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Bingo returns!

By Diane Like

The excitement was all around the East Activity Center Auditorium on July 11. The bingo machine was on and the bouncing ball display was shining on the screen.

The speakers and microphones were checked and working.

Volunteers were set up and ready with the bingo sheets for sale.

The donuts had been delivered and smelled delicious.

It was just like the movie "Field of Dreams" where they said, "build it and they will come."

Well, we brought bingo back for the first time since the start of the pandemic, and our residents did indeed come.

By 5:30, there was already a long line of people waiting to buy their bingo sheets. At 6 p.m. we were finished selling packets and the final count was 204 people - a record number for summer bingo.

Tom Portsmouth called the first number and Monday night bingo was back at



More than 200 people attended the return of bingo in the East Activity Center Auditorium in July. This was the first bingo gathering since the start of the pandemic. (Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

On Top of the World.

Our first winner was Kim Ellison. She was so excited and said she couldn't believe she won the first game. Way to go Kim!

We had a few hiccups as we moved through the night, but really everything flowed smoothly. All-in-all, the night was a huge success. A big thank you to our volunteers for ensuring everything ran

smoothly. I didn't even mind when they yelled "We need more \$1s."

At the end of the night, I know everyone was happy to be able to play bingo again at OTOW.

As a reminder, our first Bingo Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15 at noon. Tickets are now on sale from 4-6 p.m. before Monday bingo. Your \$30 ticket reserves admission, gives you the

opportunity to win big and provides your lunch for the day.

You need to buy your ticket in advance. Tickets sell out quickly so plan to get yours soon.

And despite previous scheduling conflicts, there will be bingo every Monday night in August, except Aug. 1.

We hope to see you at Monday bingo and at our marathon.



At left, Kim Ellison celebrates the first bingo win of 2022.

At right, Ann Mroz uses a dauber that matches her outfit.





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Your general election and voting questions answered

(Information below can also be viewed at MyFla.com)

Voting

Florida voters can vote one of three convenient ways: Vote-by-mail upon request, vote during early voting, or vote on Election Day.

Signature Update

Signatures do change over time due to age, illness or other reasons. Your signature on your voter record is used to verify your signature on a certificate for a vote-by-mail ballot or provisional ballot, a candidate petition, an issue petition or any signed writing requesting a ballot or making another change.

The signatures must match in order for the ballot or petition to count or other change to be made. Signature updates can be made at any time. (F.S. 98.077)

Please update your signature using a voter registration application.

Election Day

Every two years, a state Primary Election is held 11 weeks before the General Election.

The Primary Election is for the purpose of nominating party nominees to be voted for in the General Election to fill a national, state, county, or district office.

A General Election is held on the second Tuesday in November of every even-numbered year.

A president is elected every four years. The next presidential election year is 2024.

A Presidential Preference Primary Election is held on the third Tuesday of March.

A governor is elected in a separate four-year election cycle. The next gubernatorial election year is 2022. Election Dates for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: Aug. 23
- General Election: Nov. 8

Vote by Mail Ballot “Send” Deadline

State law requires Supervisors of Elections to send, within the following specified time frames, to voters who already have requests on file. The send deadlines for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: July 9
- General Election: Sept. 24

For domestic voters, Supervisors of Elections send the ballots during a seven-day window, which is between 40 and 33 days before an election. The send periods for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: July 14 - 21
- General Election: Sept. 29 - Oct. 6

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request and Return Deadlines

The deadline to request that a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed is no later than 5 p.m. (local time) on the 10th day before the election. The deadlines for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: Aug. 13
- General Election: Oct. 29

A vote-by-mail ballot must be returned and received by the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration no later than 7 p.m. (local time) on election day for the respective election in order to be counted. *A 10-day extension exists only for over-



seas voters for the Presidential Preference Primary and General Election only.

Early Voting Period

By law, early voting must be held at least for eight days. The mandatory early voting periods for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: Aug. 13 - 20
- General Election: Oct. 29 - Nov. 5

Each county Supervisor of Elections may offer more days of early voting from one or more of the following days:

- Primary Election: Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 21
- General Election: Oct. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and Nov. 6

Check with your county Supervisor of Elections for the additional days of early voting that may be offered in your county. For more information about early voting locations and dates, visit the Division of Elections' webpage on Early Voting.

Election Day Voting

The polls are open on Election Day, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. (local time). Any voters waiting in line at 7 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

To find your precinct or polling location, or for the most current information about polling place changes, visit your Supervisor of Elections' website.

The East and West Activity Centers are registered polling locations and will be open for voting Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022 and Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 at 7 a.m. and will remain open for voting until polls close at 7 p.m.

Whether voting during early voting or on Election Day, you must bring a current and valid photo ID with signature. Any one of the following photo IDs will be accepted:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity

of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

If your photo ID does not include your signature, you will be asked to provide another ID that has your signature.

If you do not bring proper ID, you can still vote a provisional ballot. As long as you are eligible and voted in the proper precinct, your provisional ballot will count provided the signature on your provisional ballot matches the signature in your registration record.

(end MyFla.com)

Doormats

The Management Company would like the community to know that its enforcement notification efforts regarding the removal of walkway floor mats on second and third floor balcony walkways has been completed.

The project was initiated because these are common areas and fall under life-safety code as well as community standards, so residents were asked to remove their mats and relocate them to the inside of their units if they wish to keep them.

It was found that many of the mats were not rated for exterior use, were beyond their useful life ("ratty condition"), and some units even had multiple mats stacked upon one another, which created a potential walking hazard for anyone using the walkway, including first responders moving through these areas.

The mats also present a challenge with walkway maintenance and the installation of new floor coatings the Management Company has been applying throughout the community.

Please note that if your unit has a mat remaining on the common walkway at the end of July 2022, the floor mat will be removed and disposed of without any further notice. As always, your cooperation in keeping this a safe community for all is highly appreciated.

Did You Know

Summit Broadband Reminder

As a reminder, access to your unit is essential in successfully completing this project, so please provide the Association with access information or a key.

At the end of the project your key will be returned to you. You can find an access form on page 12 of this newspaper.

Updates for the Summit project can be found at: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/summit-broadband/

I cannot stress enough the importance of having access to all apartments so this installation phase can be completed on schedule.

Community Service Office 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, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted. If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter 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 request and to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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

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.

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

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.

After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for matters such as water intrusion into your unit. For all other inquiries regarding general matters or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and locate the "Sign Up Now" box to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page.

This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

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

Don't take a chance during hurricane

Insurance Update

As I sit down to write this article, we have been fortunate that the On Top of the World community has not suffered a tropical storm or hurricane, yet this season.

Regardless, the season is a strong reminder to each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage for both property, casualty and liability 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 replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner. In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units.

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

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit



Chairman

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."

Elevator Maintenance

Your Board and the management company understand the dependence residence have on elevators. Even the shortest interruption may cause a major inconvenience for residents.

To prevent service interruptions to the greatest extent possible, the management company directly employs state-licensed elevator service technicians. Additionally, all 83 elevators receive their preventative maintenance monthly, equating to 12 times yearly for each one!

This ongoing regimen ensures that the equipment is in a better position to

service the community reliably and safely.

The State of Florida has adopted ASME A17.1 which requires a maintenance control program (MCP) and the maintenance performed in accordance with the MCP.

A "routine examination," a minimum of once a year, is required to be performed and reported to the Bureau of Elevator Safety for elevator certification.

By far, the most frequent cause of service calls is elevator time out. This occurs when a door is blocked open for a short period and the safety shut-off activates and shuts down the elevator until the service technician manually resets it.

It is very common that such an instance happens when a resident blocked the door while trying to move some home furnishings into the elevator cab. This inconvenienced several neighbors on the upper floors needing to use the elevator and resulted in the service call out.

Annual Meeting Post-Script

Your Board and Management Company have received numerous questions in respect to the 2022-2023 fiscal year Budget, gate staffing, leasehold and Summit Broadband installation.

See the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) posted below to help address the majority of the questions posed.

(Continued below and on page 5)

Excerpt from FAQs posted on OTOWClearwaterInfo.com

(For a complete listing of FAQs, visit OTOWClearwaterInfo.com)

Fiscal Year Budget 2022-2023:

1. Why such a significant increase?

Answer: This is a new budget process for our community. As you may recall, the Association has been working with the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes (the "Division") on a modernized and more transparent budget format since 2019. We formed a Working Group comprised primarily of resident Board Members which held public meetings and workshops to discuss and prepare the new format and make recommendations to the full Board. Finally, the new format was approved and enacted by the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in Pinellas County.

With this new budget format, approved by the Division, On Top of the World Clearwater ("OTOW") is recognized as a "Multi-Condominium community," or a community consisting of multiple condominiums operated by a single Association. This designation allows for a single, consolidated budget across all buildings. Now all individual buildings and building budgets are in parity with one another. This means that the overall OTOW budget is divided equally across all buildings, and then each building divides its budget based on each unit's share of common element as specified in each building's Declaration.

2. How come some buildings went up more than others?

Answer: This is closely related to the question above. The answer is that in previous years we have used two different budget formats – one for fee simple buildings and one for leasehold buildings. Our new budget format created adjustments to most buildings, some more than others. Other cost increases are a result of 9.1% inflation. Wages have increased among the vendors that serve our community. In addition to wages, fuel and anything fuel-related has also increased affecting the cost of most goods and services.

3. Request for line by line budget based on increase that everyone has received for 22/23 year. Include salaries, payroll, and what new expenses would allow for a 5 million dollar increase.

Answer: One of the reasons your Board was looking forward to this new budget format is that it is far more detailed and resident-oriented than the previous formats. Your budget, mailed to you in advance of the Annual Meeting, includes a breakdown of all community operating expenses. Because this budget is so different than the prior year's budget, we are unable to provide an item-by-item comparison of the two budget formats. The largest cost changes are due to inflation year over year, as discussed above.

If you would like to obtain a copy of your budget, you may do so in one of two ways:

- Download it from our website otowclearwaterinfo.com/building-budgets, or
- Email your request to clw_clearwater@otowfl.com.

4. Why were we not given 30 days' notice of increase, no explanation of lease monthly payment, in past years, Management fees were waived. When budget paper was sent, there was no amount listed for lease.

Answer: There seems to be some confusion on this point. Chapter 718 of the Florida Statutes and the Association's Bylaws require that the proposed budget be provided to members 14 days (not 30 days) prior to budget consideration by the board. In this regard, every resident was mailed a Proposed Budget on May 23, 2022 which included, on the back side of the building budget, the new monthly Assessments for your unit. It also included the rate with and without the adoption of reserves (the community voted overwhelmingly to waive reserves).

If you live in a leasehold building, please note that the monthly leasehold payment is not an expense of the Association, thus it is not part of the budget. The leasehold payment is added to your monthly bill as a matter of convenience for owners in leasehold condominiums, so you have a single bank draft or check to write.

5. Why do I have to pay for the elevator if I live on the first floor?

Answer: The cost to maintain the elevators is a common Association expense which is shared equally across all buildings in our Community.

6. Why do I have to pay for gate staffing if I live in Paradise where the gates are not staffed?

Answer: The cost to maintain the gate staffing is an Association expense which is shared equally across all buildings in our Community. However, your Board has directed the Management Company to develop alternative options to the current gate staffing for the Board to consider, as the cost of staffing the gates has skyrocketed recently.

7. Can Summit Broadband (SBB) provide the SBB video IPTV application (app) prior to Internet service being installed?

A: Unfortunately Summit will not be able to launch their IPTV product so early in the project. While they are focused on a great customer experience, they are also focused on a one-time rollout versus multiple rollouts. Additionally, the time to setup a remote headend to handle this property wouldn't be ready prior to SBB's original forecast.

season with no/inadequate insurance

In the past, I have written about the difficulty in getting proxies returned through the U.S. Post Office. It got so bad in December 2021, for the annual meeting, that the Association was not able to obtain a quorum necessary to hold the election, so the meeting had to be continued to a future date.

Fortunately, the Association did have a solid quorum for the Annual Meeting on June 17, 2022. Yes, it was a struggle getting back proxies, but enough came in before the meeting, together with the angels who voted online, that the Association crossed threshold for compliance.

We were completely surprised when a few days after that meeting, the U.S. Post Office delivered a USPS mail tub full of proxies. So many in fact, that it more than doubled all the proxies received before the Annual Meeting - enough showing that 48 percent of all eligible voters participated.

Fortunately, the pattern of voters wishing to waive reserves and those who weighed in on the question of gate staffing, remained unchanged. So there was no change in the overall outcome.

We heard from one resident complaining that he did not receive his Association mail. Upon further investigation, his package came back (eventually) marked "undeliverable." Nevermind that the address on the mailed package and his current mailing address were both correct!

What this does point out is that the Association cannot rely on pre-paid, first class return receipt mail sent through the U.S. Mail.

Allow me to clarify that I am not bashing the current or retired hard-working and committed employees of the USPS. However, something is very wrong with the mail system that repeatedly allows such costly mistakes. But somehow, the junk mail is always delivered.

This is all the more reason for residents to choose to vote, securely and reliably, through the Conduu electronic voting system currently in use!

Considering that the migration to Conduu may move slowly, this leaves the Association with even more costly options to find a means of secure and reliable direct delivery of important communications to residents.

Please remember to check the official Association website, www.OTOWClearwaterInfo.com, for the most current community happenings.

Don't miss out on extending your Leasehold

Many of the earlier leases at OTOW are close to having less than 50 years remaining on their lease term.

Many leasehold unit owners have been requesting extensions to the Lease Agreement to better secure their ownership interests.

Many of these leasehold unit owners have expressed concerns that lenders generally like to see a longer runway of time on the loans they make that at a minimum aligns with the term of a mortgage.

Lenders may be wary of lending on

	Reserves		Gate Staffing		INVALID
	WAIVE	DON'T WAIVE	NO	YES	
Proxies received before meeting	814	57	526	343	0
Electronic votes	458	51	294	200	0
Ballots received at the meeting	84	9	46	40	5
Delayed mail received after meeting	883	41	568	396	1
FINAL COUNT	2239	158	1434	979	6
			% of gate staffing votes		
Percentage (4968 Total Units)	45%	3%	59%	41%	

a property where the remaining term is approaching the length of the loan. Certainly, a lender would not offer a 30-year mortgage on a property that only has 20 years remaining on the lease. Additionally, in the interests of keeping condos competitively priced in the marketplace, adding term to the lease makes good sense.

An additional benefit of extending your lease is that the rental rate will be guaranteed to not increase by more than \$6 per year during the term of the remaining lease. The original lease terms allow for greater increases each year to the rental rate.

In light of inquiries and concerns about the remaining term of years on the leases, On Top of the World Lease Holdings, LLC and the other Leasehold owners have begun to offer a First Amendment to Lease which extends the term of the Leases until June 30, 2119.

The process to extend your lease is quite easy. You may obtain a leasehold request form by either visiting the website at otowclearwaterinfo.com and selecting "Leasehold Info," or physically at the Community Service Office, or by contacting the Orientation Department via email at clw_interview@otowfl.com.

After completing the request form, a proposed First Amendment will be sent to you based on your preferred method of delivery as indicated on your leasehold request form. Any questions regarding the First Amendment, should be directed to leaseFAQ@clw-info.net.

If you are in agreement with the terms of the First Amendment, your next step is to sign the First Amendment in front of a notary and two witnesses. The Community Service Office can provide notary services for this document at no cost to you.

Once notarized and witnessed, the First Amendment may be dropped off at the Community Service Office, mailed to OTOW-Clearwater Orientation Department, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East, Clearwater, FL 33763, or emailed to clw_interview@otowfl.com.

The leaseholder will pay for recording the document with Pinellas County, so there is no cost to you, and you will then have the peace of mind of knowing that you have secured your financial interest in your OTOW condominium ownership through June 30, 2119.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

August is traditionally the wettest of the summer months in West Central Florida. Seasoned painting contractors understand this and take advantage of every sunny day they're afforded because it won't be long until more rain is on the way.

The painting contractor that provides coating services for the On Top of the World-Clearwater community will continue to do their best to keep pace with Mother Nature this summer and will be headed to repaint the front of buildings 80 and 83 during August.

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

There are no large scale projects scheduled for the month of August.

Inspection Services Division Recurring Community Work

The management company would

like the community to know that it has resumed enforcement efforts regarding walkway floor mats in second and third floor balcony walkways.

Being that these are common areas and fall under life-safety code, as well as community standards, residents are being asked to remove their mats and relocate them to the inside of their units if they wish to keep them.

Many of these mats are not rated for exterior use, are beyond their useful life, and some units have multiple mats stacked upon one another which can cause walking hazards for others including first responders moving through these areas. The mats also present a challenge when it comes to walkway maintenance and the new floor coatings the management company has been applying throughout the community.

If you receive a door hangar or friendly visit from a compliance representative, please kindly remove your door mat from the common area. Any door mats left after notification and the seven-day response window will be removed and disposed of. Your cooperation in keeping this a safe community for all is highly appreciated.

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Fridays, 8:15 a.m.
Sprouts Neighborhood Care

Fridays, 11:00 a.m.
Aldi Neighborhood Care

The Neighborhood Care Transportation bus is currently doing all Wednesday, Thursday and Friday routes at On Top of the World. The Tuesday schedule has been temporarily dropped. The bus driver will only pick up passengers who are registered with Neighborhood Care and who have reservations. Registration forms are available in the Community Service Office or you can email Nancy Rogers at general_activity@otowfl.com. Reservations are first-come, first-served, and can be made from 7 a.m., Monday, through 1 p.m., Thursday, for any day(s) in the current week. NO reservations will be accepted after 1 p.m. for the next day to ensure the morning roster can be prepared before staff leave for the day. When making multiple reservations for your week ahead, please ensure careful planning to prevent the need to cancel. To cancel a ride, please call the bus line as early as possible. You must present your valid activity card before boarding. Please be visible to your bus driver outside your center core. No eating or drinking on the bus. Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes. Questions? Call Activity Department Manager Nancy Rogers at 727-799-2734.

Recurring reminders to all OTOW residents

(Continued from Ken Colen's column)

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

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The Management Company will post notices on affected building 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.

The Management Company is also reaching out to unit owners who have overplanted, or planted invasive or unapproved plantings, at the front and rear of their units to let them know that they are out of compliance with community standards.

Many plantings, such as areca palms or thorny plantings, are neither neighbor nor maintenance friendly, and may exceed height limitations for the area. Please see your Associations rules for community standards for alterations or additions to the common area. Look under modification standards and landscape for more details.

Units that are out of compliance will receive notification of the matter shortly before landscaping crews arrive to correct the issue. Dependent on the conditions, residents may incur a fee if this is a repeat issue or plantings were installed that were originally denied via modification request.

Please understand that these controls are in place to keep the community aesthetically pleasing and safe for all.

As a reminder, residents are required to seek association approval for any alteration to the common area. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the com-

munity service office in the east activity center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

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

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.



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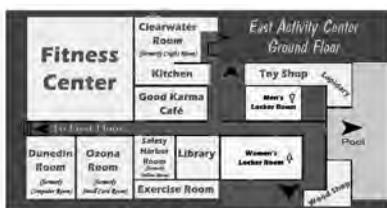
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Community Service Office

727-683-6981

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Water Turn-On/Water Turn-Off

727-799-3417 Option 6

Emergency After Hours/Weekends

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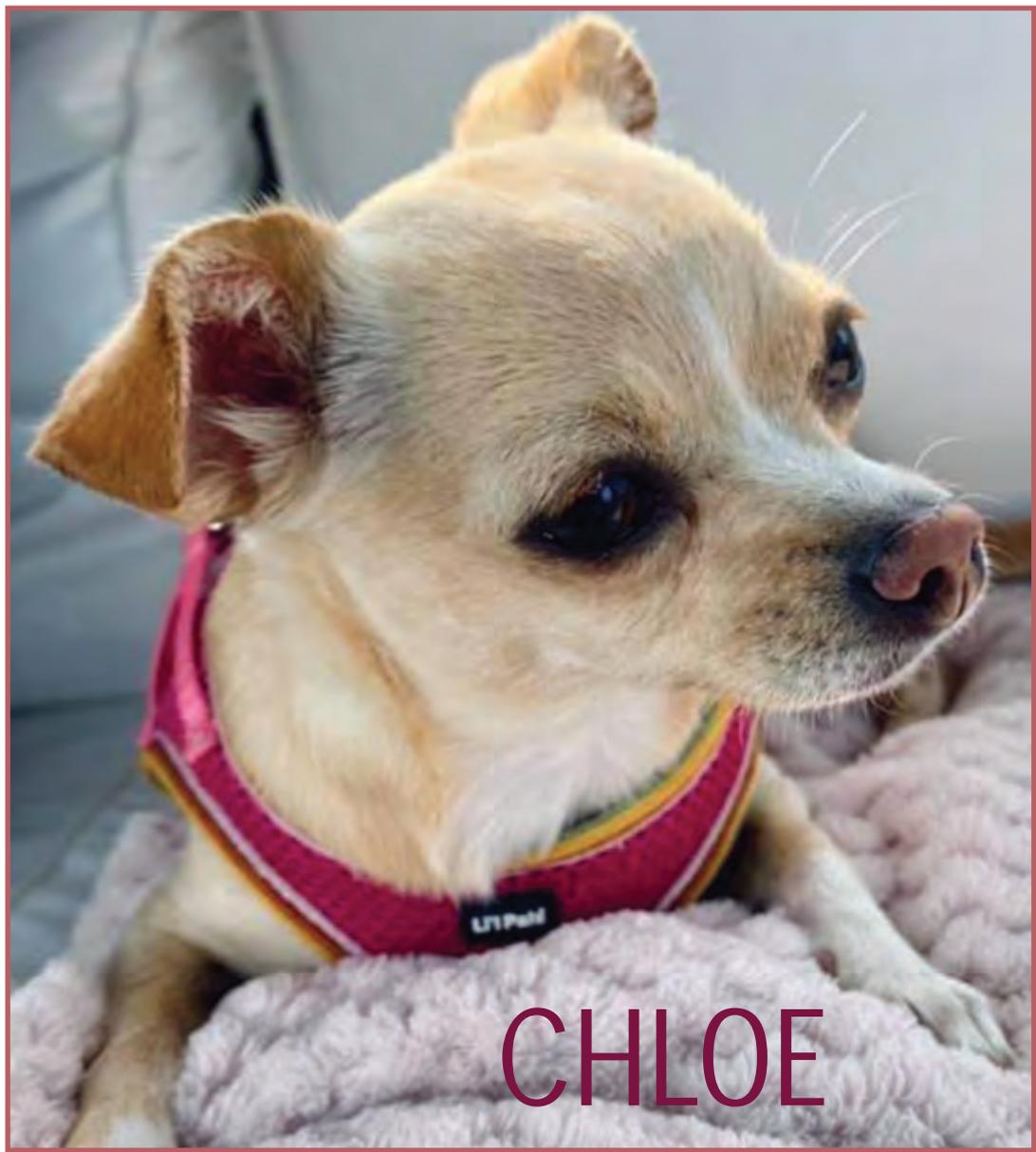
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Chloe helps her owners deliver Meals on Wheels every week to 15 people. She loves to let them cuddle her. Some folks are very touched by her loving attitude and doggie kisses.

Chloe has brought us and all our neighbors such joy! When we walk her around On Top of the World, cars stop and people want to take her picture.

She's a great little traveler and loves the three-day drive back to Buffalo in the spring.

She lives with us on our boat in the summer and is a big hit with everyone at the marina.

We're so blessed with such a special little dog in our lives.

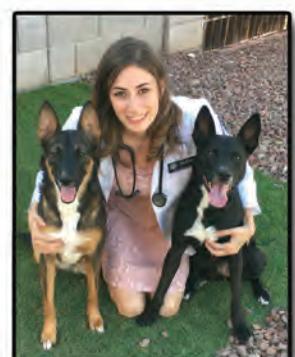
Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at 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 the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a 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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Se habla Espanol

Now is the time to enter your pet for Pet of the Month



Barklee was a Pet of the Month in 2011 - the first year of the event.

Only 8 entries on waiting list

In the history of the Pet of the Month contest, nearly 100 On Top of the World pets have been placed in the spotlight, including dogs, cats, birds and even a fish.

Well, our inventory of pets is dwindling down. There are only enough pets to finish 2022.

If you have ever considered submitting your pet, but decided the waiting list was probably too long, now is the time.

If you enter your pet this year, there is a very good chance your pet will be featured in this newspaper in 2023.

Currently, here are the pets on our waiting list: Sasha, Cooper, Izzy, Jack, Luna, Luigi, Mr. Mittens and a dog with a blue bow (need a name, please?)

If you entered a pet who was never selected, and the name is not on the list, then please resubmit your entry.

Pet of the Month is for pets currently residing at On Top of the World - they can also be Snowbirds.

The pet selected each month receives a gift certificate from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater and Dunedin, and each Pet of the Month selection automatically qualifies for the Pet of the Year contest in January.

Pet of the Year is invited to march in the Irish Club Parade, if able.

If you want to submit your pet for Pet of the Month, find a good, clear, color picture and email it to otow.newsroom@gmail.com.

Along with the photo, tell us why your pet wants to be Pet of the Month. You must include owners' names, building number and age of pet.

You can even include multiple pets in one entry if they all live under the same roof.

You cannot resubmit a pet who has already been featured.

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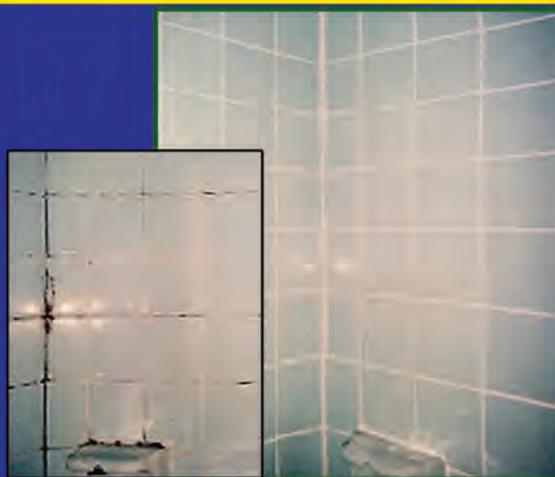
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Bittersweet and At Large will entertain at two August dances



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Bittersweet

By Mary Ann O'Neill

Boy, we sure have had a hot summer, but then again what do we expect living in Florida!

As a reminder, the Entertainment Committee has no shows scheduled throughout the summer months, however, we do have dances.

There will two dances in August.

On Aug. 13 Bittersweet will return to entertain us once again. Tony Orifici and Deb Bowen did a great job performing for us in June and they are eager to show us another fun evening.

On Aug. 27 At Large will perform for our End of the Summer Dance. This group has performed here several times in the past couple of years, so come on out and welcome them back.

We thank Ron & the Classics, as well as the Louie Bravo Duo for entertaining us at our two dances in July. As usual, our residents tore up the dance floor and had a great time!

We know that a lot of our residents have gone back north for the summer, but we want to assure those who are full-time residents that we still have events to attend during the summer months.

Please come out and support our dances. Remember, dance tickets are only \$10 per person. Our dances are reserved table seating - bring your own beverages. We will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your

table(s).

Just a reminder, shorts are not allowed at our dances. This includes both females and males. We would hate to have to ask you to leave.

We hope those of you who stayed home for the Fourth of July took advantage of the George Trullinger show that the Entertainment Committee and OTOW-TV teamed up to bring to you right in your own living room.

New Year's Eve Dance tickets are on sale now so get your friends together to reserve your table. The earlier you purchase your tickets the better chance you have of selecting the table you want. This is our biggest dance of the year and we are always sold out. Cost of tickets is \$30 per person.

Don't forget to stop by the Entertainment Committee table on Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your show and dance tickets. We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances and it will help you plan ahead.

Remember, you can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You don't need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

If you have any questions regarding dances or shows please call (727) 449-9243 or (215) 431-4799.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you at our dances and shows in September.

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Monthly Calendar

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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View our entire schedule online at otowboxoffice.com

AUGUST

- 13 Bittersweet Dance, 7:30, \$10
- 27 End of Summer Dance
with At Large, 7:30, \$10

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Will Yancey in Concert, 7:30, \$20
- 17 Autumn Dance - A Taste of Love
7:30, \$10 per person

OCTOBER

- 27 Tribute to the Doobie Brothers
with J. Todd Plant
- 29 Halloween Dance (Costume Contest)
with The Shakes Society

For more information about the
Entertainment Committee call (727) 449-9243.



Art Guild enjoying a summer of creative expression

By Julie Awot

What is an Art Guild?

Well, in the case of the On Top of the World Art Guild, it is an association of artisans with similar creative interests.

We love to paint.

This summer has been overflowing with creative expression from our members. We have been casually meeting twice a week to paint, share ideas and encourage one another.

We all have individual styles and approaches to our craft.

Learning new techniques from each other has resulted in more confidence and enthusiasm for each of us.

Isn't that wonderful?

Our gatherings have also been an easy way to get to know each other, relax and beat the heat.

Guild members are welcome to take advantage of our afternoon painting ses-

sions. The Largo Room in the East Activity Center is reserved for us Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 1-4 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the OTOW Art Guild, we welcome you to join us. Your contact person to join is Irene LeBel at imeems@comcast.net.

Behind the scenes, 2023 Art Guild committee members are planning a full calendar of events for next season. Demonstrations, field trips, fundraising and our

annual art show are all on the 2023 agenda. We will share details as they are finalized.

If you are interested in teaching our members this fall, we want to hear from you. All mediums welcome. Please contact Irene LeBel. Her email address is imeems@comcast.net.

In the meantime, beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish?

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To register: email general_activity@otowfl.com or call (727) 799-2734

Give your Name, Class Title(s), Street Address, Unit #, Phone #, and Email Address.

Important Information



Summit Broadband

Please be advised that Summit Broadband contractors have started their groundwork in our community.



Access to your unit is paramount in ensuring successful completion of phase one of the project. If you are not going to be home, please plan to provide access to your unit by any of the following ways:



1. Provide a neighbor with a key
 2. Drop off a key at the Community Service Office
 3. Mail key to: On Top of the World Condominium Association Inc
2069 World Parkway Blvd East, Clearwater, FL., 33763
- (If dropping off or mailing a key, or leaving a key with a neighbor, please use the form at right)

Keys dropped off or mailed in will be returned upon completion of phase one. Please note, the dates provided are approximate and subject to change. Upon request, please plan to clear an area as required for an access point. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Dropping Off Keys

If you are dropping off a key to your condo for Summit Broadband contractors to use to access your unit while you are away, please fill out this form, cut out and submit with your spare key.

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Phone: _____

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'Coffee with a Cop' comes to OTOW on Sept. 1

"Coffee with a Cop" was launched in 2011 when police officers in the city of Hawthorne, Calif., were seeking ways to interact successfully with citizens they served each day.

Let's face it, cops do not have a lot of time between 911 calls to have a calm conversation with members of their community and often people do not feel comfortable having a conversation with a cop.

A cup of coffee is a common bond and what do people do when they have a cup of coffee? They talk.

The Hawthorne police hit upon a simple plan to break through the barriers over a cup of coffee. Today, these community events take place in all 50 states.

I learned about "Coffee with a Cop" from Becky Balderson and Denise Malfer from our Neighborhood Watch group, who have taken it upon themselves to coordinate a program for our community.

The first event with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will take place in the East Activity Center Largo Room on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 9 a.m.

As Deputy Charles Skipper explained to me, this is an opportunity to have a calm conversation with residents to discuss issues and in the process learn more about each other.

Following the conversation, Deputy Skipper will show a video presentation, "How to Avoid Fear-Based Scams."

The presentation will help educate residents on these dangers and recognize common techniques scammers use. Knowing these techniques, or forms of manipulation, will keep residents safe from predators. A question and answer period will follow the video.

Neighborhood Watch will provide and serve coffee. SCA will facilitate the event and handle the registration. Seating is limited.

To register, simply send an email to general_activity@otowfl.com or call 727-799-2734 and reference the event "Coffee with a Cop" and provide your name, building/unit number and phone number.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Movie Night Wednesday, Aug. 17 Lost City

Movie Night returns to the East Activity Center Auditorium on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 4 p.m. The movie will be "Lost City."

Originally, we were going to show "Top Gun" but that title was not available for our time frame.

The movie and popcorn are free to OTOW residents. Good Neighbors Association will be selling soda and water from the Good Karma Outpost. The movie starts promptly at 4 p.m.



Registration is required and for residents only. Seating is limited to 70.

Registration ends the day before the movie, but residents can show up on movie day to see if any seats are available. Unregistered guests will be turned away if all seats are filled.

To register, please call 727-799-2734 or email general_activity@otowfl.com. Reference the movie and leave your name, building, unit number and your phone number.

Please bring your updated activity card to this event and any event where you are utilizing the Activity Center amenities.

All cell phones must be turned off during the movie. No videotaping, texting or talking will be permitting.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 4 p.m.

Aging Successfully WISE Program

Are you over-60 and looking for an opportunity to stay healthy?

I am pleased to announce Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services will bring the WISE Program to On Top of the World this summer.

WISE stands for Wellness Initiative for Senior Education.

The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics.

Join us for this fun program, where you'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems

Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive

The six sessions include:

- Understanding the Changes Associated with Aging
- Aging Sensitivity
- Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity

- Medication and the Older Adult
- Addiction and the Older Adult
- An Enhanced Quality of Life

The program will take place in the East Activity Center Largo Room from 10:30 to noon on the following Wednesdays: Aug. 24 and 31, and Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Please check your calendar to ensure you can commit to the entire program. The program is free but registration is required for a minimum class size of six and a maximum class size of 25.

To register, please send an email to general_activity@otowfl.com or call 727-799-2734 with your name, address, building and unit number and telephone number. Please reference "WISE Program."

The WISE Program will return this winter to give our Snowbirds an opportunity to participate.

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls) on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

In thanks, you will receive two gifts - a T-Shirt and a \$20 e-gift card.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the residents who participated last month. The honor roll is as follows:

Jaye Lamoreux, John Drewiega, Laura Donohue, Noralee Oritz, Paul Flynn, Robert Glogowski, Sharon Petersen, Vonnie Oto, Carl Turner, Jeffrey Martin, Kathleen Lovely, Martha Weber, Patricia Flieg, Paul Lovely, Saburo Oto, Teresa Jauregui and Wifredo Laracuen-tes.

Thank you so much for saving lives! Forty-five patients will be touched by our residents!

On Top of the World Farmer's Market

The On Top of the World Farmer's Market has cancelled for the rest of the summer, but will resume on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The amended schedule for 2022 is as follows: Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Nov. 23, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21.

Please mark your calendars and plan to make at least a purchase or two in support of this event.

Activity Office

The Activity Office operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m., but reservations for facility rooms and the Pavilion are only processed Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

In other words, it is not possible to make a reservation for the upcoming weekend on a Friday. Please keep this in mind in planning your events or activities.

To make a reservation, please email me at general_activity@otowfl.com or call 727-799-2734. Include the date and room that you would like to reserve. This starts the reservation process.

Once we establish an available date and location, your next step is to complete the online Facility Request form.

Online Facility Request instructions are as follows:

Visit: otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on Community Activities and Forms and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger, click submit and the form lands in the general activity email account.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. (Use Google not Safari as your browser)

If you are planning to have food, a returnable deposit is required (check only) made payable to "SCA." Deliver payment to the Community Service Office where I have a secure mailbox, or in after-hours drop off in the secure mail slot at the front of the East Activity Center. I will acknowledge receipt of your check in an email.

If you would like to meet to discuss an idea for a club or any matter related to events and activities, please email or call me to make an appointment.

Activity Card Renewal

Activity card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

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 your On Top of the World property address.

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OTOW Community Activities Calendar - August 2022

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bingo will take place every Monday in August, except Aug. 1. Bingo begins at 6 pm (Doors Open at 4 pm), EAC Auditorium
Club Ticket Sales: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays (Aug 4-Auditorium; Aug 11, 18, 25-Kitchen/Clearwater Room)

Farmers Market has been canceled until Oct. 26, 10 am to 5 pm

WISE Aging Successfully: Thursday, Aug. 24 and Thursday, Aug. 31, 10:30 am - 12 pm, EAC Largo Room

Moving Night: Lost City, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 4-7 pm, Auditorium

Keyboard Lessons: Mondays, 10-11 am, West Activity Center Learning Lab

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Painting Pals: 1-4pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room

Art Guild Friendship Painters: 1-4pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room

Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday, Aug. 3 and Thursday, Aug. 18, Pavilion (Rain: Largo Room)

Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room

Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30-10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab

Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30-10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab

Billiards (9 Ball): 1-3 pm, Fridays.

Caring & Sharing Group: 9am-12pm, Tuesday, East Activity Center Clearwater Room

Ceramics: 10am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room

Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12-3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

Computer Club: Meeting, 8:30-10am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab

Cornhole: Mondays, 1-3 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room (Presented by Moving 'n Grooving Club)

Democratic Club: Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Thursday, Aug. 11, East Activity Center Clearwater Room

Democratic Club: Postcard Part, 1:30-2:30 pm, Thursday, Aug. 18, East Activity Center Ozona Room

Democratic Club Happy Hour: 7-10 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 23, East Activity Center Largo Room

Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2-3:30 pm, Thursday, 25, East Activity Center Clearwater Room

Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium

Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, Aug. 17, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium

Good Karma Book Club: 10am-12pm, Thursday, Aug. 18, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

High Vibe Tribe: 7-9pm, Thursday, Aug. 11, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room

Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9-11 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

Lambda Club: Social, 7-10 pm, Friday, Aug. 12, East Activity Center Largo Room

Learning To Dance with Noland: Mondays, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room

Line Dance Club: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium

Line Dance Club Practice: 7-8am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: No classes until Tuesday, Aug. 30, 9-11:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium

Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-1 pm Mondays, 12-2 pm Wednesdays, 9-10am Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room (No class 8/20)

New York-New Jersey Club: Meatball Social, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 5-10 pm, EAC Auditorium

Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

Pickleball: 6:30-8 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am-12 pm, Sundays

Ping Pong: 10am-1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room

Pray for America: Meeting, 10am-12pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

Press Association: Meeting, 1:30-2:30 pm, Thursday, Aug. 4, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

Republican Club: Meeting, 7-9 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 9, East Activity Center Largo Room

Social Dance: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room

Theater Workshop Social: Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6-7 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room

Theater Workshop Board Meeting: Monday, Aug. 1, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, EAC Clearwater Room

Texas Card Game Club: 3-10 pm, Friday, Aug. 19, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room

TOPS: 9:30-11am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room

Veterans Coffee: Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2-4 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room

World Quilters: 8 am-2pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room

Writers Ink: 1-2:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30-9:30pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room

Cribbage: 10am-12pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

Duplicate Bridge: 11:30am-4pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

Duplicate Bridge: 11-3pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

Ladies Bunco: 6:30-10pm, Tuesday, Aug. 9, West Activity Center Learning Lab

Mahjongg: 1-4pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room

Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room

Poker (Alonzo's Group): 5-8 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room

Poker (Bob's Group): 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room

Poker (Tom's Group): 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room

Poker (Carol's Group): 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room

Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30-9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

Samba/Hand And Foot Canasta: 6-9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool

Bonesavers: 8-9am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Largo Room *

Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Slimnastics: 9-10am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room.

Tai Chi Qigong: 3:15-4pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays East Activity Center Exercise Room



BUILDING EVENTS

No Building Events
In August

FACILITIES

Library

Open 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays and 1-3pm, Wednesdays

Woodshop

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Fitness Center Hours

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Chorus needs a piano player for upcoming holiday concert

By Sylvia Rieder

The On Top of the World Chorus' first meeting of the fall season is rapidly approaching. The meeting will take place on the evening of Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.

As the headline indicates, we need an accompanist for our group. Ideally that person would be an On Top of the World resident, but being a resident is not a requirement.

Persons interested in applying for the accompanist position should please contact our president, Marilyn Zylstra, at 727-712-0159.

A clarion call goes out to all residents who love to sing. Come and join our fun group. We urge former members who dropped out during COVID to rejoin us. We're healthy and in full voice. We want you and need you.

More male voices are needed. If you can sing, plus read music, that's icing on the cake. Please join us. Auditions are not required, just a willingness to attend our practices and sing with gusto.

To all singers, "See you in September."



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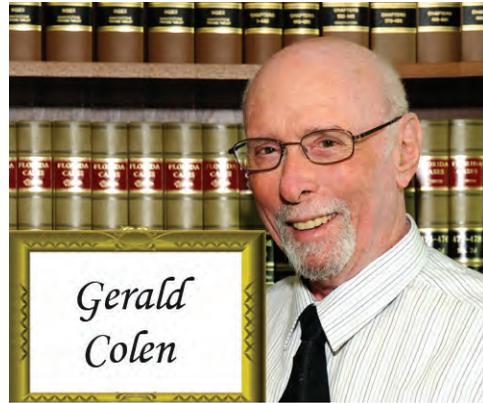
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If it's a phone call, hang up.

If it's a text or email, do not reply.

Scam Alert: The man or woman you met in a chat room who claims to love you, is a scammer - a slimy scammer.

He/she doesn't want you, doesn't have any of the problems that seem to be just like yours and has no desire at all to be with you. All she or he wants is your



money. Not you. Just your money.

Get out of that chat room. If he/she has your email, don't respond.

Scam Alert: The very official looking government document you got that claims in order to protect your home, you need a certified copy of your deed, is a lie.

You never need a certified copy of your deed. NEVER.

Q. I am going to come right out with this question. My daughter has made bad choices in relationships. She has young children from a few of those relationships and now she is quite ill.

Thankfully, my daughter has made it possible for me to have very good relationships with all of my grandchildren. When she passes, I want to leave my estate either to all my grandchildren or for their benefit. I want nothing to go to any of the fathers. Your thoughts, please.

A. First, I am truly sorry for the situation with your daughter, but I am quite

pleased that you have been able to establish a good relationship with your grandchildren.

Your daughter deserves thanks for that.

You did not mention if some or all of them were minors, but whether they are or aren't, one way to protect them is to create a living trust for the benefit of the grandchildren.

You would be the initial trustee, and of course, the grantor.

Depending on the number of them, you can have separate "sub-trusts" for each grandchild which can have various provisions for the support, health, education and maintenance of each of them, separately.

This is somewhat complex drafting, but probably well worth it in your case, as you can make sure that none of the children's fathers will have any claim to any of the funds available for a child.

You do need to consider who you want as the successor trustee to you. Think about your attorney if he or she does that kind of work, or a bank or other financially able person.

Q. Our financial advisor is from (a midwestern state). She says that we do not need a trust because a trust will not protect our assets in the event we are sued.

We told her that we aren't worried about ourselves, but we are seriously worried about 3-5 of our children who are deeply in debt. She still says we don't need a trust. Your thoughts?

A. A properly drafted living trust will not serve as an asset-protection for you and your spouse, but it certainly can be an asset protection mechanism for your children.

If your children are hounded by debt collectors, the trust can easily be designed to protect the children from their creditors, thus preserving and protecting the funds you want your children to receive.

This is a complex area of the law and you must discuss this with your attorney. Make sure he or she is someone who is familiar with asset protection planning.

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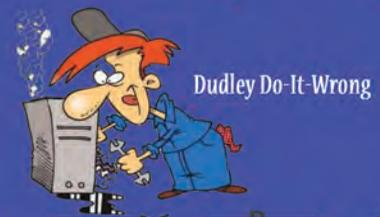
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Republican Club squeezes in four candidates at one meeting



By Carl Turner

During the summer months, the Ronald Reagan Republican Club will continue to have an information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium each Thursday morning from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club is continuing to provide On Top of the World Republicans with opportunities to hear from candidates running for political office in the Aug. 23 primary. The formal part of the monthly club meetings is always the second Tuesday of each month and starts at 7 p.m.

Prior to the formal part of the July 12 meeting, there was an informal meet and greet for club members and non-member conservatives. People gathered and shared ideas from 6-7 p.m. Participants were able to fill out a survey to see what they are looking for in our club and great discussions took place on how to achieve the bright future we are looking for after the November election.

From now until Nov. 8, our club wants to maximize the number of Republican voters at OTOW to help put good people in local and state elected positions and help take back the US House and Senate. For this we are doing a mailing to all non-party affiliates in the community. We are also planning to have social interaction meet and greets from 6-7 p.m. before each business meeting.

Finally, we are hoping to do fundraiser parties to raise awareness of the club in the community.

For the long term, after the November elections, we plan to put together an



The Ronald Reagan Republican Club had four guest speakers in July. From left to right are Anna Paulina Luna, candidate for Congress; Bronson Oudshoff, candidate for Pinellas County School Board-District 2; Debbie Buschman, candidate for Pinellas County Commission-District 2; and Jim Vricos, candidate for Florida House-District 58. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

executive committee of some of the top Republican influencers at OTOW to help generate a long-term plan for the club.

After our business meeting on July 12, we had four guest speakers - all candidates.

The session opened with a question: More than 70 guests were asked if they approved the direction the country was headed. Almost everyone said resoundingly, "No!"

Then the four candidates were introduced and each one claimed they could make our country much better and proceeded to explain how.

Those candidates, running in the Aug. 23 Primary Election, were Anna Paulina Luna, candidate for US Congress; Bronson Oudshoff, candidate for Pinellas County School Board-District 2; Debbie Buschman, candidate for Pinellas County Commission-District 2; and Jim Vricos, candidate for Florida State House-District 58.

Jim opened the candidate presentations by saying there once was a time when

he walked into a Walmart and there was a live cashier standing at each cash register. In today's world, for several reasons, cashiers are hard to find. He wants to change this and put people back to work.

Debbie wants to make it more affordable to live in Pinellas County. As an example, she mentioned that many paramedics, who work in our county, cannot afford to live here, yet they care for the people who do live here.

Bronson wants to bring back transparency, public comment and public input at school board meetings. He wants information easily obtainable for the general public. If he disagrees with something, he will stand up for his opinion even if it goes against the majority.

Anna explained how and why she had been endorsed by former President Donald Trump. She spoke out against open borders, over-taxation and government not helping people who need the most help, including minorities.

To sum up her determination to make a difference in Washington, Anna said she

was once offered a position where if she accepted she would be expected to follow the direction of others - and given advice to accept the position and drive a new Corvette.

Her response was, "No thanks. I drive a Jeep."

And as we all know, Jeeps are work horses.

After each presentation, the audience had tough no-nonsense questions for the candidates to determine where they stood on important issues.

The next club meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 9, with a meet and greet from 6-7 p.m. and a regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. in the EAC Largo Room. Guest speakers will be Kevin Hayslett, candidate for US Congress and Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

The club is hoping to return to the West Activity Center for its Sept. 13 meeting.

(Editor's note: OTOW News Editor Doug Kates contributed to this story)

Democratic Club adds a happy hour social to an already-busy month of events



Democratic Club

By Joanne Cordes

On June 27, several members of our Democratic Club joined members of the Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas on an Eco-Tour starting at the Tampa Bay Discovery Center located at the St. Petersburg Pier.

Members learned the area's history and how to foster a healthy Tampa Bay.

Proceeds from such tours support important environmental restoration work of Tampa Bay Watch, which serves to protect Tampa Bay's unique ecosystem.

On June 28, 12 members and one guest attended our first Democratic Club Happy Hour at 7 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center.

We shared a bit about our political selves and heard some fun stories.

For example:

"I'm a Democrat because I'm from Massachusetts."

And, "I just don't talk politics with my brother and sister. That's how we're able to get along."

Shared snacks were yummy and adult beverages varied from Lambrusco wine to a Moscow Mule spin-off. Actually, it was an Irish whiskey instead of vodka — so maybe it should have been called a "Limerick Mule."

We had a great gathering and met again at the same time and place on July 25.

If you are interested, please join us in August.

North Straub Park in St. Petersburg was the scene for five of our club's members on July 4. They participated in the

peaceful "Repro Rights Rally" sponsored by the Women's Advocacy Movement of Pinellas County.

In other activities, many in our On Top of the World Democratic Club are on a texting team or have been meeting at postcard parties to encourage Democrats to be sure to register to vote or to vote by mail.

Our keynote speaker for our July 14 meeting was Dr. Keesha Benson, candidate for the board of Pinellas County Schools (PCS). As the daughter of a former PCS educator, Keesha has a deep commitment to public education and a lifelong connection to PCS.

Her personal statement is: "I am running for school board because I believe in healthy children, strong families and engaged communities. I will advocate for the needs of every child in Pinellas County as if they were my own."

To learn more about Keesha and her candidacy, please go to the website www.bensonforschoolboard.com/.

Our Aug. 11 meeting will be in the Kitchen at the East Activity Center. The time is the usual 2-3:30 p.m. We'll welcome (our own member) Joe Saportas, candidate for state representative, District 58, as our select speaker.

Joe is running to replace Representative Chris Latvala, R-Clearwater, who cannot run again in 2022 because of term limits.

Please check our club announcements on otowboxoffice.com for information on activities for the many election campaigns this year.

Or visit our information table at the EAC's Auditorium on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club Clearwater to learn about local political events or add commentary to current events.

And another way to connect with us is our brand new Blogspot, created by our board member, Dave Beaven. Visit worlddemsclub.blogspot.com for links to the latest info on Florida politics and our current club news.



Democratic Club members hold a postcard party in the Ozono Room. From left to right around the table are Jan Geeslin, Jim O'Beirne, Joanne Cordes, Abby D'Oronzio, Glenda Greenman, Yildiz Dural, Pat O'Beirne (standing), Donna Lukas, Dave Beaven, Melissa Baird and Chiki Thorman. (Photo by Ruthann Richwine)

THE JUNGLE ISN'T READY FOR THIS KIND OF ACTION

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17
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Line Dance Club has practice sessions to prepare you for Tuesdays

By Leila Walker

Line dancers love to celebrate events.

The picture with this article was taken the day Line Dance Club President Leila Walker returned from a 30-day vacation. She was presented with a beautiful Hydrangea plant and a lovely card.

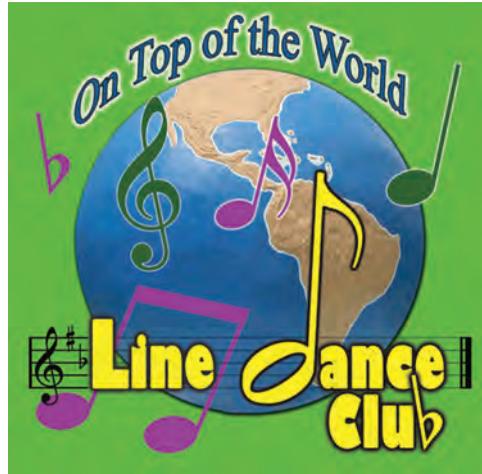
Leila and Ute Scheibe are the instructors for the Line Dance Club. Come join them for line dancing and for celebrations.

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

An Advanced Beginner class takes place from 1-2 p.m. and an Improver class from 2-3 p.m.

The club also meets on Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. Advanced Beginners meet from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Improvers from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Practice sessions take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7-8 a.m. in the EAC Exercise Room.



These sessions prepare you for the Tuesday afternoon session and the Saturday morning session.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at leila.g.walker1@gmail.com or text/call 443-845-7842.



Line Dance Club members present President Leila Walker with flowers after she returned from a one-month vacation.

A search engine will not power your car or truck, but Computer Club volunteers will help you understand what it can do

By Mike Wood

Search engine: Does that mean looking under the hood?

No, it doesn't mean looking under the hood. But it is one of the topics the On Top of the World Computer Club frequently helps residents understand.

So, to answer the age old question, what is the difference between a browser and a search engine? A quick internet search resulted with these answers...

- A browser is used to access websites and web pages whereas a search engine is used to search for particular information.

For example, Firefox, Safari, Edge and Chrome are the most popular web browsers while Google and Yahoo are the most popular search engines.

A browser is used to access the Internet whereas in order to open a search engine you need a browser.

Still confused?

Well, the bottom line is simple. You know how to drive your car even though you may not know how all the inner workings of the engine propels the car. The same applies to your computer. You know how to get from one site to another, even if you don't always know how you got there.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m., both in-person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Visitors are welcome. Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, the club offers assistance to any OTOW resident with basic technology-related questions or issues.



Computer Club members assist residents with computer, tablet and cell phone issues at the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Wednesday mornings.

The Learning Lab is now open in the West Activity Center on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app help. The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card. Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service; although, the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating ser-

vice providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at otowcc@gmail.com. Responses normally are made within 72 hours after the request is received.

For more information about the Computer Club, email us at otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com or click our link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.

Want to awaken, evolve and find your soul? Join the High Vibe Tribe on Aug. 11

Hello fellow metaphysical explorers. Mark your calendars for Aug. 11. The High Vibe Tribe will host a full-moon speaker, visionary, teacher and guide, Nana Hendricks.

She has personally impacted my life in a positive way since meeting her at a meditation group in February.

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people cross the moat to get to the castle, she is a gentle guide who leads with compassion and grace, and a beeline to the heart space.

So bring a mat, pillow, blanket and allow the enchantment to begin.

We will meet Aug. 11 in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room from 7-9 p.m.

You may contact Laurie LeClaire at otowoowo@gmail.com or 727-265-1671 for more information.



OTOW News/Coloring Book Club Annual Coloring Book Contest

You have two weeks to color in the picture below

In honor of National Coloring Day on Aug. 2, On Top of the World News and the OTOW Coloring Book Club are hosting their annual coloring contest.

This year's contest picture is shown below.

What's the purpose? It's fun! Even if this is the only time all year you color in a picture.

When you were a child, crayons were probably the only tool you had to color. In today's world, there are crayons, pencils, markers and other mediums. Pick your

favorite one.

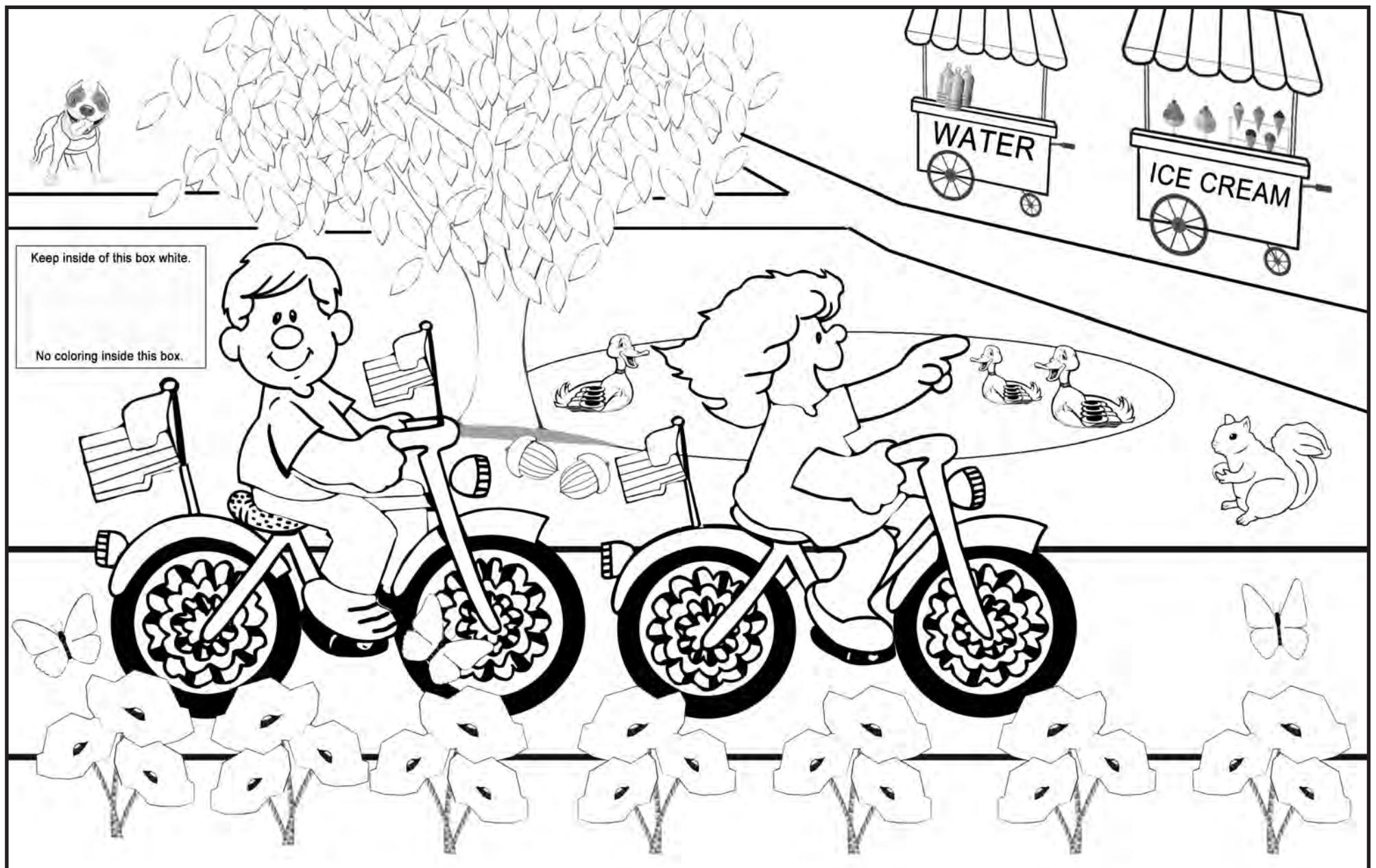
Color the picture below. Stay within the lines. Be original. Then cut out your image from this newspaper, fill in the required information and turn in your artwork by Aug. 12 to the OTOW newsroom on the second floor of the East Activity Center.

Members of the Coloring Book Club will be the judges. Club members and last year's winner are not eligible to compete. Judges will not see your name or build-

ing. Judging is based on the artwork only. The winner gets a \$20 gift certificate. The winner will be announced in the September newspaper.

You must be an OTOW resident to enter. The winner will have to show a valid activity card. Your entry must be on newsprint. No digital images.

If you enjoy this contest, join the Coloring Book Club every Wednesday morning. Read their story on the next page.



Your name:

Building #

Phone Number:



Judges await contest entries

It's contest time!

Get out your pencils, crayons or pens and enter our annual Coloring Book Club coloring contest.

This year's image is on page 24.

One winner will be announced in September's paper.

Members of the Coloring Book Club get to choose the winning picture anonymously so we cannot prejudice your work.

No favorites.

It is always fun to see all the entries

Just get your entry in by the Aug. 12 deadline, please.

This month's featured artwork (at right) is by Janis Riedl, who originally hails from Illinois.

Doesn't this look like fun to color yourself?

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Travel Club members do some clowning around in Sarasota, but they all eventually came home



By Janice Berman
 The On Top of the World Travel Club took a day trip to The Ringling museum! Both President David Berman and Vice President Linda did a double head count on the bus before heading back to On Top of the World because so many club members said they were going to run away with the circus!

But as it worked out, everyone returned home - some more reluctantly than others.

The day was spent exploring this place of beauty and wonder built by John Ringling as his legacy to the citizens of Florida.

The museum features an extraordinary collection of art. The Circus Museum houses performers' wardrobes, props, parade wagons, and much more, all related to circus life.

The Bayfront Gardens featured some breathtaking flowers, which gave several club members an opportunity to practice their photography skills. The result of those photos can be seen on our Facebook page.

Remember, club information tables return on Aug. 18 at 8:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Our next Lunch Bunch will be on



Aug. 10 at noon at Sea Sea Riders, 221 Main St, Dunedin.

Our next meeting will be on Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room of the EAC.

We have seats available for our Mystery Train trip in September and our holiday party at the Countryside Country Club in December.

Linda will send reminder emails as events approach. As always board members are available by phone or email.

You can write to David at David-bermandav@yahoo.com and Linda at otowtravelclubvp@gmail.com.

You can call Janice Berman at 508-951-6459.

We're going places - I know you want to come along!

At left, On Top of the World residents pose for pictures at The Ringling museum in Sarasota.

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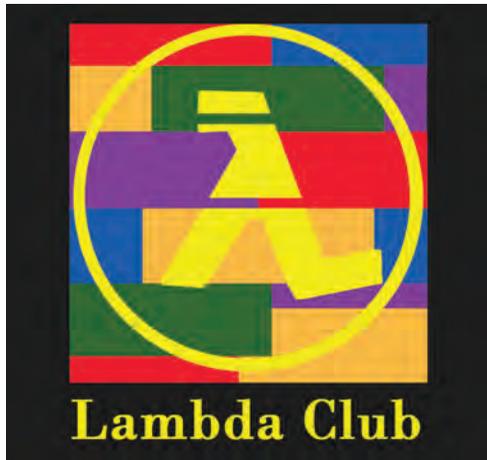
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Lambdans have no fear of the number 13 so celebrating the club's 13th birthday was just another reason to party



By Bruce Lovett

A large percentage of the population has a negative attitude towards the number 13.

Office buildings and highrises tend to skip having a 13th floor while motels and apartments rarely have a unit No. 13.

At Lambda, we accept the number in all its diversity and actually celebrate it. One of the reasons is that since our inception in July of 2009, we have always had socials on the second Friday of the month. In most years, at least one Friday, and sometimes two Fridays, have fallen on the 13th, which some people consider even more unlucky.

So in true Lambda fashion, we choose to buck the trend and, using any excuse to hold a party, have had numerous previous parties centered around the number 13.

And this year we took it to an extreme as our party in July 2022 was in celebration of our club's 13th year.

Lambda has reached puberty, even if most of our club members can't remember it.

Just walking into the Largo Room, you immediately knew something special was happening. Excitement was in the air, there were 13th birthday decorations galore and people were everywhere.

The idea of a celebration, the dropping of COVID restrictions and the return to an air conditioned environment brought out some old faces that hadn't been seen in a while and a bevy of newer ones.

Dave Beaven, our fearless leader, had printed up 45 cute little Lambda Club, 13-



Lambdans are known for their special-event feasts. This buffet table is proof.

(Photo by Earl Ballance)

year, Happy Birthday placemats and had set up seven tables of six. By the time we sat down to eat, tables of six had become tables of seven or eight and a new table had to be set up.

This truly was a case of the early bird gets the worm. If you wanted a festive placemat or a good selection of hors d'oeuvres, you had to arrive early.

It is Lambda tradition that if an event starts at 7 p.m. and you arrive at 7, you are late.

This reporter and his party arrived eight minutes before the start time and was lucky to score one of James Farmer's famous deviled eggs. The shrimp had long since been devoured by sharks.

As you entered the room, you were greeted by the appetizer and gift tables.

The appetizer table emptied quickly and the gift table was filled with an assortment of wrapped presents for an exchange.

The packed entree table was on the far left side of the room and the dessert table, anchored by a beautiful Happy Birthday Lambda cake, bordered the right side of the room.

After cake, gifts changed hands. The funniest was received by a good friend of Lambda, the woman who officiated at the wedding recently featured in this newspaper. She went home with a new pair of men's swimming trunks.

She may want to give them to another member so they can wear them to the August social, which is our annual beach party; Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the aforementioned Largo Room. Bathing suits,

flip flops and beach wraps are the mode of dress for the occasion. Bring a summer treat to share for the potluck buffet while we listen to Beach Boys tunes.

And after dinner there may be a few fun surprises like a bathing suit fashion show and our very own Marcel L'Heritier attempting to win his fifth consecutive best beach bod trophy.

Should you wish further information on this event or Lambda in general, a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends, go to our Web page at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

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In honor of the Thunder Moon annual event, Moving 'n Grooving decides to throw a party



By Hope Tera

It goes by several different names... Thunder Moon, Supermoon, Buck Moon, etc. Bottom line ... it was on full display Wednesday, July 13, and quite breathtaking.

Our Moving 'n Grooving Club couldn't pass up the opportunity to celebrate. So we hosted our first "Thunder Moon" party ... and what a celebration it was.

The term collaboration doesn't begin to describe how our entire group came together. From the moment Margaret LeTourneau came up with the idea for a Thunder Moon Party, our members jumped on the bandwagon.

Serious investigative work was done by our interior designer, Barbara Wong. Thanks to her, we are now quite knowledgeable about this natural phenomenon.

Songs and dances were selected, decorating projects were planned, delectable menu items were chosen, etc. The excitement was building.

Once again, the Auditorium was transformed - this time into a magical moonlit palace. It was just lovely. Club members joined Margaret and Hope onstage to lead the crowd in line dancing and cardio dancing. In addition, there were three special performances.

To kick things off, the ukulele group from the Baby Boomers serenaded us. Everyone joined in for a rousing version of "That's Amore." Although there was no tip jar, a few dollars were tossed in their direction.

As expected, our beloved male dancers,



The East Activity Center Auditorium was decorated in honor of the moon on July 13 as Moving 'n Grooving celebrated Thunder Moon Day.

ers, the Retreads, took to the stage, with their intoxicating dance, "Fly Me to the Moon." The crowd enjoyed, but their encore of "It's Raining Men" was a definite highlight of the show.

Afterwards, adoring fans flocked to the guys to show their appreciation while the men handed out necklaces to the gals.

Our Star Shine Singers performed beautiful renditions of "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" and "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head."

The crowd eagerly joined in, swaying and singing along. There was even some dancing and umbrella twirling thrown into the mix.

Our members are quite talented in the kitchen. The food was tasty and plentiful. An impressive smorgasbord of appetizers, entrees, side dishes, desserts and refreshing drinks were spread out in the back room. And to celebrate Margaret's birthday, a large rainbow chocolate cake was shared by all. Good thing we danced a

lot, to burn off a bunch of calories.

If you'd like to see a highlight reel of our party, open the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), then click the "Moving 'n Grooving" icon.

The off-peak season is an ideal time for year-round residents to explore a bit and try out something new.

And we've got a few suggestions.

Please note that there will be no line dancing with Margaret LeTourneau from Aug. 2-26. Line dance classes will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 30. If you are interested in giving your heart a good workout, you can try a Cardio Dance class with Hope Tera.

Looking for a gentler workout? Then a Cardio Dance Light class might fit the bill.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out an inclusive line and cardio dance club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun,

and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206, email us at movingandgroovingotow.com, or come to any of our classes to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

As always, we hope to see you on the dance floor.

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First place prize goes to final four players



By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club had its largest turnout at its June tournament as 21 players participated.

There were two new members bringing the total number of club members to 39.

The tournament play was tight early as many players were scouting the play of others. By the first break, there were still 20 players remaining.

After the break, players started to get eliminated. The final table of seven people began at 8:30 p.m. Due to time constraints, the final four decided to divide the prize pool.

The next two tournaments will be on Friday, Aug. 19 and Friday, Sept. 16.

Anyone with an updated activity card can join the club by showing up at the tournament or sending an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com for information.



Advancing to the final four in June were, left to right, Arthur Pacillo, Roger Perry, Jay Perry and Gene Amature. The tournament ended with all four splitting the first place pot.

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Quiz time for reporters and staff at On Top of the World News

There were no Press Association meetings in June or July, so the On Top of the World News staff has some homework to turn in at the next meeting.

Please complete this 12 question quiz and turn it in at the next Press Association meeting 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

QUESTION 1

It is OK to submit bad news stories to our newspaper. Stories about accidents, hospitalizations, arrests or liquor store closings are perfectly allowed.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 2

Your stories do not have to have a local connection to our community. You can write about corn fields in Nebraska, lack of water in California, ivory sales in Africa and discovered shipwrecks in Lake Erie.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 3

When writing a story about a recent building luncheon at a local restaurant, you are allowed to include in your story how wonderful the food was and how great the service was.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE



QUESTION 4

You are allowed to include a grandchild's actual name in our newspaper only if he/she is the most special grandchild in the whole world.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 5

When writing about your building or club, you never ever have to mention the name of the building or club in your story.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 6

If you are listing any building or club events taking place in September, you must include the year (2022) after every date.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 7

Every single person in the entire world reading our newspaper knows what OTOW stands for. Everyone in California, Texas, Canada and Ireland knows what OTOW means. So it is not required to write out OTOW on first reference.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 7

When writing a feature story about one particular person, you never have to use that person's last name. You can write Joe wrote a book. Joe plays an instrument. Joe has won many awards. You never have to tell anyone Joe's last name.

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 8

When submitting your story for the newspaper, make sure your byline is listed before the opening paragraph. (A byline is the name of the author who wrote the story.)

Circle: TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 9

Multiple Choice: When emailing your story to Editor Doug Kates, the subject line of your email should state:

- A. Hi Doug. How are you?
- B. Please don't edit my story.
- C. Here's my story. It's boring.
- D. The name of the building or club the submitted story is about.

Circle One: A, B, C or D

QUESTION 10

Multiple choice: Only one word below is a proper name and should be uppercase in a news story. Which word below is always uppercase?

- A. pizza
- B. meeting
- C. luncheon
- D. Snowbirds

Circle One: A, B, C or D

QUESTION 11

Multiple choice: What is the name of the building where the Auditorium is located?

- A. East Side Clubhouse
- B. East Recreation Hall
- C. Recreation Facility on East Side.
- D. East Activity Center

Circle One: A, B, C or D

QUESTION 12

How many explanation marks go at the end of an exciting sentence?

- A. One !
- B. Two !!
- C. Three !!!
- D. Ten !!!!!!!!

Circle One: A, B, C or D

Please bring this quiz with you to the next Press Association meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, in the EAC Crystal Beach Room.

Learn about Theater Workshop by attending an open picnic at the Pavilion on Sept. 7

By Maxine Sutcliffe

Theater Workshop meetings during the summer are proving very successful with 15 members attending in June and 20 in July.

As it happened to also be the occasion of a birthday, the social hour treats included a birthday cake, 4th of July cake and a glass of wine, in addition to cookies, coffee and water.

And what an enthusiastic meeting!

We had great interest, participation and volunteering in different capacities – the common theme to support the efforts of the club and its board, fostering friendship, fun and success.

We are all very much looking forward



to a September cookout at the Pavilion. The club will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Condiments, salads, beans, bread rolls, soda and water will be provided.

Our cookout invitation is open, not

only to existing members, yet to renew past members and their guests, but is also extended to the OTOW community. Interested would-be members from within are welcome to attend.

If you want to find out more about our club and have an interest or curiosity about anything theatrical, we are hosting this for you.

There will be no tickets for this event. There will no charges for this event. A donation box will be available (and appreciated).

A sign-up sheet (for catering number) will be available starting at our Aug. 3 meeting.

You can also sign up by emailing

Maxine at maxjust43@yahoo.com or by calling Keith: (813)-731-4530 - no later than Sunday, Sept. 3.

So mark your calendars!

The date of the picnic is Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Pavilion. We will be setting up at 6:30 p.m. The event will be starting at 7 p.m. Later there will be a brief General Meeting when we will announce details of the show/director planned for our annual show in March 2023.

Our next meeting will be in the West Activity Center Belleair Room on Wednesday Aug. 3, with refreshments at 6 p.m. followed by the General Meeting at 7 p.m.

We look forward to you joining us.

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SPORTS



The On Top of the World Tennis Club held a Fourth of July picnic last month at the Pavilion. Pictured above are two of the scenes. At left, Joe DeChiaro and Quixia Lee were flipping burgers and at right are some of the guests.



Tennis barbeque on the Fourth

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club decided to have its first July 4th barbeque at the Pavilion.

We received food donations from Travel Club President Dave Berman and we added side dishes, dessert and water so everyone who attended enjoyed a fulfilling meal.

The club also invited residents from building 25 to enjoy the barbeque since they invited us to their earlier building party.

There were 36 members and guests who attended and they consumed 32 hamburgers and 42 hot dogs.

The Tennis Club played tennis for approximately two hours prior to the

start of the barbeque so this probably explains the hunger of all who attended.

There was light music in the background from Air Supply.

Tennis Club President Joe DeChiaro was in control of the grilling and received help from Rigo Clodge and Quixia Lee.

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Softball season opens with meeting on Oct. 6

By Bob Rittner

As Major League Baseball comes into its last innings, another league begins to warm up for the start of its season.

The “dog days of summer,” the real testing period for major league stamina, is exactly the same time when we senior citizens become yet more lively and enthusiastic, our energy stored up for a new beginning.

The 2022-23 On Top of the World Softball League season begins in October. We kick it off with a pre-season meeting, this year on Thursday, Oct. 6, at noon at the Paradise Restaurant, our new sponsor

in Safety Harbor.

The league will provide pizza and gratuities, and attendees may order and pay for their own drinks from the restaurant.

At this meeting, we will welcome new members and give a brief explanation of some of our unique rules. The key point is that we welcome everyone regardless of skill level, and provide an experience which allows everyone to participate and enjoy.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, we will have a batting practice day to shake off some of the rust and get our timing down. That

will be at the Safety Harbor Field at 8 a.m.

The first game will be on Thursday, Oct. 13, also at the Safety Harbor Field.

We ask that players arrive by 7:45 so we can set up the teams before 8 a.m. This year, once the \$50 dues are paid, players will receive three new shirts: red, white and blue, to represent the three teams we anticipate having at some games.

If you have questions, contact Bob Rittner at bobrittner@yahoo.com or call 727-735-1762. You can also check out recent posts on the Box Office at the otowboxoffice.com.



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So you've never heard of an albatross or a condor?

By Barney Hanrahan

Is golf really for the birds?

Terms used in golf date back to mid-1800 England and gradually made their way to the United States in the early 1900s.

All golfers know the term par and strive to reach that with regularity. However, there are several terms used in golf that are not always well recognized.

First there is "birdie," one stroke under par. Example: If you shoot three on a par 4 hole. This term started in England and was created as a gesture to reaching the cup under a par round.

Later came the "eagle" which clearly is an American term referencing our national bird. This is when a golfer reaches 2-under par.

Next, we have the "albatross" or "double eagle" which is a 3-under par score. The term has little history of origin.

Then we have the ultimate score - the "condor." This is when a golfer reaches the cup on one stroke on a par 5 hole or reaches on two strokes on a par 6 hole. There are only five recorded condors in golf for a par 5 hole and no condors for a par 6 hole.

In fact, yes, there are 25 golf courses in the United States with par 6 holes. Some of the closer ones are at Meadow Farms in Locust Grove, Va., (841 yards), Kahite Golf Course in Vonore, Tenn. (808

Men's Golf

yards), Farmstead Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, S.C., (767 yards), Black Mountain Golf Course in Black Mountain, N.C. (747 yards) and Meadows Ashley Plantation in Daleville, Va., (721 yards).

And finally, we have the infamous hole-in-one (ace), which is reaching the cup on one stroke.

Then there are the terms you don't want to have on your scorecard.

We have the bogey, which is 1-over par; double bogey, which is 2-over par; and triple bogey, which is 3-over par.

As always, please keep in mind the heat of summer and stay hydrated. It is far easier to drink fluids while playing than being carried off the course by an emergency medical technician.

Stay safe.

Scores for league play as follows:

June 15

Flight A

Top Three: George Mead, 62, Lester Whynot, 64, Roy Monteith, 66, Jim Anzalone, 66, Mike Schuyler, 66.

Flight B

Top Three: Nilson Sabadin, 58, Ed Fox, 61, Dave Cox, 65, Tom Sullivan, 69, Ronald Huber, 72.

Flight C

Top Three: John Gill, 57, Dave Combs, 62, Mike Smith, 63, Bob McGrogan, 64, Harry Crawford, 66.

Flight D

Top Three: Henry Rejman, 74, Bob Earley, 74, Edward Taylor, 76.

June 22

Flight A

Top Three: Roy Monthieth, 60, Jay Schwallie, 62, Mike Critterdon, 66, Jim Anzalone, 67, Lester Whynot, 68.

Flight B

Top Three: Tom Sullivan, 58, Nilson Sabadin, 60, Ed Fox, 64, Gerald Morrisette, 72, Ken Neild, 75.

Flight C

Top Three: Mike Smith, 57, Ronald Murray, 62, Tim Palmquist, 65, Dave Combs, 66, Joe Ventimiglia, 66.

Flight D

Top Three: Jay Laracuente, 64, Henry Rejman, 72.

June 29

Flight A

Top Three: Mike Crittendon, 60, Roger Amundson, 62, George Mead, 62, John Taylor, 63, Jay Schwallie, 64.

Flight B

Top Three: Nilson Sabadin, 58, Tom Sullivan, 64, Dave Cox, 66, Martin Forde, 70, Ken Neild, 75.

Flight C

Top Three: John Gill, 58, Alex Miller, 64, Jack Drewiega, 64, Mike Smith, 66, Joseph Dowe, 67.

Flight D

Top Three: Henry Rejman, 70, Phil Perez, 71.

July 6

Flight A

Top Three: Jim Anzalone, 61, Nilson Sabadin, 63, John Taylor, 64, Mike Crittendon, 65, Mike Schuyler 65.

Flight B

Top Three: David Johnson, 62, Ken Neild, 66, Sal Vasapolie, 68, Tom Sullivan, 69, Mike Smith, 70.

Flight C

Top Three: Dave Combs, 56, Gerald Morrisette, 60, Ronald Murray, 64, Alex Miller, 66, John Gill, 66.

Flight D

Top Three: Phil Perez, 60, Henry Rejman, 66, Joe Ventimiglia, 68, Jay Laracuente, 69.

Please remember to sign in when you arrive and register for next week's play.

That is all folks. Enjoy the golf and keep hydrated.

Paul Meyers and CJ Messica come up winners in recent Friday Mixed Golf play

Paul Meyers and CJ Messina were the recent winners in Friday Mixed Golf League action.

On July 1, Paul scored a plus 6 to win over Rick Muchler by two points.

On July 8, CJ scored a plus 7 to win by two points over Bruce MacPherson.

All of the recent results are listed below:

Results

Friday, July 1

First place was Paul Meyers with a plus 6. Second place was Rick Muchler with a plus 4. Third place was Bruce MacPherson with a plus 3. Closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 3 was Scott Rogers, on hole No. 5 was Fred Peace, on hole No.

Friday Golf

6 and No. 16 was Rick Muchler, on hole No. 13 was Dan Hyden, and on hole No. 15 was Harry Barbin.

Skins were recorded by Paul Meyers on hole No.4, Dan Hyden on hole No.13 and Ada Maloof on hole No. 15.

Low gross was Bruce MacPherson and Rick Muchler both with a 65.

Friday, July 8

First place was CJ Messina with a plus 7. Second place was Bruce MacPherson with a plus 5. Third place was Sheryl Barbin with a plus 4. There was a match

of cards at plus 4.

Closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 3 was Don Auger, on hole No. 5 was Ken Oatsvall, on hole No. 6 and hole No. 9 was Sheryl Barbin, on hole No. 13 was John McBride, on hole No. 15 was CJ Messina, and on hole No. 16 was John Maloof.

Skins were recorded by Bruce MacPherson on hole No. 4 and hole No. 10, Paul Meyers on hole No. 11 and hole No. 17, and Pat Mahoney on hole No. 15.

Low gross was Bruce MacPherson with a 62.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide On Top of the World men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf.

Our league uses the USGA Stableford

scoring format, which is a quota point system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota, not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

We play every Friday, weather permitting. The championship season is November thru April. Summer and fall golf continues May through October.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email harrybarbin1@gmail.com.

Holes-in-one shot on 18-hole course on consecutive days in June

Congratulations go out to two resident golfers for their recent holes-in-one.

Don Leamy used a driver to ace the par 4 No. 6 hole

on the 18-hole course. Don was playing with Mike Crittendon and Sam Bjicho, who witnessed the shot on the June 15. Don Sorensen used a 7-iron to ace the par 3,

15th hole on the 18-hole course. Don was playing with Ed Hanson, Vic Roggerio and Steve Caffey, who witnessed the shot on June 16.



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Scripts and music can be planned during the summer, but people will be needed this fall

By Robyn Kumar

We are in the midst of a typical hot and humid Florida summer, but don't think that members of the Jesters are just sitting on our laurels fanning ourselves while eating bon bons.

Our 2022 show was a huge success, but we are trying to raise the bar even higher. Our script writers have been hard at work coming up with plans for our next show which will be presented in February 2023.

Many hours have been spent coming

up with a new and entertaining concept. Songs have been chosen and many choreographed dances are being planned.

We are also working on comedy routines that will be a part of our show.

An extremely important part of putting on a show is having dedicated people both on and off the stage. We hope to have many of your favorite performers back again this year.

We are also looking for lots of new talent as well as people who prefer working behind the scenes. All are needed in

order to produce a show worthy of the On Top of the World stage.

We will be having our first membership meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Our meetings are held in the Belleair Room in the West Activity Center.

If you are interested in joining The Jesters for the 2022-2023 season, we would love to hear from you. You can contact Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640.

Remember, being part of The Jesters is Jest or Fun!



Jesters

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Tickets almost sold out for New York-New Jersey Club Meatball Social in August

By Will Peterson

Only a few tickets remain for this summer's tastiest event.

The New York-New Jersey Club Meatball Social will take place from 5:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Subs will be made by Mama Felice.

The cost is \$15 per person.

Tickets are nearly gone for this event, but those remaining will be on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, in the EAC Auditorium. Please look for our information table.

Looking ahead, on Sept. 22 from 6-9 p.m., our club will host our annual welcome back cheesecake social in the East Activity Center along with nomination of officers and a discussion on club events.

There will also be guest speakers from On Top of the World clubs. Cost is \$5.

On Oct. 20, from 5-9 p.m., election of officers will take place. It will be Hawaiian Shirt Night in the East Activity Center and the evening will be catered by Mama Felice. Disc jockeys Cathy and Paul will provide the entertainment.

The meal will consist of ham with pineapples, barbecued chicken, pasta primavera, sweet potatoes, apple crumb pie, and individual salads, which will be set at your table. Of course, water and coffee will be provided. Cost to attend will be \$25.

On Dec. 1, our club will host an Ugly Christmas Sweater Night in the East Activity Center from 5-9 p.m. The entertainer will be a new DJ, "Les-N-Moore."

So get out that sweater as there will be a prize for the best, excuse me, I mean the ugliest sweater.

Once again, the evening meal will be catered by Mama and will consist of: seafood salad, shrimp and penne pasta in



New York - New Jersey Club

white sauce, chicken fingers and dipping sauce, meatballs, sausage and peppers, and plain spaghetti with individual salads at your table. Water and coffee will be provided. Dessert will be cannolis and cookies. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

We are working on something special for January 2023 and April 2023. More details will follow as soon as the decision is made on what we will be serving and the cost and time of each of these events.

The New York/New Jersey Club is open to anyone who lives at On Top of the World. The cost to be a member is only \$5. The only requirement is that you must have a valid Activity Card.

We will have an information table in the East Activity Center every Thursday during the summer from 8:30-10 a.m. So come out and see us and buy your ticket for one of our events.

And if you can, volunteer to give us a helping hand not only at the table, but in setting up our events.

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Need a fun way to exercise?
Join our exercise classes each morning.
All are welcome. Classes are free.

9-10 a.m., Weekdays, East Activity Center Swimming Pool

Metaphysics

Metaphysics, also known as The High Vibrational Tribe, meets the second Thursday of each month.



Join us in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room from 7-9 p.m.

For information about our club, please call Laurie LeClaire at 727-265-1671 or email her at otowoowo@gmail.com.

Shuffleboard Club

Monday through Sunday

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Philosophy Club is back

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.



Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.

Pickleball!

PLAY SCHEDULE



Sundays 9-12
Tuesday through Friday 6:30-8

Newcomers welcome. Must have a valid Activity Card.

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Meets 10-11 a.m. Thursdays in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

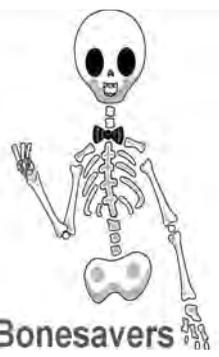
We are very motivated to help you if you want to lose weight. We are a friendly group and usually go out for a healthy meal after our meetings. Because we are a part of a national club, we charge \$37 per person for yearly national dues. Please come to our meetings at no charge for one month to try us out.

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

Duplicate Bridge is back!

Get ready for some fun by playing, learning and improving your Duplicate Bridge skills. You will become familiar with the nuances and conventions of the game by coming to a beginner/improver lesson. Instruction is provided Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Ozona Room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. Further information is available by sending an email to loresc@yahoo.com or by calling Christine Nason at 727-366-0221.

Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

Ballroom dance classes



Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.

Majongg players wanted over the summer

Wanted: Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

8-Ball 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

Ceramics

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Clearwater Room

Pray for America

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Crystal Beach Room

Poaching should be your go-to technique for eggs, fish, chicken and even fruit



A classic cooking method, poaching, uses a lightly-flavored broth to cook delicate foods with gentle, moist heat.

Sometimes the word “classic” is code for “old-fashioned,” and that can certainly be the case with poaching - a technique that probably reached its pinnacle of popularity in the rarified atmosphere of hotel dining rooms during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Regardless of its current trendiness, however, poaching reached classic status for a reason. It’s a fabulous and flavorful way to cook delicate foods like eggs, chicken breast and fruit while maintaining their moisture and structure.

To poach something is to cook it on the stovetop in a pan of gently simmering (not boiling) liquid.

The liquid can be anything, but is usually some version of a court bouillon (a French culinary term that translates to “short broth” since it can be whipped up quickly) without the hours of simmering typical to other stocks and broths.

Eggs

If you’ve eaten anything poached, it’s probably an egg.

Not only is a poached egg, with its vivid, velvety yolk oozing across the plate, picturesque and beautiful, but it also has a magical ability to transform a salad, bowl of soup, or savory side dish into a complete and satisfying meal.

Seafood

With its typically mild flavor and lean, delicate texture that’s particularly susceptible to overcooking, seafood of all sorts is a perfect candidate for poaching.

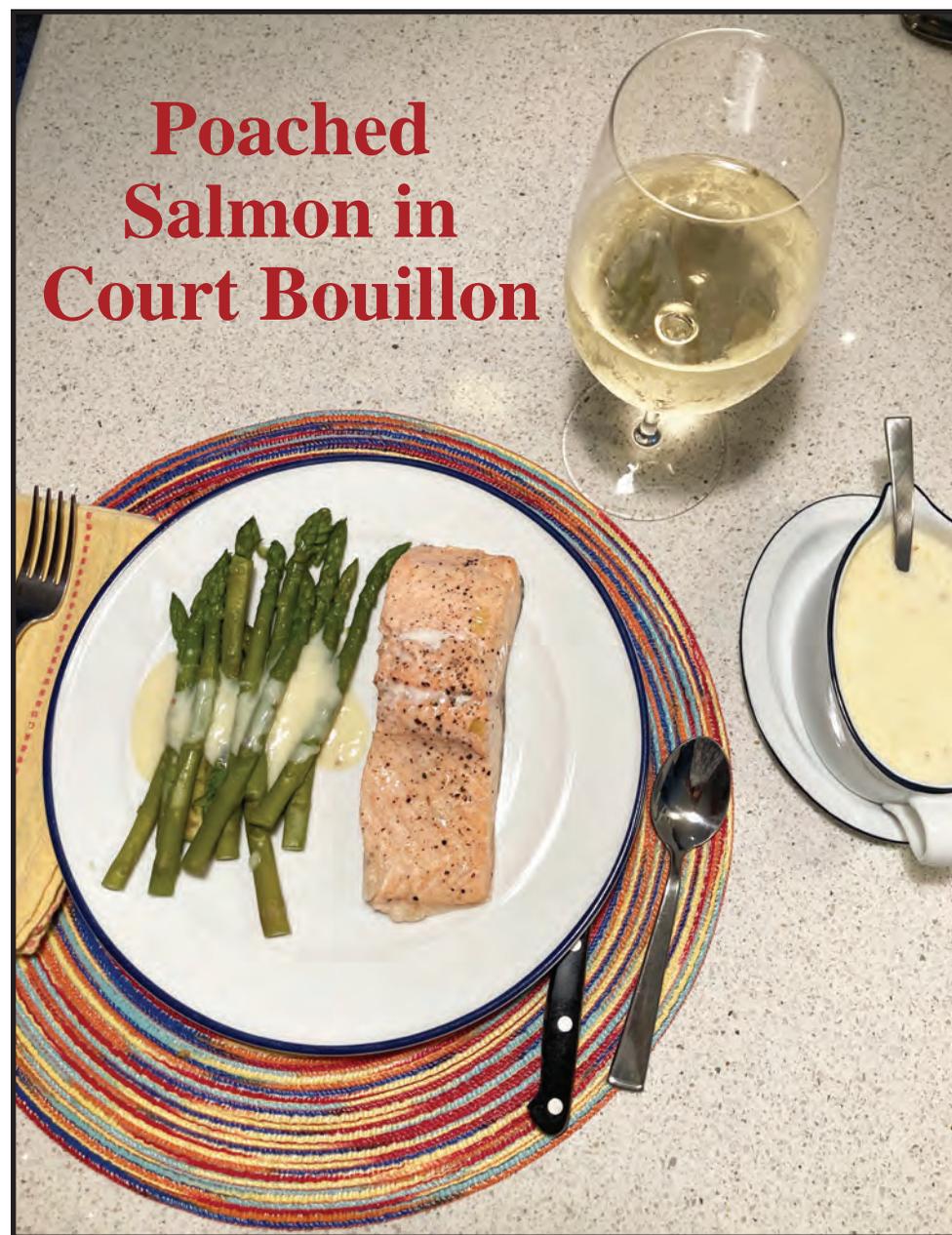
Shrimp, salmon, trout, cod, halibut and other favorite fishes stay moist after poaching and can be served hot, chilled, or at room temperature.

Get hooked on some of my favorite preparations. Start with this easy technique for poaching salmon fillets in a skillet or try poached cod in tomato broth.

For a truly delicious experience, try poaching seafood in olive oil or butter. This oil-poached halibut with fennel, tomatoes and mashed potatoes is great.

Chicken

If you haven’t tried poached chicken (especially chicken breast), it’s time to see what you’ve been missing. Because the results do not look especially glamorous (pale, unadorned meat in a thin broth), it’s easy to write off this cooking method. But poaching is one of the very best ways to



Poached Salmon in Court Bouillon

prepare chicken for salads, pot pies, enchiladas, and so many other dishes that call for cooked chicken as a main ingredient.

Since poaching maintains moisture and tenderness, the chicken in your recipe will never taste like “leftovers.”

For a quick, delicious dinner, try lemon-ginger chicken and green beans and poached-chicken cups with ginger-scallion oil.

Fruit

Poaching is one of my favorite ways to turn fresh fruit into an elegant dessert.

This method is particularly good for transforming under-ripe stone fruits into something tender and flavorful.

Poached fruit can be served simply with whipped cream spooned over cake or baked into elaborate pastries.

COURT BOUILLON

Ingredients

- 5 cups of cold water
- 1 cup white wine
- 2 ribs celery
- 1 leek (white part only)
- 1 onion quarter
- 1 lemon cut in half
- 1 bay leaf

- 1 teaspoon peppercorns
- 2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 sprig fresh parsley

Directions

Place the water and wine in a pot. Slice the celery into 1/8 inch slices. Cut the leek in half, wash and thinly slice the white part. Dice the onion and add everything into the liquid. Cut the lemon in half and squeeze in the juice. Add the bay leaf, peppercorns and salt and parsley and bring to a simmer. Once the liquid comes to a simmer, turn off the heat. Cover with a lid and let steep for 30 minutes.

POACHED SALMON FILLETS

Ingredients

- 6 cups strained court bouillon
- 2 carrots diced
- 1 celery diced
- 1 small onion peeled and halved
- 1/2 lemon thinly sliced
- salt
- 4 skinless salmon fillets 6 oz each

Directions

In a large straight-sided skillet or heavy pot, combine court bouillon, carrots, celery, onion, lemon and 1 1/2 tea-

spoon salt.

Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover and cook eight minutes.

Season salmon with salt and gently lower into the simmering liquid. Reduce to a very gentle simmer. Cover and cook until salmon is opaque throughout, about 5 minutes. Using a wide slotted spatula remove salmon from liquid.

CHICKEN BREAST POACHED in BUTTERMILK

Ingredients

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1 quart buttermilk
- 4 sprigs sage
- 4 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
- Course salt and ground pepper
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1 small shallot minced
- 1/4 cup chopped cornichons
- 2 teaspoons capers, rinsed
- 1 head escarole
- 4 radishes sliced
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Directions

Let chicken stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Reserve 3 tablespoons of buttermilk for dressing. Place the rest in a large Dutch oven with sage and garlic.

Season chicken with salt and pepper and submerge in a single layer in buttermilk mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until liquid is shimmering but not simmering - about 170 degrees.

Poach chicken, turning occasionally, until the breast register 150 degrees - about 15 minutes. Slice chicken.

In a medium bowl, combine yogurt, shallot, cornichons, capers, lemon zest and juice, and reserved buttermilk. Season with salt. Arrange escarole on a platter, top with chicken slices, radishes, almonds. Serve with the dressing on the side.

MINTED POACHED PEACHES

Ingredients

- 6 firm ripe peaches
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, split
- 2 strips lemon zest
- 1 large mint sprig, plus more serving
- 4 cups water

Directions

Using a paring knife, lightly score “x” into bottom of peaches. In a large saucepan, combine sugar, vanilla, lemon zest and water. Cook over medium heat stirring occasionally, until sugar has dissolved.

Add peaches and enough water to cover. Bring to a bare simmer, and cook, turning occasionally, until peaches are easily pierced with a skewer.

Remove peaches with a slotted spoon. Let cool slightly. Using a paring knife, peel peaches then return to syrup. Serve with mint sprigs.

Sometimes life can thrive in unusual places

Early one morning, while my husband and I were enjoying our front patio, my husband started to pull a weed that was growing in the crack between the patio and pavers.

But your kind-hearted chef said, "No. Let that grow to whatever it will be."

The seed God planted, and which my husband faithfully watered, became a zucchini plant of all things.

It reminds me life can endure, and maybe even thrive, in adverse situations. The surprising plant inspired this column.



Science of Cooking Healthy Food
By Marie

Email questions, suggestions and comments to
Marie
marieshealthyfood@gmail.com



The Science

Summer squash offers a secret to weight-loss. (1) This is because summer squash is 95 percent water. It is basically water in vegetable form and yet you can get a satiated feeling from eating as much as you want.

Just be sure to eat veggies and salads before the rest of your meal.

Even though we consider zucchini a vegetable, it's technically a fruit because it comes from a flower. It grows from a golden blossom that blooms under the leaves.

If you're lucky, my dear chefs, you'll come across squash blossoms, which are edible raw or stuffed, battered and fried.

Sautéed Summer Squash

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup red bell pepper, coarsely chopped
1 medium zucchini squash, 1/4 inch slices
1 medium yellow squash, 1/4 inch slices
Salt, pepper and oregano
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 scallions, chopped
2 tablespoons salsa (optional)

1. Preheat large skillet over medium high heat. Add oil.
2. Add red peppers and squash.
3. Sauté 12 to 14 minutes until tender. Stir occasionally to prevent burning.
4. Add salt, pepper, oregano, parsley, and scallions.
5. In last 5 minutes lower heat and cover. Add salsa for more seasoning and color. Serves two.

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Time for summer squash

Summer squash is so versatile, simple to prep and quick to cook. This makes it perfect for summer cooking.

My dear chefs, you can prepare it in so many ways: grill, sauté, fry, braise, roast, purée, bake.

It can be used in breads, cakes, muffins, egg dishes or soups.

Summer squash, as the name suggests, peaks during the summer months before its rind hardens.

The crop dates back to 5500 B.C.E. where it was in the diets of Central and South American people, according to the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

Italians are thought to have bred modern zucchini from squash from colonial America. "Zucca" is actually the Italian word for squash. That's why you'll see zucchini referred to as "Italian squash" in some recipes.

Health Value

Vegetables belong up front and center on your dinner plate for their nutritional value. (1)

Zucchini makes the perfect complement for a heavy meal. One cup of sliced zucchini has about 19 calories. That's 40-50 percent lower than the same serving size for other low-cal green veggies like broccoli and Brussels sprouts.

Zucchini has a good amount of potassium — 8 percent of recommended daily value (RDV).

According to the American Heart Association, potassium can help control blood pressure because it lessens the harmful effects of salt on your body. Studies suggest that boosting your potassium intake (while also curbing sodium)

can slash stroke risk and may also lower odds of developing heart disease.

Zucchini is also high in antioxidant vitamin C. One cup of sliced zucchini has about 33 percent RDV. It may help the lining of blood cells function better, lowering blood pressure and protecting against clogged arteries.

Disclaimer

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

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Balance

Sudden loss of balance



Eyes

Sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes



Face

Sudden facial weakness or drooping



Arms

Sudden weakness or numbness



Speech

Sudden slurred speech or difficulty speaking



Time

If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately, noting the time of the onset of symptoms.

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SECONDS

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*On average

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BUILDING REPORTS



Former Chicago secretary is having more fun making jewelry in Clearwater

What makes a building special?
Easy answer - the people.

As a reporter, sometimes it is hard to interview a neighbor. But a woman in our building caught my attention for her determination and strength, and I am so proud to share her story with you.

Meet Concetta Borrelli.
Connie to her friends.

As a young divorcee with two small children, Connie worked hard as a legal secretary in Chicago. She rented for 10 years and then purchased her first home in 1998 with an Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan.

When the economy worsened in 2008, Connie was determined to put her 401K nest egg to good use before losing more money. She purchased her dream condominium - a winter getaway at On Top of the World in Clearwater.

After retiring in 2015, Connie decided she had enough of the harsh winters in Chicago and sold her Chicago house. She then proceeded to purchase a second, larger condominium here at OTOW.

This second condominium is her present home.

Renovations and upgrades were made at the second condominium while Connie continued to live at the first purchased condominium. The first condo



sold in 2020.

To balance her drive to succeed in life, Connie enjoys spending time with her two grown children and four grandchildren.

Connie has a lot of hobbies, such as handmade jewelry, including earrings, necklaces, bracelets, candle making, oil painting, gardening and travel.

I must admit, I own several of Connie's personally made jewelry pieces and these, along with her other crafting skills, make beautiful one-of-a-kind gifts for every occasion.

Feel free to contact me should you want more information about this amazing woman.



Connie Borrelli is famous for her homemade jewelry, including some of the pieces pictured here. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

50 YEARS
ON TOP OF THE WORLD
NEWS

There are 16 buildings represented in this edition of OTOW News. If your building does not have a writer, your news is getting left out. Do you know if your building has a writer? Would you like to volunteer? If no story has been submitted for your building in the past 12 months, the position is considered open. Contact Doug Kates in the newsroom (727) 799-3216.

CareLift operations returning to normal and current OTOW volunteers think you should consider joining

By Cecile Sangiamo

CareLift has six transportation vans and currently provides about 1000 free rides per month, including 100 rides to On Top of the World residents.

Behind some of those rides are three volunteers from right here in our On Top of the World community - Rae Marie Roberts with 27 years, Zahava Glickman with 25 years and Joan Sopok with six years.

All three said assisting residents to their doctor appointments and to hospitals is the greatest feelings in the world.

"We say thank you back to them because we are privileged to provide the service," Zahava said. "We go to bed at night knowing we did something good."

But CareLift is coming out of the COVID-19 crisis and the demand for rides could go back to normal soon, which is 1500-1800 rides per month, including 150-180 in our community alone.

CareLift is in need for more volunteers to make this transition possible. There are openings for drivers, driver aides and dispatchers.

So many people in this area can no longer drive, but still need to get to medical services. Even if the car is at the mechanic shop, this service is still available to residents.

If you like driving, and like helping people, here is an opportunity to get involved and it can be for only four hours a week or more if one chooses. Volunteers get a \$7 meal allowance.

Technically, the service is free, but voluntary donations are given to cover gas and phones.



CareLift volunteers help people get to their destinations. CareLift is currently looking for drivers, aides and dispatchers.

Strict sanitization programs are currently in place. Masks are worn by all, even now. That includes patients as well as accompanying family members. Hand sanitizers are used as well. The vans are wiped down before and after each trip.

Never, at any time, did any of our three volunteers feel any risk to their own health.

All volunteers are required to get an annual flu shot and while COVID vac-

cines are not required, currently all volunteers have been vaccinated.

CareLift is based at Mease Hospital in Dunedin. The van will take residents to the Mease Dunedin Hospital Campus, Mease Countryside Hospital Campus, Morton Plant Hospital Campus, East Lake Out Patient Center, Turley Family Medical Center and Palm Harbor Rehabilitation Center.

Only 10 percent of CareLift rides

are OTOW residents. The service area covers up to Tarpon Springs and all the way south to Largo, from bay to bay, east to west. If anyone is interested in getting more information on the CareLift volunteer program, contact Debra Reed at Mease Dunedin Hospital, 727-734-6046.

"We have a great group of volunteers at CareLift and it is a very fulfilling volunteer opportunity," she said.



Ray Curtis performed for residents at the Flamenco building.

Flamenco rocks to live music

What better way to end the month of June than with a full night of music and food? Musical guest of the Flamenco Building was Ray Curtis, who has been playing instruments for more than 40 years.

Although he was born in Mansfield, Ohio, he has traveled around the country.

During time in Nashville, he played with multiple backup bands.

After a lifetime on the road, he now lives in the sunshine state where he performs at several local venues.

Ray sang at our building with his acoustic guitar, along with recorded backup tracks, so it felt like there was a full band on stage.

He played all the favorites, including Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock 'N Roll" and Credence Clearwater Revival's "Bad Moon A Rising."

Ray was well-versed in country and rock. It was a lively night with the oldies from "Mustang Sally" to Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall" to the Eagles' "Hotel California."

A few brave souls were even dancing to "Honky Tonk Woman." The event was orchestrated by Lorraine Gendron.



Join Orizaba residents for a Threshers game

Jim and Karen Costello are organizing an outing to see a Clearwater Threshers minor league baseball game. Group tickets will be purchased for a special seating area.

They need 30 people to attend, so respond quickly and beat the rush. The opportunity to attend is open to everyone and it is really a lot of fun being there. Here is the information:

The Threshers vs. St. Lucie Mets, 12 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14.

Here is a chance to see potential future major leaguers, perhaps a future star, as their career begins.

According to mlb.com, there are currently six pitchers who are among the top 30 Mets prospects on the St. Lucie team. The Clearwater team has seven players among the Phillies top 30 prospects.

Imagine picking out the one with your scout's eye and having him emerge as a major league all-star.

It is \$20 for the game which includes all-you-can-eat hot dogs, slider burgers, barbequed pulled chicken, black beans and corn, ice cream sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and bottled water. The last game I attended in a similar group section, the hot dogs were the size of Italian sausages.

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The contact if you wish to reserve your place is 856-579-0125; nerakas@aol.com.

Cash only please!



For new reporter, first drive past globe was memorable

My name is Katie Bajis and I am the new reporter for the Azores building.

I am one of two new residents who just moved into our building during the month of May.

Beth Mitsch came to the On Top of the World community from Illinois. She is absolutely delighted with the Clearwater area and the opportunities it offers for recreation.

Beth says all the residents she has met are outgoing and friendly. She is looking forward to a very relaxed, but busy life here in OTOW.

I came here with a friend after driving all night from Virginia.

We arrived at dawn and when we saw the huge globe, statues and beautiful green grass and trees, my friend immediately asked, "Are you sure we're in the right place? This is beautiful."

We drove past many colorful buildings with their own unique architecture.

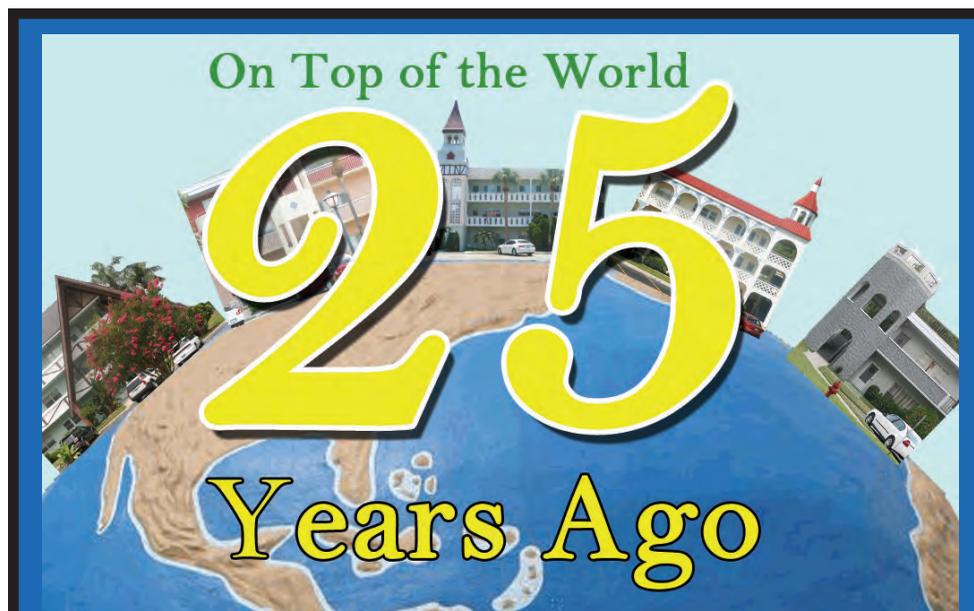
In the cool, early morning light, the



pastel buildings brought to mind foreign cities, adventure and travel.

The community was so peaceful and exotic that it seemed like we had stepped through a portal to another world.

I am thrilled to be here now and love the community. This is a terrific place to meet friends and enjoy life.



By Dave Hart
August, 1997

• **New England Club:** The next New England Club's breakfast, at which all OTOW residents are invited and encouraged to attend, will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1997, at 9 a.m. at the Sunset Point Family Restaurant. Strictly social, we order directly from the menu. No reservations are required. Twenty-five were in attendance in July. Can we top that number this August? The more the merrier! The "Out-to-Lunch Bunch" will be held at Alfano's, 1702 Clearwater-Largo Rd., on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997, at 1 p.m. Members and guests of members are invited. The maximum number is 30. First come, first served! Please call Mary T. Miller for a reservation.

• **Shalom Club:** Shalom Club members should be pleased with the varied programming for this coming season. President Elaine Stern, with Vice President Steve Tolkin, arranged for us all to enjoy our Shalom Club's efforts. The great team of elected appointed officers, along with the much-appreciated volunteers, makes it all happen. All of which reminds me that our \$5 annual dues are due and will be accepted at our planned activities in August and September of 1997. Please make your membership check payable to the Shalom Club.

• **Men's Golf:** We want to extend a big bundle of thanks to Floyd Thrower and company, or "Flame Thrower," as they call him, who has worked so diligently preparing and installing the software on our computer program for tee times, handicaps, member listings, etc. The first trial run was July 16, 1997. Hole-in-One! Howard Chapel aced the 9th hole on June 13, 1997, using his 4-iron. This excitement was witnessed by the other members of his foursome: Paul Pizor, Walt Walton and John Horsley. Nice going, Howard. Howard chose a trophy for his prize instead of a Hole-in-One cap.

• **Thursday Mixed Bowling:** Important date for your bowling calendar: Thursday, Oct. 2, 1997. As we completed our last season, we had a satisfactory list of returnees for this coming season. But we do need additional new bowlers to replace the few who found it necessary to cancel this season. If you signed up at the end of last season and now find you cannot bowl, who please call me. We would also welcome new bowlers who are interested in joining our league. Thank you for your cooperation.

• **Americana Building:** Our new residents are Laura Broberg, from Nebraska, and Anita and Raymond Woolsey, from East Meadows, Long Island, N.Y. Hope you get a chance to welcome them at some of our affairs. Lena and Harold Simons' guest was nephew Mervin Gregory from Syracuse, N.Y., who will be residing in Treasure Island. Dorothy Allen entertained her nephew, John, and his wife, Terri Henderson, from Center Sandwich, New Hampshire, for a few days. Ann Talner drove up to Daytona Beach for a week. Then rested up and flew to Cleveland to attend a wedding and continued to Connecticut to visit with family.

• **Melbourne Building:** It seems the Melbourne Building is experiencing a renewal. It is a delight to see more new smiling faces. We want to welcome Bill and Amelia Hoerle, Selena Hamlyn, and Everett and Pricilla, all on the Irish Lane Side. On the Haitian side, we have Robert and Florence Peacock, who just moved in. Florence tells me she is very happy to be here in Melbourne and we are happy to have her and Bob and all our other new arrivals. I hope all will plan to attend our Octoberfest. Here's a reminder that everyone should regularly check the building bulletin board for upcoming events and activities.

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Active Bohemians enjoy dinner together at The Great Catch

Summer is the time when life is supposed to be lazy. This is not true for Bohemians.

The building celebrated the Fourth of July with a potluck dinner that 38 residents attended.

What makes this annual pot luck dinner special is a white elephant gift exchange. Just a few of the items that changed hands were a sandwich maker, a hand-painted flower pot, a pale green vase with colorful silk flowers, a decorated candle complete with holder, and a macramé beach bag.

This event is always fun and brings lots of laughter.

Our monthly night out was to Oldsmar. There, 20 residents enjoyed seafood at The Great Catch.

It was noted that restaurant selections made by our social committee have included a variety of cuisines and the consensus is the committee has made good choices.

Girls Day Out this time took them to Tarpon Springs to visit the Leppa-Rattner Museum of Art on the University of South Florida campus. It is no surprise that being in Tarpon Springs, the girls decided that a Greek restaurant for lunch was mandatory.

Our building family has expanded. I would like to introduce you to three new members of our family.

Hello to Tony Abdalla. Tony moved to



our vicinity from Ohio a number of years ago from his position as a computer programmer for GTE, which we now know as Verizon. He stays busy interacting with his three sons who all reside in Clearwater.

Our next new resident is Faith McMahon who moved from upstate New York. Faith is a registered dietitian as well as a certified diabetic educator. She is the mother of two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. She has a wide variety of hobbies which include woodworking, sewing, gardening, painting, photography, fishing, kayaking and most interesting, bee-keeper.

We welcome Wisam Elyas, who is known among friends as Sammy. She was originally from Egypt, but upon moving to



Rick Kipe and Wisam Elyas, right, attend an Entertainment Committee dance in the auditorium. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

the U.S. eventually took up residence in Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Wisam was a primary care physician there.

She is the mother of three children. Her two daughters reside in Memphis while

her son is living in Michigan. Her hobbies include cooking and reading.

Wisam is already involved with many On Top of the World activities. Pictured is a photograph of her at our last dance in the auditorium.

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Southern Georgian residents encouraged to join monthly lunch outing

The latest Southern Georgian get-together bloomed at Rumba's Island Bar & Grill.

The eight who attended seemed like a much larger group as we shared pictures via cellphones.

We discussed each others' dogs, cats and families as we munched over lunch.

In the evening, a group of building residents toured around the block with their dogs, greeting people who live in the odd and even numbered condos of this building.

Many residents were part of the lunch bunch.

Vacations are always a hot topic, especially in the summer, as residents get away from the heat to take pleasure in family and friends. Some residents were headed to New York State, while other residents had relatives visiting here at On Top of the World.

We also discussed how to encourage more people to get involved in our lunch



bunch.

Our building has a mix of people who work during the day, who are retirees, and who play golf or tennis during the day, so lunch bunch needs to find alternate times and monthly dates so anyone who wants to participate can.

If you have a story for the newspaper, please email me at kesfoto64@gmail.com.

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Valencia residents take in a ball game and fireworks to celebrate month of July



Last month, July, we were halfway through our annual trip around the sun.

Is it me or are we doing it faster every year?

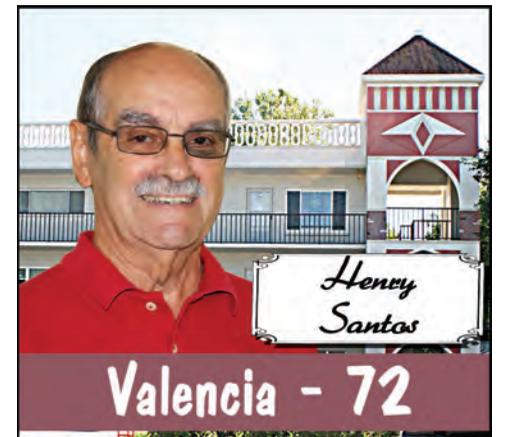
July also seems to be the kick-off point for cookouts, barbecues, parades and fireworks.

On the Fourth of July alone, it is estimated that we use nearly 250 million pounds of gunpowder in fireworks celebrations in the United States. That seems like a lot to me and then "boom," it's all gone.

We all like parades, so here's a little fact: Bristol, R.I., holds the record for the longest continuous running Fourth of July parade dating back to 1785.

And here is a fun fact about the hot dog in our cookouts: They tell us we consume about 150 million of those little buggers on the Fourth alone.

This past July, Gus and Joy Ann Longo hosted a group from our building on a trip to the ballpark to see a Clearwater Threshers baseball game. While the home team lost this one, it was still a lot of fun, plus we ate the obligatory hot dog and saw



a great fireworks display.

Good job, Gus and Joy Ann.

On Top of the World maintenance layed down some new, badly-needed grass in front of one of our units and they also rebuilt the south side car wash area along with a new hose. Now there is no excuse for not keeping our cars nice and clean.

Thanks, OTOW.

Just a reminder, keep checking the bulletin board in the core for future building news and activities.

At left, residents from the Valencia building attend a Threshers game in July and stayed for a fireworks show.



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Every food imaginable was prepared by Royale Dutch residents for a Fourth of July party



The Royal Dutch building held its first "potluck" July 4th gathering last month.

There were a total of 27 residents who participated. Many volunteered to set up the breezeway with tables whereby food was placed on them.

Diana Ware posted a sign-up sheet with different categories of food where residents signed the sheet and indicated what food they were bringing.

Tables were also set up to accommodate residents who brought their own chairs.

The variety of dishes included hot dogs, ribs, pulled pork, pork short ribs, pasta dish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, baked corn, meat and cheese tray, pretzels and chips with dip, fruit tray, chocolate chip cookies, homemade baklava and special 4th of July cupcakes with strawberry filling.

Many thanks to everyone who vol-



Residents line up for food at a Fourth of July party hosted by the Royale Dutch building.

unteered their time to set up and prepare dishes go to: Dom and Janet Gentile, Jan and Ken Smith, Valerie Nicholson, Sta-

cey Rush, Diana Ware, Linda and Murray Cassaro-Talasnick, Ann and Bill Neidig, Ann Gerhling, Lou Messier, Anna Reilly,

Christine Judge, Jay Neenan, Ken and Ellen Tapper, Gerry Francis and finally Helen and Joe DeChiaro.

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A new building committee is forming



You have heard the phrase, “no news is good news?”

Well, I have good news updates for you.

There are several residents who wish to form a committee at the Granada building.

We will have a leader, co-leader and wing captains. Those who wish to participate, please call or text Linda Faust: (563) 588-1379 or Toni Young (770) 313-1450.

We will hold a meeting to help organize building functions, to provide residents with information, maintain a building budget, and overall to help make our building be a better place to live.

We expect to meet four times a year.

Please make certain that everything in your storage unit is neatly organized and easily identified. Mark your name, unit number and current date. We are trying to make space for new tenants and removing items belonging to those that no longer live in our building.

Do not move other people’s things. Call a building captain if you have issues



Residents meet for lunch at the Rooster Fish Restaurant in Clearwater.

with your space.

Randy Cox has extra storage shelves if needed.

We are trying to work on this together, so please be patient.

There will be a post on the bulletin board for further information.

I would like to thank all of you who replied to me and sent your emergency contact information to add to our roster. The information will only be used in an emergency. We will have it available if needed. Thank you again!

We had our monthly luncheon at the Rooster Fish Restaurant in Clearwater. We will join our neighbors on Aug. 8 at noon

at the Ozona Blue Grilling Company, 125 Orange Street in Palm Harbor. Please let us know if you are attending by signing up on the luncheon sign up sheet next to elevator in the main lobby. Barb Jamrozy will make our reservations for us. Thank you, Barb.

We will always have a meeting on the green every fourth Thursday from 4–5 p.m. in the main lobby. We can discuss any building comments and questions, welcome new neighbors and just get to know each other. Bring a chair, and your favorite libation and chime in!

We are asking at this time to collect \$15 or more to benefit our building bud-

get. At this time, due to the lack of contact and COVID, we have not made any collections in two years.

The money is used for building decorations, supplies, coffee and donuts for those that do the annual building decorations, etc. Please help make our building one of the best. Our Christmas wreaths look like “Charlie Brown” wreaths and we would like to spruce them up or replace them.

Happy Birthday to our building busy bee and captain, Linda Faust in late June.

As always, have a great month ... until the next news time!

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This zucchini plant is growing wild at the Vienesse Villa building.

Jack will not climb down from the clouds, but we may get a zucchini

What you are looking at is not “Jack and the bean stalk,” rather Randae Torrette and her mystery vine.

Randae and her husband, Harry, were enjoying their patio one morning when they spotted weeds in the cracks.

One rather strange “weed” caught Randae’s eye, but being “kind of heart” she decided to leave it be.

Under Randae’s watchful eye and care, that “little weed” grew and grew into a flourishing zucchini plant you see in the photo.

Yes, Randae has a “green thumb” along with her other talents.

Many years ago, Randae and Harry left their home at On Top of the World for a large ranch up in Brooksville Ridge. The ranch, complete with pure bred Black Angus cattle, other “critters” and, of course, a greenhouse, allowed them to grow a wide variety of vegetables and berries to fuel her love of creating wonderful meals.

After some 10 years of ranching, they decided to return to our corner of paradise. Our gain. Brooksville’s loss.

So, if you’re walking on Finlandia Drive, have a look at this very large green vine happily taking over their patio.

In other news, recently Cheryl McKay attended a very large family reunion in Tennessee.

Family members came from all across the country. Cheryl reports it was fun meeting new members of the family as well as catching up with the older ones.

She did say she was very glad to be



home once again.

Our wonderful East Activity Center swimming pool has a new filtration system that is far kinder on bathing suits and skin as well.

If you haven’t attended the summer aerobics in the pool, it is marvelous. Every morning water aerobics takes place 9 to 10 a.m.

If you don’t have a gym/pool card, I suggest getting one. The new gate system at the pool will only be accessed with the “swipe” card when operational.

Gentle reminder. Please no large items left in trash room. Also please double bag garbage that has an aroma.

So until next we meet again, happy birthday and anniversary to all in August. Wear a mask and be safe.

Any news fit to print send along to frasca@maine.rr.com

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It's good to have angels

The New World French Wing Angels organize monthly ladies lunches and birthday dinners each month, also special events during the year.

Dues are collected each November. Virginia Upton is the treasurer and has been for many years.

We recently had a new flag installed at the front of the building. We also supply table covers, plates and anything necessary for the events we have for the building.

We also have Happy Hour, weather permitting. Some residents host a get-together in their home, when it's so hot, so a good time is had by all. Events like these help us get to know your neighbors.



In the photo at right, the Wing Angels prepare a table at a recent event in the building. Working, from left to right in dark blue shirts, are Audrey Fontaine, Patricia Cullen-Davis, Reta Carney and Carlee Layton. In light blue is resident Beth Debeck.

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When you have a couple who enjoys organizing parties - just let them at it!



New Rizal building residents Ray and Robbin Klaver enjoy organizing gatherings and they are really good at it!

For the second time this summer, this fabulous couple organized a great gathering for our building residents.

The first summer gathering was for Cinco de Mayo and the second great event was a food, fun, fellowship and friend-fest occurrence on Independence Day.

We would not be surprised if there wasn't another gathering before summer's end.

Rizal residents – keep an eye on the bulletin board.

Our Fourth of July picnic was well-attended and included several new building members joining in the festivities.

We were also blessed to have Ray Wil-



lis and his lovely wife, Trudy, join us from the Hawaiian Towers building across the street to serenade us with some patriotic bagpipe music.

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Plenty of indoor shows, concerts and sports to keep you cool in August

As we move towards the dog days of summer, people have grown tired of the continuous heat and humidity. So, it is time to take a break and visit a local theater to enjoy a show in the comfort of air conditioning.

Until Aug. 7 at the Straz Center in Tampa, the musical comedy “Nunsense: A-Men” is playing. The story unfolds as Sister Julia accidentally poisons 52 sisters with her soup and then problems unfold. The nuns’ funds aren’t enough to cover the multiple burial costs, so Mother Superior, portrayed by award-winning local actor and drag performer Matthew McGee, organizes a talent show fundraiser to raise the money. Based on the original Nunsense show, these “sisters” are “brothers.” Think of it as “Mrs. Doubtfire enters the convent.”

On Aug. 3 at Raymond James Stadium, The Weeknd performs. He is a Canadian singer-songwriter and record producer known for his sonic versatility and dark lyricism. His music explores escapism, romance and melancholia, and is often inspired by personal experiences.

He has received numerous accolades including four Grammy Awards, 20 Billboard Music Awards, 17 Juno Awards, six American Music Awards, two MTV Video Music Awards, and a nomination for an Academy Award.

“Into the Woods” is being staged at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater from Aug. 4-6. This well-known Stephen Sondheim 1987 musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairytales, exploring the consequences of the characters’ wishes and quests.

The main characters are taken from “Little Red Riding Hood,” “Jack and the Beanstalk,” “Rapunzel” and “Cinderella” as well as several other stories.

A Disney film adaptation was released in 2014 and grossed over \$213 million worldwide. It received three nominations at both the Academy Awards and the Golden Globe Awards.

The music group Men at Work will entertain at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Aug. 4. They are an Australian rock band formed in Melbourne in 1978 and best known for breakthrough hits such as “Down Under,”

“Who Can It Be Now?” “Be Good Johnny,” “Overkill” and “It’s a Mistake.”

This band achieved national and international success during the early to mid-1980s. They won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1983 and were inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 1994. They have sold more than 30 million albums worldwide.

Buddy Guy and John Hyatt join forces to perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Aug. 5. George “Buddy” Guy is an American blues guitarist and singer. He is an exponent of Chicago blues who has influenced generations of guitarists including Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Page, Keith Richards, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jeff Beck, Gary Clark Jr. and John Mayer.

In the 1960s, Guy played with Muddy Waters as a session guitarist at Chess Records and began a musical partnership with blues harp virtuoso Junior Wells.

Guy won eight Grammy Awards and Lifetime Achievement Award and Kennedy Center Honors.

John Hyatt is an American singer-songwriter. He has played a variety of musical styles on his albums, including new wave, blues and country. Hyatt has been nominated for nine Grammy Awards and has been awarded a variety of other distinctions in the music industry.

At the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre on Aug. 11, Dire Straits will take to the stage. They are a British rock band formed in London in 1977 and were active from 1977 to 1988, and again from 1990 to 1995.

Dire Straits won four Grammy Awards, three Brit Awards (Best British Group twice), two MTV Video Music Awards and various other awards. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018.

Amalie Arena in Tampa hosts Michael Bublé on Aug. 14. He is an extremely well-known Canadian singer whose first album reached the top 10 in Canada and the United Kingdom. He found a worldwide audience with his 2005 album “It’s Time” and his 2007 album “Call Me Irresponsible,” which reached number one on the Canadian Albums Chart, the United

Kingdom Albums Chart, the US Billboard 200, the Australian ARIA Albums Chart and several European charts.

Michael has sold more than 75 million records worldwide and has won numerous awards, including four Grammy Awards.

He is a dual citizen of Canada and Italy.

On Aug. 16, Christopher Cross performs at the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre. He is an American singer, songwriter, musician and composer from San Antonio.

Christopher won five Grammy Awards for his debut album released in 1979. The singles “Sailing” (1980) and “Arthur’s Theme (Best That You Can Do)” from the 1981 film Arthur peaked at number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. “Sailing” earned three Grammys in 1981 while “Arthur’s Theme” won the Oscar for Best Original Song in 1981.

Randy Rainbow brings his outrageous musical comedy to Ruth Eckerd Hall on Aug. 26. He is an American comedian and singer who is best known for spoof interviews that blend political satire and musical parodies from a progressive perspective. Rainbow was nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award for Best Short Form Variety Series in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

On Aug. 26, The O’Jays bring their concert tour to Tampa at the Straz Center. They are an American R&B group from Canton, Ohio, formed in 1958. They emerged at the forefront of Philadelphia soul with “Back Stabbers” in 1972 and topped the US Billboard Hot 100 the following year with “Love Train.” Several other US R&B hits followed and the O’Jays were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004, The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Rhythm and Blues Music Hall of Fame in 2013.

On Aug. 27 at the Florida State Fairgrounds, Santana and Earth, Wind and Fire will perform together.

Santana is an American rock band formed in San Francisco in 1966 by Mexican-American guitarist and songwriter Carlos Santana. Santana had early success

with an appearance at Woodstock in 1969.

Santana is one of the best-selling groups of all time with more than 47 million certified albums sold in the US, and an estimated 100 million sold worldwide. In 2000, the band won six Grammy Awards in one night, a record tied with Michael Jackson.

Earth, Wind & Fire is an American band who has spanned the musical genres of jazz, R&B, soul, funk, disco, pop, EDM, Latin and Afro pop. The band has been described as one of the most innovative and is among the most commercially successful acts in history with sales of more than 90 million records. They are one of the world’s best-selling bands of all time.

The Tampa Bay Rays continue another successful Major League Baseball season at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg with the following August series: Aug. 2-3 vs Toronto Blue Jays, Aug. 12-14 vs Baltimore Orioles, Aug. 18-21 vs Kansas City Royals and Aug. 22-25 vs. Los Angeles Angels.

The Tampa Bay Rowdies will play two soccer matches in St Petersburg on Aug. 6 vs Detroit City FC and Aug. 27 vs Orange County FC.

Looking ahead to September, “Follies” will be playing at Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater.

An old theater in New York faces the wrecking ball, so a reunion of Follies girls descends for one last night in this musical drama. Ghosts of the past haunt the proceedings, causing many in attendance to reflect on the follies of the past, while questioning the future.

This blend of tuneful nostalgia, showbiz razzle dazzle and emotional regret won seven Tony Awards, including Best Score for composer Stephen Sondheim.

This Clearwater premiere Sept. 1-18 is a haunting, wistful trip down memory lane, at times touching, funny, beautiful and melancholy.

Don’t worry, as cooler weather is just around the corner.

In the meantime, let’s enjoy the August entertainment “Around the Bay!”

Englander residents celebrate building's 30th birthday



By Terri Mikszenas

It is celebration time at the Englander! Happy birthday to our 30-year-old building.

Built in 1992, the Englander building, No. 78 at On Top of the World, continues to stand strong all these years while keeping our condo homes safe and secure from the hurricanes and disasters of Florida living.

With appreciation and fellowship in mind, we decided to celebrate and have a party that included a catered meal, a game for luck and a Q&A session aimed to get to know one another better and share some laughs.

A photo album, featuring photos of the building's construction and snapshots of parties from the past, was a hit feature.

Jean Kelly, our building's longest original owner/resident, narrated some of the



Shown above are Englander residents sharing laughs with party favors during the building's 30th birthday bash. At right, looking pretty and stylish, Dorothy Algozzina celebrated her 95th birthday during a surprise party with friends and family.

building's history.

Party favors, a photo shoot and an ice cream cake topped off the building's celebration.

Couldn't waste a good party and not take this opportunity to celebrate Dorothy Algozzina who was awaiting her 95th birthday at the end of the month. Dorothy was looking forward to celebrating with her son,

George, and her many Florida friends.

George told us his daughter, niece and grandchildren from California were planning a surprise visit for her at a party being held later in the month in her honor. We are sure it was a grand celebration and wish Dorothy good health and many returns of the occasion.



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Mets fans take in Keith Hernandez Day and get pictures taken with 'Tom Seaver'

Rural French held its July luncheon on Thursday, July 14. It was hosted by Norma McClellan and held at BJ's Restaurant, where we take advantage of the \$10 lunch menu.

Everybody enjoyed a good time and good conversation.

With the hot summer months here, it's always nice to get together with friends and neighbors to enjoy a good meal.

We hope to see more people at our next luncheon.

AnyNewYorkMet fans out there?

We found two diehard Mets fans in our building.

Bruce and Sue Personius, Snowbirds who live in Prattsburgh, N.Y., try to never miss a Mets televised game.

While back in New York this summer, Bruce and Sue drove from their home in Prattsburgh to Johnson City, N.Y., where they then took a bus trip to a Mets game at Citi Field.

It was Keith Hernandez Day on July 9 - the day he got his No. 17 jersey retired.

Bruce was disappointed. By the time they arrived at the stadium, the Keith Hernandez bobblehead dolls were already all given away.

Once they got to their seats, however, things changed for the better. They watched the retirement ceremony for Keith Hernandez and then the game started.

The New York Mets took on the Florida Marlins. There was a lot of



excitement for the next nine innings and then it still wasn't over. The game was tied and went into the 10th inning before the Mets finally won 5-4.

Happy with the win, Bruce had just one more thing to do before he could leave the stadium.

Bruce has always idolized 1992 Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver, who is argued to have been the greatest pitcher of all time.

Bruce and Sue searched the stadium for the famous Tom Seaver statue. Once it was found outside the stadium, pictures were taken of Bruce and Sue to make the day complete.

Back to the bus for the long ride back to Johnson City and then on to Prattsburgh.

If you have a story you'd like to put in our building report, contact your wing captain or this reporter with the information.



Sue and Bruce Personius stand in front of a Tom Seaver statue at Citi Bank ballfield, home of the New York Mets.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office presents 'Avoiding Fear-Based Scams' on Sept. 1

By Dave Beaven

According to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the most common crime reported here in our community is fraud.

Sometimes it's someone calling you up on the phone saying that they are from the IRS and you owe taxes. They want you to verify their information with personal information like your date of birth, social security number, address, etc.

They then threaten you with arrest if you don't pay up using a prepaid debit card or a wire transfer.

Please realize the IRS never operates this way.

Another example of a scam occurs via an email to you that your credit card



has been locked due to suspicious activity.

The email asks you to verify your identity by entering your credit card number, expiration date and three digit security code to confirm you are you.

Of course, when you do, the scam-

mers are off and running charging items on your account.

Oftentimes, the crooks also end up getting enough information on you that they can also apply for credit in your name and cause a lot of headaches for you in trying to clear your record.

But you have a weapon.

The most powerful word in the English language is "no."

Remember that the crooks have a lot of experience in fooling people. They won't take the first no. They'll blow past it. But keep saying it.

"No thanks."

"No, don't need it."

"No, can't talk anymore."

Eventually, the fraudster gets the message and moves on to the next prospect, and you've saved yourself a lot of trouble.

In line with the above topic, on Thursday, Sept. 1, Neighborhood Watch will be welcoming a guest from the sheriff's office. Deputy Chuck Skipper will be in the Largo Room at the East Activity Center from 9-11 a.m. During the first hour, drop by for coffee and you'll have an opportunity to speak to him in person.

Then at 10 a.m., the deputy will be giving a presentation on the topic of Avoiding Fear-Based Scams.

For more information on our Neighborhood Watch group, go to our official webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

Classifieds

Any On Top of the World resident with a valid Activity Card can place one classified ad in OTOW News each month. You are limited to 20 words, which includes your phone number. You may not use OTOW News classifieds to sell vehicles, your condo, or anything valued at \$500 or more. You may not use this section to find a roommate, rent your condo and for dating services. Classifieds can be dropped off in the newsroom during business hours or placed in our drop box in the Crystal Beach Room. Classifieds cannot be submitted over the telephone.

SEASON THEATER SEATS

For sale: Eight single seats to shows at Francis Wilson Theater the remainder of the year. Asking \$138. Also selling a 14-piece Burlington Oak bedroom set. Call Pat for price at (727) 288-7832.

DINETTE TABLE

For sale: Dinette table with four chairs. Table is 42-inches round. Asking \$174. Two 26-inch bikes (one men's and one women's). Asking \$125 for both. Call (607) 215-6496 or (727) 474-6273.

DISNEY DOORMATS

For sale: Two new Disney doormats. Asking \$10 each. One platform rocker, dark wood, nice. Asking \$35. Electric foot massager \$10. Silver Keurig Cup holder. Call Helen at (727) 560-5710.

DINING ROOM TABLE

For sale: Dining room table. Opens to 36-inches wide x 64-inches long, 28-inches high. Comes with five chairs. Asking \$50. Also for sale, computer cabinet 31x62 inches. 23-inches deep. Call Helene at (203) 543-5138.

PIANO PLAYER NEEDED

The On Top of the World Chorus is in need of an accomplished pianist for the upcoming holiday concert in December. Rehearsals start this fall. Auditions required. For more information, email Marilyn Zylstra at zyls@sbcglobal.net.

CRIBBAGE PLAYERS WANTED

A group of On Top of the World cribbage players is looking for summer players. Boards and cards provided. Fun, friendly. We meet Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Ozona Room. Interested. Call (727) 215-4882.

MAHJONGG PLAYERS

Wanted: Mahjongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3.30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486.



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Coffee socials return to Brahman building



More than 20 residents packed into Patty Adens' condo for the first coffee clutch at the Brahman building since the start of the pandemic.

Our first order of business was to vote for a Happy Hour location on Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

We decided on the grass triangle on the Costa Rican side of the building and met before the month ended.

Hope Tera volunteered to be hostess for the event.

Moving forward, we decided to have a coffee clutch, happy hour and dinner, each month starting in August.

Check postings and sign-up sheets on our building bulletin board in the center of the core. The bulletin boards near the

For the first time since the pandemic started, residents met for coffee in a resident's condo. The hope is to continue this social event each month.

elevator and Swedish Drive entrance to the core are for club activities.

The previous board has stepped aside in favor of a new committee. The committee currently consists of Patty Aden, Patricia Hayes, Hope Tera, Tony, Joanne Calderone, Marylyn, and Patrick Hayes.

Patty Hayes reported we currently have \$51 in the treasury.

If you wish to volunteer to be on the building committee, please contact a wing captain.

The group unanimously designated building wing captains to funnel event information from the building committee to residents. The committee also hopes to gather contact information and emergency contact information from

residents.

If someone in the building needs help they should feel free to reach out to their wing captains. The designated wing captains are:

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By Tom Jamrozy

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We all come to enjoy a good time at the table as this game is really fun, cheap and easy to learn.

We play on Thursdays in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. If you are new to the game, training starts at 6 p.m. Regular games start at 6:30 p.m. We will play until about 8 p.m.

Bring \$1.25 in change and something to drink. Be prepared to have fun, meet new friends and have a great evening playing Blackout.



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A little rain did not stop Swiss Alps Chalet from its first event at the Pavilion

Eighteen hearty souls showed up for Swiss Alpine's summer picnic on July 9.

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Under the hot, unrelenting sun, we trudged down the path to what felt like an oasis in the desert.



As soon as you enter, the temperature drops to a comfortable level.

The area is huge and can accommodate a large crowd.

While we were enjoying our food, the sky opened up and deluged our chef, building captain Ava Ciolli. She gamely cooked on in the rain. Good thing she was prescient enough to wear her bathing suit!

We all enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors - a nice respite during our hot summer.

Many thanks to Ava Ciolli and Hope Howard for the shopping, set up and all the work they put in to provide us with this enjoyable day.



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Cornhole hosts its first tournament

Congrats to Roger Perry and Robin Goralczyk

By Margaret LeTourneau

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Usually we provide a quick rotation system that allows all players to participate in several games during our 1-3 p.m. time block.

However, last month, Michael Payne noticed that there was an equal number of guys and gals, so he seized the opportunity to create a mini tournament.

Using all three cornhole courts, he grouped everyone into couples for a little competition tournament that involved elimination. The winners of each game eventually played the other winners until all but two players were eliminated.

Congratulations goes to Roger Perry and Robin Goralczyk for winning our first mini tournament!

We do not have tournaments every Monday. This was a special occasion.

We provide opportunities for all levels of ability. We can adjust the game to meet your needs. Everyone can play cornhole!

If you have not tried cornhole yet in the comfort of an air conditioned room, you are missing out on a fun opportunity!



Why not give it a try?

Cornhole is every Monday from 1-3 p.m. in the West Side Activity Center's Belleair Room.

This activity is free and it is sponsored by the Moving and Grooving Club.



Roger Perry and Robin Goralczyk survived a mini tournament to be crowned winners in July.

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OTOW NEWS

WORD MIX

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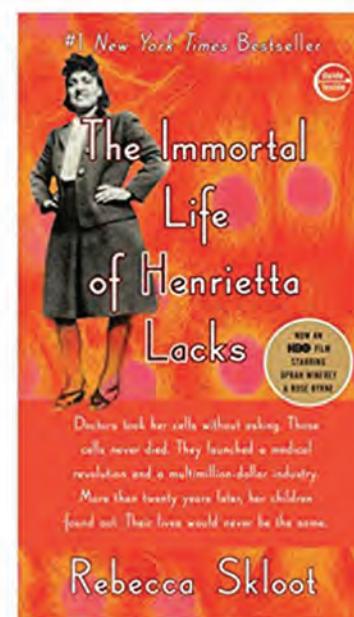
Last month's scrambled words: BUILD, ITEMS, RESCUE, DINNER, ICEBERG, EARPLUG. Secret Word Last Month: BIRDIE



OTOW-TV Channel 732 Daily Schedule

- 8 AM and 12 Noon: Exercises with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala
- 9 AM: Do-it-at-home Slimnastics
- 11 AM: Do-it-at-home Line Dancing
- 1 & 6 PM (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays): Hope's Cardio Workout
- 4 PM: Aerobics with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala
- 7 PM (Friday-Sunday): Shows from our Past

Good Karma Book Club



10 a.m., Thursday, August 18
"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"
by Rebecca Skloot

10 a.m., Thursday, September 15
"Death at the Chateau Bremont"
By Mary Lou Longworth

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room
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