye and willingness of the employee to get involved, the unit owner survived.

DID YOU KNOW?

Common Elements

Common elements are parts of the condominium community that are for the use and enjoyment of all owners.

This includes "bump-outs" or walkway extensions that are located on many walkways or end stairwell areas.

Typically, this space may provide the perfect spot for a nice table and a few chairs -- Association approved, of course.

It also provides the opportunity for disagreements over who "owns" the space and who has a right to use the space to put items there.

Remember, even if the "bump-out" is located directly in front of your unit, it is not a part of that unit. Rather it is common space for the entire building.

And, yes, this includes any table and chairs placed there.

Along with use also comes the responsibility of residents to take care of this area. Anyone who uses the space must take responsibility for cleaning and maintaining any items placed there. A quick wipe off of tables and chairs provides a



nice clear area for everyone to enjoy.

There is also the matter of maintaining the proper egress in these walkway areas. Life safety codes provide legal guidelines that must be adhered to. In the case of emergency, or if access is needed by first responders, a clear pathway must be maintained at all times.

If you find your belongings in these areas have been tagged with a compliance notice for either violation, please satisfy the notice by complying.

Thanks for doing your part in keeping the community clean, neat and safe.

Rave Mobile Security

Stay informed and up-to-date on all community happenings!

By signing up for Rave Mobile Security, residents are kept up-to-date on community information and any emergency updates that impact the community, such as elevator, power or water outages.

When signing up, you are required to select your carrier information. You can update this information by logging in and making any necessary changes.

As long as your phone number doesn't

change, users will continue to receive text messages even if a change in carriers is not updated in the system.

If you have Spectrum as your carrier, while it is not a carrier selection in the drop down menu on Rave, you should select Sprint as your designated carrier.

To sign up for Rave, visit www.otowclearwaterinfo.com. Under the Community Information tab you will see Rave information and a sign up link.

Mobile Car Washing

The facilities manager for both activity centers has reported several instances of mobile car detailing companies servicing resident cars in activity center parking lots.

Residents should be aware that this is not a service that can be performed at the Activity Centers. The Association has provided hose spigots for car washing stations at most buildings. Mobile detailing businesses should utilize those areas for these types of services.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981.

Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please

call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit.

Again, dial 911 for a health related emergency. 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.

Community Service Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

Calls and voicemails are responded to during normal business hours. Once the resident's need is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the submitted request to discern if it is urgent or a non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items, exclusive to the unit, are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Four Ways To Turn Your Water On or Off

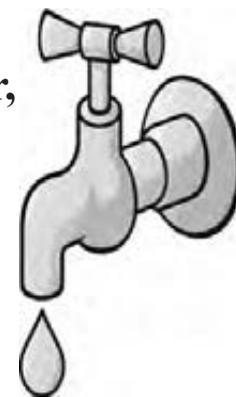
1. Call 727-799-3417 (Option 6).

Messages will be retrieved Monday-Friday, 7 am - 5 pm.

2. Visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, 8:30 am-3 pm, Monday-Friday.

3. Go to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.

4. For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 pm weekdays and 12-9 on weekends. A \$35 payment by check will be required.



Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 am - 5:15 pm weekdays and 7:30-11:30 am on weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours.

You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on.

Community projects nearing completion

Checking In

Around the Community

Progress on the many improvement projects in On Top of the World are winding down.

A roadway striping project is functionally completed and being enjoyed by residents. I write “functionally completed” because the pedestrian lanes still need to be stenciled with the proper signage and we are waiting on a Duke Energy contractor to relocate one street light the great distance of three feet. This will allow for the addition of a sidewalk at the intersection of World Parkway Boulevard and World Parkway Boulevard West.

The Management Company has been waiting for a late-July move on that, so they can move ahead with the completion of the walk.

The tennis courts and pavilion project are mostly completed. Two of the four tennis courts will be striped for pickleball play prior to opening. Otherwise, rain has slightly delayed the placement of concrete sidewalks for the barbecue areas. Sod has also proven difficult to get because the sod farms are under water (they build them in flood plains for the water). No winning on this one!

I got a real shock when Duke Energy informed us that they could not connect power to the new pavilion facility. Seems that when they opened the transformer, they discovered a tag reading “Damaged Primary.” The ticket was dated April of 2007 by a power company employee!

This, functionally, means that for the last nearly 12 years, the East Activity Center has been under risk for a loss of 3-phase power and ensuing damage to the large air conditioners, pool pumps and any other components requiring 3-phase electrical power.

The greater question is why Duke Energy has allowed the problem to persist and failed to inform SCA of the matter.

Duke Energy is expediting the repair.

Meanwhile, as we work through that matter, the immediate problem is finding a transformer to connect to and energize the project and get a final certificate of occupancy.

This also delays the installation of the four banks of electric car charging stations at the EAC as well.

Stay tuned for developments.

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.

The service department has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replace-



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

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

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

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

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

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

August is a very wet month in Western Florida. Seasoned painting contractors understand this pattern and take advantage of every sunny day they’re afforded because it won’t be long until more rain is on the way.

Our painting contractor for the On Top of the World community has been doing their best to keep pace with Mother Nature this summer and will be headed to

the rear of Buildings 4 and 7, as well as the front façade of building 18A by Labor Day weekend.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches, which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in August as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front façade coatings.

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

A contractor, working on a potable water improvement project, is another vendor who has been struggling to keep pace with all of the rainfall and heat indexes above 103 degrees in August.

Anticipation was to be further along in the project by this time, but most likely won’t reach Buildings 21 and 19 until late August or early September.

As stated before, residents will experience a temporary water outage as a by-product of migrating from the original infrastructure and onto the new services. Notices are published to the residents affected so please look for door hangars with important information regarding dates and times.

As always, please exercise caution and avoid these posted work areas.

Building 47 is another location that will see the arrival of construction crews as an ornamental tower element on the southeast wing of the building is removed. It has reached the end of its functional life.

Further work will most likely be necessary in order to dry-in and cap the structure. Bulletins will be posted advising of any future work dates. This particular work will require the use of aerial lift equipment and may require the temporary relocation of resident vehicles to allow for a safe and unobstructed work area. For the safety of all, please avoid active work

areas whenever you come across them.

Meanwhile, repair work continues on the third floor fascia on Building 36. This repair work is proving to be much more extensive than originally thought. The plan now is to demolish those area of the fascia with weak or damaged attachments and replace with new materials and restore the entire area. Apologies for the delays, but the work must be done properly and to the full extent necessary.

Reoccurring Reminders for all Community Residents

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

Many buildings will see 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.

Be Mindful and Safe

August is the ramp-up to the busiest part of storm season. If you are planning a trip, please make sure you have storm-proofed your condo by removing anything on or around the exterior of your condo that could become an object of destruction during a high wind event.

This, of course, includes clamshell awnings, together with chairs and potted plants, to name just a few of the hazards that are easy to overlook (we may see them every day and these items just “blend in”).

Summer is a great time to get out and visit family and travel around. Whether you go a great distance or stay local, please be mindful and aware of your surroundings at all times. The greatest protector of your personal safety is you.

Remember, that school resumes in mid-August in most counties throughout Florida. Be especially careful when driving near schools. Continue to have a safe summer!

You told OTOW you want to watch movies in the East Activity Center Auditorium ...

Now tell us what movies you want to see!

Fill out this survey and bring to the Activity Director's Office in the EAC.

Can also drop off surveys at the Community Service Office or Newsroom.

1. My favorite types of movies are (circle as many as you want)

Romance Action Science Fiction Animation True Stories Horror

2. The best movies come from what time period (circle one)

Current Early this century 1980s-1990s 1960s-1970s Pre-1970s

3. I will NOT go to a movie which contains (circle as many as you want)

Violence Sex Fiction War Themes Politics Non-Famous Actors

4. I will see movies rated: G PG PG-13 R (Circle as many as you want)

5. Below are 20 movies. Circle the ones you would see all over again.

Star Wars	Rocky	American Sniper	Casablanca
Jurassic Park	E.T.	Dunkirk	Lawrence of Arabia
Titanic	The Hunger Games	Ghost	Gone With The Wind
The Lion King	Forrest Gump	A League of their Own	Citizen Kane
Superman	Finding Nemo	Pretty Woman	The Good, The Bad, The Ugly



My all-time favorite actor and actress are:

Write in names

Return this survey by Sept. 30, 2019

East Activity Center bathroom renovations and pool closing

The East Activity Center men's and women's bathrooms/showers will undergo a renovation project in August and early September.

The project is tentatively scheduled to take place Aug. 5 - Sept. 7.

As a result, the bathrooms, showers and saunas will be closed, as will the EAC swimming pool.

The west side pool will remain open during this period.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PING PONG



A Fun Activity which is Cool in the Summer!

The OTOW Ping Pong Club is looking for new members. We play in the West Activity Center Belleair Room (Sunrise Room) Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may come and play anytime. If you like it, join us for a year, whether you are a permanent OTOW resident, a renter or a Snowbird. Membership includes daily coffee, snacks and club equipment. Ping Pong is like tennis. You need to be able to move from side-to-side and front-to-back. We normally play doubles but there's also a table to play singles.

Great learning opportunities will be provided by Master the Possibilities in August and September

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Master the Possibilities or MTP

Individuals of retirement age have too much energy to just sit back and take it easy. In fact, many are delaying retirement for that reason.

Over the past decade, Baby Boomers have turned the concept of retirement completely on its head!

Retirement no longer means a "slowing down" or an "end," but rather the start of something new.

To fulfill those retirement dreams, many public colleges, and a few 55-plus communities, like On Top of the World, are providing life-long learning opportunities for residents.

Did you know that St. Petersburg College, and most public colleges in Florida, allow residents over the age of 60 to audit classes for free on a non-credit basis?

Of course, you would have to purchase your own text books and course materials, and drive or find transportation to and from each class, which is not very convenient.

It is equally important to note that according to experts, the health benefits of social and intellectual engagement is as important as a Zumba or Yoga class.

Can you think of a better opportunity to meet new people, enjoy discussions and continue to learn?

What if I told you it is right here in your own community!

It's called Master the Possibilities, or MTP, and it takes place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Master the Possibilities, Inc. is a not-for-profit lifelong learning center providing quality instruction and learning experiences for adult students.

The mission is to inspire students to explore their interests, uncover their passions and leverage their talents to make positive changes within themselves and their communities.

On Top of the World-Clearwater has teamed up with MTP to bring learning opportunities to our residents.

The classes are in a variety of formats, "Live," "Live Broadcast from Ocala" and "Pre-recorded," but all are presented by educated professionals who are passionate about their subject.

Did you know a list of Master the Possibilities courses are advertised monthly on "Nancy's Bulletin Board" in this newspaper?

Take a glance to your right.

Registration is easy too! Residents may call 727-799-2734 (if we do not answer, simply, leave your name, address, phone number and course title) or email same to: general_activity@otowfl.com.

You may also register in person by stopping by the Activity Office. Accepted payment is by credit/debit card.

Please contact me with any questions or to learn more about upcoming events.

UPCOMING MTP CLASSES

"Navigating the Grandparenting Journey"
LIVE!

Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: EAC Auditorium

Instructors: Dr. Richard Horowitz & Jane Horowitz

Grandparenting can be joyous and challenging at the same time. The key to making the experience as positive and fulfilling for both you and your grandchildren is to acquire the tools to overcome the challenges that are both universal and unique to your family.

Presenters will explore challenges and offer suggestions on how they can be met in the most productive and satisfying way for the grandparent, the adult child and the grandchild.

Please register in advance by stopping by the Activity Office, or call (727) 799-3270 Ext. 7722, or email: general_activity@otowfl.com.

This is a free event.

"What You Need to Know About Your Air Conditioner"

A live broadcast from Ocala.

August 14, 1-2:30 p.m.

Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

Instructor: Jerritt Weaner

In Florida, the summers throughout the state are long, hot and humid. Air conditioning is a necessity here.

Learn about the components of an HVAC system. Understand what proper maintenance is and what it entails.

Reject common misconceptions about A/C systems by becoming aware of the facts and prepare yourself with the knowledge necessary to avoid costly and unnecessary repairs and investments in new equipment.

Course fee: \$2.

"Basic Home Maintenance"

Sept. 23, 9:30-11 a.m.

Live broadcast from Ocala

Instructor: Lee Collins

Course Fee: \$2

Learn the basics of maintaining your home, so you can do minor projects yourself and know when to call a professional.

From changing air conditioner filters to fixing clogged toilets and sinks, to understanding fuses, this overview will help build your confidence and get your started.

Go over how to build a basic tool kit, how to approach things with safety in mind and when you should not attempt to do it yourself.

Bring questions about maintenance projects you would like to tackle.



Fletchers Music Center

Keyboard Lessons

Six keyboard lessons began on Monday, July 22, and the response was overwhelming.

Therefore, Art Fletcher will be offering another round of six classes at \$10 commencing Sept. 9.

Curious if this is something you want to learn?

You are invited to sit in and observe a class at no charge on Monday, Aug. 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room, formerly the Small Classroom.

You can register for the next session of classes during this free day or stop by the Activity Office before Sept. 9.

The next session of classes are Mondays, from Sept. 9 through Oct. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Ozona Room.

Please bring \$10 to the first class.

For the duration of these classes, Fletcher Music Center has donated a keyboard for students to use for practice when other activities are not scheduled in the Ozona Room.

Identifying Theft and Other Scams

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office contacted On Top of the World in July to report, once again, an On Top of the World resident fell victim to what is known as the "Grandparents Scam."

Our community has also reported numerous cases of credit card fraud.

Have you heard of the "Grandparent Scam?"

The scam begins with what most grandparents long for, a phone call from their grandchild.

It can also start with identity theft, through social media, because there are ways to find out the names of your grandchildren, and a lot of other personal information about you, from social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, etc.

The ploy behind the grandparents scam is the scammer poses as the grandchild and concocts a story that includes a desperate plea for money.

For example, "Grandma, it's Jimmy. I'm on Spring Break. I got into a fender bender and then arrested for DUI. Please don't tell Dad, I just need you send me some money quick."

The idea is to trick a worry grandparent into sending money, to a grandchild but the truth is, they are sending money to the scammer.

These scams are a nationwide problem, but through education and awareness, we can stay one step ahead of these bad guys and gals.

Please mark your calendars. Join the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention & Community Awareness Unit and Consumer Protection on Friday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. The seminar is entitled, "Identity Theft & Other Scams."

In collaboration with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, we will continue to bring you these informational seminars throughout the year. As the investigators from Consumer Protection have shared in the past, "Awareness is everything!"

I look forward to seeing you on Friday, Aug. 16. Registration is not required.

2019 Jesters Show TV Debut

On Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10, The Jesters 2019 spring show entitled "Jesters at 40: Lookin' Back, Lookin' Good" will make its On Top of the World TV debut on Channel 732.

Both shows will be at approximately 8 p.m.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, and Friday, Sept. 27, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room, formerly the Veranda Room, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 48 of this newspaper.

Free Monthly Health Clinic

Did you know four medical practices visit On Top of the World on the third Monday of the month to provide free health screenings?

The screenings take place in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 9-10:30 a.m. and are provided by the following healthcare practitioners: Healthy Vision (Vision Screen), Sunset Medical Associates (Blood Pressure Screen), Dr. Bob Solomon from Ear to Hear (Hearing Screen), and Coastal Vascular Specialists (Peripheral Artery Screen).

See you at the next clinic on Monday, Aug. 19.

Activity Card Renewal Information

When renewing your activity card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

Also, for renewal you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card. Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

Please take the movie survey on page 7

Nancy's Bulletin Board

Master the Possibilities

Where: Auditorium

Navigating the Grand Parenting Journey LIVE!
 August 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Instructors: Dr. Richard Horowitz & Jane Horowitz



Grand parenting can be joyous and challenging at the same time. The key to make the experience as positive and fulfilling for both you and your grandchildren is to acquire the tools to overcome the challenges that are both universal and unique to your family. Presenters will explore challenges and offer suggestions on how they can be met in the most productive and satisfying way for the grandparent, the adult child, and the grandchild.

Please register in advance by stopping by the Activity Office, call (727) 799-3270 Ext. 7722 or email: general_activity@otowfl.com.

A live broadcast from Ocala.

Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

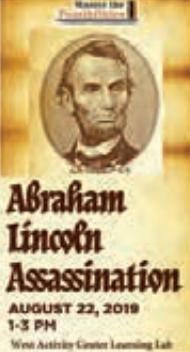
What You Need to Know About Your Air Conditioner
 August 14, 1-2:30 p.m.
 Instructor: Jerritt Weaner

In Florida, the summers throughout the state are long, hot, and humid; air conditioning is a necessity here. Learn about the components of an HVAC system. Understand what proper maintenance is and what it entails. Reject common misconceptions about A/C systems by becoming aware of the facts and prepare yourself with the knowledge necessary to avoid costly and unnecessary repairs and investments in new equipment. **Course Fee: \$2**



A live broadcast from Ocala.

Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab



Abraham Lincoln Assassination
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Register by stopping by the Activity Office, call (727) 799-3270 Ext. 7722, or email: general_activity@otowfl.com.
 Accepted payment is by credit/debit card.

Keyboard Lessons

A second set of keyboard lessons will begin on Sept. 9 in the EAC Ozona Room. Cost is \$10 for all six classes. You can register by seeing Nancy Rogers in the Activity's Office or you can register during a free class on Monday, Aug. 5. Anyone can sit in on Aug. 5 and observe other residents taking lessons. If you like what you see, sign up for the second session.

Free Health Clinic

Third Monday of Every Month
 Next one Aug. 19, 9-10:30 a.m., in the EAC
Blood Pressure Test for Arterial Disease and Vision Screenings

Aging Successfully WISE Program

East Activity Center Largo Room
 from 10 -11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 6; Tuesday, Aug. 27;
 Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Tuesday, Sept. 10.

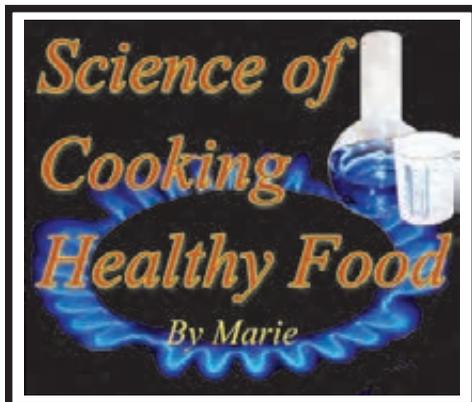
Scams and Fraud

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be here Friday, Aug. 16, 10-12 in the EAC Auditorium.
 This seminar is free.
 If you have never heard of the Grandparents Scam, please attend.

AAA Driver's Course

September 26 & 27.
 Registration required.
 Cost \$20

Stay cool as a cucumber



Cucumber Summer Salad is a refreshing Mediterranean treat, which is a perfect, light, side dish when grilling or picnicking.

Mint grows nicely in a pot on your patio as do other spices like basil and parsley.

Couscous is a type of pasta, but pearl (Israeli) couscous consists of granules that are much larger – about the size of small pearls.

These pearls are toasted — rather than dried like regular couscous. This process gives it a nuttier flavor and chewy bite.

Ingredients

- 2 cups chopped cucumber
- 1 cup pearl couscous
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup mango, chopped
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon minced mint
- ½ teaspoon lemon-pepper spice
- Juice of one lemon

Directions

1. Scrub cucumber skin to lessen wax and risk of pesticides. If seeds bother you, use English (hothouse) seedless cucumbers. Chop cucumber.

2. Prepare couscous according to package instructions, using chicken broth for the water. I used colorful, tri-colored pearl couscous in the photo above. Drain and cool.

3. Mix cucumbers, couscous and mango.

4. In a small bowl, whisk honey, oil, mint, spice and lemon juice. Stir into cucumber mix.

5. Cool for at least one hour. Grace with goat cheese crumbles when served. Serves 4-6. Best eaten within a day or two.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

Marie

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com
Click Box Office.



Health Value

My dear chefs, are you looking to fight off that snacking binge? Cucumbers add bulk to your stomach, yet a whole cucumber is just 16 calories. This means you feel satiated while still sticking to an overall healthy weight loss plan. (i)

Cucumbers are a natural diuretic food. They help the body produce urine to carry out toxic waste. In the process, they reduce bloating and water retention — one reason to fill up on cucumbers after a night of salty food or alcohol.

Because of diuretic properties, cucumbers help check weight gain and high blood pressure.

Cucumbers are 96 percent water. They not only cool on a hot summer day, but also provide extra hydration.

If you don't like drinking water, try placing cucumber slices in water and refrigerate overnight. This might make your drink-

ing water more appealing.

In our hot Florida summers, dehydration is a serious issue and people often do not realize they are dehydrated. Staying hydrated — both by drinking water and by eating foods with high water content — will keep your connective tissue strong and supple, and may even help you slim down. (ii) When dehydrated, your body holds onto water. This can make your stomach look and feel bloated.

Many people have magnesium deficiency. Cucumbers are a source of magnesium and other electrolytes that can help hydrate the gut and digestive lining. This keeps you more “regular” and helps keep you looking slimmer.

Remember: Portion control, healthy food and adequate exercise are the keys to weight loss.

The Science

A cucumber's glycemic index (GI) is zero. They have been used for diabetic patients to help stimulate insulin production and stabilize blood sugar. (iii) Several studies have shown similar results. (iv)

Some recipes say to peel cucumbers, believing their skin is tough or bitter. However, most of the nutrients are in the peel and seeds. Plus, the peel and seeds

add color and texture.

Bitterness is caused by a natural chemical in cucumbers which can become high under adverse growing conditions.

A salting technique works wonders.

Cut the cucumber into two halves, lengthwise. Sprinkle salt on the cut sides and rub them against each other. You will

see white foamy substance appear. Repeat the procedure two to three times before washing it off with water.

Cucumbers are one of the top alkaline foods, which help offset our heavily acidic diets. This is one reason why cucumbers are a popular, healthy ingredient in green alkalizing juices.

Links/Credits

- i draxe.com/cucumber-nutrition/
- ii <http://time.com/77632/>
- iii <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com>
- iv <https://www.healthline.com>
- v <https://culinarylore.com/>



The phrase “cool as a cucumber” is actually derived from the fact that its water content is 10-20 degrees below air temperature, making it feel cool. So a cucumber slice can cool the blood in swollen or puffy eyes, including dark circles caused by dilated blood vessels. (v)

Calling all future keyboard players!

If Joe Fontechia says you can learn how to play a keyboard at any age, then you better believe him.

Joe performed a variety of keyboard songs during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in July and then told On Top of the World residents they can learn how to play, too.

All you need is a left hand, a pinky and a thumb!

Joe, who began playing keyboard at age 5, is a veteran of Broadway-style musicals in the Chicago area.

He told the audience in the East Activity Center auditorium that if they start practicing now, they, too, could end up on Broadway some day.

He then smiled.

Joe was representing Fletchers Music Center here in the Clearwater area. Fletchers started a six-week keyboard class to residents in mid-July and it will wind up in late August.

By the time Joe's preview show was over, 15 people had already signed up for the classes.

As of this article being distributed to OTOW residents, it is too late for anyone to join the keyboard lessons at this time, as the classes are progressive and by the third class it will be too late for beginners to join.

However, Fletchers is inviting curious, future keyboard players to attend the Monday, Aug. 5, class from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room (formerly the Small Card Room). You can sit in, observe the current class and decide if this is something you would like to do some day.

Fletchers is already planning on offering another set of six lessons when the first session is over. So this is your chance to get a preview on the second set of classes. Observers will not be offered any hands-on instruction, but you can certainly see what takes place at class.

Watch for future announcements.



Joe Fontechia gives a keyboard demonstration during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in July. Joe, representing Fletchers Music Center, was recruiting residents to take a six-week keyboard class being offered right here in our community. (Photo by Doug Kates)

Grab a mic and sing

Karaoke returns Aug. 8

In August, Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee will return with what has become a crowd favorite - karaoke.

Karaoke with Kathy and Lenny took place last summer when Get Acquainted Coffee became Summer Thursdays for a few months. Residents were not afraid to grab a microphone at 9:30 a.m. and the program turned into quite a success.

If you like to sing in front of an audience, please attend Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Aug. 8. Groups and

clubs will begin selling tickets for future events at 8:30 a.m. Free coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m., followed by announcements, newcomers and introduction of vendors.

Then Kathy and Lenny will take over.

They will provide song books. Words to all songs will appear on a movie screen. You can sing on stage or from your seat. You can sing a solo, a duet or with a group of friends. You can even bring everyone from your building and sing together.



Karaoke with Kathy and Lenny returns to Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Aug. 8. They will provide the microphones and song books. You can sing from the stage or from your seat. You can sing a solo, a duet or even with a group of friends. Donuts are served at 9 a.m. Karaoke starts about 9:30 a.m.



AUGUST

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Passion for Pastels: Fridays, 10 am, Largo Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Belleair Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, Aug 13, 6:30 pm, Palm Harbor Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Rm

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Tom: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room
 Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room
 QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room
 Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room (7/15 in WAC)

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Room

EXERCISES

BONE SAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Safety Harbor Room

TAI CHI

Chi Kung: Tuesdays 3 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool ***

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays only, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

M, T, H, F, 12:20 pm, Exercise Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 8 am, East Swimming Pool (Aqua Zumba)

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

The EAC bathrooms, showers and pool will be closed Aug. 5 - Sept. 7.

*** Aqua Aerobics classes may move to the West Side during renovations. Watch OTOW-TV 732 for updates.

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

New Room Names

Largo - Art Room

Oldsmar - Starlite Room

Crystal Beach - Veranda

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Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium
OTOW Special Event
10:30 AM - Ozona Room
Ent. Committee. Board
10:00 AM - Crystal Beach
(Veranda)
Ent. Committee. Meeting
10:30 AM - Crystal Beach
(Veranda)

Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet
2:00 PM - Auditorium

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium
OTOW Special Event
10:30 AM - Ozona Room

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium
Health Screenings E
Blood Pressure
9:00 AM - Auditorium
OTOW Special Event
10:30 AM - Ozona Room

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium
OTOW Special Event
10:30 AM - Ozona Room

East Activity Center Rooms
 Crystal Beach Room (Veranda), Oldsmar Room (Starlite Room), Largo Room (Art Room),
 Ozona Room (Small Card), Safety Harbor Room (Yellow Room), Dunedin Room (Computer Room),
 Clearwater Room (Craft Room), Auditorium, Exercise Room, Kitchen.

West Activity Center Rooms
 Belleair Room (Sunrise Room),
 Palm Harbor Room (Rainbow Room),
 Learning Lab, Billiards Rooms.

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are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

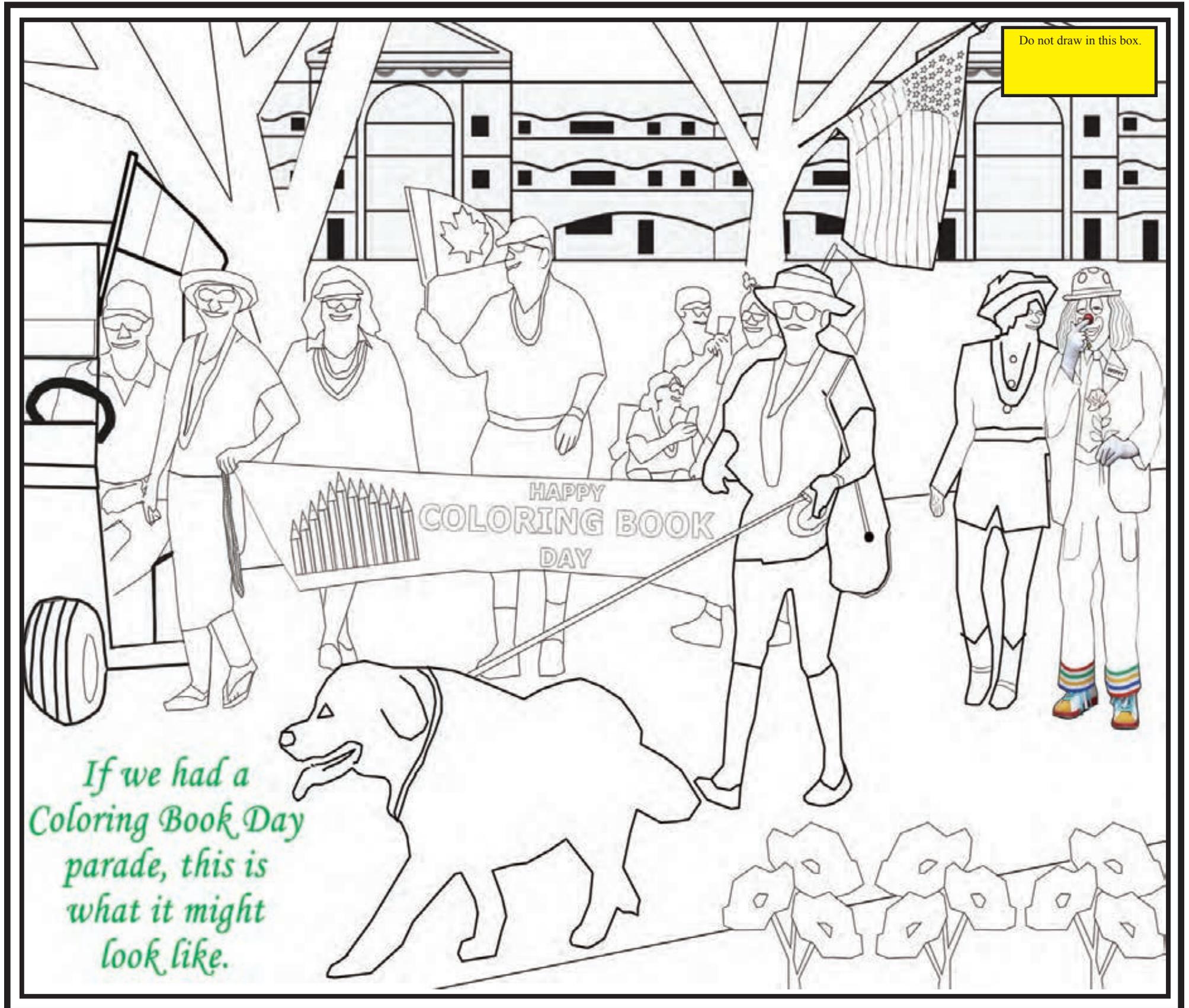
DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Water - Craft Room Harbor - Rainbow Room Fair - Sunrise Room edin - Computer Room na - Small Card Room ty Harbor - Yellow Room</p>		<p>Deadline to enter coloring book contest is August 15.</p>	<p>01 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room) TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art) Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>02 Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Oldsmar Room (Starlite) Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p>	<p>03 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium No.53 Nagoya Party 2:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise) Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p>
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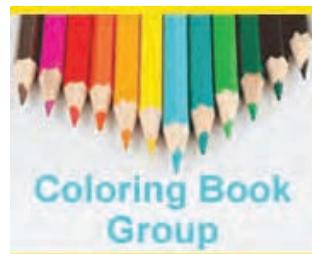
National Coloring Book Day

Friday, August 2

For the second year, the On Top of the World Coloring Book Club is hosting its annual coloring contest in conjunction with National Coloring Book Day. Residents are invited to enter the contest below by coloring in the picture and **submitting it to the Good Karma Café by Thursday, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m.** No mail or email entrees please. All entries will be turned over to the OTOW Coloring Book Club and the winner will receive a \$10 gift card to the Good Karma Café. You must be an OTOW resident with a valid activity card to be eligible to win. OTOW employees are not eligible. Family members outside OTOW are not eligible. One entry per person. You must fill out your name, building number and phone number in the space provided below this picture. You must color the picture from this newspaper - no copies, reprints or prints off the Internet. Coloring Book Group members are not eligible to win, but will be judges. You can use crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint or combinations of all tools listed. Judging will be based on originality, quality and, of course, staying within the lines. You are allowed to embellish, such as adding leaves to the trees, to give it your personal touch. The winner will be announced in the September newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Monday, Sept. 2. The 2019 winner will not be eligible to win in 2020. If you wish to learn more about the Color Book Group, stop by the Crystal Beach Room from 1-3 pm on Wednesdays. There is no fee to join.



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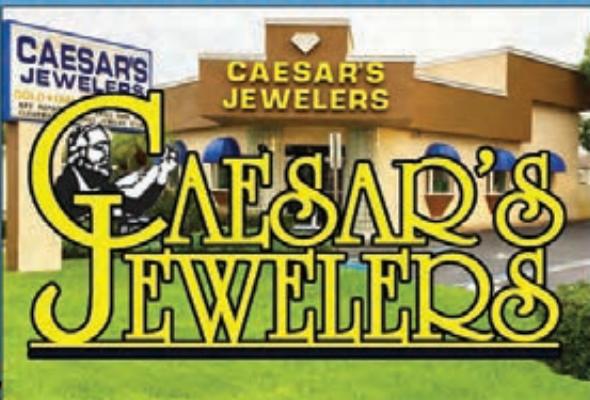
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Fall Social tickets on sale now for Florida Suncoast Chorus concert and social

By Jim Bjorgo

The Good Neighbors Association schedule has had to be slightly altered for the past month due to closures of the East Activity Center auditorium for floor maintenance and rejuvenation of the elevator.

I am pleased to say that our information table summer schedule will return on Thursday, Aug. 1, and the table will be open Monday and Thursday mornings starting Sept. 5. Our information table will be open for business from 8-10:30 a.m. each of these days of the week.

Starting July 11, Good Neighbors began selling tickets for our "Fall Social" on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. We will be presenting the Florida Suncoast Chorus, which will be bringing their own brand of barbershop harmony music. There will be up to 25 singers in the chorus, including two of our own residents, Mike Wood and John Lewis.

After the show, there will be an apple pie ala mode social for those who purchase an advance ticket for the show and social. Cost is \$6. Those who wish to attend just the show can purchase tickets for \$4.

To ensure we purchase the correct amount of apple pie, tickets for the social must be purchased by Oct. 17. No tickets will be sold for the social after this date and no tickets for the social will be sold at the door – only chorus tickets.

The Good Neighbors Association volunteer meetings will resume on Tues-



day, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Ozona Room, formerly the Small Card Room. These monthly meetings will continue through May 2020 on the first Tuesday of each month.

In October, our club begins to get very active with our community events, including Get Acquainted Coffee, Fall Clothing Drive, Fall Festival, Fall Flea Market/Craft Show and a very busy December.

On Jan. 25, 2020, Good Neighbors Association will host the community's first ever Tin Can Challenge in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot. This will be an event where teams build some-

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thing out of cans and boxes of food. After the contest, all cans and boxes will be donated to a food pantry.

On Feb. 26, 2020, our second annual Chili Cook-Off will take place. This year we are expanding the contest to add an "Anything Chocolate" competition for contestants who fancy themselves as makers of chocolate treats.

We shouldn't have any problem finding tasters and judges.

Good Neighbors Association is currently working on a 2019-20 schedule. It should be available to residents in early August. Stop by our information table and see if they are in.

The Tin Can Challenge, Chili Cook-Off and Anything Chocolate competitions are open to teams and individuals. Start thinking about them now and please see us with your questions.

The Good Neighbors Association is made of residents from all over On Top of the World, including owners and renters, full-time and Snowbirds. If you live here at OTOW, you belong to the Good Neighbors Association. We are here to assist you and help you get acquainted to life in our community. If we can be of service to you, or point you in the right direction, please stop by our information table. We are here to help if able.

Welcome to On Top of the World

Newcomer



Sonia Kronstain
of Florida

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Fall is not coming soon enough for next Jesters show

By John Hooker

February 2020 cannot come soon enough for the Jesters.

"The Jesters may have been far flung this summer, but we're all looking forward to being back together for another great year," said Vicky Portsmouth, co-director for next spring's show.

"The 2020 show is shaping up beautifully and we're eager to bring it to life."

To kick off our new year, the first fall meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 11. The board will meet at 6 p.m. and the general meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Please note that the September meeting will be in the Belleair Room, formerly the Sunrise Room, of the West Activity Center.

President David Bucchiere reminds us that, "Our membership year begins in September. All it takes to be a Jester is a \$5 due and a valid On Top of the World Activity Card.

First Vice President Sue Calinski-McMillan said, "Anyone wondering whether this is the right year to join the Jesters need fret no more or wonder any longer! This is the right year for everyone who enjoys working in a congenial atmosphere to come and help entertain our community with song, dance and comedy."

Secretary John Hooker added, "Those who



Jesters

lived through the horror of Sept. 11, 2001, regard Sept. 11 as a very special day. There is no better way to honor this day than to show the world that the American spirit lives on, strong and vibrant.

"Please do join us in the West Activity Center's Sunrise Room at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11."

And a reminder to all residents. The Jesters 2019 show will make its OTOW-TV Channel 732 debut on Aug. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.

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Computer Club holds midsummer brunch



Computer Club member Helen Retter says she enjoys the camaraderie of the club as well as the opportunity to learn about technology.

By Joe Wisinski

On Top of the World Computer Club members love to learn, but they also like to party.

The club held a midsummer potluck brunch in July. The event included lots of good food, along with a light-hearted quiz about computer terminology and procedures.

Members took home prizes for correct answers.

Club members said they enjoyed both the food and the opportunity to learn a bit more about technology.

The Computer Club's executive board says the twin benefits of fellowship and computer instruction are part of what draws people to the organization, and members agree.

"I come to learn about computers," said long-time member Helen Retter. "But I also look forward to seeing my friends."

For August, meeting topics will include, "How to copy music to a smart phone or tablet" and also "How to use



calendars, reminders and tasks," among other topics.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members

or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues.

The help sessions take place in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to www.otowcc.com.

Major changes have been made to the On Top of the World Box Office Website. See Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club if you want to learn how to find the site, which hosts information on all OTOW clubs, along with community information and thinking games.

Press meeting Aug. 8

The Press Association will hold its only meeting of the summer on Thursday, Aug. 8, 1:30 p.m., in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room, formerly the Veranda Room.

The meeting is not taking place the first Thursday of the month, as regularly scheduled. The meeting was moved back one week so there was time to remind everyone.

At this meeting, Editor Doug Kates will remind staff that we still need summer stories, even though most clubs are taking a break and many residents have gone north.

The advertisers are still coming in the front door and we have to have enough stories to match the number of sponsors.

Staff also will be reminded that when the Snowbirds do come back, they should not be writing stories about how wonderful it is everyone is back. One or two of these stories is OK, but when 20-30 writers all want to welcome home Snowbirds, we run into a problem.

Looking way ahead, the annual Writers Workshop will take place Thursday, Nov. 7, in the evening.

Staff should also note, the deadline for the January 2020 newspaper will be Dec. 13. The newspaper has to be completely finished Dec. 20, which is a week earlier than normal.

Wood Shop gets cool air

Once upon a time, some people working in the On Top of the World Wood Shop had to wear sweatbands.

Despite up to four machines going on at the same time, there was no air conditioning.

Workers could open doors in an attempt to catch a breeze or could watch other residents cooling off in the swimming pool, but to prevent moisture from reaching their fingers, sweatbands were the best answer.

"I have always been a prolific sweater in the heat of summer," said Fixers Club Writer Bob Backlund. "I had to wear sweatbands to keep the sweat out of my eyes and from dripping on whatever project I was working on. We knew air conditioning was coming. But we didn't know when."

But now, the Wood Shop is in its glory.

After a brief closing this summer, the Wood Shop has reopened with ice cold air.

Two air vents have been added to the room and the cold air circulates everywhere.

"I was overjoyed," Bob said. "The news has brought many smiles."

The Wood Shop has also received new interior lighting and a coded key pad for members to enter without a key.

"On behalf of myself and all the wood shop members, I would like to commend OTOW management and the Wood Shop board for this great improvement," Bob said.

Now they just need to get all that saw dust off before walking out their front door and into the pool.



A penguin, a polar bear and Bob Backlund take advantage of a new air conditioning duct in the wood shop.

Your comments and opinions help make my future lectures better

Note: In a recent lecture on Homestead that my partner, Rachel Wagoner, and I gave at On Top of the World in Ocala, there were a couple of comments regarding our presentation.

One of them was to the effect that a chart that we put up on a screen was too difficult to be seen well.

Another comment had to do with the fact that we were moving along too quickly and as a result it was difficult for folks to take notes while we were speaking.

We were asked to provide some written information that could be followed during the lecture.

These comments are very important to us and I intend to revamp the entire lecture and include in it some materials that can be handed out to folks who might want them.

Although we haven't put it together yet, our next lecture on Homestead will not have any Power Point photos. We will still discuss Homestead in terms of the Homestead exemption, the transfer of a Homestead from one owner to another, and asset protection, but with more of a focus on the Homestead exemption - how to obtain it and protection against creditors' claims.

We really do need your comments. They help us.

Both Rachel and I look at all the comments we receive, and we pay attention to them and we learn from them so that we can adjust what we are doing and saying.

I need to add that in the near future, we intend to give the same lecture on Homestead at OTOW in Clearwater.

Scam Alert

Recently, I got a cell phone call from "Amber."

She actually left a voice message (I



do not answer calls unless I know who is calling.) Her message was that she was not even sure she was calling the right person.

Then she went on to say she was "in the neighborhood" and was looking to buy a property and she didn't care all that much about its condition.

"Amber" told me that if I were the right person, I should call her back to discuss the matter.

I am not the right person.

I did not call back.

If you receive this type of call, it is a scam — a very dangerous one -- and you should hang up immediately if you take it.

Or better yet, don't answer it in the first place.

"Amber," or the scammer, wants your bank information, personal information, any information they can get. Give them nothing!

Q. My husband and I recently closed on the purchase of a new home. When can we apply for the Homestead exemption?

A. First, congratulations on your purchase. You can apply for the Homestead Exemption as soon as you get the

recorded deed back and it has the recording information on it.

Even though you don't have to apply for it until March 1 after the year you bought the property, you should instead apply as soon as you can and not wait.

If you intend to go in person to the Homestead Exemption office, take the deed, photo identification, voter ID or proof of citizenship or resident alien status, and perhaps a recent utility bill.

You might be able to apply for your voters' ID at the same place that you apply for the exemption.

If you are a widow or widower, disabled or blind, or a disabled veteran, you should bring proof of that status when you apply.

It is best to call ahead and make an appointment.

You can also apply online by going to the Website of the Homestead Exemption office in the county where the property is located and for which you are seeking the homestead exemption.

That might be easier for some.

My suggestion: You should Google "Homestead Exemption in Florida" and thus learn before you start applying.

Although you should apply for the Homestead Exemption as soon as possible, it will not be effective for your property until the year following the date you apply. Thus, in November of the year after you bought the property, the real estate tax bill for it will be based on whatever was on it as of January 1 of that particular year.

You will also automatically be entitled to receive the Save Our Homes Cap, but that will not take effect until you've had the Homestead Exemption for one year.

Q. A significant other of mine is in

prison in (a State that is not Florida). His letter to me said that when he is released from jail, I am obligated to have him live with me. I don't want to be involved with him at all, but is he right about that?

A. Nope. However, for what it's worth, where he lives after his release may depend on the laws of the State where he is presently "residing."

Also, where he can live after his release may also depend on whether he is required to register where he lives with the State of Florida.

If, in fact, you do not want him to come and live with you, the simplest thing might be for you to let him know that.

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Famous quotes from famous people

Rodney Dangerfield:

"I was so ugly when I was born, the doctor slapped my mother."

"My uncle's dying wish was to have me on his lap. He was in the electric chair!"

"A girl phoned me the other day and said, 'Come on over. There's nobody home. I went over ... and there was nobody home.'"

Casey Stengel:

"Never make predictions, especially about the future."

"Everybody line up in alphabetical order according to your height."

Phyllis Diller:

"Robert Redford once asked me out. I was in his room."

"They say housework can kill you. So why take the chance?"

George Burns:

"Do you always go out with women? No. Sometimes we stay home."

"Do you ever go out with women your age? There are no women my age."

Jack Benny:

"I don't deserve this award, but I also have arthritis and I don't deserve that either."

Steve Wright:

"I saw a bank sign that said 24-hour banking, but I didn't have that much time."

"If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would you know?"

"I was walking down the street wearing glasses when the prescription ran out."

Wayon Jennings:

"I know I'm a little crazy, but it keeps me from going insane."

Yogi Berra:

"Ninety percent of all errors are in your head."

"When you get to the fork in the road, take it."

"I usually take a two-hour nap from 1-4 p.m."

"The future ain't what it used to be."

Red Skelton:

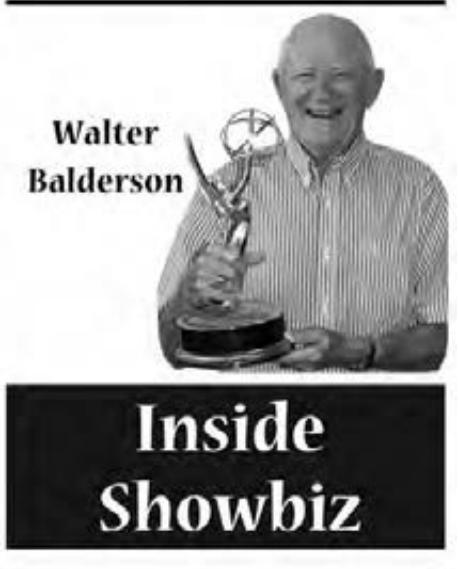
"She ran after the garbage truck yelling, 'Am I too late for the garbage? The driver said, 'No. Jump in.'"

"The number one cause of divorce is marriage."

"When asked who gave him that black eye, he replied, 'No one. I had to fight for it.'"

Groucho Marx:

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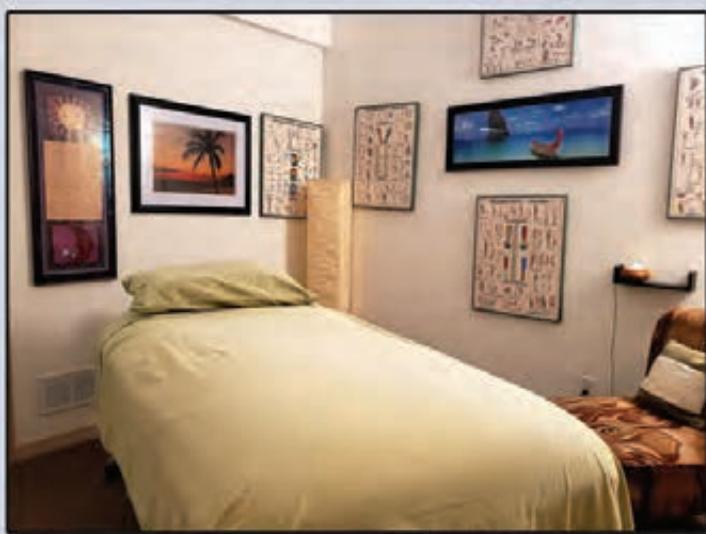
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There will be a prize for the best overall costume and best costume for the owner and pet who come in costume together.

Other categories include Most Original Costume and Best Halloween Spirit.

We hope to be giving away prizes for the top three votes in each category and there should be door prizes for just arriving.

Stayed tuned next month for more information and a list of sponsors.

Owners and pets must arrive by 9 a.m. Judging will take place immediately at 9:15 a.m. and we hope to have all the winners announced by 10 a.m.

The contest will take place rain or shine. It will only be canceled if there is very bad weather in the area.

Last year's contest saw pets dressed as witches, prisoners, hot dogs and more.



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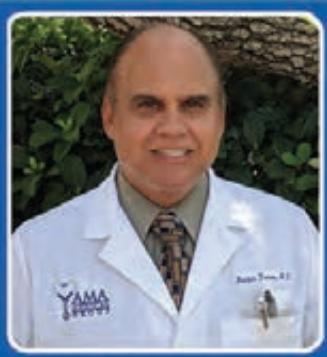
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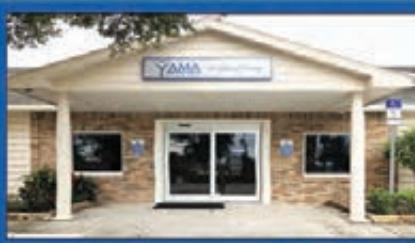
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Half of class is dedicated to beginners

Summer is a great time to learn how to line dance



By Leila Walker

Meet Steve Brabaw and Sandy Mulholland.

You can see them at On Top of the World Line Dancing classes.

Sandy has lived at OTOW for one year. She is originally from Philadelphia, but in recent years has lived in Northern California.

She loves dancing!

Prior to learning line dancing, Sandy did ballet, jazz and clogging. Dancing is an outlet, which makes her smile and laugh - and trust me, it is a great laugh!

Sandy started line dancing in October 2018. In the beginning, she thought line dancing was difficult, but over the more relaxed, summer format, she is learning more beginner dances and breaking down the dances step by step. She thinks the summer lessons are a good idea.

Steve has lived at OTOW for 11 months. He is originally from Melbourne, Fla., and has lived in Florida for 10 years. He has called Atlanta home for 30 years.

During his time in Atlanta, Steve square danced! When he moved to OTOW, he realized how he missed dancing so he started line dancing. He said line dancing is a mental challenge for him, but he likes the music.

He just lives to dance!

When Steve was asked if he likes the new summer venue for OTOW line dancing sessions, he said it is 100 percent better! He thought line dancing was really hard in the beginning, but under the new venue, the first half of each session is geared for beginners. He said it makes each dance easier to break down.

You can join Sandy and Steve and see for yourselves.

Line dancing is great exercise for the body and mind. You also will make new friends because we are very friendly and inclusive.

Recently, OTOW line dancers danced the night away at a Sock Hop event held by the Entertainment Committee at the East Activity Center. Sandy and Steve posed for this picture at the dance.

If you are a beginner dancer, try the Lance Dance



Steve Brabaw and Sandy Mulholland are ready for dancing.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Club's 1 p.m., Tuesday, session, or the 8:30 a.m., Saturday session. Regular classes are held after the beginner classes.

All classes are held in the auditorium and Oldsmar Room (formerly the Starlite Room) of the EAC.

If you are an early riser, consider our 7 a. m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be seen on the Box

Office (otowboxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on Facebook.

If you want to give line dancing a try before doing it in public, there are line-dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV weekdays at 11 a.m. Try one in your living room and then join us live.

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.

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Pet of the Month



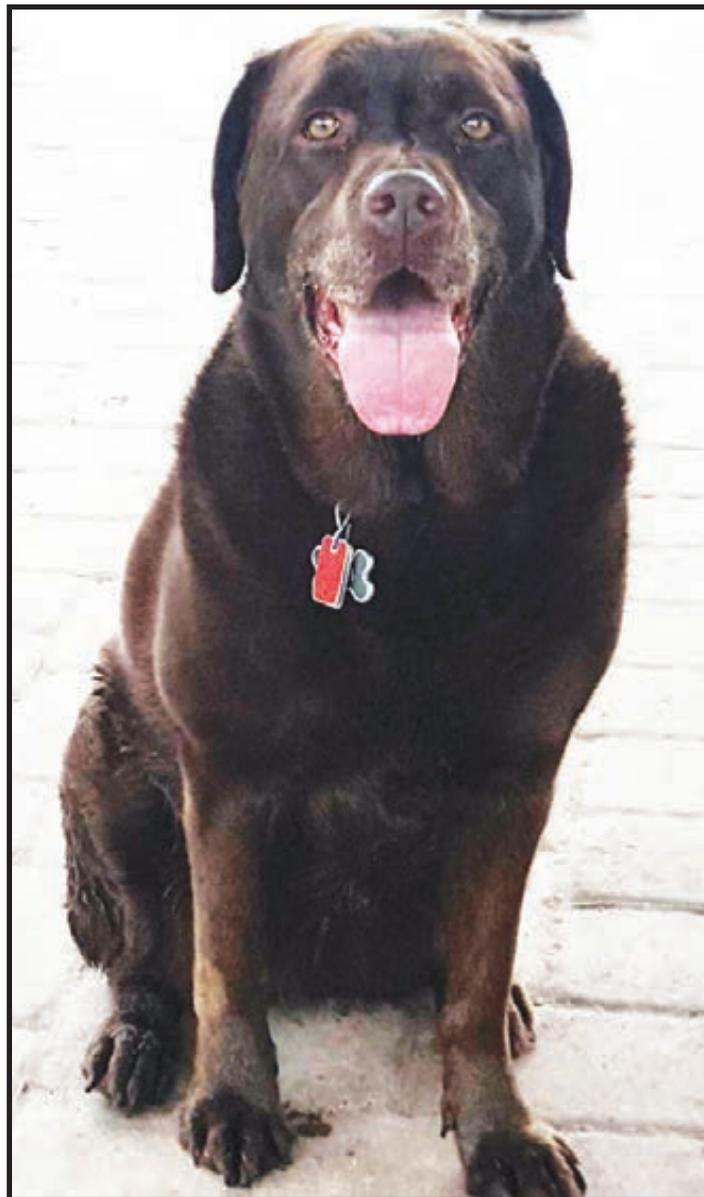
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Hello. My name is Kim.
I am a 9-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever. I am a retired bomb-sniffing dog from New York. Myself, my handler Gerald Barry, and my mom, Debbie Barry, relocated to Australia Way East at On Top of the World. I love to swim and I am very friendly to all animals. I even have a cat sister (Jessie) and a cockatiel bird (Kiwi). I am very happy to be in Florida enjoying the Salt Life.

Kim

Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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Everyone should be tuning up their voices



Chorus Director Beth Kendall

By Ilene Bargerstock

On Top of the World Chorus will soon plunge into its 51st season!

It's not too early for Chorus members to be warming up their vocal cords. Hopefully, all of you have been singing this summer, if only in the shower.

Regular weekly Chorus rehearsals will soon begin in preparation for our Holiday Concert, Dec. 7 and 8.

As you may or may not know, the names of the meeting rooms in the East Activity Center have been changed.

Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room (formerly the Starlite Room). This room is on the second floor, just off the elevator, where we held rehearsals last season.

Rehearsals will continue in that room on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. until further notice.



Chorus

Chorus membership is open to all OTOW residents. If you are new to the community and enjoy singing choral music, please join us.

If you are new, let me introduce you to our director, Beth Kendall.

Speaking as one who has sung under multiple directors, I must say that none have been better in terms of striving for

the best performance possible while making learning stress-free and fun.

Beth is personable, energetic and has a great sense of humor.

We laugh a lot!

She's a good teacher, who enjoys a challenge, and is patient in working with us as we learn the music.

Auditions are not required to join the Chorus. All you need is a love of music, a desire to have fun singing with others, and an opportunity to make lasting friendships.

What more could you want!

We would like nothing better than to welcome you into the Chorus!

There will be more details in the September newspaper regarding the first rehearsal. Meanwhile, if you have questions or want more information, you may call me, Ilene Bargerstock, at 727-408-5759.

National Night Out takes place Aug. 6 and residents are invited to walk together on Columbia Drive

By David Beaven

Neighborhood Watch has an invitation for you.

Take a walk with us this month.

Every August, on the first Tuesday, National Night Out takes place.

Across the United States, people get together in their neighborhoods. Some have cookouts, some have neighborhood walks, some have youth activities, etc.

The purpose is to take a little time to meet with each other and strengthen everyone's bonds to their own community.

We have a unique activity in mind this year. Neighborhood Watch will be doing a version of the popular TV show: What



Would You Do?

Weather permitting, we will be gathering at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, in

the East Activity Center parking lot by the lawn bowling court for a group walk down Columbia Drive.

Wear a light colored shirt and comfortable shoes.

On that walk, we will come upon people acting out realistic scenarios in live street theater fashion.

As in the TV show, our walking audience will be asked: What would you do?

We want to encourage a healthy sharing of opinions among our walkers. No scenario will have an absolutely right or wrong solution. The value will come from attendees expressing how they feel rather than staying silent.

Come join us.

We all want to know: What would you do?

Area Watch 2020 is a Neighborhood Watch started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect. We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better.

If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our Webpage at areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

We are also on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Republicans to welcome author of 'Trojan Horses'

By Marvin Lazernik

Banana splits and positive suggestions: This combination encouraged many brave souls to come out in inclement weather to the Republican Club meeting in July.

It was a chance to have a tasty social and a productive evening with friends.

Members gave their thoughts on what direction this club should take for the remainder of this year, as well as the upcoming election year.

Members of the board listened, took notes and answered any and all questions.

Everyone seemed to agree that having educational speakers to make ourselves and our community better is what we want to accomplish.

State Senator Ed Hooper, County Commissioner Dave Eggers and Pinellas County Appraiser Mike Twitty not only spoke on subjects that concerned all On Top of the World residents, but also came with brochures containing various departments that would assist us in various

needs.

Health, safety and legal needs, plus tax savings were highlighted.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 13, the Republican Club is pleased to announce the return of Dr. William W. Urban, who will speak about the U.S. borders and what is happening at each.

Dr. Urban has written the national best seller "Trojan Horses."

Major General (Retired) William Klein wrote "Dr. Urban's book is a must read for every America. The threat is real; and he lays it out in a clear concise and understandable manner."

Dr. Urban served as an advisor within the Departments of State and Defense. His political awareness into situations in the former Soviet Union, Central Asia and Middle East was used to anticipate opportunities to develop strategies for campaigns and to resolve confrontations.

There will be handouts to highlight 12 entry points so that each person can follow his U.S. borders lecture and analysis.



Republican Club

All our meetings are held in the Bellear Room, formerly the Sunrise Room, in the West Activity Center on the second Tuesday of the month.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

For further information, call Susan at (951) 377-0909.

Light refreshments and beverages will be served.



Maureen Bjorgo enjoys a banana split at a Republican Club social event in July. After all the guests were taken care of, Maureen made one for herself.



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Democratic Club learns about ranked choice voting

By Donna Lukas

Welcome to the dog days of summer.

Let's give a cheer and encouragement for the On Top of the World residents who choose to be year-round residents.

At OTOW Democratic Club meeting in July, guest speaker Rae Claire Johnson, an activist for fair representation in Congress, gave us a presentation on ranked choice voting (RCV).

RCV is sometimes referred to as instant runoff voting. It is related to the Fair Representation Act proposed in the 2017-2018 session of Congress as HR 3057.

An RCV system is an electoral system in which voters rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If a candidate wins a majority of first-choice votes, he or she is declared the winner.

If no candidate wins a majority of first-choice votes, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated. The first-choice votes for the failed candidate are eliminated, lifting the second-preference choices on those ballots.

A new count determines whether any candidate has won a majority of the adjusted votes. The process is repeated until a candidate wins an outright majority.

Rae Claire sees RCV as a better choice than open primaries, which are being discussed as a means of improving voter participation in the selection of candidates. She suggested that campaign quality improves because candidates might need your second choice vote.

RCV has proponents and opponents. The difference in their arguments may be a topic of discussion at a future club meeting.



Democratic Club

Our next club meeting is scheduled for our usual time and place, the second Thursday of the month, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room (formerly the Starlite Room) of the East Activity Center. We will discuss opinions of the first and second presidential candidate debates and continue our discussion of remaining Democratic presidential candidates.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club page on the Box Office at www.otowboxoffice.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

This Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting.

Also look for club announcements on the OTOW television channel 732.



Rae Claire Johnson explains ranked choice voting.

Good Karma Café FOOD SURVEY

There will be no "Pizza Wednesday" in the Good Karma Café over the summer.

However, this fall the café may come back with a new, fresh item once a week.

You have a chance to help decide that food item. Go to the Box Office and tell us what fresh item

you would like to see on sale in your Good Karma Café.

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Blackout

Like fast-paced card games?

By Tom Jamroz

Blackout is a card game that is easy to learn, fun to play, and a way to make new friends and socialize all at the same time.

If you have little or no experience with card games, it doesn't matter. Come to the East Activity Center on Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. and look for the Blackout table to learn how to play.

After you learn, we will play a

few hands so you can see how it's done.

Come on Thursday evenings to the West Activity Center for a 6 p.m. practice session and then if you are ready to play, join in at 6:30 p.m. for the game.

You do need to know how to play before joining as this can be fast-paced and we want everyone to have a great time. Hope to see you at the games.

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Baby Boomers take full advantage of holidays and Fridays



Baby Boomers

By Sheila Charette

Summer is in full swing here at On Top of the World. As usual, the Baby Boomers are enjoying it to the fullest.

The Baby Boomers' annual Fourth of July cookout was hosted by fellow Boomer, Patty Aiden.

By last count, in attendance were 34 residents ... a great turnout with a wonderful group of friends.

A big thank you goes out to our grillmasters, Dan Bernstein and Don Ladner, for doing all the grilling and to all those who helped before and after the event.

"Free" is a word near and dear to the Boomers.

Free museum admission at The Hen-



More than 30 Boomers attended a Fourth of July party at Patty Aiden's home.

ry B. Plant Museum in Tampa on the first Friday of the month is a great way to beat the heat and get together with Boomers.

The next one is Aug. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

First we meet at the Minarets for First Friday. The museum has free admission from January through November.

We explore the nation's only Victorian railroad resort hotel museum and enjoy live music on the veranda.

Docent led tours of the museum begin at 5:15 p.m.

Some Boomers may carpool from the East Activity Center at 3:45 p.m.

The Baby Boomers Group is an association of friends. There are no age restrictions. Being a Baby Boomer is not an age, it is a state of mind. We have no dues, officers or formal rules. You do need to have a valid activity card.

You don't join the Boomers - you join in. Once you have decided to "join in," you are added to our Baby Boomers email list. You will receive emails about

fun events and activities.

Boomers seek out experiences to keep them active and enjoying life.

If you'd like to become involved, please join us. The Baby Boomers next meeting will be 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15 in the Largo Room. In September we will return to meeting the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. Each meeting is followed by dinner at a local restaurant or a social night out. Everyone is welcome.

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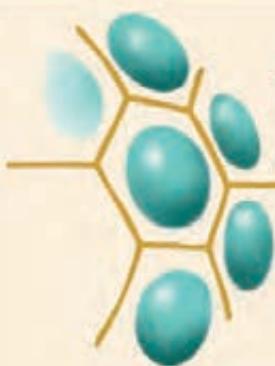
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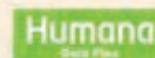
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE


In July, the Entertainment Committee featured The Retros on USA Dance Night. Residents turned out in their red, white and blue attire, and patriotic hats, shirts and shoes. Pictured above are The Retros and to the left are some of our residents who came prepared.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Entertainment highlights for August include a luau and an 'end of summer' dance

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee has scheduled two Saturday night dances and one Sunday afternoon Meet-And-Greet in August!

Thursday night shows will be back each month starting Sept. 19.

Saturday evening, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium, our annual "Luau Dance" will take place featuring the music of "At Large." This dynamic duo plays smooth renditions of past favorites and current hit songs to dance to. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Bring your own beverages and snacks – we'll supply the ice and coffee!

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m., we present a Sunday Meet-And-Greet in the auditorium. After the show,

free light refreshments will be provided.

Ralph Rogers will warm your heart with magical love songs and kick things into a higher gear with a variety of popular songs!

Buy a raffle ticket and win!

On Saturday evening, Aug. 24, at 8 p.m., we will host an "End Of Summer Dance" with DJ Alice playing music to dance to.

BYOB and snacks – we'll supply the ice and coffee!

The Entertainment Committee, On Top of the World's premier club for resident fun, will be celebrating 50 years, 1970 – 2020, next year. We charge no dues and everyone with a current activity card is a member.

We provide guests with year-round

entertainment featuring shows, dances and a free Sunday Meet-And-Greet, which are presented at the EAC.

Entertainment is provided by professional performers who appear on stage in the Tampa Bay area, on cruise ships, Las Vegas and other venues across America!

Information regarding 2020 shows, dances and Sunday Meet-And-Greets will be available starting Sept. 5.

A fantastic and exciting year of entertainment is planned!

All current 2019 season ticket holders will be able to renew their tickets for the 2020 shows and dances starting Thursday, Oct. 3. Reserved tables and seats will be held until Thursday, Oct. 31, at which time all reserved seats will be available to the public.

Tickets for shows and dances for the rest of 2019, including New Year's Eve, are now on sale at the East Activity Center on Thursday mornings only, 8:30-10:30 a.m., until Sept. 5. After that, they will be available on both Mondays and Thursdays at the EAC, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Check the following sources for scheduling, ticket information and questions: The Entertainment Committee on OTOW-TV Channel 732; on the OTOW Box Office, (www.otowboxoffice.com); and on all of the bulletin boards in the EAC, West Activity Center and all resident buildings.

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It's all on the Box Office

Snowbirds Club adds a third dinner theater to local attractions

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club has its full schedule in place for the coming season and it can be found on the Snowbirds Club page on the Box Office.

Go to otowboxoffice.com.

The most popular events for last season were the dinner theaters and they will continue this season with the addition of a third dinner theater, Show Palace, in Hudson.

There will be a total of nine dinner theater shows.

We will be repeating one of our most popular charter bus trip in years past. It is the St. Augustine Christmas tour and the Nights of Lights tour departing from On Top of the World on Dec. 9.

A Bucket List Cruise to Alaska on Aug. 21 has just been added to our schedule, bringing our total cruises to three this season.

Our big cruise is our fourth annual Line Dance Cruise with workshop conducted by Dolly Foland on Jan. 6, 2020. You do not have to be a line dancer to go on this cruise, but you must be willing to enjoy Key West and Cozumel.

A cruise to Nassau, Bahamas, departs



on Dec. 2.

Reservations to the first four events this season are on sale now by email. Payment can be made in person at the Snowbirds information desk after it opens in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Oct. 21.

On Oct. 26, we are going to the Just for Laughs Dinner Theater to see the play "Killjoy." Cost is \$40.

On Nov. 10, we will host a Veterans Appreciation Party in the EAC. Cost is \$5. OTOW Veterans are free.

On Nov. 15, we will travel to the Fletcher's Dinner Theater to see the play "Spirit Level." Cost is \$40.



Some Snowbirds Club line dancers met in Chicago to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Ted and Jan Soltys on a dinner cruise on Lake Michigan. From left to right are Jan and Ted Soltys, Dolly Foland, Jan Springer, Doug Springer and Ed Foland.

On Nov. 28, we will be celebrating a Thanksgiving dinner at the Show Palace to see the musical "Elf." Cost is \$50.

Contact Ed Foland for additional information and reservations at (727) 417-3272 or email: endfoland@aol.com.



Members of the Aqua Aerobics group enjoy a summer morning in the pool.

August classes may move to West Side during renovations

By Irene Pappas

Summer water aerobics is in full swing.

Classes take place Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m.

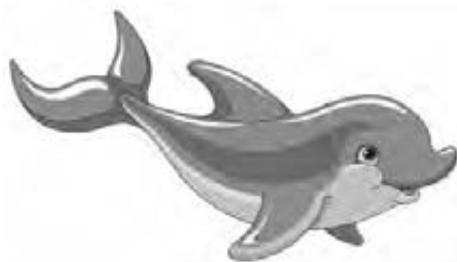
In August and early September, classes may move to the West Activity Center pool since the East Side Pool is closed. There may be a time change, too. Go to the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) for updated information.

There are five different volunteer teachers who teach this class with no fee to all attendees.

Many benefits are derived, which include memory balance, strength and pain reduction. An extra bonus is laughter and having a lot of fun.

We encourage everyone to wear sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses and a hat.

This class is open to every resident with a valid activity card.



Aqua Aerobics

We also enjoy celebrating birthdays with a monthly luncheon and once again we will be hosting a fashion show which benefits Suncoast Hospice. The fashion show is a time to enjoy a delicious meal together with volunteer models from our group.



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Owls Club members dine at the Umami Sushi and Hibachi Grill in St. Petersburg.

Owls taking road trips and gaining members

By Kim Stoltz

The second meeting of the Owls Club was a potluck dinner.

The food was delicious and ideas for developing our new club flowed freely. We also welcomed a new member.

Last month, several of our members joined the Lambda Club to celebrate their 10th anniversary.

Congratulations Lambda!

Later, we all went to Umami Sushi and Hibachi Grill. Members of our club had met the general manager, Lena, at St. Petersburg's Pride, and she invited us to try her place out. Lena Naylor was a wonderful host and we received quite an education while enjoying a delightful meal.

Also last month, we started our swim meet ups and some of our members will be joining Lambda members on a trip to

the American Stage to see the Broadway play "Fun Home" by Alison Bechdel.

We are busy, busy.

The next Owl Club meeting will be Wednesday Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. featuring a summer beach theme with snacks, drinks and games.

As always, bring a dish to share if you wish and feel free to bring your own beverages.

Till then...you may contact Kim Stoltz at 815-514-1110 or email the club at otowlsocials@gmail.com.

Be sure to check out our Websites with pictures of past events as well as information on new ones. Our official Website is <http://otowlsinfo.com> and we are on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

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Your favorite sports shirt should be cleaned and ironed by now

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club is proud to present our second annual "Summer Sports Festival" On Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests.

Mama Felice will be making a variety of sandwiches, including Italian, tuna, and turkey and swiss. Coleslaw, potato chips and dessert are also available, plus coffee and water.

Back by popular demand, music will be provided by the "KP Duo."

Residents and guests are asked to wear a T-shirt or hat representing your favorite sports team.

Also at this event, the Veterans Group will be accepting donations of travel-sized toiletries.

The New York-New Jersey Club schedule for the rest of the year has been set and begins on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Our club will host a Dessert Night at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

On the menu will be New York Cheese Cake and coffee. Water and ice will be provided.

Guests will be asked to nominate officers for 2020.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m., our club will host its annual "Southwest Night" dinner with a DJ. Cost is \$16 for members and \$18 for guests.

There will be line dancing led by Dolly Foland and music by Ed Foland, who promises to mix in some couples music. Dinner will be catered by Felice's Ital-



New York - New Jersey Club

ian Deli and will include barbequed chicken, pulled pork, baked beans and dessert.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m., our club will host its annual "Harvest Dreams Dinner Dance" in the auditorium.

Dinner will be by Felice's Italian Deli and will include ham, turkey, stuffing, sweet potato salad and dessert.

Music will be by the "KP Duo."

The New York New Jersey Club is open to all residents of On Top of the World.

Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5. If you join now, your membership will automatically include all of 2020.

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Long-time Art Guild instructor, John Fier, passes the pencil to Butch Miller

By Mary Slack Maynard

On Top of the World Art Guild members were fortunate to learn the basics of drawing over the last nine years from artist John Fier.

Students learned basic information like what pencil to use and why.

They journeyed from simple sketches, featuring basic perspective, to a variety of everyday life subjects, such as children playing on a beach.

Last spring John decided to retire from the Art Guild and has passed the pencil to Butch Miller.

Butch is an accomplished artist. He is a retired registered nurse who moved from Massachusetts to Florida in 1997 with his wife Elaine.

He describes himself as a "self-taught" artist, who began



Art Guild

drawing in elementary school.

Butch's interest was encouraged by an uncle, who was an artist, and says he learned as much as he could from him.

Butch also took art classes over the years. In the 1970s he added painting to his repertoire.

Over the summer, Butch and John met to discuss the transition from one teacher to another.

"I plan on having the same open class format that John had, (but) acting more as a facilitator than a teacher," Butch said.

He has a computer disk John created and used as a learning tool. Butch plans on incorporating it into his classes, along with other learning materials he has gathered over the years.

Butch's two hour drawing class will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, and will meet every Thursday thereafter.

All OTOW residents, with an interest in learning how to draw, or to improve their drawing ability, are welcome to participate in the class.

If you're interested, grab your sketchbook and "pencil" in the date on your calendar.

The Art Guild looks forward to seeing you.



John Fier, left, and Butch Miller look over a book with sketching lessons. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Lambda turning Largo Room into Key Largo for a day

By Dave Beaven

Are you going to the beach this month?

Don't forget your sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, beach towel, chair, umbrella, drinks, food, etc.

Or you can skip all that and come to our Lambda Club Beach Party Social on Friday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room (or Key Largo as we will be calling it on that evening).

Feel free to dress in casual style: flip-flops, shorts, T-shirt. It's all good. Actually, that's my normal retirement wear, so I'm already set.

Our boombox will be blaring out Beach Boy tunes to put you in an "island" mood.

Wander over to the bar for a glass of Hurricane Punch. It will make you forget all your troubles.

Gather around the hors d'oeuvres table for some light bites and conversation with friendly natives.

Later on, a substantial buffet will open for more serious eating - all prepared by our gracious Lambda members.

A visit to our Key Largo Room will do you good. On this night, our motto is: "Don't worry, be happy!"

We had a great gathering last month celebrating Lambda's 10th birthday, as you



Lambda Club

can see from the picture. Looks like some of our folks were really "in the spirit."

We are grateful for the helpful media support shown by OTOW News over the years. Thanks to Doug Kates and Dave Hart. Also a special thanks to Activity Director Nancy Rogers, who has worked with us so diligently in scheduling our events.

And we also are very appreciative of the facility staff who keep the buildings clean and comfortable.

What can I say?

On to another fabulous 10 years for the Lambda Club!

Lambda is a social club for LGBT



Lambda members celebrate their club's 10th birthday during a social event in the East Activity Center.

residents of OTOW. We also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their LGBT neighbors. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

We are also on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

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

The East Activity Center bathrooms/showers will undergo a renovation project in August and early September.

The project is tentatively scheduled to take place Aug. 5 - Sept. 9.

As a result, the bathrooms, showers and saunas in the EAC will be closed, as will the EAC swimming pool.

The west side pool will remain open during this period. Thank you for your patience and understanding. - OTOW



Summer golf runs into a water puddle now and then, but dryer conditions are coming soon

By David Cox

As everyone knows, the Men's Golf Association didn't play much in the months of June and July due to constant rain.

But we believe most of the rainy season will be over soon and golf will resume as usual.

At this time I would like to introduce you to Kirk Kosh, our Brightview team member spotlight of the month.

Kirk is the BrightView Golf Assistant Superintendent at On Top of the World. Kurt was born and raised in the eastern Iowa community of Charlotte. Growing up, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and working on a farm, and spending time with his four brothers and one sister.

Upon leaving Iowa, Kurt lived in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Houston and gained great experience in management of wholesale distribution of water system products. He supervised 30 workers in a production warehouse company and later became a certified drilling fluids engineer while in Texas.

All of this certainly adds up to why Kurt is an outstanding superintendent and irrigation specialist at OTOW.

Not only does Kurt manage our irrigation, but also supervises our staff, and most recently he obtained his commercial pesticide applicators license and is, without a doubt, a tremendous reason our golf courses are where they are today.

His hard work and dedication to OTOW is very much noticed by everyone.

Away from the golf course, Kurt enjoys spending time at the Eagles Club, where on Saturdays he calls bingo and is a

Mens Golf

master at the shuffleboard table.

Naturally, Kurt enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Carolyn. Together they have six children and nine grandchildren.

Kurt and Carolyn cherish their trips back to Iowa to see family. They enjoy attending church on Sundays.

The main reason for moving to Clearwater was to leave the Midwest cold weather. He and his wife and family love the warmer temperatures and warm climate here in Clearwater.

Everyone be sure to thank Kurt when you see him for the magnificent work he has done at OTOW for the last five years and what he continues to do today.

From Superintendent Todd Six, listed below are things happening and things coming in the near future to our golf courses.

Weeding the wildflowers and prepping new wild flower areas will begin on the 9- and 18-hole golf courses.

Work is taking place on course drainage at hole Nos. 5 and 13. Plans are to finish at hole No. 13 and start drainage at hole No. 12.

Work will continue on adding coquina to the cart paths. Four tee cart paths were recently completed.

Growth regulators will continue to be applied to the turf to combat the rain.

The fences, that are partially standing, will be reconstructed in August. Weeds will be removed from rough areas.



Kirk Kosh is an irrigation specialist with BrightView Golf Course Management. His golf course management career began with water system distribution sales in the Midwest. (OTOW News photo by David Cox)

Men's Wednesday Golf League tournament results are as following for recent weeks:

On Wednesday, June 19, and Wednesday, July 10, there was no league play due to rain.

On Wednesday, June 26, the A Flight winner was John Taylor, runner-up was Ronald Huber. B Flight first place was Don Sorenson, runner-up was Jack Drewiega. C Flight first place was Chuck McAl-

lister, runner-up was Les Gabel. D Flight first place was Joe Ventimiglia, runner-up was C.J. Messina.

On Wednesday, July 3, the A Flight winner was Roy Monttrith, runner-up was Lester Whynot. B Flight first place was David Cox, runner-up was Bob Notbohn. C Flight first place winner was Jack Drewiega, runner-up was Les Gabel. D Flight first place winner was David Pert, runner-up was Joe Ventimiglia.

Week 10 dominated by Scott Rogers with first place, low gross and four skins

The rainy part of the year has arrived and getting in a full round of golf in depends on how wet you want to get.

Fortunately, the great condition of the turf and the course, in general, makes playing a pleasure.

Off-season play continues with a smaller, yet loyal, group of golfers.

Our week seven winner was John Maloof. Paul Meyers was second and Scott Rogers placed third. Scott also shot the low gross round and collected a skin. Bruce MacPherson took two skins. Fred Schick and Paul Meyers also collected a skin. John Maloof and Paul Meyers were the closest-to-the-pin winners.

Thursday Golf

Bob Hunt was the week eight champion. Mike Dietterich placed second and Paul Meyers was third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Bob Hunt collected two skins. Paul Meyers, Bruce MacPherson and Tim Belcastro took one skin each. The closest-to-the-pin contest went to Bill Higgins and Harry Barbin.

Week nine was won by Kyong No. CJ Messina was second and Dave Pittenger

took third place. Harry Barbin shot the low gross round and collected two skins. Ada Maloof, Tim Belcastro, Fred Schick and Len Howell took one skin each. Ada Maloof and Len Howell won the closest to the pin contests.

Scott Rogers had a great day in week 10. He won first place, low gross and four skins. Dave Pittenger was second and Fred Schick placed third. Bill Higgins and Harry Barbin collected one skin each.

The league plays year round and welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out.

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.

You can find details about our club on the Box Office Website. Go to otow-boxoffice.com and look for Thursday Golf. At the site, you can view our current standings for the summer.

We play the course using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the forward red tees where available.

Players must sign in between 9-9:15 a.m. during the summer season.

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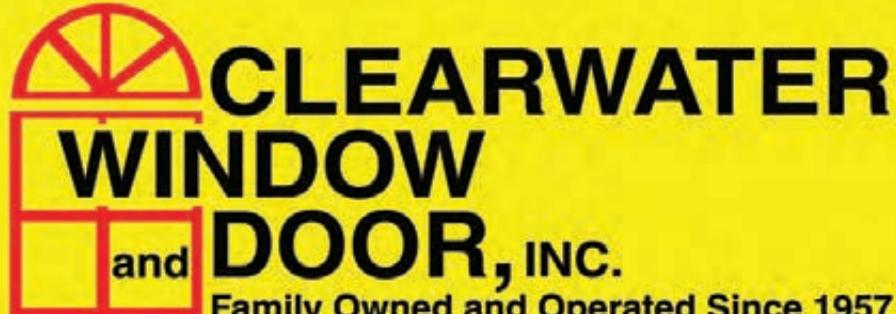
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Reporter's epic journey to Kentucky, Tennessee and other Dixie regions is presented in detail

I was on vacation during the month of June.

I went to my godson's wedding, went sightseeing, and visited family relatives out of state, but not too far away from here, in the northern areas of Dixie.

I experienced quite a variety of modes of travel: Southwest Airlines, Greyhound buses and Amtrak trains.

The trip started by flying to Tennessee. There, time was spent in Nashville, at the Country Music Hall of Fame, Opry Mills (shopping for moonshine whiskey), and enjoying a live show at a place called AJ's.

My godson, who is a captain in the U.S. Army, married his bride in Clarksville. In military fashion, the couple was honored with a sword bridge by his groomsmen, who were all in uniform and men from his brigade.

The wedding party was held in a barn, built in the 1880s, with a modern interior.

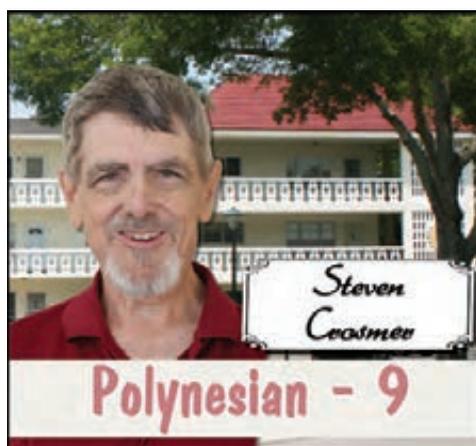
It also happened to be my birthday the next day, so I returned to Nashville to enjoy a show at the classic Ryman Auditorium. I also found time to shop at the Ernest Tubbs record store before the show.

Next up, it was off to Kentucky on the bus to Berea to visit relatives. My retired uncle still enjoys doing carpentry work and showed off the new fixtures, furnishings, pews, and cabinets he built for his church at St. Thomas Lutheran in Richmond.

We went for a country drive to visit Cumberland Falls, just south of Somerset, where we had "hot brown" for dinner, a popular Kentucky dish, that was literally invented by accident.

We also visited the Colonel Sanders Cafe and museum in Corbin. It's free, and we saw a lot of historic artifacts on what became world-famous Kentucky Fried Chicken.

There was construction on I-75,



so we took the backroads of the old beaten path of US-25.

We window-shopped in downtown Berea, known for its arts and crafts, and enjoyed a demonstration of the dulcimer, a hand-crafted fiddle made in right in the shops.

Country travels continued by bus and train out of Kentucky, with a stop to enjoy a night in Cincinnati and to ride the new Bell Connector streetcar.

We enjoyed live outdoor music by Fountain Square that evening, and got to see a little of the Cincinnati museum before boarding the train to head east to Virginia.

A narrative ride was given on board the train as it rolled along the banks of the New River Gorge in West Virginia, passing by Hawk's Nest and going under a steel arch bridge. That bridge carries US-19 traffic over the river at Fayetteville, W. Va.

We saw the Big End tunnel, where the story and legend of John Henry lives, and the Greenbrier Hotel. A bus connection took me to Richmond, where I continued the train ride to Williamsburg.

While at Williamsburg, I visited relatives, went to Busch Gardens, and also spent a day visiting the old Colonial section of town. We toured the house of Wythe, a house where President Thomas Jefferson's college professors



During his month-long journey through "Dixie," Polynesian reporter Steven Cosmer stopped to take a selfie in front of the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville.

were living while he was there on his studies. I also toured a blacksmith shop where there were active spinning wheels making cloth materials.

Also visited were the original capitol building and Supreme Court houses for the state of Virginia, before they were moved to Richmond centuries ago.

The tours were guided, and the tour guides were dressed up like old colonial times and were very astute on their presentations and answering visitors' questions.

If you love American history, you do not want to miss a visit to Colonial Williamsburg.

Before heading out of Virginia for North Carolina by train, my sister and I visited the recently-opened Virginia Veteran's war museum. We enjoyed a film in a small theater that actually had added effects to bring the sounds and feel of war come to life. There is the cold of the war in Korea, complete with snowflakes, up to an ambush in

the heat of the jungles of Vietnam. There's adventure from a submarine during World War II, and roadside bomb attacks during Desert Storm and the recent war on terror.

A memorial is on display there for all from Virginia who died during these wars, all broken down right to their individual communities, both large and small.

Finally, the last stop on the long trip was to visit a brother in North Carolina. We allowed time to go watch the Durham Bulls, a triple-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, play a minor league baseball game.

The ballpark was in the historic tobacco district of the American Tobacco Company, and its historic water tower and smokestack are still standing, both within sight from the baseball stadium. The Bulls hit three homers and scored a resounding 6-1 victory over the Toledo Mudhens.

This trip was finished the following day as I flew home from Raleigh.

Storage room is one place to show consideration for others

The Dorado building has gained several new residents in the past few months.

We are planning a welcoming potluck dinner in early fall when our Snowbirds are back. Info will be posted on the core bulletin board.

With new residents moving in, there have been some issues that need to be addressed. One issue concerns the storage rooms, which are in need of cleaning and disposal of things that don't belong there anymore.

I was trying to help a new resident find a place to store her things, but her space was filled. There were no names or apartment numbers on the dusty boxes. There were items like rolled up carpet remnants, old outdated TVs and exercise equipment that sticks out into the walking space.

I am sure each of us wants to be a good neighbor and respect each other's storage spaces.

There is a map posted by On Top of the World on each storage door. All boxes and items need to be marked with your apartment number and 2019 date.

In order to get this massive job accomplished, we are asking everyone to check your space as follows:



- 1 — Make sure you are in the right space.
- 2 — Make sure you don't carry over into your neighbor's space.
- 3 — Mark your stored item(s) with your apartment number and dated 2019.

If you need help, call me at 678-414-5300. We need this inventory done ASAP. Any unmarked items will be donated to charity.

Thank you in advance for your participation. For one or two people this would be a horrendous job, but with everyone's help we can utilize our space to the maximum.



Cindy Stone marks her storage unit items with her apartment number and 2019 date.

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Birthday celebration was great fun for 24 guests

It is a very musical summer so far. On June 30, Bob Gendron celebrated his 79th birthday at his home with family and his fellow Flamencoans, an attendance of 24 guests total.

It was an evening filled with laughter, music and fine food. As usual, some of our Flamenco residents and friends displayed their vocal talents covering a wide selection of song styles. Thank you who attended for making it a great birthday party for Bob.

More parties are lined up before year's end.



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Views of spectacular glaciers were only a part of what Pat Cullen-Davis and a friend experienced during a recent trip to Alaska.

News includes a trip report and a new couple welcome

I traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, at the end of June. My friend is a summer tour guide there and is very knowledgeable about the area. She took me to some very interesting places.

We went on a glacier cruise out of Whittier and saw sea otters and porpoises. The glaciers were fantastic — never been that close before.

We then went to Talkeetna by train. This is a small town where climbers stay before climbing Denali mountain (formerly known as Mt. McKinley), the highest mountain in North America.

I talked to two Belgian climbers who had been on the mountain for three weeks and still had not made it to the top. They were very disappointed at not making the summit of this great mountain.

I also met Miss Alaska 2019 — she was the narrator on the train.

I was very surprised how light it was, at present only about four hours of darkness (but the winters are very dark).

We planned to visit Homer and Kenai, but wildfires in the area made it very smoky. We had a great time anyway and saw much beautiful scenery in that region.



We have a new couple in the building, Vincent and Charlotte DiFabbio, originally from Watsonstown Penn.

Their story is like the movie "The Notebook." They grew up together, went to school together and dated. Vincent joined the military and wrote to Charlotte. Her mother kept the letters from her, and they both moved on.

Thirty-two years later, they found each other on Facebook and have now been together for five years. What a lovely story!



A look back at the OTOW News August, 1994

- **Good Neighbors:** A Box Lunch Dance will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, 1994. Cost is \$8 per person. Reservations are required. There will be no ticket sales at the door the night of the dance. The Herb Shelton Band will play from 7–10 p.m. for your dancing pleasure. Upon presentation of your ticket, you will receive a box lunch and we'll picnic together. Dress code for the day will be casual — wear clothes you would ordinarily wear to a picnic.
- **Line Dancing:** Most of us take a vacation for a day, a week, several days or months. Line dancers are no exception. Although we love where we live, we read about or listen to others tell about all the wonderful places traveled to and beautiful memories captured. Two of our most travelled line dancers are Dotti and Ron Rice. Their favorites are cruises on fabulous ships on which they have been all over the world. Earlier this year, they cruised for 58 days!
- **OTOW Tennis:** A health tip and some sound advice for all the tennis players who play here in Florida. They must be very wary of the Florida sun, as we have heard that it is three times as strong as the Northern sun. Apply No. 15 sun screen whenever you plan to be out during daylight hours, even if only for a short period of time.
- **Men's Golf Holes in One:** On June 8, 1994, a latecomer, Bill Larken, hit his first ace: the 15th hole with a six iron. A. Bongiovanni, John Geskie and Ivan Marsteller witnessed. On June 16, Charlie Cavalcante, in a threesome, hit a five iron on the fifth hole. Frank Beardsell and Mike Murphy looked on. Gerald Fielder hit his first ace on June 22: the 15th hole with a nine iron. Congratulations to all!
- **Austrian Alpine Building:** Our June luncheon was at O'Charleys in Palm Harbor. We enjoyed good food, a beautiful atmosphere and courteous service. Thanks to Lillian Olson who arranged this very enjoyable day. Betty and Paul Myers have had a very busy summer. Among their activities, they cruised for 14 days on the Mediterranean aboard the *Regent Spirit* visiting France, Corsica, Italy, Sicily, Spain and Sardinia. It was a wonderful trip
- **Viking Building:** Happy birthday and happy anniversary to those celebrating in August. Well, we finally have our rains back and the lawns, shrubs and flowers are all saying "thank you." Of course the heat has come with it, but we that live here are enjoying it all and are grateful. The Viking Ladies had a lovely lunch at Sea Sea Riders. We have Margie Lowe to thank for all the great places she finds for us to enjoy. The next ladies luncheon is Aug. 2, 1994.

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Welcome these new Mandarin residents to OTOW

Mandarin Building residents would like to extend a warm welcome to one of our new residents, Tom Young. We're glad you're here!

We have some summer travelers in our building. Debbie Figaski joined five of her fellow retired teachers on a Finger Lakes Wine Trail getaway recently.

They toured 13 different wineries on Lakes Keuka, Cayuga and Seneca in New York. The bottles of wine purchased are going to be used during the summer meeting of their wine club, where sips and snacks are shared and members report back on their own wine tasting travels.

Rick and Debbie Figaski also spent two weeks in Europe seeing the sights on the Danube River, with additional stays in Budapest, Hungary and Prague, Czech Republic. Weather was warm and fantastic along with the food and the sights.

Rick particularly enjoyed the magnificent Melk Abbey in Austria, where the Benedictine monks have lived and worked for over 900 years. The church there is absolutely stunning with its frescos



and altars, along with the dome. The church also features exquisite examples from the Baroque period of art.

They cruised the Danube River on the AmaWaterways riverboat "AmaLea." They plan to do more traveling on which I will report in an upcoming issue.

Rick also showed his fishing skills when he caught a beautiful snook in the waters off of Honeymoon Island recently. The snook was released after the photo was taken, to be caught another day when snook are in season.

Until next time, take care.



Rick Figaski holds a large snook he caught off Honeymoon Island State Park last month.

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Mandalay veterans who showed up for the viewing of new flags are from left to right: Ted Rost, Lee Siegal, Jonas Brummert, Thomas Furtner and Fred Drew. (Photo by Irene Pappas)

Sporting new U.S. flags, Mandalay honors veterans

On the Fourth of July, we gathered a few of the veterans from our building to honor their service and to display our new flags placed on both sides of the building.

Veterans on hand for the ceremony included Ted Rost, Lee Siegal, Jonas Brummert, Thomas Furtner and Fred Drew.

Needless to say, we honor our veterans and thank them for their service!



Bohemia's volunteers deserve shout-outs

July was the month when we recognized those who came before to make our country great.

We in our building would like to recognize our own unsung heroes.

Maria Denehan is our social committee chair. Maria, with her crew, is the one who arranges all the social activities for the building, from making reservations for our monthly outings to establishing work groups for our in building events. Maria is a nurse by profession and is frequently called upon for information and advice.

Next we recognize Sam Betti who has been dubbed our building "Mr. Fixit." He has amazing knowledge and talent on how to repair almost anything, plus the tools to do it. We must also recognize Lena, his wife, who volunteers Sam's services.

The next couple who needs to be mentioned is Mike and Jutta Lane. Mike is our set-up man when our building has a party as well as offering practical advice on the arrangements. Jutta is a social committee member and a right-hand assistant to Maria



whenever Maria is traveling.

A shout-out goes to Iris Freitas, for her awesome cooking skills. Whether she is cooking for our potlucks or sharing her empanadas with building friends, her skills are deeply appreciated. It needs to be said that her husband Max is her biggest fan.

Lastly, Tom Jurkowski, our building captain needs to be mentioned as he goes to bat for us all.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our building heroes — you are deeply appreciated!



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Potluck dinner fortunately was scheduled for indoors

The residents of the Malaguena building had a rocking Fourth of July potluck dinner!

Luckily it was indoors at the West Activity Center because it rained most of the day.

About 45 people came to enjoy fried chicken, provided by the building fees. Residents contributed a wide array of appetizers, salads and desserts. As usual, no one went away hungry. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and company.

The Social Committee is planning something very special for August. We'll have a behind-the-scenes tour, for Malaguena residents, of Ruth Eckerd Hall. We'll see where performers get ready for their shows, and what the staff has to do for a performance. This will be informative and fun. Size of the tour is limited to 25 people. Signs and sign-up sheets will be in both lobbies.

Resident Arlene Mansfield recently spent two months with her son and daughter-in-law at their home in North Carolina.



Her daughter-in-law is an accomplished equestrian and rides competitively.

Arlene enjoyed spending time with their menagerie of eight dogs, three horses, and a couple of mules. She certainly earned her "Champion Pet Sitter" badge taking care of all these animals!

Arlene's family enjoyed a very special milestone — her great-granddaughter's graduation from high school. The whole family gathered for this special event,



Some of the residents who enjoyed the Malaguena Fourth of July pot luck dinner.

including family members from England.

Remember, the Ladies Luncheon is held every month on the third Wednesday. The group goes to a different restaurant

each month. Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. This is a terrific way to get to know your neighbors and to try out new restaurants.

Always ready for a good time, Granada residents do not let rainy weather deter them



With all the rain and heat that we have been having, you would think it would be quiet around here but no, our building still gets together outside for our gatherings.

From our monthly "Gathering on the Green" to just a few neighbors sitting around having a drink, laughing and of course, fighting off the bugs, we still have action going on at Granada.

Golfing may be taking a break, but the shopping and keeping the economy going has taken a rise due to the weather.

We had a recent building lunch at Our Place and had a good time with the usual summer crew.



A Granada residents' lunch was held at Our Place recently. A good time was had by all.

A few neighbors showed up at the Coachman Family Restaurant (formerly IHOP) with the coupon that was in the July issue and checked it out for a future luncheon. We were told that they are under the same owners, just dropped the franchise.

We all agreed the food was the same fine quality. It's always good to use the advertisers that are in the paper and to tell

them you are from On Top of the World. Hopefully they will continue to advertise in our paper with their coupons.

We had our July luncheon after this article was submitted, so please check the bulletin board for the August sign-up and don't forget the "Gathering on the Green" Aug. 29 starting at 4 p.m.

Let's hope that we all have a wonderful summer with our friends and families.

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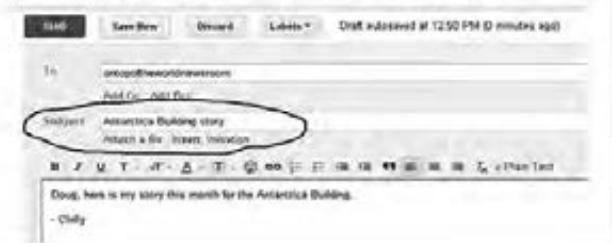
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Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.





Valencia residents pose before departing for the American Legion Flag Day lunch in June.

Meet the new OTOW News reporter for Valencia

As a new (and novice) reporter for our building, I am happy to report on the fun activities taking place in the Valencia Building.

My name is Ruth Marquis and, even living here for only six months, I can attest to what friendly neighbors we have.

In the last few months, we organized a backyard BBQ in April, then in May we had a jolly time at a Speakeasy. For Flag Day in June, we lunched at the American Legion waterside deck on the Intracoastal Waterway. In July, a Threshers ballgame was planned at the Spectrum field, not to mention the monthly Ladies Luncheons.



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The club meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room). We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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Paradise couple chooses a favorite ship for their recent cruise to explore Mediterranean areas

Toni Reinwald and Dale Smith were excited to return to one of their favorite Celebrity ships to explore the Mediterranean.

They flew to Rome, Italy, and started their two back-to-back cruises aboard the liner *Edge*. At the stop in Naples, they took a bus trip to Positano, Sorrento, and enjoyed the daring Amalfi coast ride.

After a wonderful lunch on the beach at Sorrento, they continued to the ruins of Pompeii. This ancient Roman town was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

The next adventure was Florence and Pisa. Their next stop was Monte Carlo, Monaco, where they included a visit to the Prince's Palace and the Grand Casino.

The visit to the French Riviera included fun at Nice, Eze, Cannes, Antibes, and Villefranche.

The first stop in Spain was



Palma De Mallorca, where they enjoyed seeing the Bellver Castle and Palma's bullring. After a visit to Barcelona, they started the second leg of the trip heading back to Rome.

After a visit to Valencia Spain, and a beach day in Ibiza, Spain, they arrived in Marseille, France. They enjoyed a journey to Provence and Gordes to visit the olive oil plantation and see the beautiful lavender fields.

After another stop at the French Riviera, they were back in Rome ready to return home!



During their recent Mediterranean cruise and tour, Toni Reinwald and Dale Smith pause to take in the splendor of lavender fields in the Provence and Gordes region of France.



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August 3 is National Watermelon Day - a healthy day for your heart

Building residents enjoy colorful, delicious Hawaiian luau



"Aloha" in chocolate and vanilla, prepared by our retired pastry chef, Jean Donnelly. (Photo by Kathleen Santosuosso)



Left to right: Michael and Virginia McDowell, Virginia Finnegan, Ivy Dahl and Joyce Monahan enjoying the recent Austrian Alpine luau brunch. (Photo by Virginia Donlon)

Aloha, hula, lei and luau were a few of the Hawaiian words, food and games at our Austrian Alpine Luau Brunch, graciously hosted by Marilyn Whelan and Ivy Dahl.

Marilyn's On Top of the World friends Pearl Gershon and Virginia Finnegan assisted her with the brunch preparations.

Marilyn and Ivy provided the skewers of fresh pineapple, strawberries and blueberries, along with Hawaiian rolls with ham or turkey. Cheeses and other snacks rounded out the scrumptious nibbles. Flowery leis and our colorful clothing added to the vibrant brunch.

A chocolate and vanilla cake (see photo) created by our retired pastry chef Jean Donnelly was a hit, even for the latecomers.

Raffle prizes and word game prizes all had a Hawaiian theme. We had fun as we learned new vocabulary. Thank you, Marilyn and Ivy for your generosity and great party planning prowess!

The Austrian Alpine building was recently power-washed and painted. Even our front doors look new. The painting crew was thoughtful, professional and very polite. Even our trash room and laundry room look new with shiny coats of paint!

Many new Austrian Alpine residents are moving in and the majority are year-rounders. They will be highlighted in upcoming articles. Aloha!

The Good Karma Cafe is suspending Wednesday pizza sales for the remainder of the summer.



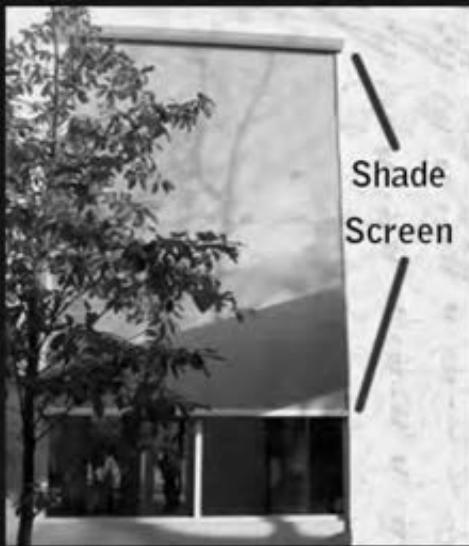
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Potpourri of newsy items from the Villa



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Stork brings good news to OTOW couple

The friends of Marianne and Jim Scherry here at Top Of the World, and especially in Rila Renaissance, send congratulations to Marianne, Jim and their son and daughter-in-law.

On July 1, their new grandson was born. He entered the world in the wee hours of the morning weighing in at 8 pounds 12 ounces and was pronounced hale and healthy by the medical staff.

Parents, grandparents and especially a brand new “big” brother were anxiously and excitedly awaiting his arrival. Congratulations to all.

The building’s lunch/brunch group alternates between lunches and brunches monthly, and July was scheduled for a brunch.

We gathered at Marguerite’s Café and Catering in Dunedin and had our usual good food and lingered afterward to continue the good conversation.

Our August restaurant will be Hog Island Fish Camp. I’m looking forward to another good-sized group as we mix in some of our favorite restaurants. The outing will be on Thursday, Aug. 1. Make sure you join us at future outings for good company, conversation and food.

Here we are in the “dog days” of summer. Seems to go faster every year.

Sheryl McKaye enjoyed the 4th of July in Tennessee with family from Wisconsin, Michigan, Alabama and Florida. Sheryl said it was marvelous to reconnect.

Sheryl’s daughter took Sheryl, her sister, son in-law, two grandsons and her in-laws on a cruise to Alaska in July. They visited a dog training facility and a dog sled ride! A marvelous family trip.

Rosalie Borselli, looking lovely as always, once again put on her traveling shoes. This time she clicked her heels and whisked off to Indiana for her grandson’s nuptials. Rosalie enjoyed the three-day event catching up with friends and family. We wish the newlyweds a long, happy and prosperous journey together.

Mary Wolf and Steve Moor have returned from their extended European and stateside family holiday. They danced their way across the “pond” on the new Cunard liner, the *Queen Victoria*.

Recent report on PBS stated that Florida, Colorado, Washington and Texas can expect another 20 to 30 million baby boomers escaping the cold in coming years. Texas and Florida to get the bulk of the Boomers. Happy we bought our condo when we did.



Viennese Villa - 29

Duke Electric bills seem to have increased. Most have received a substantial rate increase and the hot weather may account for some. Ours doubled. Time to buy energy efficient bulbs, lower the water heater temps, and unplug those “wall warts” when not needed to charge things. We can always turn up the air and head for the mall as well!

Most Maine homes and many businesses don’t have central air — lately it would be heavenly if they did.

Please remember to make sure the trash room door is really closed. It does not close on its own every time and the aroma can waft through the core and nearby homes.



Viennese Villa resident Rosalie Borselli recently traveled to Indiana for a three-day trip that included her grandson’s nuptials.

Well until next month, birthday and anniversary wishes to all celebrants. A special first anniversary wish to our son Mike and his bride Colleen. Where has time gone? Remember any news fit to print, contact me at Fresca@maine.rr.com.

Say hello to new Espana residents

We have new residents in a condo on the second floor of the even-numbered side of our building. They are Cliff Brooks and Lucy.

Cliff came from Canada to Florida in 1996. He has lived in Clearwater, then Dunedin, and now back to Clearwater. During his working years, he was a software engineer for IBM and eventually retired as a software engineer at Raymond James. He has a grandson who lives in Canada.

Lucy came from New Hampshire to Clearwater. She is the doting “mother” of two lovely Sheltie dogs — brothers from two different litters. The oldest is named Alaska and the youngest is P.J., which is short for Prince James. We welcome you both to the Espana.

Ellen and John Fier have returned from a fantastic trip. They were gone three weeks and drove 4,000 miles. They went to various cities in Wisconsin to visit relatives.



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The first stop was to visit their son and his wife for a week. This was their first stop because their son and his wife were leaving for England.

Next stop was to visit other relatives. They played golf, went sightseeing and got caught up on all the family events.

When John lived in Wisconsin, he worked for the Ken Cook Co. They now have a new facility, so of course John wanted to visit it and see old friends. John said that was a marvelous stop before they started home.

I am sure that you are aware that our main street now has a lane for walkers, animals and bicyclists. Please drive slowly and be aware of these people.

Regardless if you are driving or if you are walking, please pay attention. If you are walking and using a cell phone, step up onto the grass while you are on the phone.

I have had several people ask me why I no longer occasionally include hints in my articles. So here goes. Every now and then, put some ice cubes in your garbage disposal. Then turn on the electric. This will smash up the ice cubes, which will sharpen the blades.



Help us protect residents from the ‘grandparent scam’

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents’ phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out large sums

of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere in Florida and the entire country

— not just here at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information.

Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

Azores reporter to retire notepad, depart OTOW

Transition: movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, etc. to another.

Mid-summer is commonly known as a quiet time, especially here at On Top Of the World. At the Azores, it has not panned out that way. It has been a season of transition.

Denise Foley's son graduated from the Worcester, Mass., Police Academy, transitioning from everyday citizen to protector of the same. Sporting shiny new badge number 106 at graduation, his mama could not have been more proud.

Celeste Fitzgerald transitioned from "working girl" to retiree, the best seven letter combination in our vocabulary! Her former co-workers surprised her with a retirement party including her two children and husband, Kelly, all who gave testimonials.

The nicest part was a book she was presented containing quotes, anecdotes and remembrances from people she had worked with throughout her career at Equal Justice USA.

Included were messages from colleagues, politicians, the great and the good, as well as citizens who benefitted from her expertise and advocacy.

Celeste is now spending quiet time enjoying her new dog, Ruby, and becoming acclimated to a slower pace of life.

My lovely bride, Katy, and I are transitioning to the next phase of our 45-year marriage, moving from a



community of 10,000 residents to one of just 700: Cedar Key, Fla. We have enjoyed the past seven years as residents of OTOW and especially building 50, the Azores. We have met so many wonderful people both within our building and throughout OTOW. Many cherished memories to take with us and share with our new island neighbors — bet they can't wait!

Thirty-five of our fellow Azorians feted us at Bonefish Grill, sharing their own memories of our times together.

Give these "pups" born during the dog days of August a little pat on the back: Dorothy Lesperance, John Fornuto, Nancy Lo, Joe Spahalski, Jean Spahalski and Jerry Cather.

(This is Ford Gerritt's final column. The staff and management of the OTOW News thank Ford for his service as a building reporter. Good luck in the future, Ford and Katy!)

Cruise amenities delight Siboney resident, sister

Here at Siboney, most of our neighbors stay inside during Florida's rainy season. It is a real treat these days to see the sunshine. Usually when I venture out I always bring my faithful friend (an umbrella).

Recently, Aida Tapia and her sister went on a cruise to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Nassau on the *Celebrity Equinox*. The food was fabulous (they had an international buffet) and the ship's captain was the sweetest lady — yes a lady captain! Her name was Kate McCue. She mingled with the guests and made sure everyone had fun.

This ship had three pools and one of them was a senior pool. I am sure Aida and her sister will be returning to this on her next cruise.

If you like chicken wings, the place to go is Wingstop in Clearwater on



Gulf to Bay. Reasonably priced, too.

Welcome back On Top of the World Bingo on Monday nights. Come out to see me — I will be verifying the winners or calling the numbers. Hope to see you there. It's a fun night (free donuts, too!).

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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.

Put together a disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate.

If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate, and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.

Make a family emergency communication plan. Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."

**Cash • Water • First Aid Kit • Flashlight
Pillows • Blankets • Full Gas Tank • Rain Gear
Two-Week Supply of Prescription Meds**



Canned Food • Paper Products • Can Opener • Radio

For more information, visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes



OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart

<p>Tuesday Mornings Start time: 9 am Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza and Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza</p>	<p>Tuesday Midday Start time: 12:30 pm Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central</p>
<p>Wednesday Mornings Start time: 8 am Destination: Publix</p>	<p>Wednesday Midday Start time: 11 am Destination: Aldi and CVS</p>
<p>Thursday Mornings Start time: 8 am Destination: Publix</p>	<p>Thursday Midday Start time: 11 am Destination: Publix</p>
<p>Friday Mornings Start time: 8 a.m. Destination: Walmart</p>	<p>Friday Midday Start time: 11 am Destination: Walmart</p>

On a busy day, please allow 30 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time.

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- OTOW bus service is for On Top of the World residents with a valid activity card. There is no charge.
- Your OTOW bus driver is not allowed to accept tips, but you can say "Thank You." The bus driver is not allowed to help you on or off the bus.
- The bus driver is only allowed to pick up residents who make a reservation. Due to limited seating, you may not make more than one reservation per day. If space permits, you may ride the bus home one way.
- Medical devices, number of shopping bags and size of shopping bags may be restricted on the bus, depending on the passenger load.
- There is no eating or drinking on the bus. If you create a safety hazard, or cause an unsafe distraction to the bus driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes, which begins at drop off.
- Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and can only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The 24-hour bus phone number is for reservations only. When making a reservation, please leave name, trip request, phone number, building number and unit number.

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER

(727) 799-3417

then press # 7 when asked to type an extension.

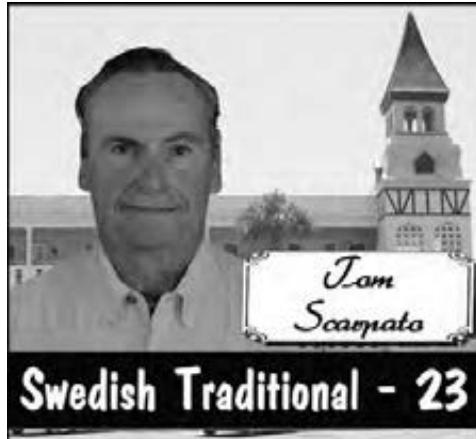
Enjoyable luncheons in June and July with more to come

Summer certainly is flying by at record speed. I am very happy that our Florida summer is endless!

Neighbors here are enjoying beautiful sunsets, the thunderstorms, and record heat while our northern Snowbirds are enjoying time with extended family and friends in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Canada, and even Europe.

Our June luncheon was at Clearwater Family Restaurant. Great food! For entertainment there were jokes, some corny, some hilarious. There was a 50/50 raffle also, no one got rich but an enjoyable time was had by all. Good job Phil Haden.

In July, our luncheon was at Giovanni's Fresh Italian Kitchen at the Vista Hotel. Again, the food was fine. We had terrific weather and great camaraderie.



Next month is still a mystery venue; watch the bulletin board for the announcement.

Our building is getting updated



The July luncheon for Swedish Traditional residents was held at Giovanni's Fresh Italian Kitchen at the Vista Hotel.

water pipes installed, under the watchful eyes of a pair of Sand Hill Cranes.

Our community is fortunate to have

such a variety of wildlife.

Until next time, be safe and enjoy summer life to the fullest.

Master the Possibilities

A Live Broadcast from Ocala

Basic Home Maintenance

Sept. 23, 9:30-11 a.m. Instructor: Lee Collin

West Activity Center Learning Lab

Which repairs should you try on your own?

When should you call a professional?



Register by stopping by the Activity Office, or call (727) 799-3270, ext 7722, or email: general_activity@otowfl.com
Cost is \$2. Credit cards/debit cards accepted during registration

Check out OTOW-TV
Channel 732

ATTENTION WEST SIDE DRIVERS

As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.

OTOW Change of Address Form

Please return completed form to: Management Enterprises, Inc, PO Box 771029, Ocala, FL, 34477-1029
or return form to the Community Service Office during business hours.

Owner(s) Name(s):

Current Mailing Address:

Please update my/our mailing address to:

Effective date of address change:

Signature of Owner Requesting Change

Date



If you wish to make any other changes to your association records, such as email address or phone number changes, please feel free to enter that information on this form below:

Box Office Sudoku

3	1	6	8	□	4	7	0	2	5
□	3	8	5	□	1	4	9	□	6
6	□	5	□	7	□	1	□	3	□
4	9	□	1	□	6	□	7	0	3
1	4	9	□	2	□	8	3	5	0
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7	5	□	3	□	2	□	1	4	8
□	□	□	4	3	□	0	2	□	□
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OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World 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.**

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Drop off ads at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, phone numbers are within the (727) area code.

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Oxygen concentrator \$50; nebulizer-inhaler
vaporizer \$25; blood pressure talking monitor
cuff (bpa 250) w/AC adaptor & carrying case
\$10. 457-7061

Electric portable generator, Coleman
Powermate, 6,250 maximum watts, never
used, still in box. 386-4525

Sofa, two matching chairs, Jim Beam collector
bottles, sports memorabilia. Leave message.
415-0832 or 412-3138

Yamaha E363 digital keyboard with stand,
one year new \$125; swivel desk chair, neutral,
like new \$40. 777-5127

Color TV, Sony Trinitron flat screen, brilliant
picture, see it working \$25. 401-258-1713

Toshiba sound bar system, excellent cond.;
3-wheel bike, leather seat, cover, basket,
wheel lock; Coleman Road Trip grill
w/accessories. 277-6736

OTOW NEWS CLEARWATER BOX OFFICE:
www.otowboxoffice.com

New To Sudoku?

Sudoku is a numbers game. Pictured above are 10 rows of numbers and 10 columns of numbers. In each row and in each column, there is space for 10 different numbers (0-9). The same number will never appear twice in the same row or column. Start the puzzle by finding a row or column with only one or two blank squares. Through the process of elimination, determine which number is missing and write it in. As you proceed, you will start to discover that some rows and some columns become easier to guess the missing numbers, until you have filled in every square on the board. At the end, if you have a row or column with two-like numbers in it, you have not completed the board correctly. Try again. For more practice, visit the On Top of the World Box Office and play Sudoku online: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

8 6 9 0 2 4 3 □ 1 5 6 Obviously, the missing number is 7.

PING PONG

A Fun Activity which is Cool in the Summer!

The OTOW Ping Pong Club is looking for new members. We play in the West Activity Center Belleair Room (Sunrise Room) Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may come and play anytime. If you like it, join us for a year, whether you are a permanent OTOW resident, a renter or a Snowbird. Membership includes daily coffee, snacks and club equipment. Ping Pong is like tennis. You need to be able to move from side-to-side and front-to-back. We normally play doubles but there's also a table to play singles.

SWIMMING POOL RULES

DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS!
Know the Rules and Abide by them!

Swim at your own risk. There is no lifeguard on duty.

- This facility is for the exclusive use of OTOW unit owners and registered tenants with a valid activity card. Please show your valid activity card upon staff's request.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Guests must be accompanied by an owner or registered tenant with a valid activity card.
- Please shower before entering pool to remove lotions, oils, and sunblocks.
- The pool area is a non-smoking area. Please smoke in designated smoking areas(s) only.
- All pool furniture must remain in the designated pool deck area only. Personal pool or lawn furniture is not permitted on the pool deck.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather or when gates are locked.
- Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
- No diving, jumping, running, horseplay or throwing objects, balls, floats or inner tubes.
- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.
- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The following items are not permitted in the pool area:

Glass containers, coolers, food or drink (other than bottled water), pets (except for service animals).



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