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## If you have children or grandkids visiting for the holiday, take them to see Santa

Mrs. Claus has a message for everyone who plans on leaving snacks for her husband this Christmas.

“Please, leave celery and carrots,” she told On Top of the World News, while working on holiday preparations from the North Pole. “Look at Santa’s belly. Kids are leaving him too many goodies.”

OTOW residents will get a chance to see Santa’s big belly when he and Mrs. Claus visit our community on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. The annual afternoon with Santa is presented by the Entertainment Committee and is a chance for OTOW children and grandchildren to say hi to the Claus family in our auditorium. Each child will receive a free gift.

Santa said children often asked him if he brings his reindeer to Florida even though there’s no snow. He’s also asked if he gets hot wearing his Santa jacket here. One time a child asked for a Transformer and Santa said he was a bit confused why a child would want an electrical device to power a locomotive? But since that day, Santa said he has started studying the Internet and keeps up-to-date on trending toys.

The afternoon will also consist of singing, taking pictures and hugging Santa, but Mrs. Claus will be watching closely what Santa eats for snacks.

When asked about being under the watchful eye of Mrs. Claus, Santa gave a twinkle and whispered, “Whatever Mrs. Claus says, I just go along with it.”

For the rest of us, there will be plenty of cookies and punch.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at OTOW with a bag full of goodies.

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# On Top of the World

## The calendar year in review

This past year, your Board has received many positive comments on its attempt to enforce standards and ensure a well-run and fiscally stable community for all residents.

Without your support, the Board could not function. The business of managing a community the size of a small city is very difficult. There are so many moving parts and pieces. The point of all the effort is to give you the type of community and quality living environment you deserve. The members of the Board thank you for your support.

Your Board of Administration worked hard in the last year to craft a budget that would not be burdensome in these hard times, but of sufficient size to fund the work that needs to be done. To that end, we were able to hold the increase to a very modest 1.1 percent.

Once again, we are beginning to forecast operational costs for the coming year. At this juncture, I cannot say how the budgets will be impacted, but we are challenged with rising costs, especially roofing and paving. We are considering all opportunities for savings that can be reasonably made without jeopardizing delivery of services.

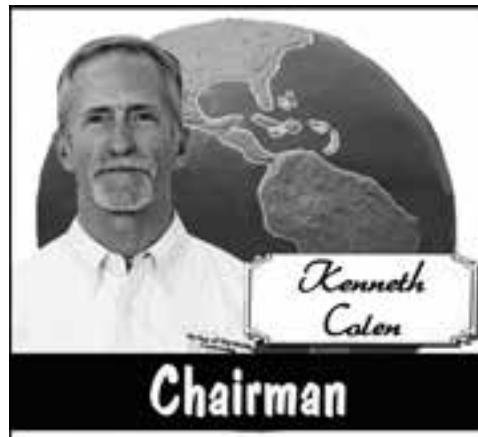
A tremendous amount of work has transpired in the past calendar year. We experienced two severe fires that had an impact on immediate adjacent units. In all cases, there was no fire spread from the source to adjoining units, but water damage was considerable.

Speaking of water, your community experienced the highest historical rainfall in Pinellas County (66 inches from May through September), with more than 13 inches falling in a single 24-hour period. Despite short-term road flooding, no individual apartments were affected by the rising water.

Other work that has been accomplished, or is wrapping up, is the complete rebuilding of the tennis facility and major replacement of water mains serving approximately one-third of the community.

Finally, fire code mandated work will begin this month to install hard-wired smoke detectors into all units built prior to 1977.

Your Board has put into place a requirement that any unit being sold must have the washer/dryer installa-



tion inspected by licensed plumbing, appliance, and electrical professionals. This was the result of the very serious fire in Building 56 and the discovery of the serious code violations made when a washer/dryer unit was installed improperly. Recognizing that the situation was not unique, but puts both life and property at risk. Your Board moved proactively to advise all residents of the concerns and inform residents of the corrective measures needed.

Your Board directed the management company to perform a thorough survey of each building to make sure that any age-related structural deterioration is identified and addressed. To that end, very minimal problems have been identified and addressed.

Finally, the Board completed the community census begun in late 2011. Unfortunately, it took many tries, and door-to-door canvassing when owners did not reply to the card mailings. We are pleased to report that more than 87 percent of units are owner occupied (un-rented) by owners over the age 55 requirement.

Regularly scheduled work completed to date includes: five buildings have new roofs and five buildings have new mansards. New gutter systems accompanied all of these new roof installations, as well as bringing the roofs up to the current wind code.

There have been three elevator rebuilds or renovations. Twelve buildings had their front elevations repainted, while 10 back elevations were waterproofed.

Twenty-two parking areas were resurfaced and nine streets were repaved. Another 25,000 square feet of flooring was purchased and is being installed over the next few months. New lighting fixtures have been installed in trash rooms, center core stairwells, and

laundry rooms.

Your Board pays attention to and analyzes service requests. We look for problem patterns, ask why, and take steps to prevent further problems based on the outcome.

To that end, we have been able to identify improperly caulked window replacements as a source of interior leaks. HVAC units that have not been serviced are also a major source of leaks and water intrusion into adjoining units. This problem is costly both for owners and for the Association.

Sharon Licata will be writing more on this issue in her newspaper article next month.

### Community Update Work in Progress

**Waterproofing:** Building 19 – waterproofing back elevation should be starting on Dec. 12. All start dates are approximate and weather dependent.

An inspection and correction program is ongoing across property to determine structural conditions. Repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc. will follow.

**Roofing:** Large scale reroofs are current and no new projects are scheduled to start-up again until January 2013.

**Floor tile replacement:** Installation of new flooring in Building 37 (third floor), and Building 34 (second and third floors), are scheduled for December. Crews will work around holiday decorations wherever possible. Installation schedule may move slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor. The exact schedule is dependent on the weather. Notice will be posted in each building in advance of a firm start date.

**Landscape and Grounds Projects:** Removal of invasive plantings, property wide is ongoing. The simplification of end stairwell beds/plantings is ongoing, notably plants with root mats that tend to decay and create voids under building footers are of special concern. The removal of unapproved or excessive plantings in back and front porch areas of units is being coordinated with inspection services.

**Inspection Services:** Awning inspections are ongoing for all buildings. Compliance enforcement for obstruc-

tions in the path of travel (escape in event of fire), particularly in the stairwell areas is ongoing.

**Other Projects:** Water meter boxes and parking spaces are being restenciled with the unit ID.

**The Importance of Insurance:** I cannot stress the point loud enough or long enough that it is the responsibility of each individual owner to make sure they have adequate insurance on their property. For OTOW Condo owners, adequate insurance includes personal property and on the portion of the unit not insured by the Association's master policy. Generally, property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the home and on your personal property. Proper insurance coverage will help save you many out-of-pocket dollars if or when the unexpected happens.

While the Association takes the lead in the recovery and reconstruction process, a failure of any owner to carry insurance on their contents will inevitably leave a significant gap in the final completion and ability to re-occupy the home.

In the case of negligence by an owner, the Association will also attempt to recover the insurance deductible cost. Being penny-wise and pound foolish by "saving" the nominal cost of insurance, is really no savings at all!

The HO6 rider covers the insured owner for a portion of the deductible the Association maintains. Currently, your association maintains a deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence to property damage from any peril such as fire, lightning, vandalism, etc., and other than wind and named storms. Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have coverage in place and that it is adequate.

If you are an owner that rents your unit, make sure you have business (rental) interruption coverage.

In the unlikely event the renter would need to vacate the unit for a period of time due to some unforeseen catastrophe, you would be compensated by the carrier. Interrupted rent is not something the Association can, or would, reimburse.

Renters are also advised to carry a "renter policy." This not only covers their personal property, but may also cover living expenses in the event of the need to vacate for a period of time.

**Check below to see if your building is on the list**

# Your cooperation is important for smoke detector installations

Statewide regulatory changes now require hard-wired smoke detectors to be installed in residential units in the On Top of the World Condominium Community.

This information was reviewed at the June 2012 General Meeting, as well as in the September Audit Report mailing. While the majority of units in the community meet this requirement, the following buildings must be retrofitted: Buildings 1-17, Buildings 21-32, Building 38 and Buildings 40-45.

The installation of the required smoke detector, as presently required by code, will be made by your Association using a licensed and insured electrical contractor at no cost to you, provided you grant access as required and cooperate fully. Should you not grant access, or otherwise cooperate in this important project, you will be required to pay whatever costs are associated with having to delay or perform the work at a later date and out of sequence.

This project will commence on Jan. 14, 2013, with an anticipated completion date of Dec. 1, 2013.

In order to complete this project on time, the target goal is 10 unit installations per day. The project will begin with building one (1) and proceed in building number order until completion at Building 45.

Access to your unit must be provided for approximately two hours with additional access provided at a later date for a follow-up inspection by Pinellas County Permitting Department (this inspection should be completed within 15 minutes).

The majority of the hard-wired installations will occur at the current location of your battery operated smoke detector in between the bedroom hallways. The impact to the drywall in your unit should be minimal to none. Follow-up for any necessary repairs to the drywall will be scheduled by the Management Company.

If your unit will be vacant during this period, it will be necessary for you to appoint a representative to provide entry to your unit during the scheduled installation. In the event you do not have a personal representative, please complete the form attached and return it with your unit key to: On Top of the World Condominium Association, Special

<b>Hard-Wired Smoke Detector Retrofit</b>			
<u>Proposed Retrofit Schedule</u>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Buildings</b>		
		June '13	17, 21, 22, 23
January '13	1, 2, 3	July '13	24, 25, 26
February '13	4, 5, 6	August '13	27, 28, 29
March '13	7, 8, 9	September '13	30, 31, 32, 38
April '13	10, 11, 12	October '13	40, 41, 42, 43 (partial)
May '13	14, 15, 16, 17 (partial)	November '13	43, 44, 45

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

On Top of the World Condominium Association  
Special Projects  
2069 World Parkway Blvd E  
Clearwater, FL, 33763

Bldg # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ OTOW Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following if you are mailing your key (include):**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete the following if you are assigning a personal representative:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Representative address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. Keys will be returned to you once the installation and inspection have been completed.

A tentative schedule has been established for this project, however, the schedule is dependent on permitting from Pinellas County. Notices will be posted in each building two weeks

prior to the scheduled installation date with the specific date of installation for your unit posted one week prior to install. This information will also be available on the OTOW Community Website at: otowclearwaterinfo.com under the "Special Project" tab. This information will also be available by phone at 727-799-3418. Please leave

your name and phone number if you require a return phone call regarding this special project. An email address has been established at: specialprojects@otowclearwaterinfo.com should you have project related questions

We look forward to your cooperation in making this important project a success for all residents.

# Holiday Lighting

Welcome to another holiday season at On Top of the World!

Parkway Management would like to remind residents of a few Safety Rules:

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles.
- Each Building is allowed 1 common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 lights Please limit cords to 2 UL approved cords.
- Extension cords should not cross ANY walkway in or around any Building.
- DO NOT hang or wrap decorations or cords from building lights. This includes: Emergency, Exit, Center Core, Walkway, End Stairwell and Pole lights on all floors.
- DO NOT hang or wrap decorations or cords from ANY building railings. This includes all stairway and walkway railings. All wrapped decorations or cords will be removed without notice.
- DO NOT place screws in extenders with plugs in any Building Lights or tap into the building power at any controller or light.
- DO NOT create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging holiday lighting.
- DO NOT wrap garland around poles at the end stairwells on any building.

As always: ALL ELECTRICAL ROOMS, ELEVATOR ROOMS, TELEPHONE ROOMS AND ALARM ROOMS are RESTRICTED AREAS. These areas are not accessible to residents or the building maintenance worker, only by management

*- Thank You and Happy Holidays from Parkway Management.*

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**For more information, and details on cost, visit the Service Desk in the East Activity Center.**



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

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

## NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ‘A Class Act’ will perform a variety of holiday music on Dec. 13

An unknown author wrote in one line of a poem, “Christmas needs snow and ice and cold.”

Well, I have lived in Florida since 1982 and I am very happy without any of these elements in my life.

I never go up north during the winter. Christmas should be in our hearts, not in what we see. With that in mind, I will ask that you open your hearts this year and give to the foster children of Pinellas County. The tree will soon be up in our lobby with tags. Please see related article on this page for more information.

Be sure and put Sunday, Dec. 23 on your calendar as you do not want to miss our special Christmas program for residents and their families. The sponsors of this annual event are making it a truly jolly event, so be sure and join them and bring the kids. Everyone will love it.

At our Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Dec. 13, we will be presenting a special Holi-



day Show called “A Class Act.” We will have our free coffee and donuts a little earlier, starting at approximately 9:15 a.m., followed by a brief meeting at 9:45 a.m. and presentations by several local companies with nice door prizes.

We are starting 15 minutes early so the special entertainment can commence at 10:45 a.m.

“A Class Act” has about 10 performers and will entertain us for one hour with a variety of music, including lovely holiday songs.

On Jan. 10 is our Get Acquainted Coffee Day and it will be a very special day. We are proud to present another free concert by Opera Tampa at 11 a.m. following our regular meeting at 10 a.m.. These young artists have fabulous voices and they will present scenes from different operas, including some Broadway songs. Free coffee and donuts are served before the 10 a.m. meeting. Please join us for this spectacular event.

The following are inspirations from an unknown author called “Ideals for the holidays and everyday and after.”

A dash of good spirit, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, a cupful of good humor. Pour all of this into a vessel of love, cook thoroughly over radiant joy. Garnish with smiles, serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. All will equal a happy life.

Best Wishes for the wonderful Holidays from the “Activities Gals...”

- Nancy and Julie

## Purchase a gift for a child under our tree

Each year, during the month of December, we place nametags on a Christmas tree in the lobby of the East Activity Center.

The tags will list a child’s name, sex, age and size of clothing. Most of them will also list a “wish” item. If you choose to participate in this venture, you may select, of course, what child you would like to buy for and what item or items, you wish to give for a gift.

Please wrap the gift because they love to open presents. Please attach their tag on the outside of the gift as their tag also has a number on it. That number is how organizers identify whom the gift goes to.

Please do not place the gift under the Christmas tree. Please bring the wrapped gift, with the tag on the outside, to the activities office (Nancy and Julie’s office). The gifts should be returned to our office by Dec. 17.

**Thank you from the foster parents of Pinellas County and from your activities office. If the tree is not yet up, see Nancy at the office to get your tags. For information call 799-2734.**

## Scrapbooking off for holidays

Due to the holidays, there will be no Scrapbooking on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 2013. We will meet on all other Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center kitchen. All residents are welcome. For more information, call Nancy at 799-2734.

## Phone reps here Dec. 13

In the November newspaper, the date was wrong for Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc. returning to On Top of the World. Representatives will be at the Dec. 13 Get Acquainted Coffee from 9-10:30 a.m. to distribute phones for the hard of hearing and pick up any of their phone equipment that is not working properly.

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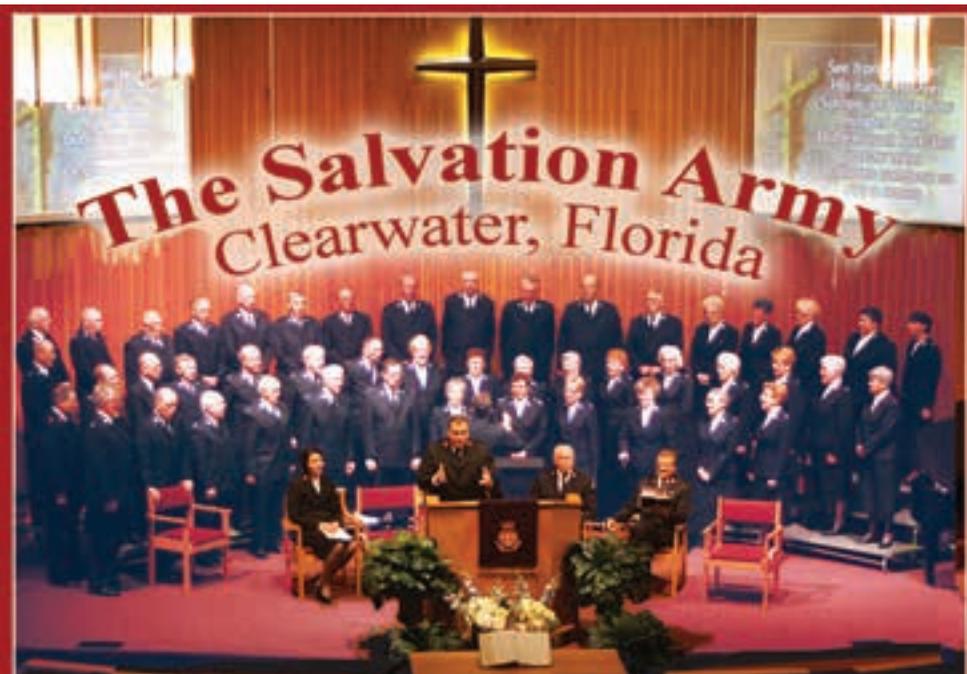
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**Imagine if every building in the community looked like this.**

# Deadline extended to Dec. 6 to enter Holiday Lights Contest

By Doug Kates  
Editor

The Press Association has extended the deadline for residents to enter their building in the second annual Holiday Lights Contest.

The original deadline was in November, but the new deadline will be noon, Thursday, Dec. 6. A building contest captain must stop by the newsroom to officially register a building for the event.

No entrees will be accepted after the deadline extension.

This year's contest is sponsored by the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, and Escot Bus Service.

Up to 54 residents from the winning building will win an "Afternoon At The Spa," which will take place on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013.

Escot Bus Service will pick up the winners right in front of their building. The winners will take a short, luxurious journey to the Spa, and will also be bused home in time for the football playoffs that day.

The Spa is offering, free of charge,

the opportunity for men and women to enjoy its various facilities, including indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpools, jacuzzi, steam rooms, gym, weight room, tennis courts and much more.

Plus, the winners will receive a discount on personal services, such as massages, hair styling, nail care, waxing, facial treatments and body treatments.

There is also a tiki bar.

The afternoon will conclude with a free lunch for the entire group.

Any building at On Top of the World can enter the contest, except last year's winner, Mallorca. There is no entry fee.

All residents, including those who do not participate in the contest, must follow all On Top of the World decorating rules. These rules include, no using nails or screws to hang decorations; no lights or ornaments on top of rail handles, around exit signs or on stair surfaces; no decorations on lawns or in areas where they would interfere with maintenance crews; outdoor lights only. One parking space

can be reserved for a holiday display.

If you have questions about the rules, stop by the newsroom or see Jean at the service desk.

Contest judging will take place by members of the Press Association. They will be judging buildings on three criteria: holiday spirit, originality and building-wide participation.

Building-wide participation means making an effort to decorate most of a building, including all front sides. If there are a lot of dark, unlit, undecorated areas, a building will lose points.

Judging will take place Dec. 14-16. Judges should not visit buildings prior to nightfall, therefore residents should make sure building lights remain on past 9 p.m.

Judges will turn in scores on Dec. 17 and the winning building will be announced in the January edition of the newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Dec. 31.

Building photos will also be displayed on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 720.



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# Thirty staff writers show desire to improve their skills

The Press Association held its annual writer's workshop in November with 31 people attending, watching a presentation and learning how to improve their writing skills.

This was the first of three night meetings for the season, and the special time was supposed to attract more people to the meeting. Editor Doug Kates was somewhat disappointed with the turnout.

"It's great to see enthusiastic people in the crowd, and writers who want to improve their stories, but there were not a lot of new faces this time around – and that's disappointing," Doug said.

The workshop covered a lot of material, including story ideas, style rules, basic grammar and ethic guidelines.

In an effort to accommodate those writers who missed the meeting, Doug put together a video for



## Press Association

OTOW-TV Channel 96/720. Writers can see what they missed right from their own homes. You can check your OTOW-TV channel to see the air time for this video.

The Press Association also decided to accept long-time advertiser Angie's Grill as caterer for our holiday luncheon, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6 in the East Activity Center. Any press members attending must pay \$10 at the door. Meal requests had to be taken in advance, but there should be enough food for those who didn't make prior reservations.

The second annual Holiday Lights Contest will take place Dec. 14-16. The Press Association needs judges to volunteer for the contest. Judges will be given scoresheets at the Dec. 6 meeting.

The first Press Association meeting of the new year will be 7 p.m., Jan. 3 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. This is the second of three night meetings this season. Anyone who writes for the newspaper, wants to write for the newspaper, proof reads or takes photos is welcome to attend.

As always, Press Association meetings are for building writers, club writers or sports writers. We share positive and negative comments about the newspaper, plan ahead and work every month to get better. If you are on our staff, you should attend a meeting. Night meetings were added for those who cannot attend day meetings.

## Be a holiday lights judge

Anyone who contributes to the On Top of the World newspaper is eligible to be a judge for the second annual Holiday Lights Contest.

You will have three days, Dec. 14-16, to view the eligible buildings, which all pre-registered for the contest.

Scoresheets will be passed out at the Dec. 6 Press Association meeting, or can be picked up in the newsroom after Dec. 6.

Scoring is based on originality, holiday spirit and building participation. You don't even have to leave a vehicle to judge, but you must view all front sides of each building.

Judges are asked to view buildings at night, but keep in mind most building lights are turned off by 9 p.m.

*To advertise in our January edition, checks must be received by Dec. 15\**

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

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## Second try at 'Where Did I See That?' contest

Over the summer, On Top of the World TV tried an experiment to see if it could get more people to watch our community TV station.

But the experiment wasn't very successful.

Maybe it was the heat? Maybe it was the lack of residents? Maybe there wasn't enough enthusiasm?

Well, we're going to try it one more time.

Starting on Friday, Dec. 7, shortly after 8:30 p.m., if you turn to OTOW-TV (96 analog or 720 digital) you will see "Where Did I See That?"

This is a game to see who is the most observant or best detective here at OTOW.

It's like a scavenger hunt.

When the game begins, viewers will be shown three pictures. One picture will be taken from OTOW's west side, one from the east side (north of the Belcher Road gate) and one from the east side (south of the Belcher Road gate).

Once the three pictures are shown on OTOW-TV, the pictures



will also appear on the OTOW Press Association Web site (address shown above.) Click the Where Did I See That bloodhound.

Your goal is to figure out exactly where those pictures were taken and identify the location by building name or building number.

Now, no one is expecting you to identify the photos immediately. In fact, you will probably have a day or two to research the community before a winning entry is submitted.

But don't wait too long!

The first correct entry received

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

by OTOW-TV will be the winner.

Entries must be submitted to [otowtv@gmail.com](mailto:otowtv@gmail.com).

All entries must have three answers. Each answer must be a building name or building number. No entries can be received at the OTOW newsroom or submitted in writing. Entries must be emailed. No entries will be accepted after the next contest begins. No individual repeat winners allowed. Individuals will be identified by the email address they send their entry from.

The prize is two large pizzas, wings, two desserts and two two-liter Cokes from Domino's Pizza in Clearwater.

You don't have to play the game alone. You can play as a club, a group, a building or a floor. After you win, you can decide how to split up the prize, which would make the perfect snack for any group party or gathering. The

winning coupon must be used by the end of the year.

For a test, see if you can identify where the picture above was taken? If so, you should give "Where Did I See That?" a try.

We will try the contest Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. If successful, we will try it two more weeks.

If nothing else, "Where Did I See That?" will give you something to look for during a walk around the community, or a bike ride or a drive.

OTOW-TV is your community TV station for anyone with a Bright-house connection. You will find valuable club news and community news on its channel. Originally, OTOW-TV could only be seen on analog converters, but over the summer we upgraded to digital.

Check us out and look for nightly programs this winter!

## Best part about Miss America pageant is before it starts

It's all glamor and smile out front, but you don't want to go back stage.

For seven years I was the editor for the Miss America Pageant held at Atlantic City with Bert Parks as the Master of Ceremonies.

For 50 girls, who spent most of their young lives appearing in local events hoping to make it to Atlantic City, they finally did.

They arrived one week before the event - all smiles and with high hopes they would take the Miss America crown back with them to their home state.

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### Inside Showbiz

ing.

The show opens with Bert introducing each contestant as they appear on the stage. Soon the stage is filled with 50 beautiful and talented girls. One by one each girl performs her specialty. Some sing their favor-

ite song, some do a dance routine and others play their favorite instrument.

Then comes the time when Bert announces the final 10. Forty girls have been eliminated and it's not a happy time!

Next, two runners-up are named and then the winner is crowned.

Now, back stage, we have 49 losers. These girls, who have spent all those years preparing for this moment, see their dreams smashed. There is no happiness here.

One winner. Forty-nine losers.

The winner will be queen until next year when she will turn the crown

over to a new winner. She will tour the country, be invited to make speeches and probably be a spokesperson for some commercial products.

The 49 losers will make that long flight back home. Some will further their education. Others will be lucky enough to find a job. The rest will return home to live with their parents.

The show, having received low ratings, eventually moved to Las Vegas and hired a new Master of Ceremonies. But no matter how they revamped the show, there will always be only one winner and 49 losers.

Not a happy time back stage.

# What happens if you don't know who should be the beneficiary of your estate

Q. My question is this: My daughter is named as the only beneficiary of my IRA. At my death, there should be a substantial amount left that I have not withdrawn. What happens after my passing?

A. I assume that when you refer to the amount that should be left that you have not withdrawn, you mean that you are already taking the required minimum distributions. Since your daughter is the sole beneficiary of your IRA, after your passing the IRA account should be re-titled by her in the following manner: Your name, deceased, for the benefit of daughter's name.

Once the account has been re-titled the required minimum distributions would be based on your daughter's life expectancy.

Q. There are many folks who have no close relatives to whom they wish to leave their estate assets. For that matter, my spouse and I don't have anyone we feel comfortable naming as executor of our estate or as power of attorney. What do you suggest for us?

A. When it comes to leaving your estate to someone or some charity, I have my suggestions but there's no sense putting them down here since the charities that I like are quite irrelevant.

You have to think about that and if you need help, then you should sit down with your attorney and discuss your concerns.

Q. I am purchasing a (it's either



a home or a condominium apartment or homeowners association dwelling). The title company told me that I had to send a wire transfer of the closing amount to their account. When I said I would prefer to give them a cashier's check at the time of the closing, the agent said they only wanted a wire transfer. What's wrong with just bringing a cashier's check for the correct amount to the closing?

A. What's wrong is this is the century of the scammers. What I mean is, scammers are able to create fraudulent cashier's checks and as a result title companies AND banks AND attorneys, etc., have got to be very cautious when accepting a cashier's check as payment for some transaction.

It's just about every day that I get a notification from a title insurance underwriter, or from a bank, that a fraudulent cashier's check has been issued from such and such bank. When funds are wired into an account, the recipient has them and can disburse them as soon as the wire is received. However, when a cashier's check is delivered, the funds are not actually in

the account of the recipient until the funds have been "collected" and the funds are then "cleared" so they can be disbursed.

Think of it as if someone gives you a regular check on his/her checking account. At the time that you deposit the funds into your checking or savings account, the actual funds have not yet been collected and thus are not actually in your account. Well, believe it or not, it's the same way with a cashier's check. Until the funds have been "collected" by a bank and put into the recipient's, they aren't cleared and that means that they are really not available to be disbursed.

The result is, if funds are not wired into the title company or attorney's account, even though the sale has been closed, the title company or the attorney has to wait until the funds from the cashier's check have been collected. You don't have that problem with a wire transfer. If someone were to inform me that they were going to give me a cashier's check for a closing, I would immediately notify the Seller that I would not be able to disburse any funds until that check had cleared and the funds collected into my account.

So that's what this is all about. (By the way, what most people think of as being a cashier's check is frequently an "Official Check" which is something different altogether. A cashier's check is a check where the bank has removed the funds from your account and is actually writing the check on YOUR funds. An Official Check is where the bank has removed the funds from your account and is writing a

check on THE BANK's funds.) So it's like the bank is giving a check on its own bank account.

Q. Before we get married, my fiancé wants me to open a bank account with my money and put it in both of our names because he says it will prove our trust for each other. Your thoughts?

A. Tell him to make a cash deposit into your own account because that way you'll know that he trusts you. Better yet: Tell him to buzz off.

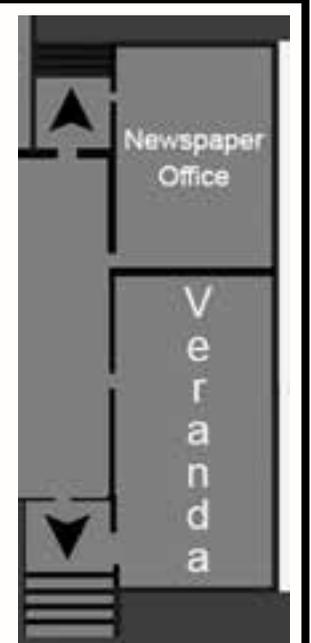
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## OTOW News is relocating!

During the month of December, your On Top of the World newspaper will be relocating from its current location on the first floor of the East Activity Center to the second floor next to the Veranda Room.

Anyone turning in stories, paying for or submitting ads, or in need of talking to an editor, can check first to see if the newspaper office is still on the first floor, but when relocation is completed this month, the new office will be upstairs (see diagram).

The Activity Office also will be relocating this month. The new office will be located where the former Service Desk was located in the EAC lobby. When relocation is completed, the Activity Office and the Service Desk will both be located in a newly renovated Community Service Center. Relocation will be completed by the end of the year. For a complete story on this project, plus some additional details, see your January newspaper.



# Short and sweet Brickle Christmas Cookies



Many years ago a good friend made this recipe for Christmas.

I was amazed at how easy it was to make and how delicious these cookies were to eat. It only takes a few minutes to put together, but it tastes like it took hours.

## Ingredients

60 or more saltine crackers (one and a half sleeves)  
 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 1 (12-ounce) package chocolate chips  
 3/4 cup sliced almonds or nut of your choice

Please give this easy Brickle recipe a try...you won't be disappointed. Happy Holidays!

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cover large cookie sheet with foil, coat with nonstick spray. Place

saltine crackers in single layer on foil.

In saucepan on stove, melt butter and brown sugar over low heat. Bring to full boil and cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove and pour over crackers. Bake for 5 minutes.

Remove from oven and sprinkle

chocolate chips on top. Leave until melted. Spread out the chocolate and sprinkle with nuts.

Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Break into pieces.

Store in airtight container in refrigerator. Do not freeze.

## *Holiday Lights Contest entrees*

The deadline has been extended for the second annual Holiday Lights Contest, so as of press time, a list of buildings entered in the contest was not available.

The new entry deadline is noon on Thursday, Dec. 6. If you want to see which buildings entered by the deadline, turn to OTOW-TV channels 96 or 720 on Dec. 7 or later. A complete list will appear on TV, along with any late-breaking news from the contest.

To register a building by Dec. 6, please visit the On Top of the World newsroom in the East Activity Center.

## Blood pressure taken in EAC

A blood pressure screening will take place the second Monday of each month from now until April 2013.

Blood pressure will be taken from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

All residents are welcome and volunteer assistants are also welcome. All we ask is two hours a month.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact John Kannaly at 669-3988.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

# Dryers, washers must be inspected by licensed plumbers, electricians

The management company for On Top of the World Condominium Association has found instances of improperly installed washer/dryer units in several condominium units. These washer/dryer installations have been made without approval and guidance from the Association and without compliance to the plumbing code or the electrical code. This leaves the owner and/or prospective new owners open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or a fire.

Your Association strongly urges an inspection of washers and dryers installed in any condominiums built prior to 1995, in particular, those units located on the east side of Belcher Road. If your unit is located on the west side of Belcher, you may also be impacted if a washer and dryer were added after purchasing the unit.

**The Association strongly urges you to contact both a licensed, insured plumber and electrician and arrange for an inspection immediately. Corrections to these potential hazards are the unit owner's obligation.**

Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, Fl., 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

All parties are put on Notice that the Association does not accept responsibility nor shall it assume responsibility for any type of loss or damage resulting from installed washers or dryers. In those instances where the Association has been required to expend sums of money to make repairs resulting from installed washers or dryers, the Association reserves the right to take legal action against the owners of the units where the washers or dryers are installed.



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## OTOW resident catches a glimpse of humanity during attack on Pearl Harbor

By John Koning

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, was bright and warm in typical Hawaiian style.

On Top of the World resident Barbara Kelley's parents, Tom and Frances Johnston, were readying their young family for church shortly after seven when the calm of Pearl Harbor's naval housing complex was jolted by ground shaking explosions and 300-foot fireballs in the nearby harbor.

Barb's mom corralled her children and moved them to the center of the house in response to the bone rattling tremors. When she looked out the window, she was shocked to see black billows of smoke blocking the sun and hellish fireballs rising from Pearl Harbor, where the US Pacific Naval fleet lay anchored.

Barbara Johnston was 7 years old when the Empire of Japan launched its surprise attack on the fleet. During the attack, Barb's mom instructed the kids to stay put under the stairs on the first floor of the house, where it was safest. However, young Barb, who had a childish innocence, sneaked up the stairs to her room in search of a doll. The second floor of their home offered a tantalizing view of the harbor, so she ventured to her bedroom window. As she did, a Japanese A6M "Zero," one of 353 aircraft that bombed and strafed the base that day, was coming in for an uncontested run.

As Barb watched, she was amazed by two things. She couldn't believe how small the approaching plane appeared and how slowly it seemed to move in the sky. Barb could clearly make out a young Japanese pilot's face - a sight that has been burned into her soul even today. She was transfixed.

Then an amazing thing happened. The pilot cracked an almost



Barb Kelley holds a photo of her with her siblings and cousins, taken against a backdrop of smoke and fire at Pearl Harbor.

imperceptible smile and turned his guns down and away from the young girl framed in the upper window, and strafed the lower part of the house as he flew past.

Bullets ripped through the structure, smashing dishes in the kitchen and tearing holes in the walls. Thankfully, nobody in their home was hit by the buzz of bullets.

Barb's mom was so upset by the shooting, and their narrow escape, that she didn't notice young Barbara, shaking and creeping back down the stairs, where she rejoined her twin sister and her younger brother in the center of the small house.

Barb's dad, Major Lee Johnston, was off duty at the time of the bombing. He had been transferred off the Utah, a Florida-class battleship, the previous day, otherwise he might have perished in the capsized ship, along with the 2,402 other souls who died in Pearl Harbor that day.

Later, a navy truck rumbled through the housing complex, handing out gas masks and blasting instructions over a loud speaker for all to hear.

"All civilians are ordered to stay inside their homes," an announcement said. "Parents are instructed to put kettles and pans on the heads of their children. All military personnel are required to board the truck and return to the base for action."

Barb's dad quickly returned to the base, where he was given the job of hiding under the cover of trees and providing bombing reconnaissance. He had two others helping him with the task. Both of his assistants died during that mission. The loss of his buddies devastated her dad, Barb recalls. On the other hand, Barb's mom seemed to take it all in stride, even posing her children against the backdrop of smoke and fire during a lull in the fighting.

Not long after the attack, all



Barb Kelley's dad, Major Lee Johnston, embraces the Hawaiian lifestyle prior to the Pearl Harbor attack.

Pearl Harbor military families were required to return to the U.S. mainland.

"That's when my mom used her kids to her advantage," says Barb with a wry smile. "First, she said we couldn't go because my brother had Chicken Pox. Next she used my sister as an excuse. She clearly loved living in Hawaii, and couldn't bear the thought of leaving her husband behind."

Eventually, her deception was discovered and Barb's mom and the children were taken to San Francisco by ship. When they arrived in port after a long crossing, they were told that there were other military passengers who had been held below decks during the voyage. Those passengers were Japanese prisoners of war.

While memories of that dark day might fade with time, the physical evidence still survives. Those Japanese bullets that tore through their island home on Dec. 7, 1941, are still in the family's possession.

# Artwork was so good in November there had to be two winners



By Jean Doane  
The Art Guild met on Friday, Nov. 9 with several new members, as well as a number of regulars.

Our group was pleased with the new, freshly painted look of the art room.

The “artist of the month” was a tie with Bob Hammond and Page Wright. Bob provided a pen and ink drawing of a country filling station and Paige submitted an abstract rendering of a still-life subject.

During our meeting we critiqued all the painting or drawings submitted for the “Artist of the Month” award. The winning entries were on display



Page Wright and Bob Hammond show off their winning pieces of art for this month. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

in the East Activity Center during November.

Preparations are being made for our Trash and Treasure sale on Feb. 2, 2013, so keep posted.

Consider coming to our Wednesday afternoon “Painting Pals” class to work on your own art projects in the company of other artists. The lighting is good and there is plenty of room

to spread out your supplies. Everyone enjoys the camaraderie and we share artistic tips.

The Thursday afternoon drawing class, under the direction of John Fier, has begun and is in full swing. The class costs \$2, which John uses to buy supplies and materials he deems appropriate for drawing references. Each individual supplies his own drawing paper or pad, and pencils, charcoal, pastels or watercolor paints. Both opportunities are open to new members and the art library is available to use for reference.

The art guild sponsors an art show in March and this is an opportunity to display or sell your artwork. Come and join us in your artistic endeavors.

The next meeting will be a Christmas Party on Friday, Dec.14, at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center, Art Room.

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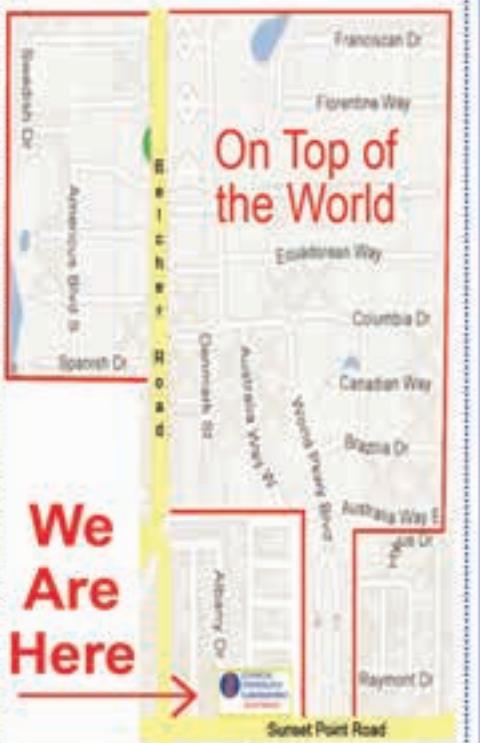
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By Walt Copeland

We're pleased to welcome back our northern neighbors for an exciting fun-filled year.

Please note on your calendars our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Starlite Room, adjacent to the auditorium, in the East Activity Center. Coffee and pastry are available. Upcoming meeting dates are Dec. 6, Jan. 3 and Feb. 7.

Our party in November was a huge success with delicious food and excellent entertainment.

Dec. 9 – Sunday. Holiday dinner, 11:30 a.m., champagne brunch at the Island Way Grill for their "All you can eat super buffet." Each household will receive a gift and we'll have wonderful entertainment. Cost is \$35, including tax and tip. We'll have a van for \$2 extra. Must be reserved when you buy your admission ticket.

Jan. 13-16 – Sunday. We're going to Biloxi with a side trip to New Orleans. We'll have a three-hour guided tour and several hours on our own. We'll be staying at the Imperial Palace.



## Pennsylvania

Our trip will include \$55 in slot free play and \$24 for food. Cost is \$199 per person double occupancy, \$289 single. Cost less freebee equals \$120.

Jan. 26 – Saturday. We'll enjoy a matinee at the Derby Downs greyhound track. Cost will be \$42 per person, including buffet, admission, program and bus. We'll depart at 10:45 a.m.

Feb. 1 – Friday, 5 p.m. We're having our groundhog party. We'll enjoy a catered dinner with door prizes and entertainment. It will be in the EAC auditorium. We'll furnish coffee. You may "bring your own beverage."

Feb. 3-5 – Sunday. We'll depart for Key West, where we'll spend two nights. Trip includes welcome recep-

tion, trolley ticket with on/off, two continental breakfasts and driver gratuity. Cost \$309 per person double occupancy, \$459 single. This is in the height of tourist season, and Key West motels are very expensive. Don't wait on this one.

Feb. 14 – Thursday, Valentine's Day. We've reserved five front-row tables at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater at 4 p.m. Following the excellent buffet will be a comedy show of "Move Over Mrs. Markham." Cost is \$35 per person, includes tax and gratuities.

Feb. 23 to March 2 – We'll cruise for eight days and seven nights aboard Carnival's Dream out of Port Canaveral. Cabins start at \$639 per person double occupancy. We'll visit Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martin, the French port. To preserve the low rates, please sign up as soon as possible.

March 22-23 – Saturday. We'll travel to Immokalee Casino for four hours. We'll then check into our hotel, freshen up and head to the Fort Myers Broadway Palm Dinner Theater for a delectable buffet to be followed by the outstanding production of "Sound

of Music." After breakfast (included), we'll stop at Best of Everything, a large store that sells items for \$10 or less with a huge assortment. Next we'll return to the casino for four hours. We'll be given \$30 in free play and \$5 for food each day, totaling \$70. Cost is \$234 per person double occupancy, and \$334 single (\$164 net of freebees).

March 26 – Tuesday. Annual catered picnic will be in Philippe Park, Shelter 2. We'll have free bingo and golf contests with prizes. Cost is \$15 per person. BYOB. (Sorry, no alcohol is permitted in the park.)

March 31 – Sunday, 4 p.m. Easter dinner buffet and show at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater in the Italian-American Club on McMullen-Booth Road. After dinner we'll be treated to a funny comedy of "Murder Among Friends." We've reserved five front row tables. Cost is \$35 per person including tax and gratuity.

Our club is open to all residents of On Top of the World. We have members from numerous states and hope you'll join us. Cost per year is only \$5.



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# Baby Boomers leave community in search of holiday lights and music



## Baby Boomers

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group will celebrate the holidays with a pot luck party on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Also invited are Computer Club members. There will be a sing-along to most of the popular Beatles songs, organized by Bob Charpentier.

Our Baby Boomers group recently visited an annual holiday lights display in Largo's Central Park and Florida Botanical Gardens. A community tradition, strolling through the shining garden, smelling of pine needles and listening to various musicians, adds a touch of magic to everyone's delight.

Entertainment consisted of Christmas music, story teller, children's crafts, jugglers, belly dancers and many others.

Of course, we also visited Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus in Winter Wonderland displayed in downtown Clearwater. Mrs. Claus offered us homemade just-baked cookies and happily posed for our pictures.

Our Baby Boomers group attended a "Blues 2012" concert in Dunedin. Performing were "Selwyn



Baby Boomers photo from left are Diane Dvorak, Rich Dvorak, Bill Higgins, Katarina Tepesh, Bill Gambacurta, Gilda Gambacurta and Joyce Monahan.

Birchwood Band," "Betty Fox Band" and "Sauce Boss," who actually cooks in between playing guitar and singing the Blues.

Some of us attended a Sierra Club picnic in Philippe Park, followed by another huge pot luck-style picnic, thanking Obama volunteers from the Tampa Bay area.

This is perfect weather for kayaking, which our group enjoys every Saturday.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for us On Top of the World owners to meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within the Tampa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channel 96/720.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on Dec. 5 and Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room followed by a Happy Hour at a local restaurant/bar such as Nauti Nancy, Varsity Club or Cody's.

For more information send an email to Katarina at [katarina2379@gmail.com](mailto:katarina2379@gmail.com)

Happy Holidays!

# Members share their trip experiences

By Pat Zorland

Our November meeting was an outstanding success.

We had 40 members in attendance. The program was a bit long, but very interesting.

Mary Harker gave a wonderful presentation of her trip to San Antonio. She covered the entire trip from beginning to end. This was our first experience using this tour company and we will use them again in the near



## Travel Club

future.

Next, there was a presentation from another travel company interest-

ed in our business.

Dulce Boyce told us all about her trip to Cuba and what it was like living and working there. The Education System seems to work well and all children do attend school (First Grade up to University level).

Next, we discussed our Christmas for paid up members. The menu was discussed and final plans were made.

Pat Zorland will contact mem-

bers with all of the details. Roxie Maggio and her helpers will order the food and set up the room.

We have one trip planned so far for next spring. It will be going to New York City, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Baltimore's Inner Harbor and Fayetteville, N.C.

For more information come to the Jan. 4, 2013, meeting in the West Activity Center.



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# Holiday party set for Dec. 5 and Tampa Bay Opera performs here Dec. 12

By Merle MacDonald

It's time to deck the halls and Theater Workshop certainly will this holiday season.

As a season opener, we will hold our annual Christmas/Holiday Party at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach, Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The evening will kick off with a cocktail hour (cash bar) at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30. Reservations must be made, so go to the East Activity Center auditorium between the hours of 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday to make yours, if you have



## Theater Workshop

not already done so.

You will have to choose an entrée of beef, chicken or salmon. The

cost for members and guests is \$15. The next season sparkler will be a musical holiday program by Tampa Bay Opera on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at the EAC every Monday and Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m. and from workshop members for an \$8 donation. This should prove to be a beautiful event that you will not want to miss.

Do not confuse this opera program with the special opera programs that have been presented by Opera Tampa students in the past. And don't

be scared by the word "opera." This performance is also a fundraiser for our Theater Workshop's annual show, "OTOW Theatrical Museum" to be presented March 15, 16 and 17.

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin Dec. 3 and Brad Day will call those required to attend.

In the next issue of this paper, we will be introducing Lilli Scheifen as our new reporter. I have decided it is time for an infusion of new ideas. I am stepping down after eight years at this post and want to thank all of you for your kind readership over the years.

# Club sets dates for holiday party and New Year's Eve party

By Dave Beaven

Happy holidays to all!

The Lambda Club had a great feast in November. It was a Thanksgiving Day potluck with turkey, ham and all the trimmings. One thing we are certainly thankful for is the East Activity Center facilities. Trying to fit 25 people into one of our condos would have been too much of a stretch!

December brings us a whole new batch of holidays to celebrate. Our annual Christmas season party takes place on our regular meeting day, Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the EAC Crafts Room. We call that the Lambda Lounge.

Members will be bringing in their favorite dishes to share. We'll have the usual Christmas music and videos. And the bar will be open. There will



## Lambda

also be a gift exchange.

There will be potlucks on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 1:30 p.m. and New Year's Eve at 9 p.m. in the Lambda Lounge.

The New Year's Eve celebration will also include a reading of a play written by our resident playwright, Will Peterson. Later, we'll ring in the New Year with champagne.

When combined with our other

regular get-togethers, I would say that's a pretty full December.

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

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



## Healthy Vegans

### Healthy-eating group looking for members

A new group is attempting to form here at On Top of the World.

Healthy Vegans will be dedicated to those who are vegetarians and are seeking a healthy-heart lifestyle.

The group will focus on bringing attention to healthy meals and where to dine to get great, healthy meals.

If you would like to get together informally to share information about heart healthy opportunities available around us, please send John Mullin an e-mail at [johndmullin@gmail.com](mailto:johndmullin@gmail.com).

Watch for future updates on this group in this newspaper.

  
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# Club plans trip to the Dunedin Historical Museum

By Anne B. Watkins

Our first meeting of the season was set up as a planning meeting, in order to line up our programs for the year.

We decided to take a field trip to the Dunedin Historical Society for our next session in December, and after that we will resume meeting on our appointed day, the second Monday of every month, January through May, in the East Activity Center Classroom from 1-3 p.m.

The leaders for our programs will be: Jan. 14, Edie Ryczek; Feb. 11, Dan Hooper; March 11, Lucille Green; April 8, June Richardson; and May 13, Anne Watkins.

Topics are to be announced by the speakers, as we no longer assign a subject for the year, but rather choose to hear about whatever the leaders themselves have discovered from their



## Family History

own family history searches.

Lucille Green was a first-timer at this meeting, and we were glad to see her get right in there and start interacting, even to the point of volunteering to do a program.

Dan Hooper, our "super-searcher," helped her with some ideas for finding her German ancestors, and

did computer searches at the meeting, which found some new materials for Lucille.

Edie Ryczek just joined us last year, and we have now found a Revolutionary War patriot for her. Hopefully, if she can find the necessary documents, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, we will do an application for her for Daughters of the American Revolution. She now has a specific focus, which has renewed her enthusiasm for family history.

You, too, could "get the bug." Come to our meetings and find out for yourself.

Our field trip to the Dunedin Historical Museum will be held Friday, Dec. 14 (instead of our regular date of Dec. 10). Meet at the East Activity Center lower parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to car pool. Admission to the museum is \$2, lunch afterward off the menu. RSVP for field trip by Dec. 7 to 727-712-9056.



## Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

# Month starts off with holiday lunch

By Mary Widman

Our hot dog party was a huge success.

Many thanks to Club President Dorothy Carpenito, Hospitality Chairperson Sally Shevlin, Pat George, Lucy Costello and all members who set up, served, and cleaned after the party. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Our holiday luncheon on Dec. 1 took place as planned. We always look forward to this annual event with members and guests. This holiday we ate at the Beachcomber by way of the Jolly Trolley.

Our January meeting starts our 2013 year. We will meet on the first Saturday of every month, 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Registration dues are \$5 for the year and will be collected at the January meeting.



## Singles Club

Please join us and hear the fun activities Dorothy has planned for us, such as a fashion show, among other surprises.

If you know of any member who is ill and needs cheering up, call our Sunshine Lady, Mary, at 796-1184, so she can send a card.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you next year, 2013. How time flies!

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# *Twas the day after Christmas*

'Twas the day after Christmas and all through the house.

Nothing would fit me – not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste -

All those snacks had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number -

I walked to the store, but it was more like a lumber.

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;

The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.



**Marge Mayer**

## **Marge's Humor**

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese -

And the way I would nod and say, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt -

And prepared once again to do battle with dirt ...

I said to myself, as only I can, "You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So away with the last of the sour cream dip.

Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip.

The last bit of food that I like must be banished -

'Til all extra ounces on me have vanished.

I won't have a cookie – not even

a lick.

I'll want only to chew on a celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits or cornbread or pie -

I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore –

But to be quite honest - that's what January's for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot -

Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



**New club forming for those who enjoy making a good poker face**

Starting in December, a Texas Hold-em Poker Club will be starting up in the East Activity Center. This club is not limited to residents from specific buildings. It is open to all residents who live at On Top of the World. The first meeting will be in December, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the EAC Lower Card Room. This is a chance to play cards, have fun and be sociable for up to three hours. For more information, call Barry or Rita at 481-9675 or attend the first night.



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# One more weekend to go for Santa pet pictures



## Greyhound Club

By Bill Sharpsteen

Christmas is fast approaching. Now it is time to start thinking about pet pictures for Christmas.

We always enjoy taking beautiful pictures of your pets with Santa. Our volunteer staff includes professional photographers. Your pet can have its picture taken with Santa at Petsmart in the Largo Mall at the corners of Ulmerton Road and Seminole Boulevard in Largo.

We had a greyt turnout for our first weekend of pictures on Dec. 1, and 2! We have two dates remaining: Dec 15-16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. It's only \$10 and Petsmart gives us \$5 on each sale.

We may even have a surprise visit by some cheerleaders!

Some greyhound adopters re-



A dog/reindeer has a picture taken with Santa.

cently sent us pictures of their newly adopted "babies." Check out [www.GoldCoastGreyhounds.com](http://www.GoldCoastGreyhounds.com). Under the photo gallery you'll see some pos-

es after they are adopted. You will also be able to see some Santa Pet pictures there as well.

This is our biggest fund raiser so

please come and support us. If you'd like to be a volunteer photographer, organizer, elf or staff, please call Bill now 727-797-7977 to help.

Always remember, club members gather every Third Friday in Safety Harbor. The next Third Friday is Dec. 21. We set up on Main Street near Second Avenue to show off the greyhounds for adoption. Safety Harbor is a beautiful town, but it is really special at Christmas with all the decorations! Come walk the streets...legally!

We also continue to visit several ALF's in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings to your calendar for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meetings are Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 18 at 11 a.m. Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

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# A priest, a cave lady and a bikini babe all show up for morning of line dancing



## Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

Line Dancers were in costume on Tuesday, Oct. 30 for their annual Halloween Party.

Our social committee members, Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley, planned the event with great pizza, delicious desserts, and refreshments.

A Best Costume Contest was held and the winners were Cele Radeloff as "the Priest," Helen Crombie as "Cave Lady" and Lynn Anzalone as "the Bikini Babe."

A raffle was held and the lucky winners were Cele Radeloff, Song Brooks and Barb Kelley.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present



From left to right are Cele Radeloff, Mary Spearman, Mary Becker, Evie Ralston, Helen Crombie, Lynn Anzalone and Ann Gehrling.

your On Top of the World identification card along with your money to Mary.

To all the Snowbirds and newcomers -- this is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide moral support, so please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.

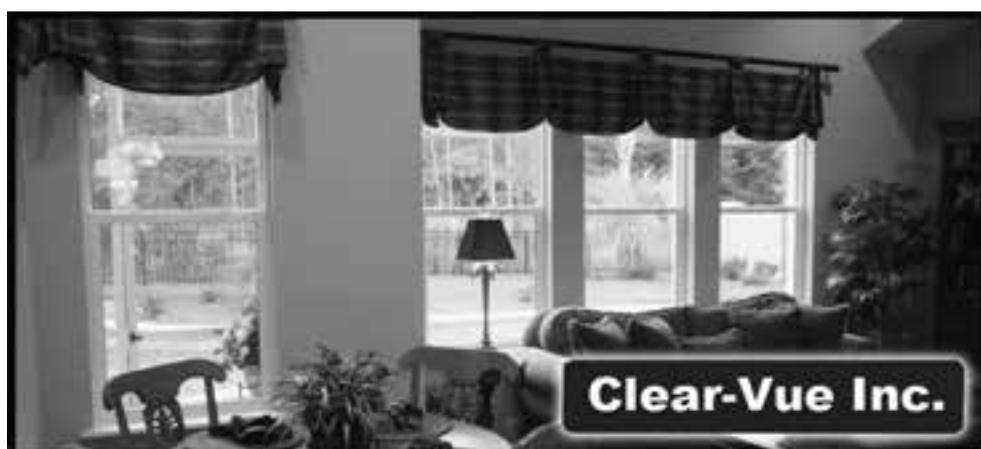
The beginner lessons begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful.

We welcome everyone and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for

men and women of all ages.

The line dancers wish all of you many holiday blessings and wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

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



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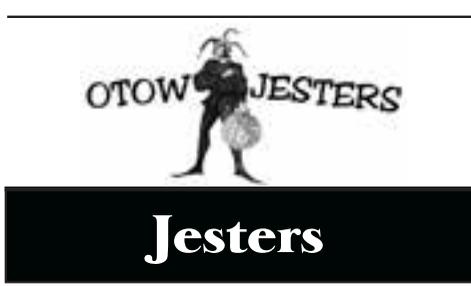
# Jesters begin work on country and western portion of February show

By John Kannaly

We are gaining speed in our quest to be ready for our show, which is coming soon in February.

Last month we featured American Bandstand. This month we will release information on our country and western portion of the show.

Wait until you see what we have for you. Minnie Pearl will be with us, so will George Jones, Charley Pride, Patsy Cline and a great dance called



“Trashy Women,” which you don’t want to miss. Will we see you there?

Do you like Broadway? A feature will be a dance called “Cell Block

Tango” from the movie and Broadway Show “Chicago.” The dance is being re-created after a seven-year itch.

Please don’t forget our comedy routines that have made the Jesters famous. On Dec. 1, tickets go on sale for \$5 each. You can pick them up at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday, between the hours 8:30-10:30 a.m.

You can surprise someone with a pair of tickets on this holiday season.

On Dec. 13 we will have our holiday dinner dance at the Dunedin Country Club, featuring the sounds of Denise Looney for your listening and dancing pleasure. Party starts at 5 p.m. Be there!

Please stop by the Jesters table at the East Activity Center. You can buy your tickets at that time. Sound good? From the “Jesters,” we thank all of you. Enjoy your holiday season. “Jest for fun.”

# Holiday party and meeting set for two dates in December

By Hal Leichhardt

The On Top of the World Democratic Club had a well-attended and spirited November meeting.

At the meeting, many of our newly elected officials had an opportunity to answer questions from our members, as well as map out their plans for the future of our county.

Everyone expressed the importance of the OTOW community in relation to the future of Pinellas County, and expressed a desire to have our input on all matters that will face our region in the coming months.

The annual holiday party will be held in the East Activity Center Craft Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec.7. This is the room on the lower level behind the library. There will be entertainment and food for all.

The nominating committee announced its selection of officers for



## Democratic Club

the upcoming year. They include: Charlie Christ for male Co-Chair, Deborah Lemon for female Co-Chair, Jim Schelling and Charlotte Michaels will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Van Farber will remain Membership Committee Chairman. A special dedication was made to Rosemarie Tortoro for her dedication and service as past Co-Chair. It is universally recognized that her efforts were responsible for the club’s continued existence.

The Thursday, Dec. 27, club meeting will take place at 2 p.m. and

will feature a special program to celebrate the beginning of Kwanzaa. Refreshments will be served and State Representative Daryl Roussan will be our guest speaker.

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# Senior Expo ends a successful year

Here we are in December, and the year is coming to an end.

We had a good year. Good Neighbors had several events, all of which were successful, and I know they were enjoyed by the attendees.

The Senior Expo had 50 vendors, who provided valuable information and giveaways. Papa John's came through again with 30 donated pizzas, which were distributed in 15 minutes.

Good  
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President Doris Paino

I hope you patronize them. Their store is located on Main Street in Dunedin. Thanks to those volunteers who

worked so hard, giving their time and energy to put on an event like the Senior Expo. It is quite a task. Without those volunteers, it would never happen.

Don't forget to support the Gift Shoppe. Christmas is coming, and the Shoppe is a great place to get inexpensive gifts. We should have some nice Christmas items, and many of them will be discounted. Many items can be

adjusted to suit, so check it out.

We are going to have special entertainment at Good Neighbors Thursday this month, so try to attend.

The Good Neighbors volunteer appreciation luncheon will be held this month. The luncheon is for volunteers and will be by invitation only.

I hope you have a blessed Christmas and get time to spend with friends and family.



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## New coordinators needed for OTOW's Meals on Wheels

By Carl and Betty Leiby

We are looking for new volunteer coordinators for our Meals on Wheels routes here at On Top of the World.

Coordinating Meals on Wheels is an enjoyable task as we have so many wonderful helpers. But the job requires scheduling volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday, except for holidays. We'll gladly be your back-up when you travel or need advice.

Have you seen OTOW neighbors carrying white Styrofoam boxes as you drive out the front gate and wondered what they could be doing? Well, they are off on a mission to pick up food from the Dunedin dining site to deliver hot meals to our shut-ins right here in OTOW.

We welcome four new eager volunteers who have joined our mission of providing healthy meals to our OTOW shut-ins.

Meals on Wheels can be a help to those just home from the hospital, with that hot meal and a friendly neighbor to check on their well being Monday through Friday. Be assured, our clients really appreciate their volunteers who help them keep their independence. Even "Christmas Holiday Meals" can be available.

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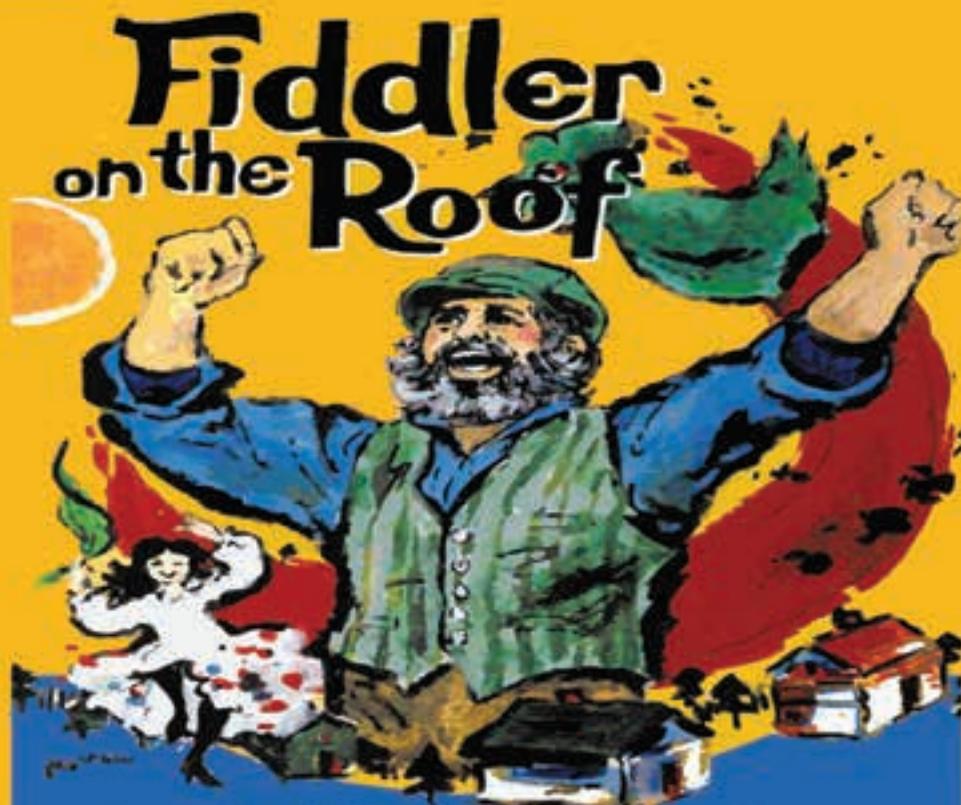
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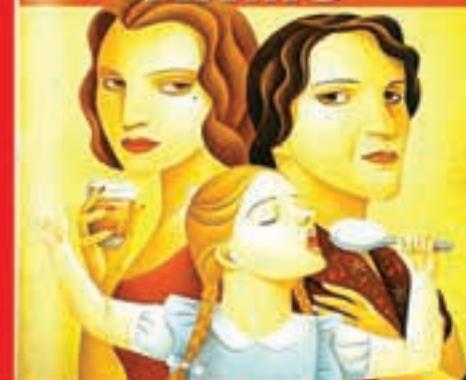
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# Snowbirds have a wish list for Santa Claus



by John Koning

Dear Santa:

I hope that you are still planning to visit On Top of the World this Christmas Eve because we really need to see you and know that you are real.

Since the election, some of us have received all we wanted, while others are wondering what we did wrong!

We have been really good Snowbirds all year long. We paid our dues and helped our OTOW neighbors as much as we could, so we are hoping that you will leave a little something



Dolly Foland tries to convince Santa to bring her what she really wants during a recent visit to the Snowbirds Club

extra in our stockings this Christmas.

We'd love some tickets to the hilarious show coming up at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater called "Move

Over Mrs. Markham." I don't need to tell you how good these shows are because I heard you laughing in the back row of the last show. You know, Santa,

if you came with the Snowbirds, you'd be up front!

Dolly Foland really wants to see the Elvis show at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Just between you and me, I think she has a thing for Elvis. If I was her husband, Ed, I'd be a little concerned.

Ed wants to go to the Titanic Artifact Exhibition at the Mahaffey Theater. I'm not sure why, but I think he's looking for scrap metal parts to take home to Minnesota for his tractors. Does he not know that ship has been on the ocean floor for 100 years?

Sandy, Lil and Dean have been raving about the Broadway show, "9 to 5," at The Show Palace. I'm not trying to tell you how to do your job, but they've been working very hard with the summer Snowbirds and I think they deserve tickets.

Just one more thing Santa. Do you think I could have a few more words for my club report next month? I'm only allowed 300 and I'm already past that. Thanks big guy!

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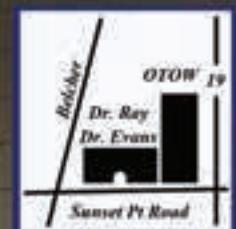
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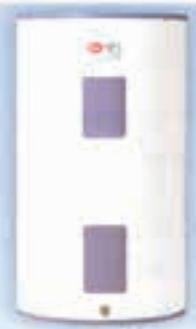
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# Hoosier Club got started thanks to a social card game seven years ago

By Nancy House

Remember Bill and Alice Wilkie from the Hoosier Club's November article?

Well, they got involved in our club, and their story is similar to how the Hoosier Club had its beginning at On Top of the World in 2006.

Max and Judy Meith, year-round Florida residents from Indiana, met and became friends with Bill and Alice of New York.

The Meiths introduced the Wilkies to Indiana Snowbirds, Bonnie and Jerry Rice.

Bill and Alice were looking for a full schedule of nonstop activities, including bingo on Monday nights. One night at bingo they sat at the same table with Cathy Faulkner and Nancy House, who were new Snowbirds from Indiana.

Bill said new friends from Indi-



## Hoosier Club

ana were teaching him and his wife to play a card game called Euchre and he wanted to know if Cathy and Nancy played the game.

He said Bonnie and Judy were brainstorming the idea of chartering an Indiana Club so they could find others who played the game of Euchre.

Cathy answered, "Most people in the Hoosier state play Euchre."

Bill said, "By the time the club's constitution and by-laws were ap-

proved by OTOW, news had already spread to other Hoosiers, who wanted to sign up to have fun together playing cards.

"We were the only couple not from Indiana that joined the first year," Bill continued. "We had no idea how to play that game when we met Jerry Rice, but now play well enough to hold our own with die-hard Indiana Euchre players."

Hoosier Club President Mary Beth Hufty will call the final meeting of 2012 to order on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center craft room. Get there early to munch on refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee co-chaired this year by Niki Richards and John Armstrong.

If you are interested in joining the Hoosier Club, come and get acquainted. During this meeting, election of a vice president, secretary, and

board member will be held.

Mary Beth Hufty, president, and Jerry Rice, treasurer, will begin the second year of their two-year terms.

General meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of each month and a game night or special event takes place on the third Wednesday.

The planned activity for December is a Christmas dinner at Island Way Grill from 4-6 p.m. on Dec. 12. The club has also reserved tables at the New Year's Eve dance so members can welcome 2013 in together.

The club's activity calendar for 2013 includes Euchre tournaments, a bowling outing, 18-hole golf scramble, trip to the theater, a wine and cheese tasting night, along with special speakers and club luncheons.

All residents of OTOW are encouraged to join the club and attend the meetings.

## Get in the holiday spirit at our Christmas dinner dance

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Once again Danny Justice entertained us with an evening of Irish songs and humor. There were about 150 people in attendance.

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place on Friday, Dec. 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, so why not get a group of friends together to start off the holiday season by attending this annual event.

Don't forget to stop by the East Activity Center to purchase tickets, Monday and Thursday mornings,



## Irish Club

from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for our upcoming events that our club will be putting on.

Christmas is a special day to renew our bonds with those we love. Have a peaceful holiday season.

## Luau set for Jan. 23 regular meeting

By Tom Mauro, President

A fine time was held by all on the good ship Calypso Queen where we held our holiday party on Nov. 30.

The price included beer, wine, soda and tip. The club covered the cost of the all-day parking permit.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 23, 2013, and after a brief meeting announcing and inducting new officers, we will have our annual luau. Tickets for this event are now on sale for only \$12. This party will consist of an oriental buffet with music by



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By Ilene Bargerstock

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While we thoroughly enjoy our times together rehearsing and socializing, the culmination of our efforts at performance time is exciting for us and the warm reception from the audience is so appreciated!

You can “clap your hands” or “rattle your jewelry” for us anytime!

We sincerely hope that you caught that wonderful spirit of love and peace that prevails during this season of holidays and that it will remain with you throughout the coming year.

Chorus rehearsals will begin again on Monday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. in



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## November Photo Search Answers

1. Extra orange flower
2. Raccoon’s mask
3. Raccoon’s ears
4. Extra baby rabbit
5. Elf eyes are open

6. Elf’s hat turned color
7. White flowers added
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9. Plant has three stems
10. One trim stone is wider

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# Newcomers

The Entertainment Committee was "pleased" to welcome our newest residents to On Top of the World during a late-October (Halloween) party in the East Activity Center.

Gomez, Morticia, Lurch, Wednesday and Thing were on hand to enjoy the festivities with other residents from the community.

They fit right in ... so to speak.

The Addams Family has moved to On Top of the World from 0001 Cemetery Road in New York City.

They said they are looking forward to retirement and joining several clubs. They are disappointed there is no swamp or cemetery at OTOW, but commented "they will adjust."

The Addams Family also has a son, Pugsly, but he was not able to attend the party. He was at college learning how to perform autopsies.

The family also wanted other residents to know that if you are driving on World Parkway Boulevard and see a hand alongside the road, it's probably Thing just getting its morning exercise. Honk, and Thing will wave back!



## The Addams Family from NYC

(aka Fran Pitman, John Cogan, and Mary and Will Sundblad)

## Thank you for supporting the Entertainment Committee in 2012

Adios.

I had a lot of fun this year and hope you did, too.

I thank the Board and the volunteers for all their work organizing the year's events, and I thank each and every one of you who came to our events.

I hope you enjoyed the year as much as I did. It's flown by and here we are in December almost ready to ring in a New Year.

We do have a few events in December I want to remind you about. The first is our Dec. 8 dance which



**Rich  
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**Chairman**

starts at 8 p.m. and features the music of Rebound, which has been pleasing crowds in central Florida for more

than 25 years.

We also have our free "Sunday with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. at the East Activity Center. We'll do some caroling and Santa will give gifts to children. Then Good Neighbors will serve punch and cookies to all.

Last, but not least, this month we have our New Year's Eve celebration, which features the music of Flashback. It starts at 9 p.m. and runs to 1 a.m. and still costs only \$20. Reservations have to be made in advance because no tickets will be sold at the

door.

I hope you will also purchase advanced tickets for the shows, dances, Sundays, and special events that incoming chairperson Hazel Kelly has lined up in 2013. She will take over the Entertainment Committee at midnight New Year's Eve. If you check out the January preview section of our calendar, you'll see why you want to sign up early and often.

Finally, from the 2012 Executive Committee, have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and A Prosperous New Year!



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### PREVIEW OF JANUARY EVENTS

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# Finally, league play begins on Thursdays

The rainy season is officially over. We can now start to play under more favorable conditions.

The Thursday league continued to play unofficially through October.

Our Week 44 winner was Don Baker, second place was Ken Smith and third place was Dutch Michael. John Mullin, Ada Culbertson, Don Baker, Ken Smith, Dan Hyden all collected one skin each.

Bob Maynard was our Week 46 champion. Ada Culbertson was second and Dave Pittenger placed third. One skin each was collected by Dave Pittenger, Bob Maynard, Don Leamy and Don Baker.

Nov. 1 was slated to be the start of our new season, however Hurricane Sandy, who tragically affected so

## Thursday Golf

many people, also delayed the arrival of some of our league members. So, we played another unofficial match and Dave Pittenger was our Week 47 champion. Dennis Trauffer finished second and Kim Norried was third. Bruce MacPherson, Don Baker, Vick Ruggiero and John Maloof each collected a skin.

Opening season play finally began on Nov. 8 and our first week champion was Mike LaViolette. Paul Farrell was second and Bruce MacPherson took third place. Bruce also collected two skins. Paul Meyers, Vick Ruggiero, Ada Culbertson and Mike LaViolette had one skin each.

Week 2 of the new season was won by Ian Miller. Alan Teal was second, narrowly beating Gary Bronson in a tiebreaker. Gary placed third. Gary collected two skins. Don Baker, Paul Meyers, Mike LaViolette, Sixten Larsen and Alan Teal all had one skin each.

The leaders in the point standings for league champion are: Mike LaViolette and Ian Miller with eight points each. Paul Farrell and Alan Teal are next with six points. Gary Bronson and Bruce MacPherson follow with four points.

The league has welcomed many new members over the past few weeks and all On Top of the World residents are encouraged to join. Our league is unique due to several factors: it is

a mixed league, so men and women are encouraged to join. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format.

There is no weekly sign up. If you show up you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Anyone wishing to try the league before joining is welcome to do so. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m.

We play the course to a Par-67. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolf@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolf@aol.com).

## Christmas Party Dec. 12

# Bill Higgins and Kim Norried capture honors at annual Guys and Dolls Tournament

By Pete Milner

More seasonable weather is finally here!

Many of our winter friends from all parts of our country (and other places) are slowly returning to temperatures more conducive to golf and warm weather pleasures.

The Association just had its annual Guys and Dolls tournament and it was a great event. Bill Higgins and Kim Norried led the way into the clubhouse with a winning score of 61.

The Russell Coughy/Trish Birch team and the John Fier/Ellen Fier team both shared second place with matching scores of 61.5.

## Men's Golf

Also, Dee Weesland is to be congratulated for scoring a hole-in-one during the tournament on the par 3, 170-yard fifth hole. What a terrific shot. Congratulations Dee.

Our next event was our November 3 Clubs and a Putter Tournament. This event is always fun! It takes away the usual decision making process when we wonder which club to use next - the driver again or the pitching wedge?

Our annual Christmas Party will be here before we know it. This year

the party will be held on Dec. 12 with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. As usual, the gals are invited to join us post tournament for music, dancing, food and liquid refreshments.

Election time for our Golf Association is rapidly approaching. Our elections this year will be held Dec. 5. If you desire to run for office, see Trustee Jim O'Neil to have your name added to the list of candidates.

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Associations annual meeting will be held on Jan. 15, 2013. It is important that we set aside this date and make every effort to attend. Don't let just a few guys make all the decisions

that will affect the entire membership for the year to come. Extra doughnuts have been ordered.

Remember to come and sign up for golf and show up for your tee time. Enjoy your time on our wonderful course, and more especially, the time you share with your friends and fellow golfers.

The Board wishes all of our members and their families a joyous holiday season and a healthy New Year.

Last minute news. Reed Hackenmiller scored a hole-in-one on Sunday, Nov. 11 on the 174-yard 17th hole using his 7-wood, while Gerry Morrisette and Jim Anzalone watched on.



## SAVE THE DATE

## APRIL 2, 2013

The Ladies 9-Hole and 18-Hole Golf Associations are planning another fun day as they host the 16th annual Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament. This will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun scramble and a 5 p.m. dinner.

For more information, contact Arlene Hanson at 475-8253.



# Top four golfers of the year named

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association holds a weekly tournament on Tuesday mornings from October through May. The winners of each Tuesday accumulate points. The total points determine the amount of prize money awarded to each member at the end of the season.

Annette Severance awarded 114 ladies their year-long winnings. Thanks Annette! The top four winners were: First place-Pat Eastman, second place-Sherry Ivey, third-place (tie) Terri Mikszenas and Dee Wisslead.

Our new season has started and points are being accumulated. Good Luck Ladies!

Two lucky ladies have started

## Ladies 18-Hole

their season with a hole-in-one. Dee Wisslead had a hole-in-one with a 5-wood on hole No. 15 while playing in the Guys and Dolls Tournament.

On Oct. 25, Terry Kuplen had a hole-in-one on hole No. 13 using a driver. Congrats Dee and Terry!

Our next upcoming event is a holiday brunch on Dec. 5.

## Tournament Results

### October 30

Flight A Low Gross: Pat Eastman. Low Net: Sharon Hackenmiller.

Flight B Low Gross: Barb Morrison. Low Net: Carol Whynot, April

Glenn.

Flight C Low Gross: Kay Satterlee. Low Net: Margaret Markey.

Flight D Low Gross: Wendy Colquhoun. Low Net: Dorothy Pellicone, Ellen Fier.

### October 23

Flight A Low Gross: Pat Eastman. Low Net: Terry Kuplen.

Flight B Low Gross: Carole Whynot. Low Net: Barb Morrison, Sherry Ivey.

Flight C Low Gross: Cindy Schell. Low Net: Kay Satterlee, Boots Stanton.

Flight D Low Gross: Sue Morse, Wendy Colquhoun. Low Net: Muriel Salo.



Annette Severance holding 114 envelopes with yearly prize money



## Tony Esposito doesn't want you to know he shot an ace

By Dominic Contorno

Tony Esposito didn't want to tell anyone that he got a hole-in-one on hole No. 16, but his friend Stanley let the news out at the pro shop.

Tony was pretty excited about this hole-in-one. He used a 5-wood and the shot was on Oct. 18.

Lets face it Tony, an ace is a big deal and you deserve the congratulations for it. So, in a good word, fantastic shot.

Tony, tell us about the next one that you get, so we can write it up in all capital letters!

Well, there is a lot of money in the game of golf, just ask Terry Kuplan.

Terry got a hole-in-one on hole No. 13 using her driver on Oct. 25. The Golden Girls Hole-In-One Kitty was at \$80 for that great shot. Terry was playing with Trish Burch and Joan Yorkery.

Congratulations Terry on that hole in one!

# Think carefully - what are your three favorite clubs?

By Mary Ann O'Neil

I would like to thank you ladies for the first two months of golf.

We have had a great turnout for our Tuesday morning golf and hope to see a lot more of you Snowbirds back out on the course soon.

## Weekly Awards

### October 30

Flight A – Ann Stewart, Charlene Flach and Laypa Buck.

Flight B – Mary Ann O'Neil, Marge Jacobs, Nancy House, Marge Sivek and Nancy Parlatore.

Flight C – Lee Kibbe

Flight D – Hilda Platte, Pat Kent

## Ladies 9-Hole

& Pat Palladino.

### November 13

Flight A – Connie Saylor, Charlene Flach and Ellen Gilbert.

Flight B – Mary Ann O'Neil, Marge Jacobs and Marge Sivek.

Flight C – Nancy House, Hazel Kelly, Madeline Nawrocky and Barbara Sensale.

Flight D – Pat Kent, Pat Palladino and Clair Racine.

Our Nov. 6 golf day was can-

celled due to rain, but Nov. 13 was a beautiful sunny and warm day for us to get back on the course. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

On Dec. 4 we will play a 3-clubs-and-a-putter format, so be sure to decide which clubs you plan on using and only bring those clubs to play.

Our Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. at the Beachcomber Restaurant in Clearwater.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

# Three wins gets your name published!

By Marge Sivek

Welcome back to all our winter visitors. We hope you had a wonderful summer.

It is great to see so many old and new players on the shuffleboard courts.

The following people won three games last session:

Sept 17: Pete Bellew.

Sept. 20: Bernee Krause, Bob

## Shuffleboard

Krause, Paul Santacroce, Bob Pawlowski, Margaret Pawlowski, Marge Sivek.

Oct. 8: Bob Rittner.

Oct. 11: Marge Sivek, Bob Rittner.

Oct. 15: Jean Rogers, Kasy Linkewich, Bob Rittner.

Oct. 18: Paul Santacroce.

Oct. 22: Paul Santacroce.

Oct. 25: Bob Rittner.

Oct. 29: Paul Santacroce, Marge Sivek.

We wish all residents in On Top of the World a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## OTOW residents do not have to battle an armada - so just decide - morning or afternoon lawn bowl?

By Bob Laplante

In keeping with sharing some of the history of lawn bowling, the following excerpt from the On Top of the World lawn bowl Web site is a great anecdote.

Certainly the most famous story in lawn bowls is about Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada. On July 19, 1588, Drake was involved in a game at Plymouth when he was notified that the Spanish Armada had been sighted. The tale says his response was, "There is plenty of time to win the game and thrash the Spaniards, too." He then proceeded to finish his match and the British Navy soundly defeated the Armada.

The OTOW new season is well underway with regular "pick-up" games played most mornings at 9:30

### Lawn Bowling

a.m.

Members who elect to play on a given morning show up 15 minutes before the scheduled play time and are randomly assigned to a team for the day.

The flexibility of having a schedule, which allows players to select when they wish to play, permits them to participate in the many competing activities at OTOW. Some players opt to lawn bowl on two or three days a week, which keeps the rest of the week open for other activities.

Others choose to play in the morning and have other activities in

the afternoon. So much choice!

A 4-3-2-1 singles tournament is scheduled for Dec. 13 and 14. Games may be played as individuals, or teams of two, three or four. This tournament is individual with a different method of scoring. The bowl closest to the target (small white ball) scores four points, the next scores three points then two and one point, thus the description 4-3-2-1.

Members are encouraged to sign up and non-members are welcome to watch.

We have introduced a new method of keeping members informed of activities and results of play. A "Communique" will be posted on the bulletin board with information that is thought to be of interest to members. They will be left so that members who

have been absent can be brought up to date.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will mark the annual Christmas tournament open to all members followed by a luncheon in the Sunrise Room. As non-players and guests are welcome to join in for the lunch, it is important to sign up for lunch or to play in order for the coordinators to plan for the day.

The club will once again host a New Year's Eve Party in the Sunrise Room. Those wishing tickets are reminded to see Brian Bedard early as tickets are limited.

As this will be the last article of the calendar year, on behalf of the executive board, may we wish all the best of the season and a very Merry Christmas.

## Season off to several close finishes

By Don Grabowski

Our season has just started and it looks like it will be a good one. We already had some close games and we added some younger players.

### Tommy's Produce 15 Scott's Pharmacy 14

A close game from the start. The winners scored three runs in their last at bats to win. The winning defense held Scott's scoreless in the final two innings.

Heroes for Tommy's Produce were Greg Zimmer with six hits, Guy Bertuzzi with five hits and Bill Arkins with four hits.

### Softball

For Scott's Pharmacy, Fred Walters collected five hits while Carm Costa, Bob Rittner and Tony Caputo all had four hits.

### Tommy's Produce 11 Scott's Pharmacy 10

Tommy's Produce did it again with good defensive plays in the early innings. Scott's Pharmacy was held scoreless in the first two innings, but woke up to score 10 runs in the last three innings.

Tommy's Produce was led by

Guy Bertuzzi's three hits, including a home run. Sam Macaluso and Van Fraser both had three hits.

Scott's Pharmacy was led by Carm Costa, Hugh Quirk and Tony Costa with three hits apiece. Keith Law belted an inside-the-park home run.

### Scott's Pharmacy 11 Tommy's Produce 6

Scott's Pharmacy players showed up ready to play and won their first game. They out-hit Tommy's produce 21-15.

The victors were led by Tony Caputo with four hits, and Carm Costa, Hugh Quirk and Fred Walters with

three hits apiece.

For Tommy's Produce, Pat Kennedy and Bob Rittner had three hits apiece.

### OTOW 14

### Tommy's Produce 13

Tommy's Produce out-hit OTOW 32-21 but fell short by a run on the scoreboard.

OTOW was led by Bill Arkins with six hits, and Guy Bertuzzi and Tony Caputo with five hits apiece.

Tommy's Produce was led by Jim Hall and Sam Macaluso with home runs. Several rallies fell just short and many men were left on base.

## Registration for Jack & Jill tournament starts Jan. 15

The annual Jack & Jill Golf Tournament will take place on Feb. 5 with a rain date of Feb. 12.

The 18-hole ladies golf league is undertaking the planning and preparation for this event, which is fun and enjoyable for the entire golfing community. Registration will take place from 7-8:45 a.m. on Jan. 15 (ladies only), Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 at the green house. A waiting list will be created after Jan. 29. A large turnout is expected. Sign up early so you won't be left out! There is only room for 72 couples.

The fee is \$20 per couple, which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, beverage and prizes for the top finishers in four flights.

## Stamp Club starts again in January

By Jim Sundberg

Next month the On Top of the World Stamp Club will be starting up again.

We will be holding our regular monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month, January through May, 2013 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. The dates are Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16 and May 21, 2013.

I'm available for questions and



### Stamp Club

help at anytime you need it. Give me a call at 847-951-2284.

Hope to see you in January!



## Guys and Dolls Tournament was another step forward for OTOW men's and women's billiards

By Gail DuCharme

The dust has begun to settle after the build-up and excitement of the first Guys & Dolls Billiards Tournament.

But it is not so settled that we can forget the enthusiasm expressed as players successfully maneuvered difficult shots or won their games.

Thanks and congratulations to all the men and women who participated in this first-time event.

The photo at right are the top finishers: Mario Rodriguez and Rashanee Turner (first place winners on the left) and Ellen Frederick and Hugo Orantes (runners up on the right), along with Andy Suhar. Congratulations to the winners for excellent playing and providing some nail-biting shots.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the "tournament in action" for yourself, please go to You Tube "OTOW Guys & Dolls 8 Ball Tournament" by Alfred Paumbo. A special thank you to Alfred for donating his time to tape the tournament and take still pictures of the players.

The You Tube video was dressed up by Margo Lindsay with music and special effects. Thanks also to Becky Balderson and Andy Suhar who were the official referees and Tony Esposito and Will Schafer for the scorekeeping.

Many thanks need to be ex-



From left to right are Mario Rodriguez and Rashanee Turner, Andy Suhar, Ellen Frederick and Hugo Orantes.

pressed to the people who generously donated their time to this event. Not in the least, is Andy Suhar, who has given tirelessly to the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club. Every Wednesday night for the past three years Andy is there instructing, teaching, running tournaments, coaching and supporting the women as they learn the game of pool. He takes his commitment seriously and his heart is sometimes on his sleeve as he chides the women in the importance of cooperation and commitment to the discipline of compet-

ing in the game. This club would not exist without the efforts of Andy and his cohort Frank English, who courageously conceived and implemented this program in order for the women to have an opportunity to learn the sport of billiards.

Then there is the supporting staff: Will Schafer, Ed Solivan, and Terry Wittman, who give of their time coaching and instructing the women, not just on Wednesdays, but Saturdays and Sundays as they offer individual instruction in the art and the strategy

of the game.

Other men have begun to be interested in assisting the ladies in becoming better players and have expressed their desire to compete with the ladies in future tournaments.

During the week when there are no special tournaments taking place, you can now see several men and women in the billiards room practicing and playing pool together. The Ladies Que'T Billiards Club is evolving and contributing to the development of the sport here at OTOW.

## Joe Ventimiglia wins two doubles titles with two different pool partners

There were three eight-ball Scotch Doubles tournaments in November and Joe Ventimiglia partnered with two different players to win two of the events.

Joe started the month with Howard Wilson and took first. Larry Wells and Bob Ellis were second.

Mid-way through November, Joe teamed with Tony Baker for his second win. John Schafer and a partner were second, while Ray Digulio and a partner were third.

In Monday night eight-ball action, there were five events. On Oct. 22, Jim Anzalone won Flight A and Denny Balderson was second. John Schafer won Flight B while Joe Ven-



### Billiard Club

timiglia was second and Bob Ellis third.

On Oct. 25 there was only one flight. Larry Wells was the champion, and Terri Wittman and Bob Ellis tied for second place.

The rest of the month saw action in two flights.

On Oct. 29, Denny Balderson edged Joe Doire for first place in Flight A. Terri Wittman toppled Gene Baranowski for the title in Flight B.

Marc Schell was the first Flight A champion in November. On Nov. 5 he stopped Hugo Orantes for the title. In Flight B, Joe Ventimiglia was first and Bob Ellis was second.

Finally, on Nov. 12, Hugo Orantes was the Flight A champion, Tony Baker was second, and Jim Anzalone and Joe Doire tied for third.

In Flight B, Mario Rodriguez was the champion, John Fier was second and Ray Digulio was third.



**Candles can make beautiful holiday decorations - but they can also start fires.**

**Never leave a lit candle unattended.**

# Fixers have the perfect holiday gift for your spouse



## Fixers Club

By John Koning

Ladies, it's time to start thinking about Christmas and where to find the perfect gift for that man of yours.

We live in tough economical times, so it's important to be prudent and responsible with your money. Where else can you spend \$25 a year and get rid of your pesky spouse for hours at a time and have him return with something useful instead of coming home with a bad attitude?

A set of golf clubs will get him off the couch, but it will cost you hundreds of dollars and then you can bet that supper will be ruined by his double bogie on the 17th.

A pair of roller blades will keep him occupied for a little while, but a good set runs about \$300, plus the serious time and money you'll spend on emergency health care when he falls on his butt.

You could set him up with a nice tennis racquet and some good shoes, but then you're on the hook for his incessant bellyaching about his bad partner and the ace he served that was called out of bounds by the other side.

It's pretty clear that a membership in the Fixers Club is one of the



**Inez Linkewich drills out flower petals that she and her husband Kasy assemble to make gifts for friends and family.**

best investments you can make. The shop is chock full of quality machinery in tip top shape. It is also full-to-overflowing with expertise and helpful gentlemen ... and ladies!

Yes, that's right. Some of our best woodworkers are ladies. There

are not many of them yet, but the tide is turning. Every year we see more ladies come in for a peek. Some stay and join. We hope you're one of them.

A word to the wise, men. If you don't like woodworking, buy your sweet lady a membership. That way,

she'll be at the shop making toys for the grandkids and you'll have the TV remote all to yourself!

Visit us at [www.fixersfiddler-sandfumblers.com](http://www.fixersfiddler-sandfumblers.com) or stop by the shop on the EAC ground floor by the pool.

# Time to practice your favorite tune - karaoke night set for Jan. 16

By Pete LaPorta

We would like to welcome back all our Snowbirds to our club.

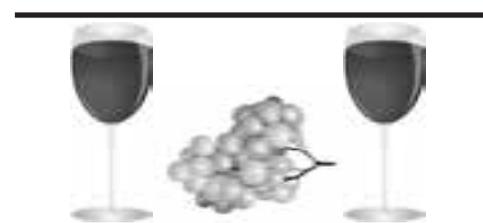
The season starts again!

At our Nov. 21 meeting, the Nichols Dancers entertained us and we served wine and cheese. There is no meeting in December.

The agenda for the new year, includes:

On Jan. 16 we will meet at 6:30 p.m. with snacks and Karaoke By Len-ny. Bring your own beverage.

On Feb. 20 we will meet at 6



## Italian American

p.m. followed by "Nite at the Races" for everyone. Tickets for sandwiches are \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased

in advance.

On Feb. 27 we go to Tampa Bay Downs with the New York/New Jersey Club. All our tickets are already sold out.

March 20 is our St. Joseph Dinner Dance featuring an Italian buffet and entertainment by Carlo. Cost for members is \$16 and cost for non-members is \$20.

April 3 is our "Old Fashioned Picnic" at Phillippe Park in Safety Harbor. Burgers and hot dogs will be on the menu.

On April 17 we will hold a pizza party for members only. Tickets must be purchased in advance after any of the previous meetings.

It is now time to renew your membership. The cost is still \$4. Tickets for events and membership go on sale Mondays and Thursdays in January.

From the Italian-American Club to everyone at On Top of the World, "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year."

# Busy season provides many opportunities to have fun and volunteer to assist activities

By Rollie Lapointe

Plans have been finalized for the many Canadian Club activities and dances we will offer this year.

The main thrust of the club, as in past years, remains "to foster fellowship and mutual assistance among members" and to "seek answers to the many questions visitors have about our community."

With many activities available to its members and the emphasis on having fun in retirement, the club continues to strive to maintain its original goals.

An important element to any organization, like the Canadian Club, is our member volunteers. Volunteering is a positive way to uphold the aforementioned goals and provides an excellent opportunity to meet new and old friends.



And ... there are many ways to offer your talents.

Working on the executive committee provides ample opportunities to set goals and lead the club to a fruitful and successful season. You will be provided support and training and will have the knowledge that you have truly had a hand in shaping the club.

Among other opportunities to help include decorating, setting up/

taking down tables, selling tickets, helping with an activity etc. Simply contact the executive committee or the individual in charge of the activity and they will gladly put your talents to good use.

Our first major party of the season is our Christmas Dance (Rene Careau) on Friday, Dec. 7. Admission includes a hot turkey, ham buffet with "fixins," a DJ for your dancing pleasure, a visit from Santa and a few other surprises.

This event continues our policy of "bring your own beverage." Tickets may be purchased on Monday or Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 at the East Activity Center. You may purchase memberships to the club at this same time.

Our Thursday night social games (blackout)/bridge (Jill and Rob

Orchard) continue in the EAC large card room. Bring your quarters!

It is not too early to set aside and buy tickets for our formal President's Ball (Andy McEvoy) on Jan. 25. Cost will be \$27 for members and \$29 for guests. Admission includes a hot meal, two bottles of wine for each table and a DJ. Groups may select their table when purchasing their tickets. Again, these will be on sale Mondays and Thursdays at the EAC.

For more information about our day at Tampa Bay Downs, Marathon Bridge, social games, golf tournament, Lawn Bowls Triples Tournament, etc, please visit our Website. Dates, coordinators' phone numbers etc., are provided and you may get more information from them.

As always, play safe and enjoy what this marvelous place offers us.

## Watch for the Chorus Concert on OTOW-TV

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### Intermediate Spanish

Starts 10-11 a.m., Jan. 2

Both classes will take place in the East Activity Center Yellow Room.  
Both are 7-week classes.

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**Everything advertised on this page is free!**



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Italian classes

Learn simple Italian conversation, basic grammar rules and Italian culture. Also, learn Italian songs.

This free Italian class starts on Jan. 10 through April 25 starting at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center lower card room.

For more information, call 669-2512 or 286-6051.

## Bonesavers

Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

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

## Beginners Tai Chi

Until further notice, all beginners Tai Chi classes are free - not just the first class.

Welcome home Snowbirds! Did you know practicing Tai Chi is like a snowbird - or any bird. Some of the movements are called "sparrows tail," "white crane" and "golden pheasant."

We practice the Yang style, which is 108 movements and the most popular form in the world.

The free beginners classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center gym across from the library. We have been receiving great feedback from students on the benefits.

For questions, call Ruth at 727-726-0336 or 727-709-0841.

## Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

## Have fun, stay fit, stay healthy

Ladies, start your day off having fun by staying fit and healthy. Come join us at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym.

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and we added music to our daily cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to

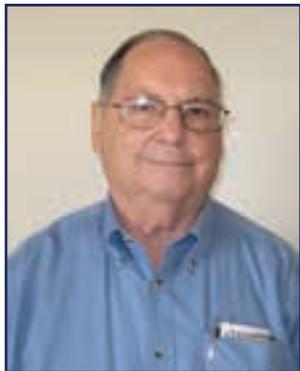
tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

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



# Newcomers

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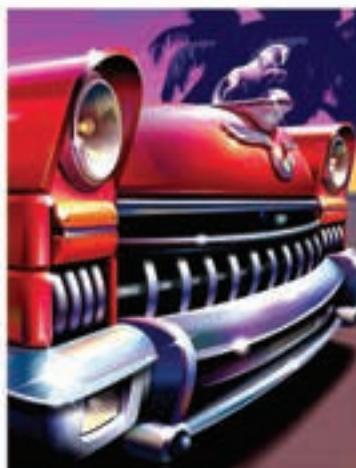
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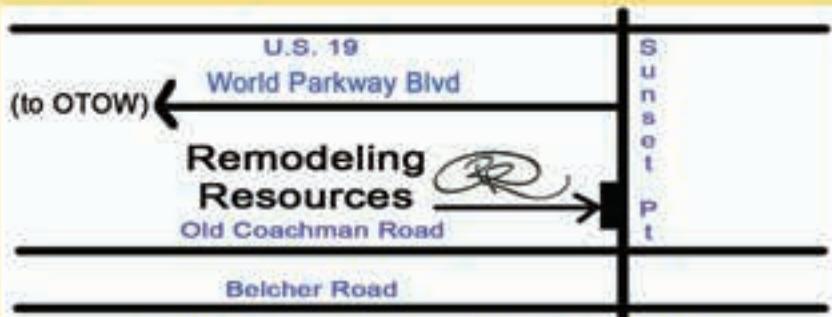
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This photo was taken at the grand opening of our great doggie park.



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## OTOW winter resident showcases her lovely 'garden of delights' at N.Y. summer home

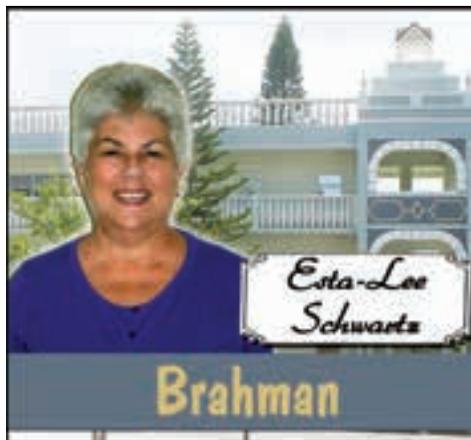
Happy Holidays Everyone! Time sure is flying, as it always seems to during this time of the year.

Don't forget our Holiday luncheon on Dec. 5, from 5–9 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. See bulletin board.

My first welcome back article is for Gloria and Gary (Bud) Sayer, known by many of their fellow golfers on the Men's and Ladies league. They had a fun filled summer and look forward to more, here at On Top of the World during the fall and spring.

Gloria is a long-time gardener and was pleasantly surprised in June when asked if she would show her garden for the Auburn Beautification Commission's Summer Garden Tour. Of the eight gardens selected for the tour, theirs was one of them. See photo, below.

Gloria and Bud, honored by this, immediately began the task of getting their yard camera-ready. Apparently, this tour is the largest fundraiser of the year in Auburn.



The categories include a cottage garden, perennial and vegetable gardens, water and rock gardens and a formal garden (which is what they consider their garden to be).

The original article is posted on the bulletin board. Congratulations to you, Gloria and Bud! It must have been very rewarding for you.

I, being one who unfortunately can kill dried flowers, am always impressed with someone who possesses a natural horticultural ability and talent.



Clockwise from left: Lori Dacey, Jim Dacey, Bud Sayer and Gloria Sayer in New Orleans to celebrate Bud and Gloria's 48th anniversary.

July held another event for the Sayers, as it was their anniversary of 48 years together. They enjoyed a four-day trip to New Orleans with two of their friends Lori and Jim Dacey. They are shown in the photo above having Hurricanes at Pat O'Brien's.

Together they crammed a great deal into the short time they were there. This included the French Quarter, Bourbon Street jazz and restaurants. Preservation Hall for shows has not changed since the 1700's. French market (self-explanatory), Café Du Monde for beignets which are French squares of dough with powdered sugar on top (a must do), Mothers' for Po' Boys (a big favorite with Gloria), Jackson Square, the heart of the city and natural historic landmark.

Lots of jazz on every street corner, bar and restaurant. They took a tour through the Ninth Ward, where Katrina hit badly and 140,000 people never returned.

They did some touring of the New Orleans above-ground cemeteries, (above ground due to the area being under sea level) and learned about how the mausoleums for families are reusable as needed. Generations easily occupy the same tomb.

Bud loved and raved about the World War II museums and the Civil War Museum. It plays in the IMAX theatre and the B12's feel like you are actually in the war. Sound effects are unbelievable.

New Orleans is a seafood lover's paradise. They will certainly take another opportunity in the future to go back and finish their tour where they left off.



Gloria Sayer of Auburn, N.Y., and OTOW, relaxes in her lavish garden, one of several that were shown during a June garden tour there. (Photo by John Berry of the Post-Standard newspaper, Syracuse, N.Y., and used with permission.)

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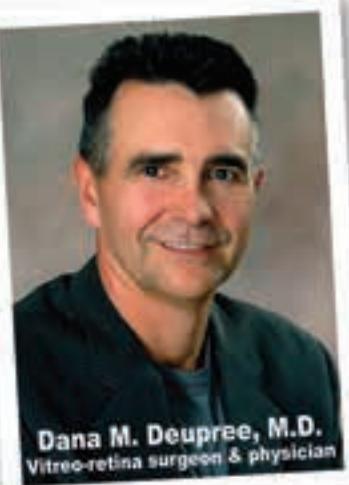
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# Semi-annual building meeting covered much ground

We gathered on the first day of November for our semi-annual building meeting.

First order of the day was a thank you from Captain Eloyd Baldwin to Gary and Dana Burgett and Tom and Barbara Holland for trimming the big round bush that is always adorned with festive lights as each holiday comes around.

Barbara and Dana are also our organizers when we have a pizza party or potluck, and they are great cooks, too.

A big thanks to Roy Satkowski as co-captain while Eloyd was away. Roy is usually around when there are questions about rules and regulations, especially for new residents.

We've all had a need every now and then to take advantage of the shopping carts but, like good neighbors, we should return them so that they are available for the next person.

We were reminded that certain items are not to be dumped in the trash room. If large items are not taken away, our building fund has to be used to hire a trucker to remove them. Building dues for this fund remain



at \$10, which should be sufficient for ordinary expenses.

If you don't have the blue information book which tells about all there is to know about OTOW, check with Eloyd for a copy and for the forms to fill out in case of emergency.

Also at the meeting, our new treasurer gave a brief report.

We would like to welcome new English Tudorites Kay Tenuta, Marie Stanhope, Ann Haskell, Joe Plekach, Ledon Hitch, Martha Floyd Barnett, Joe and Rosalie Borowczyk. They hail from Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, Canada, Connecticut and even a long-time Florida resident.



English Tudor resident Ann Haskell made this lovely afghan for a nephew.

The following day we trotted over to Sunset Grill for lunch. Seated at two tables along the back wall were Ray, Gary, Dana, Barbara, Tom, Eloyd, Kay, Marie, Karen O'Brien, Carlene Lawhorne, Ulaine Tessier, Lee Charpentier, sisters Flo Donahue and Dorothy Carpenito, and myself.

We are planning to have a potluck before some of the gang goes to visit family for the holidays.

Did you know that our building has a master afghan weaver in Ann Haskell? See the photo (above) of her latest creation, which she crafted for a nephew.

## We meet a tap dancer, a ping-pong player and a baker

The Malagueña building welcomed some new residents during the past six months. Ellie England is a retired librarian from Virginia. She loves books (of course) and also enjoys Florida Orchestra concerts.

The Kelloggs, Nellie and Ken, are new neighbors to the second floor. Nellie is a tap dancer and an exercise enthusiast. Ken enjoys watching her perform her various types of dance.

Coming from New York, New Jersey and Tampa is the Sapienza family. Nick likes to play ping pong (anybody interested?). Chris enjoys sewing.

From nearby Seminole, we meet Sylvia Luebking. She has been here about six months and told me she enjoyed baking for her church.



We wish all our neighbors a very happy and healthy holiday season and a successful 2013.

Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!



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## Couple of dates to remember

Welcome back to everyone, so glad to see you all. You're back just in time for all the festivities.

Decorating, party after party, just enjoying everybody's company — so let the season begin!

Jim and Yvonne Courtney went to Ohio to visit their oldest daughter Buffie and her family of six children. Yvonne and Jim have a total of 11 grandchildren, who all are below the age of 11. They enjoyed a visit to the Air Force Museum and the Columbus Zoo. Fun was had by all.

Our building residents will be enjoying their holiday party on Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Bon Appétit. Sign-up is on the bulletin board.

An upcoming event date to post on your calendar is Feb. 8, when there will be an important building meeting.

The building is letting everyone know so that you can mark these dates on your calendar.

Enjoy your holidays from all of us at Hawaiian Towers! Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa.

# Reporter finds the real spirit of Christmas

I met Santa Claus. Not the volunteers for the Salvation Army, or those employees of major department stores hired to help fatten up the Christmas season. No, I met the real guy, in all places, Ft. Lauderdale.

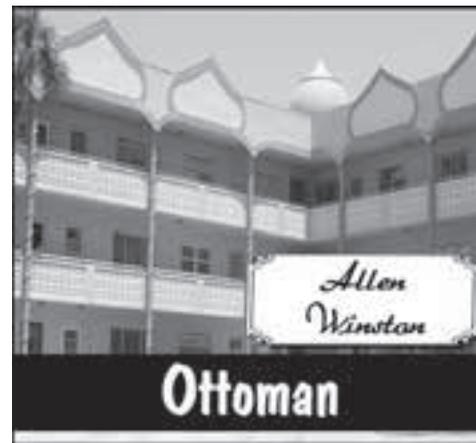
The holiday season is a time for sharing with family and friends... and those in need. Whether it is food, clothing, or money, many of us choose this season for giving to others.

My wife and I were privileged to work with some incredibly generous volunteers who devote their time, energy, and creativity every year to the "Fantasy Flight" program, a mock trip to the North Pole, where the passengers board a United Airlines Boeing jet from a designated fully-decorated terminal, travel for about an hour, then land at the "North Pole."

The program, which is now worldwide, takes underprivileged kids and children with life-threatening and terminal conditions on a flight to visit Santa and his elves in their workshop as they prepare for Christmas.

The children and their families board the plane from a designated gate and take off for the flight to "Santa's workshop" (this particular flight headed to Santa's workshop via Key West).

The captain, co-captain, stewardesses, and volunteers on the flight (me and "my bride"), were all dressed as Santa's elves. An entire dedicated wing



of the Ft. Lauderdale airport terminal was decked out as a complete winter wonderland, and featured a host of volunteers, carolers from a local high school, firefighters, local and State police, fairy-tale princesses, members of the military, magicians, local sports mascots and lots of elves.

There was a huge spread of donated food including popcorn, cotton candy, pizza and burgers from McDonald's, along with arcade games and even Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Shrieks of joy could be heard coming from almost every child, yet all of this was nothing compared with the kids' wide-eyed excitement when the real guest of honor, Santa Claus, arrived, his bag full of gifts for everyone. Many of these kids would never live to see another Christmas, but for one brief moment in time,

they could see a light in the midst of their darkness.

Me, I discovered the *real* Santa Claus that day, and saw the spirit of the holiday in its purest form.

When my boys were old enough to understand, we stopped "trading" gifts for the holidays. Instead, my wife and I took our holiday budget and divided it into four equal shares. What would have normally been used for presents was now to be used as a donation, each of us picking the researched charity of our choice.

Over the years we gave to dozens of causes, from various health cures, to feeding the homeless, fighting famine, saving tigers, and my personal favorite, the humane society.

A letter was sent along with our donation explaining why each of us chose that particular charitable cause. Hanukkah or Christmas, it didn't matter, we were living the holiday.

December is a month of whiplash. We look back on the past year (the good, the bad, and the "yukky"), while at the same time, highly anticipating our plans for 2013 (travel, winning the lottery, sky-diving, enjoying good health); and then there are those very short-lived New Year's resolutions.

Happy holidays, fellow Ottomaniacs, and may all your 2013 wishes be realized, including those that may be a little illegal, immoral or fattening...!

## Residents' QM2 round-the-world book ready for December publication

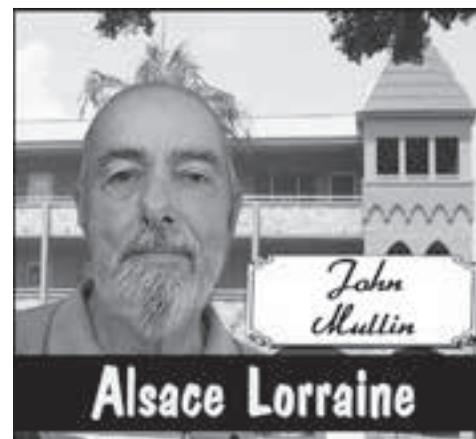
A resident of our building, Roger Guzman, MD, from Ontario, Canada, is having his third book being published, with release scheduled for Dec. 15.

The book is "Cruising Around the World on *Queen Mary 2* for 103 Days." It is a must-read for those interested in cruising, especially if that cruise begins on the *Queen Mary 2*.

Roger and his wife Evelyn, also an MD, moved here in 1993 as Snowbirds. They worked for two years on this book and wrote it from the perspective of a real couple having a real adventure with real problems.

The book is being published by Infinity Publishing. Roger and Evelyn are donating the royalties from the book to charities in Clearwater, Mississauga, Ontario and New Brunswick, Canada.

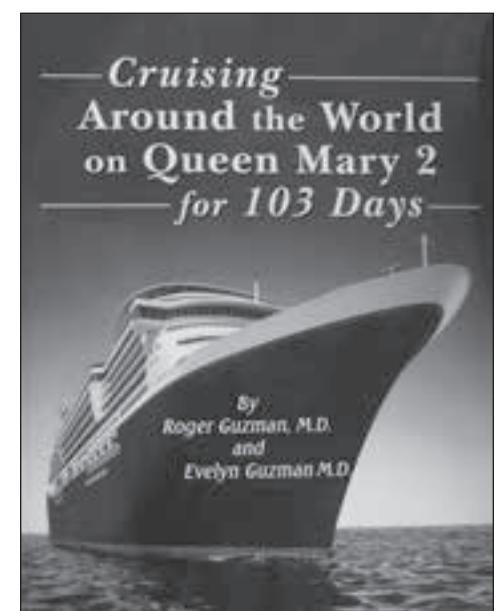
Roger and Evelyn are leaving shortly for their grandson's wedding and then to New York to pick up the *Queen Mary 2* for an even longer 120-day round-the-world cruise.



The 2011 cruise was for their 50th wedding anniversary. This next cruise is because of all the varied adventures and great people they met on the first cruise.

Hopefully, Somalia pirates will stay clear as they did in 2011. Yes, there were pirates, but the QM2 was well-protected and they had no incidents.

While Roger was talking to me I asked him why he picked On Top of the World as his winter home. He told me the people. They made him



The cover of Drs. Roger and Evelyn Guzman's forthcoming book, due out in December.

and Evelyn feel like they were at home. They could come and go and people looked out for their place and looked out for them.

Roger has tentatively agreed to a lecture on his travels next fall — more to come about that.



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# Rides available to holiday dinner for those needing them

Hi from Rila Renaissance! Welcome back to our Snowbird residents. We missed all of you.

Our building had a wonderful get-together. The residents were treated to a pizza party. Because the weather was so beautiful, it was held outside. We had another great turnout. There were approximately 35 residents who attended (see photos).

There was a building meeting during the party. We discussed the holiday lighting of our building. Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, asked for as many people as possible to help decorate. We also need strong men to help carry the heavy boxes.

Building news from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger: Our Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Bon Appétit Restaurant, 1108 Marine Plaza in Dunedin. Their phone is 727-733-2151.

There will be plenty of drivers who can take anyone who needs a ride. Please check your bulletin boards in the lobby. It is important that you mark it if you are attending and if you need a ride. You will be contacted as to who will be driving you. Make sure you write your apartment number and telephone number.



(Left and above) Some of the approximately 35 Rila Renaissance residents who attended a recent outdoor pizza party and building meeting. Photos by Arlene Bergen.

Attendees will order from the standard dinner menu and pay individually. No money will be collected ahead of time.

Bon Appétit does offer three-course dinners. There are additional

selections on the menu other than dinners. You can print out a menu online ([www.bonappetitrestaurant.com](http://www.bonappetitrestaurant.com)) or ask a neighbor who has a computer to do so.

Please try to attend. We are all looking forward to celebrating the holiday together. We always have fun.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a happy and healthy New Year.

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# Cookout was enhanced by residents' German grandsons

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Just getting through the hurricane season without any hits is something to be thankful for, considering what people along the Atlantic coast have been going through.

On Oct. 24, Building Captain Hugh Quirk and Lepa Buck hosted a party for the residents of the Flamenco Building. I didn't count noses, but I think about 30 of us attended. Hugh grilled steaks for us, and they were delicious. Thank you, Hugh and Lepa, for your hard work. We all had a great time. Also, one of the great highlights of our parties is the exquisite cakes and pastries that Gertraud Rubenstahl makes, and this year was no exception.

Two of Gertraud and Horst's grandsons attended the party, and we were delighted to meet them. They are 16 and 18 and speak English very well.

The younger boy told us that German students begin learning English in the third grade and then either Latin, French, Spanish or Italian in the fifth grade. They can take more language classes when they get to eighth grade if they wish.

They didn't miss any school as German students get a two-week vacation during autumn.



Original resident Helen Peters, left, chats with Gerlinde Steinacker in Hugh Quirk's home during Hugh and Lepa's party.

Grandma Gertraud said they hit most of the usual tourist spots — Busch Gardens, Honeymoon Island, Indian Rocks Beach and Universal Studios. What polite, enthusiastic young



Flamenco cookout and party was hosted by Building Captain Hugh Quirk and Lepa Buck.

men. Their visit was much too short.

Our very own Stella Zambalis has been cast as Julia Child in the comic opera "Bon Appétit," according to the Tampa Bay Times. This is part of Opera Tampa's "POPera!" festival in February. Stella's first performance of "Bon Appétit" is on Feb. 22, with an additional performance in March, yet to be determined.

Many thanks to Nancy Geyer for typing and distributing a revised building directory.

We have some new neighbors in our building. Please welcome Lou and Mary Lou Sabatino who moved here from Trinity, Fla. Lou is originally from New York, and Mary Lou is from Pennsylvania where she was an administrator for an open heart surgical

center for 20 years. Lou was a trainer in the risk management department at Proctor and Gamble.

Their son is a cardiologist at Mease Countryside Hospital, and they spend a lot of time babysitting for his three young boys (another is soon on the way).

Their daughter has a son and daughter, and the Sabatinos will become great-grandparents in December. They said all their neighbors have welcomed them, and they look forward to living here.

And now we all look forward with anticipation and eagerness to a new year. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, an abundant Kwanzaa and Happy New Year to all!

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# Flight attendant happy to capture memories of NYC park

October was a warm and pleasant month here at Rancho Del Mundo. Not so much for our friends and relatives in the Northeast, however.

Our favorite flight attendant and wonderful neighbor, Romaine Dowty, was on duty in New York just prior to Hurricane Sandy's visit. Knowing that Sandy's winds would soon take away the beauty of Central Park, she spent her day off there recording that beauty to share with us to lift our spirits and reassure all that better days will come again (see photos).

Luckily, by the time LaGuardia closed the airport, Romaine was out of harm's way, spending two days in Cincinnati and two days in Raleigh in hotels.

She was saddened by the cancellation of the annual New York Marathon as she was scheduled to volunteer and run a 5K. She said it was, however, the "right thing to do."

When her plane landed in Tampa, Romaine reflected that "Florida sunshine and On Top of the World never looked so good!" Thank you, Romaine, for thinking of us!

Our lovely neighbor, Irene Muench, is contributing to this month's article. She wants to welcome all of our new neighbors and say how happy and lucky we are to have you with us. I'll second that emotion!

Irene and I both hope you are as happy living here as we are! Irene adds,



Romaine Dowty photographed New York City's Central Park shortly before Hurricane Sandy struck in an effort to preserve her memories of the park.

"When you live here time really flies. The upside is that you will always find someone older than you and realize you have quite a few more years to go."

Remember when you went to school and during "show and tell" talked about your summer vacation? Well, Irene told me about her recent trip. She went camping in North Carolina with her children who are

from North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. She says camping is not like "we" remember it.

Cabins now are of the big two-bedroom and two-bath variety. Very comfortable living. In our day we had tents and small tow-alongs, but we loved it, didn't we? Irene had a great time.

As always it was good seeing her children together. She says their vacations always seem to be "all about eating" and this time was no different. That sounds good to me!

After camping, Irene went to North Carolina to spend time visiting between her two sons' families. When it was time for her to leave, the boys have to decide who is going to drive Mother halfway between where they are located in North Carolina and where her daughter lives in South Carolina. She calls it "exchanging the baggage." The mission was accomplished.

Susan lives near a lake which Irene enjoys. The kids love her to go out on their boat and entertain them by jumping off causing them to speculate if and where she will reappear. Being buoyant in body and spirit, she floats to the surface with a smile. Lucky everyone!

Irene reflected as she flew home, "After all is said and done and even when you've had a great time as I always do, there really is "no place like home!"

While it takes awhile to recuperate from the trip, she feels blessed to be able to travel and visit with family.

Irene is my downstairs neighbor and I've come to enjoy her company a great deal.

Having met her children, I really enjoyed hearing about her visit with them. They are a family that enjoys time spent together; playing, laughing and yes, eating. They love to cook and enjoy old favorites that Mom always made.

Irene asks that others contribute to our newsletter as well. I agree. Call me or send me your postings... about your true experiences, or anything you would like to share. Let's get to know one another better through this monthly newspaper column.



Romaine Dowty stands among floral beauty in Central Park, New York City, just before Hurricane Sandy blew through the area.

## CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO RENT THEIR UNITS

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2069 World Parkway Blvd. East  
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## Dog Walkers

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

## New residents welcomed at first social event of season

At the end of October, Ann Talner and Angie and George Georgiou acted as host and hostesses for our monthly luncheon get-together. We had a really huge turnout.

One of the folks we got to welcome was Stanley Spahalski, who is a new resident at Americana. He comes to us from York, Pa.

The morning coffee welcoming back all Snowbirds plus catching up with each other on happenings during the summer was quite successful, with at least 20 residents present.

We feasted on doughnuts, pound cake, mini-muffins and cookies all washed down with delicious coffee. It was a great start to our day and a good beginning to our social calendar. We are, after all, the Americana Social Club.

The 50/50 drawings were won by Arnie Engelbert and by Terri and Ray Matrochano.

Jean Nicolaus brought her dog, Tasha, to the Halloween party for pets at the East Side Dog Park. Maybe one of these months we'll get to see Tasha as pet of the month in the paper.



At Halloween, Arnie Engelbert went to the pumpkin patch near their church where he read stories to the school age children. His wife, Joyce, said he had major feelings of joy afterwards.

Bill Hiltz and many of his family members paid a visit one recent Sunday.

My apologies to Alan Walz. I somehow missed giving him an official welcome when he became a resident in the Americana last spring. We all want to say that we're glad he's here!

## THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News (Part 43: December, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Entertainment galore for December:
  - Christmas Dance on Dec. 11, 8-12 p.m. \$1.75 per person – music and prizes (jackets for men, please).
  - Christmas Concert with OTOW Chorus on Saturday Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Donation is \$6.25.
  - New Years Dance on Dec. 31, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. \$5 each with music by a 6-piece orchestra. Hats, noisemakers and ice provided – bring your own drinks and snacks.
- Some exciting trips were proposed for 1975:
  - March 15, “Alohaland” four-island tour of Hawaii; 15 days for \$950 per person.
  - May is the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville and Atlanta; seven days for \$280 per person.
  - In July, enjoy the “Wild, Wild West” for 15 days.
- Don Tipton, the golf pro, opened the new driving range located behind the Citrus grove parallel with the first hole. Excellent quality range balls were available for \$1 per bucket.

**See you next time!**

## Calendar meeting results in few schedule changes

It is hard to believe that we are beginning another winter season here at On Top of the World.

As of this writing, not all the Snowbirds have arrived, but by the time this goes to press, everyone should be back in residence.

Recently, Josie Marsiglio hosted our first calendar meeting, a time in which we decide what changes we wish to make concerning our socials throughout the year.

After a spirited discussion, we decided that the Christmas party will continue to be held in the Sunrise Room and that we will not be going out to an area restaurant.

We also decided not to have the White Elephant sale, but instead to try a Casino Night as our main fundraiser. Wendy Colquhoun has volunteered to make all the arrangements for this endeavor.

Most of the other social events will remain the same. Mallorcans are encouraged to contact Terry or Dick Kuplen if they wish to host some other function.

A big shout-out goes to Terry for making a hole-in-one! In her own words, “On Oct. 25th, while golfing with Trish Burch and Joan Yorkery, I teed up on hole number 13 and struck the ball with my driver. There was so much wind, and the ground was quite soft, that I certainly used more club than usual. However, it paid off as we saw the ball hit the edge of the green and proceed to round into the cup. It was my very first experience of having a hole-in-one, and certainly



will always be a wonderful memory.” Congratulations, Terry!

Ginger Currier celebrated her 90th birthday recently at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse, N.Y., when she visited the area. The party was hosted by her children.

In attendance were two of her four grandchildren and four of her five great-grandchildren. Helen Pawlikowski, of Seneca Falls, N.Y., and OTOW, attended the party as a special surprise for Ginger. It was a wonderful day for all of us and a day filled with great memories.

Be sure to watch for upcoming events in the building:

- Dec. 1 — Join us in decorating our building for Christmas.
- Dec. 6 — Our annual Christmas party, with a potluck and gift exchange, in the Sunrise Room.

You won't want to miss either of these delightfully fun events!

Merry Christmas to all and a prayer for each of you to have an upcoming year filled with peace and love.



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January .....	4
February.....	1
March.....	1
April.....	5
May.....	3
June.....	7
July.....	No Class
August.....	No Class
September.....	6
October.....	4
November.....	1
December.....	No Class

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**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License No.** \_\_\_\_\_

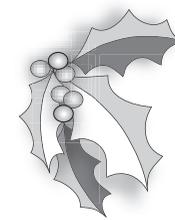
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**For non-AARP members, the fee is \$14 per person.**

The completed registration form should be sent immediately to Larry O'Connor at the address in the left column with a check or money order (no cash) payable to AARP.

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**  
Remember, you will not get a wake-up call.



### CHRISTMAS TIME

*Madeleine Wanda*

It's such a happy time of the year  
Elections are over and people go shopping  
To buy Christmas gifts to fill the stockings  
There are places to see and more stuff to buy  
The kids are getting wiser so buy the right toy  
Let's not forget his birthday date  
How many of us forgot to remember  
On December 25 it's in late December  
He's still with us and quieter and nearer  
To help with us in our struggles, triumphs and fears  
There will be fewer tears when you ask, He will hear  
Merry Christmas to all and lots of cheer.

### DIFFERENT OPINIONS

*Madeleine Wanda*

Thanksgiving Day was such a treat  
We were all happy with our Thanksgiving dinner  
When family and friends got together  
People gave to those who have not  
We're all God's children, like it or not  
I was as lovely as can be  
People admired and were proud of me  
I think humans are crazy as can be  
On Thanksgiving Day they all ate me.

### THE MAPLE TREE

*Alma W. Hudson*

My father planted a maple tree  
When I was only five  
Each year I watched it grow  
It was beautiful and so alive  
I had a secret love  
For the shapely maple tree  
And a great desire  
To see it to maturity  
It was more beautiful  
As the years rolled by  
It truly was my friend  
On which I did rely  
It taught me things  
In so many ways  
For God created us  
To enjoy all our days  
It was a healthy tree  
For all of twenty years  
A bolt of lightning struck  
And it brought on tears  
The lessons I learned  
Were worth more than gold  
I thought it would be nice  
For it to be told

### FAMILY NIGHT

*Alma W. Hudson*

Sunday night at home  
Brought out our family love  
As we gathered around  
And sang songs from above  
My beautiful Mother  
With her hands on the keys  
Would never miss  
Playing all the melodies  
Then my Daddy joined in  
On his special violin  
And the daughters' voices  
Surely did begin  
We sang and sang  
Had the greatest fun  
The evening meant so much  
When all was done  
How grateful I am  
For those few years  
Mother and Dad were called home  
Amidst all of our tears  
The main lesson we learned  
From those wonderful people  
Was to keep our priority  
Always upon the steeple

==== The below poems are submissions from OTOW Writer's Ink members ====

### ON TOP OF THE WORLD

*Jack McMillan*

A place of hope  
A place of hope  
2 pools, 2 clubhouses, 2 lakes  
a place where a cheerful 'girl'  
unattached  
with 2 husbands under the sod  
who  
knows how to bake a casserole  
a casserole, a casserole  
a place where lives a widower,  
a widower, a widower  
down at the end of the block  
bereaved only a short time  
maybe  
some wine might cheer him up  
cheer him up, cheer him up  
he might even have a buck or two  
a buck or two, a buck or two  
— better get there before Mary Lou  
I'm going to  
pay a visit to  
a visit to, a visit to  
this gentleman down the block



### THIS MORNING'S WAKING

*Barbara Humphreys*

Thoughts flood my sleep with awareness  
of how short is Earth's time  
as I have known it.  
Even as a child I felt connected to nature and  
tried to honor the miracle of growing things —  
even annoying insects and plants.  
I talk to squirrels on morning walks and  
recycle when possible.  
Not good enough!  
Now I 'find AI Gore's Earth in the Balance  
*Ecology and The Human Spirit*. ©1992  
in my bookcase.  
How long has he and this book been ridiculed?  
I see anew predictions from its pages  
of disaster that would surely come.  
Now I view devastation of our Atlantic coast.  
I hear Storm Sandy shouting  
"See! When will you pay attention?"

# Trip to 9/11 Memorial is always an inspiring journey

Ho-Ho-Ho, It's that time of the year already!

Thanksgiving's a happy plump memory, which was happily enjoyed with dear pals Rick and Dana Garlick at their happy home at French Renaissance. Boy can they cook!

Now it's on to Christmas, with all the fun and festivities, bows and ribbons, hanging stockings, trimming the tree, putting out the Menorah and don't forget the mistletoe.

Also shopping, parties, travel, trips to the airport to fetch friends and family and for some a four letter word... cook!

It's a fun season for sure.

Howard Rochte requested I mention the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the core for our building's party. I hope extra pages are needed this year. "Santa's helper" has again arranged for a gala evening at Spoto's on Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m.

We had a good turnout last year; hopefully, more of our friends and neighbors will join in the evening of fun, marvelous food and good company. Thank you in advance, Howard.

Viennese Villa always looks very festive this time of year thanks to the remarkable efforts of Charley Coffman and his band of merry elves. We all thank you Charley!

Loretta DeJohn recently spent some time sightseeing in New York City. While there, she visited the



World Trade Center Memorial. She was kind enough to send some images of her visit. Loretta says, "The waterfall cascades (which are one acre in size) cannot be appreciated unless you are at the site. The depth of the fountains (30 ft.) is amazing."

She sent along a photo of the freedom towers that, as you can see, are not yet complete. Thank you to Loretta for sharing the pictures and description with us.

It's winter, which means the Polar Bear swimmers are again doing water aerobics every morning under the capable direction of Elsie Jane Anderson. If you want some good exercise and fun, come join in. This is a great way to get in to shape and meet new people. You may even shed the pounds gained over Thanksgiving.

On another note...Please remember to mail in the information requested regarding the hardwire



Loretta DeJohn visited the World Trade Center site in New York recently and captured this view of one of the two Memorial Pools, around which are inscribed the names of the 2,983 persons killed in the 9/11 attacks of 2001.

smoke detectors. I think we'll all sleep better with these installed.

Since this is the last column of 2012, I want to thank all of you for news and pictures. I also want to wish all in Viennese Villa and our On Top Of the World neighbors, friends, their families and pets a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous 2013.

I wish the same for the OTOW management office people, Park Management personnel and all the others who make OTOW such a beautiful place to live.

Until next year... Fran



The Freedom Tower will replace the WTC twin towers, destroyed in the 9/11 attacks.

## Passing of the reporter's torch at Grecian Classic

Hello, my name is Gay Hunt, and I am the new reporter for the Grecian Classic Building.

Since I only accepted this post two days ago, this entry will be short. My husband, Bob, and I have been Snowbirds for five years, but became full-time Florida residents a year ago.

Maybe some of you have seen Bob on the golf courses. I prefer to hang out around the pool. We moved here from Tiffin, Ohio.

A big "welcome back" to the Snowbirds in our building and all over On Top of the World! Having been one myself for a few years, I know what that excitement is like to return "home."

I would like to inform the residents of Building 6 that I will be posting a notice on the bulletin board on how to submit news items to me for publication.



I do have one news item to report. My neighbor and dear friend, Joyce Mehas, just returned from her first cruise! I am happy to report she loved it — especially Grand Turk. The best part though, was being able to travel with her daughter, Linda, from Cincinnati, and her son, Mike, and daughter-in-law Lois, from Texas. We are so glad she returned safely to us.

## Here are the hours for activity centers & recreation

East and West Activity Centers	
Monday- Saturday	7:00 AM- 10:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM- 9:00 PM
Swimming Pools	
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM (May- September)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM (May- September)
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM – 6:30 PM (October- April)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 6:30 PM (October- April)
Spa	
Tuesday- Sunday	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Monday	Closed for cleaning
Fitness Center	
Monday- Saturday	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Monday & Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 PM Closed for cleaning

# Clearwater Beach a picture-perfect spot for a wedding

With Thanksgiving almost upon us as this is written, it is hard to imagine we are about to celebrate Christmas.

But we have much to be thankful for in Florida this season. I think all of our Snowbirds are back among us, including Laurie and Pat Wookey and Norm and Barbara Jacques.

The latter, as soon as they arrived, planted their usual lovely border of impatiens in front of their hedge. The Wookeys immediately added their names to our posted information about the fall building meeting.

Early in October, a number of us including Ingrid Durham, a friend of hers, and myself, attended the first monthly concert of the Clearwater Band at the nearby campus of St. Petersburg College.

Our own Paul Thompson was again highlighted in one of the delightful jazz numbers with his saxophone and led the finish of another number as well as joining the concert band with his clarinet in the beautiful second half of the program.

A fine organ concert given at St. Alfred's Church by its organist and choir master, Kevin Johnson, was attended by Hilda Hamilton and Mary Ellis. A large offering was given to help relieve the people affected by Hurricane Sandy.

It is also good to have back with us the Farrells, Paul and Phyllis, who could hardly wait to get out on our golf course. They were able, however,



to stop in Toronto on their way here to visit their daughter, son-in-law, and 19-month-old grandson Jack, a son and his wife, and another daughter and her husband.

They will spend Christmas here, and expect their daughter with young Jack to be here in March.

We are delighted to report that Gary Bronson's daughter Larysa was married to a handsome young man named Brent Shiflett in a Clearwater Beach ceremony on Nov. 3 (see photo). A reception followed at Countryside Country Club.

Gary tells us that everything went well and the bride was beautiful. Larysa lives with her dad and will remain here until she completes college and receives her degree as an RN.

Upon completion of her State Board exam she will move to Ohio to be with her husband.



Larysa Bronson was married Nov. 3 on Clearwater Beach. Seen from L-R: Brent (the groom), Larysa (the bride), Cheryl (Larysa's mom) and Gary (Larysa's dad).

Her mom, Cheryl, is in the Peace Corps in the country of Georgia and was able to take time off to return to the States to witness her daughter's marriage.

Our building's fall meeting, held as announced in the Sunrise Room, was attended by 30-some residents and friends. It was decorated with fall arrangements very colorfully. A delicious pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by all.

Laurie Wookey chaired the meeting with an appropriate Thanksgiving

blessing offered by Marella Cassells. Mary Ellis asked for contributions to this column and suggested that we have the offer of a co-reporter to help gather news in the future.

Our plans for a Christmas get-together will be announced on the bulletin board, and we hope that all of us have a Merry, Merry Christmas!

We will all try to remember those who have suffered so much from Hurricane Sandy, as well as those locally who are in need.

## Reminder: no credit cards accepted at holiday party

It's that shiny, sparkling time of the year again and the elves here at American Gothic are ready and waiting to deck the halls and walls on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9 a.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served and all residents are welcome to join in.

Unfortunately, American Gothic's elves do not have enough resources, decorations, electrical outlets or strength to outfit the entire building for participation in the holiday decorating contest. We wish all of you who can participate the very best of luck and may the best building win!

Have you signed up for the Christmas/Holiday party? Don't wait! The deadline for sign up is Tuesday,



Dec. 4. The holiday party will once again be at Alfano's on Clearwater/Largo Rd. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Remember, no credit cards will be accepted (except for the bar) so please plan to use cash or check. The cost will be \$18.75 per person

and a minimum gratuity is included. A sign-up sheet and menu are posted on the bulletin board.

With the new year, the annual building dues of \$12 will be due. Please pay them to your Wing Captains, Ruth Hickman and Lloyd Chirton, assisted by Sonia Nable and Sixten Larsen.

The storage room inspection will be in January, so please remember, while returning your decorations, to mark your belongings with your name, unit number and the date. Any unclaimed items will be collected and, after a designated amount of time, will be donated to charity.

Taking a moment for "old business," I want to mention the business meeting held at the potluck supper on Nov. 13 in the Sunrise

Room of the West Activity Center.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, a treasurer's report was presented, which included expenditures for a new laundry room rack and a new hose and nozzle for the water faucet.

Replacing our flag was discussed, and it was decided that Jim Crawford would purchase a new one for us.

Assistants to our Wing Captains were chosen. Our next business will be at a catered potluck supper in February. The date and time is yet to be determined.



**First Day of Winter  
is Friday, Dec. 21**

### ID/ACTIVITY CARD RENEWAL HOURS

Recreation/OTOW ID cards are available at the West Activity Center every Monday morning from 9–11:30 a.m., except holidays. Each person must present two proofs of residence (one of which is a picture I.D.) to validate his/her own card. Proofs may be a Florida driver's license, a Florida I.D., electric or cable bill or a cancelled, stamped envelope which shows name and OTOW address.

**Note: There will be no ID/Activity Card renewals on Dec. 24. Normal activity will resume Dec. 31.**

## Holiday decorators needed

The English Gothic Building is getting into the swing for the holidays.

Once again, Betty and Ben Benvenuti decorated the core in a Thanksgiving theme and did a great job. Thanks, Betty and Ben!

Our annual Thanksgiving potluck was held on Nov. 10 at the clubhouse. It was a huge success with 30 neighbors in attendance. The food was plentiful and delicious with many good old-fashioned recipes.

This year we held a raffle at the end of the meal. Mary Casey provided prizes and we then ended with a 50-50 raffle. It was a great success and will provide for the "extras" we need for the building.

Many thanks to Mary and Chris Casey, Irma and Linda for all they did to make this event shine. Participation by our neighbors is growing and we hope it will continue.

On Dec. 8, we will be decorating the building for Christmas. This is usually a big undertaking and we will need volunteers for a few hours. So mark your calendars and come join us. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The more the merrier.

On Dec 9 at 4 p.m., our annual Christmas Dinner will be held at



the Macaroni Grill. The cost is \$25. All are welcome to attend. With the return of the Snowbirds, it is important to adhere to our assigned parking spaces. Let's be courteous and kind, and welcome them back.

On Nov. 28, Chris Casey celebrated another birthday. Those birthdays come around quickly, don't they?

At the beginning of the New Year, we will begin collecting our annual building dues. They will remain at \$10 annually. We use these dues to host our parties and provide items our building may need.

We have much to be thankful for during this holiday season and let's remember those less fortunate and help however we can.

Our next meeting will be held Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.



Dolly Foland shows off a few of the garments that won ribbons at the recent Dakota County Fair in Minnesota. (Photo by Ed Foland)

## Resident excels at rapidly fading craft: sewing clothes

Dolly Foland is known as the line dance instructor for the Snowbirds Club and as the club's co-president.

As much as she likes line dancing, her lifelong hobby is sewing. She spends more time sitting at her fancy sewing machine than she spends on the dance floor. The accompanying photo shows some of her sewing projects and the ribbons that were awarded to her at the Dakota County Fair in Minnesota.

Dolly started sewing out of necessity rather than fun about 50 years ago. She made most of the clothes for her four children when they were young. Money was too short to spend it on store-bought clothes when you could make them yourself. And she made them on an old Singer sewing machine. Now she sews on a computer-driven machine that also does embroidery designs.

After the fair, two dresses were sent to granddaughters in Boston and one jacket to a grandson in New Prague, Minn. Of her 14 grandchildren, most are too old to appreciate the "Made By Grandma" label in the garment. Seems



like they prefer the more expensive designer labels.

Two of our residents celebrated milestone birthdays. Valadimira Lustig turns 101 and Howard (Coach) Chapel turns 100. We wish them many more happy birthdays!

The ladies' luncheon was held at BJ'S at the Countryside Mall, as it was one of last year's favorites.

The date for the building-wide traditional Christmas dinner at the Beachcomber is scheduled for Dec 4. A large turnout of owners and renters is expected.



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# A Maine farm wedding and a 'twin' visit are highlights

Thirteen "Mandalasians" enjoyed lunch and visiting during a November outing at Sunset Grill (see photo). It was a time for catching up on summer activities.

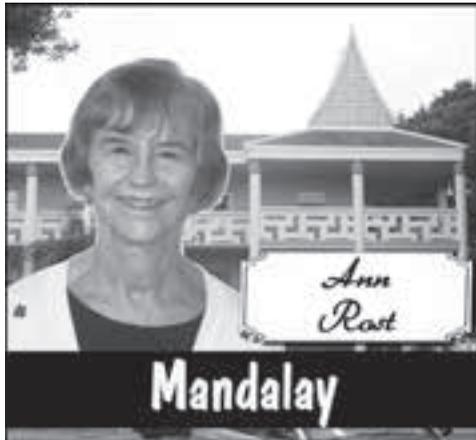
Neal and Betsy Kunke attended their granddaughter's wedding in Reedsville, Wis. A beautiful church wedding was followed by a unique reception which evoked images from a past century.

The setting was a farm, the building a barn. Neighbors pitched in, constructing 20 wooden tables, then cooking the wedding dinner, and celebrating with music and dancing.

Nature contributed to the festive mode by providing the beauty of changing leaves, the comfort of 70 degrees, and the sight of formations of geese flying overhead.

Also encountering 70-degree weather was Mary Lou Wall, who spent two weeks in Lubec, Maine, with a friend who has a house on the water near Campobello Island. They enjoyed hiking, even climbing over huge rocks lying in their path. They also toured the Roosevelt summer home located nearby.

We were happy to meet and welcome Vance Williams, newly arrived at On Top of the World from Thomaston, Maine. A retired Congregational minister, he plans to spend winters here in the apartment which his daughter has bought



Shirley Finestein and her twin sons, who visited her recently.

toward her eventual retirement.

Vance has applied for his activity card and will soon begin participating in OTOW events.



Happy Mandalay residents enjoy a recent outing at Sunset Grill.

For the first time in almost 10 years, Shirley Finestein's twin sons have paid overlapping visits (see photo at left). Her four children often visit, but seldom together.

Twins Terry and Jamie live in California and Oregon respectively.

Shirley reminisced, recalling how surprised she had been upon learning that a new baby was on the way, as she then had a 16-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old-son.

She was doubly surprised when the new "baby" turned out to be twins!

The twins, best friends themselves, grew up sharing school friends, interests and activities.

These similarities have continued through their adult years, with both working in -computer oriented business. Terry manages accounting services for various companies while Jamie works in project analysis for others.

The twins now reach across state borders via the Internet, initiating a joint business venture. They hope to market a game to local school systems. The game is intended to aide students in character development and personal growth.

As always, it appears that our residents pursue many and varied interests. Life at OTOW provides opportunities of many kinds for all.

**Holiday Lights Contest Deadline Extended**

The deadline to register your building for the Holiday Lights Contest has been extended to 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6. Stop by the OTOW newsroom to register.

## Gearing up for building holiday party

Announcing the Capistrano holiday dinner and party. All are invited. Join your Capistrano friends and neighbors at the holiday dinner and party.

- Where: Kally K's, 1600 Main Street, Dunedin.
- When: Thursday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Capistrano Snowbirds are slowly returning for the winter. Karen and I plus our dog Timmy arrived Wednesday after a two-day drive from New York.

It felt good to be back in the Florida sunshine. New York was getting cold. Most folks did not know that I did most of the writing while in New York during the summer; it was a challenge sometimes to describe happenings at Capistrano while I was in Niagara Falls.

Thanks to Julia Galpin Contella for her assistance being my eyes and ears here at On Top of the World. Julia had the hardest part of the job: getting people to share their experiences



for publication in this paper.

The Capistrano resident meeting was held Nov. 7. There were 17 residents attending representing 12 units. Those present discussed what can be done to encourage more unit residents to attend building meetings and participate in scheduled activities.

Suggestions are always welcome and can be dropped in the news box at the bulletin board or contact any of the board members.

The Christmas tree sub-committee reported that the new

Christmas tree purchase is on hold due to high cost. The old tree will be in use again this season. Any resident who sees a tree on sale at a reasonable price after the holiday season can drop a note or contact Tony Sinopoli with the information.

The tree will be located outdoors so it must be outdoor rated.

The Board of Directors will serve as the nominating committee for candidates to run in the next building election. The directors are serving since no one volunteered to serve on the committee. If anyone is interested being a candidate, please notify a board member or Tony Sinopoli, our current president.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving.

Don't forget the holiday dinner at Kally K's on Dec. 6, as described at the beginning of this column.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all!



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**Thursday Morning**

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East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

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## Winter residents' arrival invites fun times for all

Life here at On Top of the World is always good. We here at New World French have had better, more comfortable times with the arrival of fall's cooler weather.

We started this season with a Halloween pizza party. My count was that there were 18 people in attendance. Granted, it was a little cool but our "spirits" kept us warm and happy.

When the weather is cooler the "tree people" meet at the front entranceway of Judy Boley, where the afternoon sun makes for a pleasant get-together.

The best of times is now, when more Snowbirds fly in to their winter abodes. Ron and Bev Huber did indeed arrive as foretold last month. John and Gwen Briggs, whose summer home is in Manitoba, came with a roar. The sound of their diesel truck lets us know when they are on the road.

We have a new occupant in our building: Pat Volheim. She is a yearly renter. I misspelled Pat's last name in the previous issue of this paper.



The Wing Angels had a meeting to finalize plans for the holiday party. Jan Guton and Bev Huber have worked hard making arrangements for this affair. The site is at the Clearwater Country Club and will take place Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:30 p.m. There are signup sheets on the bulletin boards.

Bev and Jan will also post the day and hours for collecting ticket money and dinner choice. It should be a good time. "At Large," a well-known duo will entertain us. Cash door prizes will be given. Hope to see all of you there.



This Snowbird welcome back party was richly decorated and well-attended by a number of permanent and returning Orizaba residents. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

## Welcome back, Snowbirds

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Boxing Day and whatever other holidays that you might be celebrating.

The building's monthly luncheon for November was replaced with a welcome back party for all of our Snowbird residents that grace us with their presence each year (see photo).

The welcome back party was hosted (or should I say "hostessed?") by Flo Herman, and a grand time was had by all who attended.

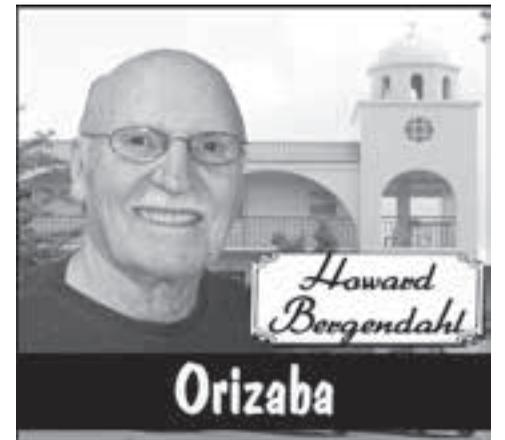
There was a sing-a-long led by Linda Ledesma, comical repartee by Andy McEvoy, sailing stories by John Van Dyke and a general good feeling for all. Flo Herman was ably assisted by her husband Jack and good neighbor Jackie Blair.

Some of the thoughtful neighbors brought fruit and cookies, which of course were devoured quickly, along with the beautiful cake from Publix.

New resident Carole Riley was introduced and welcomed by her new neighbors, while Jim and Lynn Anzalone are seriously discussing becoming fulltime residents. We welcome you aboard!

Our own centenarian Fannie Battista was in attendance and looking as attractive as ever.

Elizabeth Kokenyesi announced that a covered dish get-together was



being organized. The date will follow. Get your recipes ready.

At the end of November, On Top of the World advised residents that our elevator will be out of service for mechanical update and repair. This may cause some of our residents problems negotiating the stairs.

Mike Szekley has volunteered to assist anyone who requires help getting their groceries to the upper floors or has an emergency situation.

Linda Ledesma will be hosting the annual Christmas party at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. The signup sheet is posted in the lobby, so sign up early.

Happy birthday to Bernice Reinen and Flo Herman and a happy anniversary to Jack and Flo Herman!

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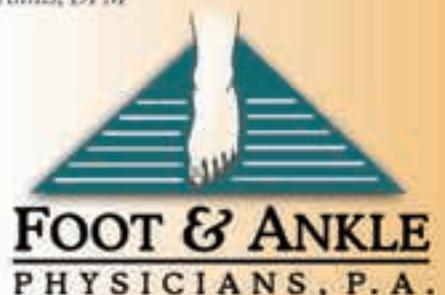
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# Long-time resident created lobby plaques, other items

Being one of the older residents of España, we older folk have some pleasant memories that you “newbies” don’t know about.

When we originally moved into the España, each floor had two huge hanging plaques, or murals, hanging in the lobby that we all called “chocolate bars” because although they had the shape of the Sunset Point entrance to On Top of the World with the arch and the globe molded into them, they looked just like chocolate bars.

As a few of you know, Herb Cervinka is the talented person who painted them and brought them to life. There are still five of them hanging in our lobbies and they are all different. The sixth one is in the Maintenance Room. One even shows it snowing over OTOW.

Herb also constructed and painted the huge Santa that stands in the island on the Americus Blvd. side of our building. Thank you, Herb, for these things and all the other things you have done for the España!

Just to give him credit, prior to moving to España almost 20 years ago, the Cervinka’s lived in the American Gothic building. If you happen to pass through their lobby, take a look at the murals. Herb painted them, too.

Today Herb is not just sitting around and resting. Herb and Lill’s daughter, Toni Blake, wrote a children’s book titled “The Monster Inside Me!” It starts “I am me and you are you. I want to be nice, I do, I do! But the Monster inside me doesn’t want me to. How about you! I want to be good and treat others nice, to show them I care...”

What did Herb do for this book? He did all the drawings; his name is on the front hard cover of the book. The dedication from Toni reads: “To my father who taught me to always give 100% to all you do. I love you Daddy!”

Herb, you should be very proud of that dedication. I am sure that Herb



will be very surprised when he reads this month’s article because I did not tell him that I was writing about him.

The book is published by StoryJumper and can be found at [www.storyjumper.com](http://www.storyjumper.com).

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. You probably feel the same. As usual, this year has had residents moving out and new ones moving in, so let’s say hello to some new residents.

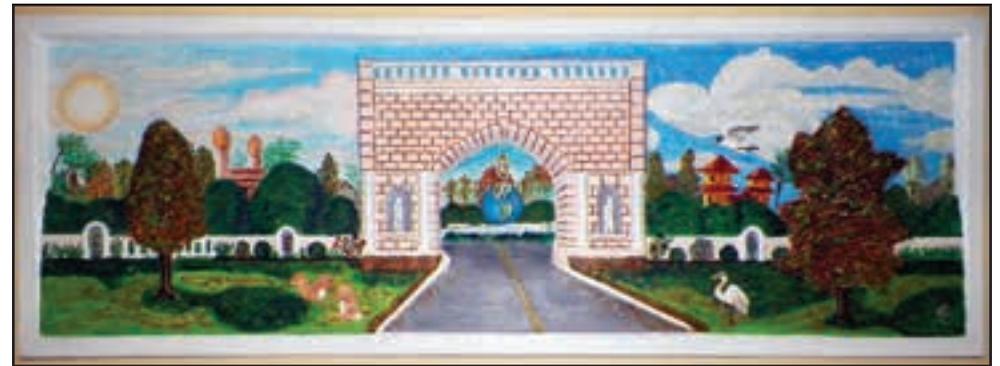
Bara Marrier and Gary Helton have spent 13 years in Clearwater and have now moved to OTOW. Gary was an electrical contractor and Bara was Director of Volunteer Services in a hospital in Brockton, Mass. They have children living in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey. Incidentally, Bara’s name is not pronounced as it looks. It is pronounced Barbara.

People in our building and in other buildings keep thanking me for the hints I give in my articles so here I go again and it’s regarding cell phones.

This suggestion is in case your cell phone gets wet, regardless if it’s just a little wet or sopping wet. First, take the back off the phone and remove the battery.

Put *uncooked* white rice and the wet phone in a sandwich bag. Use enough white rice to totally cover the phone.

Depending how wet the phone is, it might take 24 hours or even a few



(Above and below) Examples of Herb Cervinka's lobby murals.



days for the rice to absorb the water enough for the phone to dry.

Do not try to turn the phone on until all the moisture is out, even the screen.

Also, water contact will turn the little white dot-indicator to red on the inside of the phone, so if you take it in for repair, they will know that the phone had water contact at some point.

This hint came from [www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com).

I read nearly 25 great comments that people had posted before I decided to pass this hint on to you. I don’t have a cell phone so I can’t test this hint. But then, if I had one, would I really want to wet my cell phone so that I could test this hint? I don’t think so!

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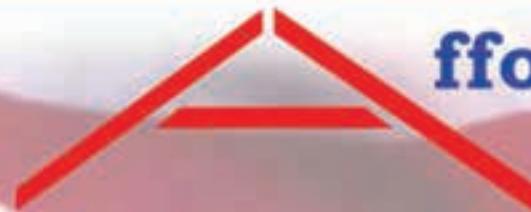
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# Happy Holidays from the OTOW News



Happy  
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*First Day of Hanukkah  
Sunday, Dec. 9*



## IN SANTA'S SACK

*By Pete Ferrero*

While rocking slowly in his chair, Santa seemed lost deep in thought.  
With worry written on his face, he wondered what the future brought.

In his search for a solution, he asked a question of himself.

Then, aloud, he gave an answer. "I'll have to get robotic elves."

Mrs. Claus asked, with concern, what was on his mind.

He shook his head and said, "Kids don't want toys that wind.

Today, it's all technology and shopping done online.

It's becoming very hard to keep up with these times.

It may be time I should retire and give in to cyber stores.

I feel like I've become another extinct dinosaur."

Mrs. Claus laid her hand softly on Santa's shoulder

And gave him a reminder of something he had told her.

"You said that there will always be, no matter how time passes,

All around this great big world little lads and lasses,

Who wait for you on Christmas Eve to bring them treats and toys.

You can never disappoint those faithful girls and boys."

"You're right, my dear," he stood and said, "I have a job to do."

She really didn't need to tell him what he already knew.

"I won't let those confounded gadgets turn this season tragic.

Today's the day to load my sleigh and spread some Christmas magic"

So he gave to Mrs. Claus a hug and kiss good bye.

Then he hitched up all the reindeer with a twinkle in his eyes.

First in line on his long list came a boy named Mike,

Who was not really certain of what gift he would like.

"I think that little Mikey should have a train and tracks,

To bring belief the best of things have a way of coming back."

Catherine Ann asked Santa for some dog bones and chewy treats,

To give to all her furry friends, so they would have something to eat.

Rudolph made sure that Santa left more than enough to share,

Plus a puppy for the child, because she showed she cared

Beneath the tree of sweet, young Joyce, Santa placed a green guitar,

So that when the spirit moved her, Joy would serenade the stars.

Santa also left some songs, written in a book,

For when she needed guidance, the girl would know just where to look.

In Santa's sack, for Peter, was a baseball mitt and ball,

For fun, at first, but also as a way he could recall,

More than just a toss from Dad was captured in his glove.

In his hand he caught a chance to share a son and father's love.

The night went on and St. Nick's sled sped around the earth,

As he left gifts that weren't grand, but held a very special worth.

After an exhausting eve and a frigid North Pole flight,

With cocoa, Mrs. Claus met Santa, smiled and asked, "How was your night?"

"This digital dilemma made me desire to do more,

But then, I realized, the best had all been done before.

The gifts of hope and guidance and the fruits of charity,

Along with love and joy were ours, before a child had heard of me.

Although smart phones and tablets replace the old board games,

It's still the single sacred source, which was and always is the same.

Since that night God gave us Jesus, our Savior and His Son,

We've cause to celebrate and say, 'Merry Christmas everyone!'"

## *Have a safe and healthy holiday season*

- To prevent fire or shock hazard, use only approved electrical lights, candles, trees, etc.
- Make minimal use of decorations that involve burning, such as candles — and never leave them unattended.
- Take extra care when cooking or baking, and always be on hand in case of cooking spills, flare-ups, etc.
- Keep floors and hallways clear of trip hazards, such as gift boxes, unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, etc.
- Take other precautions as you see fit to help make this the safest holiday season ever!





## Two couples go full-time

May this holiday season bring peace and joy to you and to the ones you love.

Hope to see you all at our holiday luncheon on Dec. 7 at the Red Lobster. Last year's event was very festive and helped start the season off with a smile and warm holiday feeling. Several new neighbors will be attending and are looking forward to getting to know the rest of the Englander family.

Joyce Metcalf is our newest neighbor. Although she lived in Texas until about age 16, Columbus, Ga., has her childhood heart.

Her son Tim lives nearby in Dunedin and a daughter Joanne is from Georgia. Joyce has nine grandchildren, is active in her church and belongs to a couple of bridge clubs.

She's looking forward to settling in and getting unpacked so that she can finally get to meet everyone and get involved in our OTOW community.

Welcome home to Snowbirds Jean and Paul Kelly, Frank and Maureen McGuire and Nick and Mary Spinos. This year, the McGuire's and the Spinos' are clipping their wings and making the Englander their permanent home as full-time residents. Will be nice having you here year-round.

There are lots of activities posted on our bulletin board and in our On Top of the World newspaper, so I hope that the month will be filled with joy, getting together with friends and family, remembering those who are no longer with us and enjoying the spirit of the season! Happy holidays to all and a very Happy New Year!

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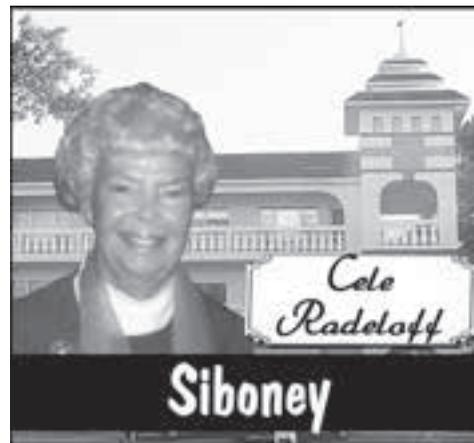
## Michigan trip involved plenty of driving

In August, neighbors Dave and Linda Mathewson headed to Crown Point, Ind., to visit Paula and Craig Ergang (also Siboney residents).

Then they drove to Belmont, Mich., to celebrate Lynne Kandle's birthday (Dave's sister). Then it was on to Bay City and Essexville, Mich. to visit long-time friends. Next, they traveled to Kalkaska to meet up with the Kandles and headed to the Upper Peninsula via the Mighty Mack. They went to the Soo Locks, the Pictured Rocks in Munising and took a boat ride in Lake Superior.

Linda and Dave met up with the Ergangs in Kalkaska and headed to Traverse City, where it rained most of the day; but they found things to do like wine tasting and brew pubs in downtown Traverse City. The following day was beautiful, and they went to Suttons Bay, Glenn Arbor to see the sand dunes, Beulah, and then to Arcadia, home to the premier Arcadia Bluffs Golf Course, the most picturesque course within the state.

The Ergangs returned to their home in Indiana, and Dave and Linda made one last trip back to Traverse



City, then departed Michigan and headed south.

After 10 hours of driving, they decided to stay at the Great Smoky Mountains for two days. One more overnight stay in Savannah, Ga., and their five-week wonderful vacation seeing friends and family was over. But as they entered On Top of the World, they were glad to be home!

This reporter was in her glory at the Thursday show "Lola and the Saints" as half of the performers were from my Throgs Neck neighborhood in the Bronx. Lola graduated from

C. Columbus High School, as I did, and we were married in the same church, St. Francis. I also attended that grammar school where Dennis Day's sister, Miss McNulty, was our teacher. Ahh... memories.

Our building meeting went very well with President Skip Heller solving all our problems. The Christmas party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Dunedin Country Club. Cost is \$23. See the sign-up sheet on the board.

Many thanks to Audrey Decker and Arla Gossiaux for the refreshments.

Our core party was terrific, and our luncheon at Cricketer's was a big hit. Everybody enjoyed their meal.

We're so happy to see Sue Rausch and Jeri Gardner return to the Siboney. Enjoy our beautiful weather!

Rita Tombari will be in the chorus again with performances on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets can be bought at the door.

Get into the holiday season and decorate. Be happy and healthy.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

See you in 2013!



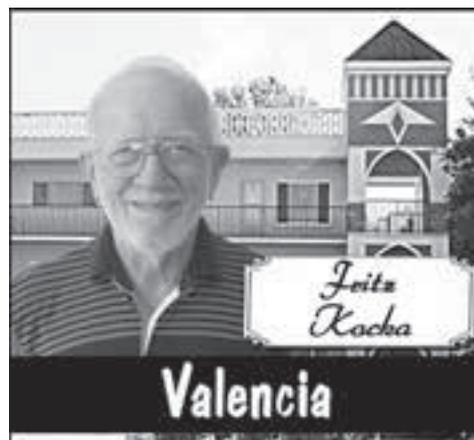
Valencia residents enjoy a recent luncheon at Sea-Sea Riders in Dunedin.

## Tree lighting ceremony soon

'Tis the season to be jolly. For those of you who will not be with loved ones this holiday season, you may join in the activities we have here at On Top Of the World. Remember your friends all over the country. The telephone is a wonderful invention — use it.

The ladies' and men's luncheon was held at Sea Sea Riders in downtown Dunedin (see photo). The men also went to Lenny's on U.S. 19 near Gulf to Bay. Both groups had a wonderful time. We had our co-ed outing on Nov. 14 at the Olive Garden. Good attendance was expected. Our Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 6 at Alfano's on Clearwater-Largo Road.

Check the bulletin board for time and date to decorate the three floors of the core for the holiday season. The tree



lighting ceremony will be announced. Yes, there will be singing and libations. Merry Christmas to all my friends and family.

Mama Sez: A clean conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.

## Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

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

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

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

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

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1 - 31

1	Sat	3:00 PM	S	Casa Verde Building Christmas Party
1	Sat	7:30 PM	A	Chorus Concert
2	Sun	5:00 PM	S	Granada Building Holiday Party
2	Sun	3:00 PM	A	Chorus Concert
3	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
4	Tues	11:00 AM	S	Caring & Sharing Holiday Potluck
4	Tues	6:00 PM	C & K	Pinochle Holiday Potluck
4	Tues	6:00 PM	CR & K	Hoosier Club Meeting
4	Tues	4:00 PM	S	Chorus Dinner
5	Wed	6:00 PM	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
5	Wed	9:30 AM	S	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Brunch
5	Wed	5:00 PM	S	Brahman Building Christmas Party
5	Wed	5:00 PM	A	Jester's Club Holiday Party
6	Thurs	10:30 AM	Starlite	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
6	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
6	Thurs	5:00 PM	S	Mallorca Building Christmas Party
7	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Travel Club Meeting
7	Fri	5:30 PM	S	Chetnik Building Christmas Party
7	Fri	5:30 PM	A	Canadian Club Christmas Party
7	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Democrat Club Holiday Party
8	Sat	7:00 PM	C	Baby Boomers Holiday Party
8	Sat	6:00 PM	Sunrise	Rainbow Club Meeting
8	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
9	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
10	Mon	11:00 AM	CR & K	Lawn Bowl Christmas Luncheon
10	Mon	12:30 PM	CL1	Family History Group
10	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
10	Mon	8:30 AM	V	Blood Pressure Screening
11	Tues	12:00 PM	S	Lawn Bowl Club Christmas Luncheon
12	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
12	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Tampa Bay Opera
13	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee
13	Thurs	9:00 AM	Lawn Bowl Court	Lawn Bowls 4-3-2-1 Tournament
14	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
14	Fri	5:30 PM	A	Irish Club Christmas Dinner/Dance
14	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
14	Fri	9:00 AM	Lawn Bowl Court	Lawn Bowls 4-3-2-1 Tournament
15	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Billiards Club Christmas Party
16	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
16	Sun	5:00 PM	S	South Seas Building Christmas Potluck
17	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
18	Tues	5:00 PM	CR & K	Bible Study Christmas Potluck
19	Wed	5:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
19	Wed	5:30 PM	S	Ladies Que'T Billiards Holiday Bash
19	Wed	6:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
20	Thurs	10:00 AM	A	OTOW Condo Association Annual Meeting
20	Thurs	11:00 AM	V	Greyhound Club Meeting
20	Thurs	6:00 PM	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
21	Fri	12:00 PM	Starlite	Gift Shop Volunteers' Tea
23	Sun	1:30 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Holiday Party
23	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Holiday Party with Santa
27	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
29	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night
30	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
31	Mon	8:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club New Years Eve Party
31	Mon	8:00 PM	S	Lawn Bowl Club Party
31	Mon	9:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee New Years Eve Dance

## CALENDAR KEY

- A ..... Auditorium
- B ..... Billiards Room (W)
- C ..... Card Room
- CR ..... Craft Room
- CL ..... Classroom
- K ..... Kitchen
- L ..... Lecture Room
- R ..... Rainbow Room (W)
- S ..... Sunrise Room (W)
- V ..... Veranda



*Pearl Harbor Day  
Friday, Dec. 7*



*Happy  
Hanukkah*

*First Day of Hanukkah  
Sunday, Dec. 9*



*First Day of Winter  
Friday, Dec. 21*



*Merry Christmas!  
Christmas Day  
Tuesday, Dec. 25*



*New Year's Eve  
Monday, Dec. 31*

# DAILY CALENDAR

## MONDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 ..... Women's Tennis  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Open Lawn Bowl  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:30 ..... Duplicate Bridge  
 11:30 ..... Contract Bridge  
 1:30 PM ..... Shuffleboard  
 1:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)  
 2:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)  
 5:00 ..... Jim R's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:30 ..... Texas Hold-em Poker  
 6:30 ..... Bingo

### West Activity Center

8:30 AM ..... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Photo IDs (Closed Dec. 24)  
 10:00 ..... Men's Exercise Class  
 12:30 PM ..... Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)  
 12:30 ..... Mahjong  
 5:00 ..... Mahjong  
 6:30 ..... 8-Ball Tournament

## TUESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Ladies 18-Hole Golf  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Horseshoes  
 9:00 ..... Caring & Sharing Group  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Open Lawn Bowl  
 9:30 ..... Ladies 9-Hole Golf  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 10:00 ..... Philosophy Club  
 10:30 ..... Ballroom Dance Class  
 11:00 ..... Yoga  
 12:00 PM ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Ceramics  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 1:00 ..... Poker  
 1:00 ..... Canasta  
 1:00 ..... Line Dancing  
 3:00 ..... Jesters Rehearsal  
 5:30 ..... Dominos  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Bid Euchre (Begins 11/20)  
 6:30 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 6:30 ..... Tom's Poker  
 7:00 ..... Bible Study Club  
 7:00 ..... Chorus Rehearsal  
 7:00 ..... Canadian Club Mahjong (Begins 11/13)

### West Activity Center

8:00 AM ..... West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 1:00 PM ..... 9-Ball Tournament  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Mahjong

## WEDNESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 ..... Women's Tennis  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Sewing Class (No class Dec. 19 & 26)  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Zumba Gold  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Veterans Project  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Craft Workshop  
 9:00 ..... Veranda Consignment  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:00 ..... Tai Chi  
 9:30 ..... Open Lawn Bowl  
 10:00 ..... Cribbage  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00 ..... Jazz Dance  
 11:30 ..... Tap Dance  
 11:30 ..... Duplicate Bridge  
 1:00 PM ..... 500 Card Game  
 1:00 ..... Double Deck Pinochle  
 1:00 ..... Painting Pals  
 1:30 ..... Scrapbooking Class  
 1:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)  
 2:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Sheila's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:00 ..... Baby Boomers Movie Night  
 6:30 ..... Texas Hold-em Poker

### West Activity Center

8:30 AM ..... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Men's Exercise Class  
 1:00 PM ..... Mahjong  
 6:00 ..... Don's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Ladies Que't Billiards Club

## THURSDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Open Lawn Bowl (Except tourn. days)  
 9:30 ..... Oil Painting Class  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00 ..... Yoga  
 12:00 PM ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 12:00 ..... Contract Bridge

12:30 ..... Euchre  
 12:30 ..... Writers's Ink  
 1:00 ..... Jesters Rehearsal  
 1:00 ..... Drawing Class  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 5:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Canadian Club Game Night

### West Activity Center

8:00 AM ..... West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:00 ..... Snowbird Line Dancing: Beginner Mens  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Snowbird Line Dancing  
 12:30 PM ..... Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:30 ..... Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

## FRIDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 ..... Women's Tennis  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Ceramics  
 9:00 ..... Pinochle  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:00 ..... Jesters Rehearsal  
 9:30 ..... Open Lawn Bowl (Except tourn. days)  
 12:00 PM ..... Library  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 1:00 ..... Mahjong  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 7:00 ..... Hand & Foot Canasta

### West Activity Center

8:30 AM ..... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Men's Exercise Class  
 1:00 PM ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... 5 & 10 Poker

## SATURDAY

### East Activity Center

8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Computer Club Meeting  
 8:30 ..... Line Dancing  
 9:00 ..... Lawn Bowl Jitney  
 11:30 ..... Duplicate Bridge  
 12:00 PM ..... Min's Poker  
 12:00 ..... Putting  
 1:00 ..... Casual Bridge  
 1:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)  
 2:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)

## SUNDAY

### East Activity Center

2:00 PM ..... Wii Bowling



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## Waiting for visit from Army officer son

Happy News for Leonard and Barbara Proietto. He gets to see his son – what a Christmas present to look forward to!

Leonard's son, Lt. Col. William Douglas Proietto, is with the U.S. Army stationed in Afghanistan. William is on his third tour to the near east.

He was in the First Iraq War as a second lieutenant. He was in the second Iraq war, following 9/11, as a major.

William's home is on Long Island, N.Y., with his wife, son and daughter. William was scheduled to come home in November. Leonard and Barbara hope to see him for Christmas.

My baby sister Kathy was here visiting from Niles, Ohio. (If she heard me calling her the baby sister, she would kill me!)

She is a lover of Florida, but we cannot get her to retire here as her husband, Bill is a diehard Easterner.

In the seven days that Kathy visited we got so busy running and visiting, etc., that I don't think we had a spare minute to take a breath. It was nice having someone in the house.

One day we had a seven-hour marathon shopping day, and when we



returned home we just sat and stared at each other.

One morning I got up and she had made a pot of coffee. Such a treat. When you live alone you have to do everything for yourself all the time.

There is something to be said for the little things in life and what is really important.

Halloween was a "party day" for residents and friends of Swiss Chalet. The party was held at the beautiful Island Way Restaurant. The Island Way bus came to the core and loaded the "guests" for the trip and took them over the bridge to the restaurant.

The bus ride was a very enjoyable part of the event.

We had the "Early Bird" menu choices. The dinners were very delicious and at a very reasonable price.

We encouraged all to wear costumes — the winner's prize was a dinner. Our winner was Nancy Williams who was there looking very much the fortuneteller with her crystal ball.

All was well until Lee Landre got home and realized she had left her treasured handmade pumpkin candy dish on the bus. Lee gives special thanks to the Island Way cleanup crew who found the dish and called her.

It is safely back home and Lee says it will never leave again. Kudos to Island Way for having such caring employees.

There was a party Nov. 7 to welcome back our Snowbirds from the North. Speaking of Snowbirds, I saw Angela Bazzo in the building and I am sure there are others around. A big Turkey dinner was planned for those attending. All had a good time.

Now we just have to make it through Thanksgiving and Christmas. Stay tuned...



## Holiday luncheon is Dec. 8

Our Christmas and holiday luncheon will be Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Olive Garden.

I hope you will be joining in the fun and meeting your neighbors. The sign-up sheet is in the core. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah!

Gwen Nolan's friends from Canandaigua, N.Y., came for their yearly visit. Francine Davis dated Gwen's younger brother years ago. The ladies have remained friends since their childhood.

Marge and Bob Hamelink liked visiting OTOW so much they bought a condo on Haitian Dr. Gwen and Marge used to work together.

Ella Van Dorn's son, Mark, came to visit his mother. Mark's wife was in Haiti while he was in Florida.

Glad to see John O'Shea is getting better with lots of walking to get his exercise.

Wally and I were in St. Augustine for two days. We visited the World Golf Hall of Fame. It was a fabulous place with so much history. The displays of golf memorabilia were impressive.

Then we went on a five-day cruise to the Bahamas. We picked a great time to go to the Bahamas, as the following week Hurricane Sandy caused quite a bit of damage.

This was our third trip to the Bahamas on a cruise. It's always so nice to be pampered with meals cooked, beds made and no grocery shopping to worry about.

"Till We Meet Again"

## Where in the world would you want to go?

This time I asked my neighbors, "If you won the lottery and could go any place to spend the winter holidays, where would you go?" I got some very interesting answers.

Ray Ott would go to Alaska, a little cold right now, but it beats going to the North Pole which is Gary Ordway's wish. Gary wants to spend the holiday with Santa.

Marjorie Meyer would go to Lawton, Nevada, while Felicia Hamilton would like to take the same plane but stop in Vegas.

Another choosing the U.S.A. was Joyce Dean. She wants to go to Chicago. I bet that she has family there.

Shirley Morrison and Mary Dicke would go to Paris and Merlyn Cooper would like to go to Milan, Italy.

Louise Smith would take a personally guided tour of Europe where she wouldn't have to make any decisions.

Jean Wilson would love to tour Europe. Her husband Fred would go to the bank first and then head to Australia via Hawaii.

Bill and Madeline Nichols and Charlotte Kay would head for New Zealand. Dorothy Ott also wants to



go to New Zealand. She just spent three weeks visiting family in New York, Ohio and Massachusetts so she is probably ready for some warm weather.

Dennis Babini wants to go to Bora Bora. His wife Carol says that she will go anywhere that Dennis goes. I would say that Carol is a good sport!

Ray Woolsey chose Fiji, another island in the Pacific.

Quite a few chose Hawaii: Vic Sbordone, Jan Jacobs, Ken and Dorothy Rose, Ruth and Larry Kahl, Walter and Peggy French, and Angela and Tony Limosani. (Maybe the OTOW travel club should plan a trip there.)

Mary Petroff and Pat Kiddoo

want to go to Israel; however, Pat would add Africa and India to her wish list.

Heidi and Fred Maisolle would sign up for a trip to the moon.

Janet Mathews would go on a worldwide cruise. This sounds good to me, as long as I could spend the winter in countries experiencing summer.

Raymond Cooper wants to go to Rio de Janeiro; he knows that it will be warm there.

John Kannaly would like to go to the Caribbean, specifically to Belize and St. Thomas. Linda Carter would choose the island of St. Martin.

Ed Stefan and Jack Smith would stay right here in Clearwater, even if they had unlimited funds to spend.

Jimmy Manard told me that he would go anywhere that his wife told him to go. Now that's a sweet husband!

Another told me she would like to go to anywhere but the hospital. I think that we would all agree with that.

The building is holding two Christmas parties — the first on Dec. 1 and another on Dec. 14. The first will be a potluck dinner at the West Activity Center. The second will be at the Clearwater Country Club at 5 p.m. Be sure to support both.

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## Melbournites settling in for an active holiday season

*December brings a hectic season;  
Although I aim to keep my reason,  
The thought that gives me dizzy spells  
Is thirty days of Jingle Bells.*

I am really looking forward to this Christmas. I enjoy hearing from all my friends and relatives who are once-a-year correspondents.

I confess, with some on my Christmas list, they only hear from me then, too. Looking for what is in the mailbox each day is one of the joys of the season.

Connie Valertin spent three weeks in New York and had a wonderful time with family.

The neighbors on the Irish Lane side thank Gene for bringing them all avocados. They say, "Delicious."

Carol Anne Futej and Wanda Patrick enjoyed a visit from their brother Ted. He had been in Orlando for a conference and came over for a long weekend. They said it was really nice to have him here and they enjoyed the time together.

There were 12 Melbournites and guests at the dinner at Johnny's Restaurant. We enjoyed the food and the fellowship. Sorry you all couldn't have been there.



Because November has been such a busy month, Carol Futej, our gracious hostess, has decided to combine these last two months and have a big December get-together. Pray you can work it into your schedule. Watch the bulletin board for details.

Happy to see so many Snowbirds returning to their nest at On Top of the World. How about some of you sharing your summer travels with those of us who spent the summer in Florida?

Have a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a Special New Year.

The next time you read this column, we will be in 2013. I can't believe how the years roll by. Enjoy each day!

## Reporter offers a good year-round decorating idea

Hi, I'm back. Welcome back Snowbirds, namely Thelma Pointes and the Bingham's.

Our Christmas luncheon will be catered by Angie's, on Dec. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

The building decorating contest has a great prize—a day at the Safety Harbor Spa. If for whatever reason building 56 doesn't enter, here's a suggestion. Just put two or four battery or electric candles in the front windows. I usually have mine lit (as a welcome any way all year). It will look pretty all lit up as people drive around to see the great ideas people have. Next building meetings are January and March.

I must pop my buttons. My grandson was accepted into Pasco County Fire Station # 35, Fire Rescue. We're so proud. Not easy, since he is still in college, and working. Hard work pays off.

We are looking for reporters for the buildings that have none. If you read the columns you'll see the great ideas that these building residents have. This way you can make suggestions and ideas for the unmanned buildings. It's much fun.

I brought up that I will start in January to set up a restaurant luncheon or dinner. That way we can meet old and new comers and set up things to do for the year. Such as pizza night, ice cream social, or dinner theater. Just work on having a social building and fun. You will find a sheet for sign-up on the bulletin board.

Watch for sign up sheet for Dec.3 at 4 p.m. for trim-a-tree. There will be a new tree this year. Have a



great Thanksgiving. Pray for world peace and safe return for our service men and women.

Check our bulletin board for news of our Christmas holiday.

Reminder – Don't remove the notices from the board. If not interested, just ignore them. The offices will remove them. Thank you.

"A body in motion stays in motion", enjoy the many exercise programs offered to stay well and fit.

Please wrap your garbage. Never put in loose! Also nothing large will be picked up. Newspapers only (no poop). Please remove personal items from the building's 56 Christmas shelves as we now need that space for holiday decorations. Large items on floor will be removed.

Be well, happy. God answers Knee mail.

I attended our first nightly reporters meeting. Very informative, the slides showed us tips to improve our writing. Do's and Don'ts. Many questions asked, good interaction. Hope we have many more.

Closing now to enjoy some refreshments...

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# Visit to family in Germany included Oktoberfest fun

Our Snowbirds were welcomed back with a coffee hosted by Frank and Ellen Marini.

Karen and Ted Bay had a great summer in Nova Scotia enjoying their grandchildren, plus visiting family and friends. We featured Karen in an article last summer when she became a U.S. citizen (see photo).

Pattie Eastman is back playing her favorite golf links and gathering avocados from her back yard.

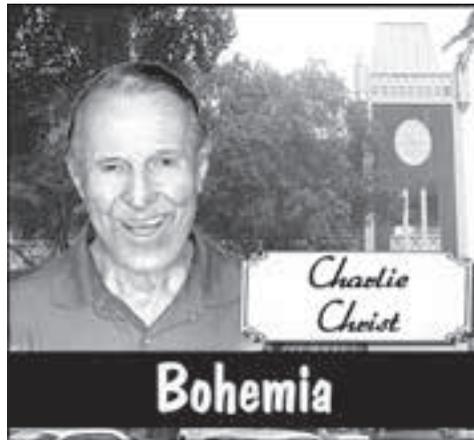
Frank and Ellen drove "umteen" miles, which included a trip to Nova Scotia to see Louise and Terry MacKenzie.

We welcomed Sue Branham, a new owner from Crossville, Tenn.

Juta and Mike Lane have fond memories of a stay of nearly six weeks in Juta's home town of Miutenberry, Germany along the Main River. They had a marvelous time celebrating the 60th anniversary of her oldest sister and her husband.

Juta's daughter, Ines, and granddaughter also came over from Paris to join them. After a shopping trip, they all dined at the famous Broyhan Haus, a historic place built in 1537 famous for serving Einbecker beer first registered in 1391.

Oktoberfest was celebrated at Juta's soccer club where Mike enjoyed dancing with Juta while imbibing his favorite beverage.



All enjoyed a Halloween Picnic where Carol DeLisle won the prize for best pumpkin carving and Paula Schelling for best face drawing on a pumpkin. My wife, Barbara, and I assisted in preparation of her granddaughter's wedding in South Carolina and received a pleasant surprise upon our return to On Top of the World.

The newly married couple followed us here and spent their honeymoon staying with us and visiting tourist spots nearby.

Announcements, a schedule of our "hump days," and Christmas luncheon menus were featured at our recent building meeting.

Next issue, we'll learn how it all turned out, OK? So be sure to keep me informed re: the latest. Thanks for all your help.



Karen Bay proudly shows off U.S. Citizenship documents she was awarded last summer. The story of her accomplishment is on page 63 of the July, 2012 issue.

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# Elections, pizza are featured at meeting

Our Oct. 18 building pizza party and business meeting was very well attended.

First on the agenda was the election of officers. Phil Meissner retired as building captain. We thank Phil for his excellent years of service.

Our new building captain is Paul Bruyere. Our new secretary is Marie Buckley. Muriel Landau will stay on as treasurer.

Our Christmas Party and dinner will be catered by McCabe's Restaurant. It will be in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center Friday Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Check the bulletin board for details.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. we will put up the building core decorations. Volunteers will be needed.

Friday Dec. 14 will be the Holiday Cocktail Party in the second floor core at 6 p.m. Champagne punch will be provided. Everyone bring a canapé dish to share or dessert.

We welcome to our building newcomers Paul and Kathy Malessa.



Paul is originally from Ohio and California. Kathy has always been a Floridian except when she went to college in Georgia and worked there after graduation.

Paul also graduated college in Georgia and also worked there. They met in Augusta, Ga., through mutual friends. Before college, Paul was in the Navy Submarine Service for five years.

Now he works at home as a writer for a variety of different blogs. Paul's also a classical guitarist whose

first love is writing music. Kathy still works full time as a Project Assistant for a large construction company. They have four grown children who are all on their own.

Their oldest son served in the Army and had two tours in Iraq, now attending college.

The middle son is married and a career Marine just back from Afghanistan, now stationed at Quantico, Va.

The youngest son just got out of the Navy (served in Japan) and is locally majoring in Computer Science. He hopes to transfer to Berkley or USF.

Their one daughter is in St. Petersburg College majoring in Education. Sounds like a very patriotic family who served in every branch of the military.

Other members of the family are two miniature dachshunds, Shelby and Sadie.

John and I wish all of you at Chetnik and OTOW a Happy Hanukkah and a Blessed Christmas!

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EAST SIDE  
Fran Milanec



Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Saturdays

Walter Balderson, Director  
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Oct. 1	Nancy Savelle.....3930
	Verna Olson.....3600
Oct. 2	Verna Olson.....4630
	Mary Spearman3520
Oct. 4	Regina Dietrich.....3860
	Nancy Savelle.....3750
Oct. 5	Sergio Pistella.....4310
	Kathy Schamel.....3350
Oct. 8	Verna Olson.....3550
	Nancy Savelle.....3240
Oct. 11	Van Jones.....3990
	Nancy Savelle.....3310
Oct. 15	Nancy Savelle.....2960
	Regina Dietrich2860
Oct. 18	Marilyn Miller.....3660
	George Robb.....3200
Oct. 22	Nancy Savelle.....3420
	Regina Dietrich.....3400
Oct. 25	Nancy Savelle.....5110
	Beni Sturcken.....3220
Oct. 29	Julie Solfronk.....3260
	Verna Olson.....2800
Oct. 31	Sergio Pistella.....3080
	Chet Czczot.....2200

Oct. 16	6540 (1st Place).....Al McKay
	6290 (2nd Place).....June Sweeney
Oct. 18	6630 (1st Place).....Eileen Brust
	6350 (2nd Place).....Marge Garvey
Oct. 24	6470 (1st Place).....Marge Garvey
	6410 (2nd Place).....Fran Milanec, Madelyn Thome (Tie)
	Double Pinochle.. Al McKay, Phyllis Horaz
Oct. 25	6850 (1st Place).....Fran Milanec
	6550 (2nd Place).....Chet Czczot
Oct. 30	7150 (1st Place).....Julie Hofmaster
	6890 (2nd Place).....Fran Milanec
	Double Pinochle.....Sergio Pistella, Fran Milanec
Nov. 1	7130 (1st Place).....Joan Wolf
	6630 (2nd Place).....Julie Hofmaster
	Double Pinochle.....Julie Hofmaster
Nov. 6	6790 (1st Place).....Sergio Pistella
	N/A (2nd Place).....Joan Mannarino
Nov. 8	6710 (1st Place).....Helen Gonzalez, Joan Wolf (Tie)
	6020 (2nd Place).....Sergio Pistella

Monday, Oct. 22	N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch Liz Bohl, Nita Akers	
Wednesday, Oct. 24	N/S: Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers Walter Balderson, Anthony Simon
E/W: Pat Van Hise, Joan Moore Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine	
Saturday, Oct. 27	N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Betty Johnson, Karen Russell
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston Hilda Platte, Tom McKee	
Monday, Oct. 29	N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Bob Zeman, Jackie Frenette
E/W: Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch Tom McKee, Anthony Simon	
Wednesday, Oct. 31	N/S: Tom McKee, Anthony Simon Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
E/W: Jackie Frenette, Reva Heymann Betty Sagun, Karen Russell	
Saturday, Nov. 3	N/S: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer Julienne Workman, Joan Moore
E/W: Pat Van Hise, Liz Bohl Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston	
Monday, Nov. 5	N/S: Harriet Sanner, Dorothy Ehlers Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
E/W: Eldon Hitch, Jackie Frenette Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch	

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	2..... Joyce Engelbert
	3..... Maxine Murray
	4..... Arnie Engelbert

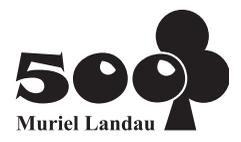
Oct. 25	1..... Maxine Murray
	2..... Joyce Engelbert
	3..... Fran Milanec
	4..... June Sweeney

Nov. 1	1..... Ron Murray
	2..... May Blair
	3..... Maryann Fontaine
	4..... June Sweeney

Nov. 8	1..... Arnie Engelbert
	2..... "Mr. Bill"/Joyce Engelbert (Tied)
	3..... June Sweeney

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Sept. 12	2260.....Muriel Landau
	2040.....Mary Powers
Sept. 19	2230.....Muriel Landau
	1530.....Mary Powers
Oct. 3	2880.....Fran Peck
	1370.....Ann Gehrling
Oct. 17	2430.....Sherry
	1920.....Ann Gehrling
Oct. 24	3180.....Fran Peck
	2820.....Ann Gehrling
Oct. 31	1770.....Ann Gehrling
	1250.....Fran Peck

**Holiday Lights  
Contest Deadline  
Extended**

The deadline to register  
your building for the  
Holiday Lights Contest  
has been extended to 6  
p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6  
Stop by the OTOW  
newsroom to register.

# New residents enjoy tennis, golf, hobbies

We have new residents to welcome. Be sure to greet them and offer any help they may need in getting oriented.

Deborah Hart is from Long Island, N.Y., and has lived in Florida for four years. She likes most sports, including pool and tennis. She moved here to our friendly building from the west side of On Top of the World.

Margo Smith and Charlie Wright are both from Ontario. They both plan to take advantage of our golf courses. Margo likes to work with dried flowers and Charlie likes to tinker. Together they have six children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She worked as office manager for a car dealership and he worked for General Tire.

Rita Marshall also is from Ontario. She enjoys her crafts and hopes to get back to playing tennis this winter.



Rita traveled extensively in her job. She has been in Florida for six years.

When asking some returning Snowbirds if they had anything to say about being back at On Top of the World, most repeated, "It's just good to be back."

A tree grows in Brooklyn, but no longer in front of Mike Cooper's

house. Hurricane Sandy blew it down, but lucky for Mike, it fell away from the house.

When Hayse Hardin was in Ohio recently, he was pleasantly surprised with a party to celebrate his 90th birthday. Later he traveled to Tennessee for a family reunion. I enjoyed seeing some cartoons created by his son, a cartoonist who has been published in numerous publications worldwide.

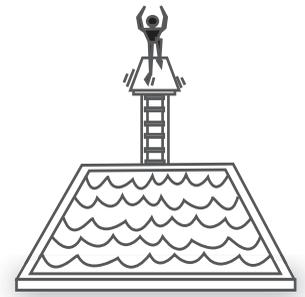
Lately, 25 of our building residents enjoyed eating together at the Lucky Dill, where there were many interesting conversations and a birthday celebration for Opal Bowin.



## BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

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Sayulita, Mexico, near Puerto Vallarta, was the setting for a grand vacation trip capped off by a lovely dusk wedding. Shown here in near silhouette is the view from an open-air "casa."

## Here's a Mexican getaway that is relatively unknown

Add Sayulita, Mexico to your bucket list! If you're looking for an out of the way location for your next vacation, try Sayulita on the west coast of Mexico.

Last month we attended a family wedding in this beautiful seaside village. We stayed in an open-air home nestled in the mountains overlooking the Pacific with my youngest brother, his wife and the groom's parents.

Our "casa" had an infinity pool, where we spent most of our days sipping wine and tequila and eating the locally grown fruits, vegetables and fresh fish while watching the iguana-filled fig tree from anywhere in our house or pool.

Surfing and wind surfing are big sports for the locals and tourists. We had to give it a try. Last time we surfed was on the beaches of Honolulu which was over 40 years ago. But it's just like riding a bike. You never forget. Wish I could say the same for my billiard game!

We spent a day in Puerto Vallarta where the shops rival any major city in the States, strolling along the Malecon with stunning views, walking the famous boardwalk with restaurants, shops and artists showcasing their creations.



Each evening we had dinner by candlelight on the beach with our feet in the warm sand enjoying delicious fresh fish caught daily prepared by the locals.

The wedding was spectacular, held outdoors just as the sun was setting. Each guest released luminar balloons into the night's sky. It was a beautiful scene and wedding (see photo).

Sayulita is a magnificent community with friendly, happy people who are interested in family values, educating their children, enjoying the surrounding beauty and accommodating the tourists with their every wish and desire. We hope to go back again someday.

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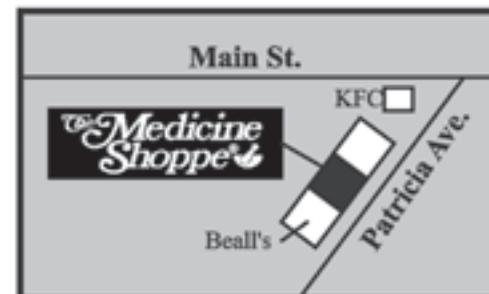
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We are honored to have a member of that generation as a visitor in our building. If you don't already know, I am talking about Rick and Dana Garlick's visitor, Dana's father, Mr. Vinson Naegeli, "Vinnie" to his golfing friends and "Dale" to his family.

Vinnie was born in Lynch, Ky., where he left to join the Marines in 1940. He met Dana's mom in Boston when he was on leave there.

Shortly after meeting her, he left on aircraft carrier U.S.S. Bunker Hill and spent 18 months at sea. He took part in nine major battles in the South Pacific Theater.

Once back together, the couple married and began their married life in Massachusetts, where Dana was



born. Four years later they moved to Minnesota for a time, then back to Connecticut.

Vinnie retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in 1980, where he worked for 30 years.

He learned to play golf for the first time at the age of 60. He and his brother from Tennessee got together as often as possible to play golf.

He joined leagues and was an usher at the GHO in Hartford for over 20 years. There wasn't a golfer he didn't know; his favorite was Paul Azinger. They all knew Vinnie's hat. He spent 10 winters at On Top of the World until his wife Edna passed away.

Now he is visiting his daughter for a while. As I write this story on this great man, I think of my own father and how similar their stories are.

Take care of yourselves and please have a very "Merry Christmas" and a Happy New Year.

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Two table lamps \$20; 1 Sherpa airline approved pet carrier \$20; vinyl patio set: rectangular table, 2 regular chairs & 2 rocking chairs \$30. 796-2308

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Christmas tree, 4-foot, pre-lit, storage bag, some ornaments \$20. 600-8291

Pet bed, small, 8" off floor \$10; electric throw blanket \$15; comforter, twin down \$45; ladies' Ralph Lauren shorts, size 2 petite \$2; red fleece robe with socks, short length, med. size \$12. 692-7028

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- Sliced Italian Sausage
- Beef
- Chicken
- Philly Steak

VEGETABLES

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